



A Word from the Chairman



Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a meaningful and enjoyable Passover holiday.

In this edition of IMA Around the Globe, we bring you information on exciting new events, including the first IMA conference on medical innovation - The Future Health Matrix, Health Tech, Innovation, and the Shifting Landscape of

Power Structures in Healthcare, and the hosting of the World Medical Association's first expert meeting on the revision of the WMA Declaration of Helsinki, which was held immediately following the Future Health Matrix Conference in Tel Aviv, in December of last year.

At the IMA's 44th General Assembly held in March of this year, new elections were held, and I would like to offer my congratulations to Prof. Zion Hagay on his re-election as

President of the Israeli Medical Association and to all the newly elected officials.

Sadly, my term as Chairman of the World Fellowship has now come to an end, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank my fellow World Fellowship Committee members, and the dedicated staff at IMA, who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the WF.

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to Dr Hana Leiba, newly elected Chair of the World Fellowship, and to all the newly elected World Fellowship Committee members.

Happy Yom Haatzmaut!

Prof. Arnon Afek
Chairman

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Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to introduce myself in this issue of "Around the Globe". For those who do not know me, I graduated medical school at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and after residency in ophthalmology at Kaplan Medical Center, I did a fellowship in Pediatric

Ophthalmology and Neuro-Ophthalmology at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, USA. I served as head of the Ophthalmology department at Kaplan Medical Center, and currently I am the head of the academic center in Kaplan Medical Center, in charge of innovation and research in the hospital. I am a professor in ophthalmology at the Hebrew University and I am vice dean for academic relations as well as member of the education committee of the faculty of

medicine. I also serve as head of the monitoring committee for clinical research in Kaplan Hospital and in several committees in the Israeli Medical Association.

I am excited and proud to be elected as the new Chair of the Israeli Medical Association's World Fellowship. First, I would like to thank Professor Arnon Afek and the former committee members, we will follow them and hopefully enforce the relationships with our colleagues and friends around the world.

I would also like to take the opportunity to extend my congratulations to Prof. Zion Hagay on his re-election as President of the Israeli Medical Association and to the other newly elected officials and I would like to wish you all a very, happy Yom Haatzmaut!

Dr. Hana Leiba
Chair
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HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



IMA Domestic News and Activities

Israeli Medical Association's 44th General Assembly



On March 15-16, 2023, the Israeli Medical Association held its 44th General Assembly at the David Intercontinental hotel in Tel Aviv. Attending were over 450 representatives of the various professional associations that make up the IMA.

Elections for IMA president were held on Wednesday morning, shortly after the opening of the GA and Prof. Zion Hagay was reelected as IMA president for another four years.

In addition, Prof. Kashtan was re-elected as Chair of the IMA Scientific Council, in rotation with Prof. Eyal Anteby. Dr. Yossi Walfisch was elected as Chair of the IMA Ethics Committee and Prof. Hana Leiba as head of the IMA World Fellowship.

Prof. Hagay took the opportunity to give a summary of the past four years in which he served as president of the IMA. He described the many actions the IMA had undertaken to promote physician and patients' right, including: the fight against violence in health care, physician burnout, health care during the Corona crisis, international collaboration, and more.

Prof. Hagay pledged to continue the work he started and noted that in his second term he would begin negotiations towards a new collective bargaining agreement.

Physicians' Strike, Monday January 23rd.

The Israeli Medical Association announced a general strike on Monday, January 23rd, to protest two violent assaults on medical personnel. The first assault involved a pediatrician from Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva, who was assaulted by the parents of a 15-month-old child being treated at the hospital's pediatric clinic. The doctor suffered facial injuries and



was treated in the hospital's emergency room. The second assault happened two days later in Ramle, at a Women's Health Center, when a patient attacked a doctor using a brass-knuckle, causing him to require medical treatment.

During the strike, hospitals and community clinics operated on a weekend schedule, offering reduced services.

Professor Zion Hagay, President of the Israeli Medical Association noted that "A strike is never the default for us, but the violence in the health system has long since become an epidemic and lines are crossed daily. On Monday, doctors will say 'No More Violence!'."

Following previous incidents, the Israeli Medical Association has called for police presence in every emergency room and has asked for hospitals and clinics to improve their security. The Israeli Medical Association is also pressing for a change to legislation, so that an attack on medical staff would be treated with the same severity as an attack on a uniformed police officer.

Proposed Reform To Judicial System.

Recent weeks have seen an upheaval in Israeli society, as proposed bills to reform the judicial system moved their way through the Knesset.

Although an apolitical, pluralistic organization representing physicians from all sides of the political spectrum, the Israeli Medical Association (IMA) was concerned about the potential implications of the reform on the health system, including potential infringements to the right to health and the quality of medicine, as well as damage to labor relations, by, for example, limiting the right to strike.

President Zion Hagay issued the following statement, which was accepted by the majority of delegates at the IMA General Assembly:

The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) expresses its deep concern over the widening rift in the nation and the resulting physical and emotional distress it engenders.

The IMA is a pluralistic, apolitical organization, that serves as a home for all physicians in Israel, from both ends of the political spectrum, and it will remain so in the future as well.

The IMA is a professional, scientific, physicians' association with values and goals, including an unwavering commitment to protect the rights of patients and physicians, the health system, the quality of medicine, public health, professional autonomy, physician education and training and the basic values of medical ethics, social justice, compassion, equality, and mutual assistance.

The IMA has fought in the past and will fight in the future



against anything that infringes or is likely to infringe upon these values.

A functional, ethical health system must be based on

democracy and a strong, independent judicial system that ensures that the rights of patients, physicians and the health system will not be harmed.

Features

Focus on Laniado

Laniado is a religious hospital in Netanya, Israel that was founded in 1976 by the late Rebbe of Klausenbourg, Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam ztz"l, who lost his wife and 11 children in the Holocaust.

Also known as Sanz Medical Center, Laniado was built primarily from philanthropic donations and is a non-profit public hospital headed by a World Board of Trustees. It is based on the tenets of halacha (Jewish law) in every detail. Laniado Hospital never closes and has undertaken to treat every person regardless of religion, race, or nationality, heeding the founding words of the late Rebbe of Sanz, who said: "Ensure every opportunity to alleviate the pain and suffering of the patients. Improve their mood and spirit. "

Laniado Hospital serves a population of around 450,000 in Netanya and the Sharon region and has approximately 400 beds and more than 45 inpatient wards, medical departments, institutes, laboratories, and administrative offices. More than 180,000 people are treated in Laniado every year.

In the words of the Rebbe ztzk"l: A hospital will provide help to every person and it will be help that comes from the heart, not purely technical help. The hospital will work professionally without forgetting the most important aspects: kindness, a warm attitude, caring and empathy for the patient.



Laniado's Maternity Wing. Photo courtesy of Laniado.

Medical Achievements

New cell therapy may be key to curing disease.

Mitochondria are the energy factory of every cell in our bodies. Malfunctioning or mutated mitochondria are at the root of a wide range of ailments.

A novel technique under development in Israel, mitochondrial augmentation therapy (MAT), is being tested on children with rare, untreatable mitochondrial diseases.

"Once it's proven to work, it can benefit a large variety of people because mitochondrial function can be hindered not only by disease but also by aging," says Shai Melcer, chief business officer of Minovia Therapeutics in Tirat Carmel.

Article courtesy of: Israel21c

Link to the full article: <https://www.israel21c.org/new-cell-therapy-may-be-key-to-curing-disease/>



Minovia Therapeutics employees at the lab bench. Photo courtesy of Minovia

Israeli medical innovation hub opens in Bahraini hospital.

Officials from Israel's largest hospital, Sheba Medical Center, were on hand at the inauguration of the King Hamad American Mission Hospital (KHAMH) in Bahrain's capital city on January 29.

The audience at the inauguration of King Hamad American Mission Hospital in Manama, Bahrain. Photo courtesy of Sheba Medical Center

Opening in March, KHAMH will be the first facility in Bahrain and the Gulf Cooperation Council to house a branch of Sheba's ARC (Accelerate, Redesign, Collaborate) Center for digital healthcare innovations.

ARC already partners with 18 leading medical centers in various countries, ranging from the Mayo Clinic in the United States to Karolinska University Hospital in Sweden.

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The audience at the inauguration of King Hamad American Mission Hospital in Manama, Bahrain. Photo courtesy of Sheba Medical Center

A new project of the Ministry of Health in the field of personalized medicine.

In March 2023, the project "Mosaic" was launched, which integrates the digital health strategy of the Ministry of Health, with the aim of making the State of Israel an international pioneer in the field of personalized medicine and a global center of innovation.

The name chosen for the project is "Mosaic", describing

the many different parts from which the Israeli national health picture will be pieced together. Thanks to the medical-genetic information, it will be possible to identify diseases earlier such as cancer and heart disease, which are the two leading causes of death in the world, and to develop more effective and personalized treatments for each patient.

Article courtesy of Maariv, 09.03.2023

To view the full article in Hebrew:

<https://www.maariv.co.il/news/health/Article-98663>



Molecular blocker halts breast cancer metastasis.

Israeli scientists have managed to halt the advance of metastasis in cases of breast cancer using a newly developed molecular blocker, a discovery which could lead to the development of a therapeutic drug.

An estimated 90 percent of deaths from breast cancer occur due to complications resulting from metastasis, a

process in which cancer cells break away from where they first formed, travel through the blood or lymph circulatory system and form new tumors in other parts of the body.

Cancer cells use feet-like protrusions called invadopodia to degrade underlying tissue, enter the bloodstream and form metastases in other organs. The formation of invadopodia is affected by the interaction of two proteins called Pyk2 and cortactin.

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<https://www.israel21c.org/molecular-blocker-halts-breast-cancer-metastasis>



Israel is at the forefront of global medical research: the Ministry of Health initiates the sharing of clinical studies between all the Israeli universities.

The Ministry of Health is initiating a streamlining of the bureaucratic process for approving clinical studies carried out in hospitals in Israel, a step that will allow Israel to maintain its international position at the forefront of research.

This step is expected to strengthen the Israeli health system and allow patients access to breakthroughs and life-saving drugs, sometimes years before they are available as part of the drug basket, and which often cannot be obtained in any other way.

The new decision of the Ministry of Health allows the ethics committees of all hospitals (Helsinki Committees), which approve and supervise the research, to recognize each other's decision. This means that if a clinical study received the approval of the Helsinki Committee in one hospital - the other hospitals can rely on this approval to allow editing of the same study at them.

Article courtesy of Israel Today, 26.03.2023

To view the full article in Hebrew:

<https://www.israelhayom.co.il/health/article/13871272>



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International Conferences/ Webinars

The Future Health Matrix

The Israeli Medical Association held the first in a series of international medical innovation conferences on December 7th-9th, 2022. The Future Health Matrix, Health Tech, Innovation, and the Shifting Landscape of Power Structures in Healthcare was held at the Hilton Tel-Aviv.

Prof. Zion Hagay, President of the Israeli Medical Association, opened the conference.

Dr Otmar Kloiber, Secretary General of the World Medical Association gave a talk on 'Satisfying ethical concerns in

the implementation of innovation in healthcare', after which Leah Wapner, CEO of the Israeli Medical Association chaired the discussion 'How do investors view the future of medicine?'

The rest of the day, like the two days that followed, was interspersed with different speakers addressing a "360 degree perspective on the future of medicine."

The day concluded with a cocktail evening and entertainment.

On the second day, following a networking breakfast, Mr. Isaac Herzog, President of the State of Israel, Prof. Nachman Ash, Director of the Israeli Ministry of Health, Dr. Osahon Enabulele, President of the World Medical Association, Mr. Dror Bin, Chief Executive Officer of the Israeli Innovation Authority and Prof. Salomon Stemmer, Chairman of the Institute for Medical Innovation, at IMA, offered their greetings.

Prof. Roger Kornberg, Nobel Prize Laureate from Stanford University, talked about 'Innovation in Science' and Prof Hossam Haick, from The Technion (Israeli Institute of Technology) discussed 'Clinics on human body'.

The day continued with the discussion '4P1K – Patients,



Left to right: Prof. Jung-Yul Park, Dr. Ramin Parsi-Parsi, Dr. Otmar Kloiber, Dr. Ashok Philip, Dr. Yuichi Hara, Dr. Osahon Enabulele, Dr. Anibal Cruz Senzano, Dr. David Nitrushwa, Dr. Takahiro Uchida, Adv. Leah Wapner

Physicians, Payers, Processors +1 King' which was chaired by Prof. Eugene Kandel, Co-Chairman at Start-Up Nation Policy Institute.

Prof. Jung-Yul Park, Vice-President of the Korean Medical Association and Dr. Ashok Philip, Past-President of the Malaysian Medical Association gave their perspective on medical innovation in Asia.

A gala dinner was held in the evening, joined by distinguished foreign guests and conference participants.

On the final day, discussions continued with 'Balanced Leadership – Innovation Adoption & Risk Management' chaired by Prof. Michael Halbertal, Director General of Rambam Medical Center, after which, Prof. Ehud Rivlin, CEO of Verily Life Sciences (Launched from Google X) shared his view on 'How do Tech Giants view the future of medicine? – Verily'

Dr. Anibal Cruz, Secretary of Health for Cochbamba, and Past-Minister of Health for Bolivia, shared his thoughts on medical innovation in Latin America.

Finally, in the closing session, Adv. Leah Wapner, CEO of the Israeli Medical Association discussed 'Empowering Innovator Physicians'.

Throughout the 3-day conference, adjacent to the main conference hall, the Israeli Medical Association held a medical innovation exhibition, with exhibitors displaying cutting-edge medical innovations and robotics.

Following the success of the first conference, plans are underway for the second in this series of conferences, to be held in 2024.



Dr. Osahon Enabulele, President of the World Medical Association



World Medical Association Declaration of Helsinki, Expert Meeting in Tel Aviv

The Israeli Medical Association hosted the World Medical Association's (WMA's) first Expert Meeting on the revision of the WMA Declaration of Helsinki, in December 2022.

The Declaration of Helsinki on the ethical principles for medical research involving human subjects was first adopted by the 18th WMA General Assembly in 1964. Since then, the Declaration has undergone several revisions to keep it up to date.

At the WMA Council meeting in April 2022, a workgroup was established to begin another revision of this important document and the American Medical Association (AMA) was assigned to lead this process.

The first regional expert meeting to discuss this revision was co-organized by the Israeli Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the World Medical Association and was held in Tel Aviv, Israel. This high-level discussion brought both regional and international experts together to consider the first steps of the revision.

The meeting was opened by Israeli Medical Association and World Medical Association Past President, Prof Leonid Eidelman. Prof Eidelman welcomed the guests to Israel

and chaired the first day of the meeting. Prof. Eidelman noted that: "as physicians it is our duty to ensure that all ethical standards are included in the declaration and upheld by the profession."

Dr. Osahon Enabulele, President of the World Medical Association, then greeted the participants and gave opening remarks on the importance of the Declaration, also thanking the Israeli Medical Association for hosting the event.

Unfortunately, both IMA President Prof Zion Hagay and AMA President Dr. Jack Resneck, tested positive for Covid-19 and were not able to be physically present during the meeting, but did manage to connect virtually to join the discussions.

The expert discussions began with a presentation by Dr. Elliott Crigger, Ethics Advisor at the American Medical Association, who presented on Codes of Medical Ethics: Purpose, Structure and Relationship to Regulatory Frameworks. This was followed by Dr. Urban Wiesing, Professor and Chair of Medical Ethics and the Director of the Institute of History of Medicine at the University of Tuebingen. Dr. Wiesing, who was also heavily involved with the revision of the WMA's International Code of Medical Ethics, reviewed the previous revisions of the Declaration of Helsinki and presented an analysis of the literature.

The second day of the meeting began with a presentation from Prof. Avraham Steinberg, a Paediatric Neurologist and Director, Medical Ethics Unit & Chairman,





IRB, at Shaare Zedek Medical Center, as well as an Israel Prize laureate in ethics. Prof Steinberg presented on Big Data and Augmented Intelligence, with a focus on issues related to patient consent for use of their data. This was followed by Dr. Ritva Halila, the Senior Medical Officer at the Finnish Ministry of Health and Past Chair of Steering Committee for Human Rights in the fields of Biomedicine and Health at the Council of Europe, who also presented on big data, with a focus on understanding possible harms for research subjects.

Each day of the conference included a panel discussion, where participants held an open discussion about potential areas due for revision. It was clear from the discussions that a lot of work would be required to reach a consensus. The next expert meeting was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in February of this year, where discussions continued.

As part of the accompanying social program, participants were treated to a traditional Friday night dinner and tour of Haifa where they experienced Druze hospitality in Daliat al Carmel. They enjoyed a walk along the Louis Promenade from the Kaiser Monument to the Dan Hotel, with a spectacular view of Haifa Bay and the Baha'i Gardens. The group then took a tour of the Ahmadiyya neighbourhood, where they were allowed entrance to the mosque and were guided by a local resident. Finally, they enjoyed lunch in a traditional Druze restaurant before their drive back to Tel Aviv.

The next expert meeting was held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in February, this year, where the discussions continued. IMA Secretary General, Adv Leah Wapner attended this meeting. Dr. César Eduardo Fernandes, President of Brazilian Medical Association opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. This second meeting focused on the relevance of placebo use in clinical trials. The meeting benefitted from the integration of renowned national and international specialists, aiming to help members of the Working Group of the WMA with the revision process.

Irish Medical Organization Conference on Gender Equality



IRISH MEDICAL ORGANISATION
Ceardchumann Dochtúirí na hÉireann

On the 18th of February, Michelle Glekin, International Relations Officer at the Israeli Medical Association, attended a Conference on Gender Equality, organized by the Irish Medical Organisation in Dublin.

The meeting began with a welcome speech from Dr Clive Kilgallen, President of the IMO. This was followed by a keynote speech by Dr Catherine Day, Former Secretary General of the European Commission and Chair of the Citizen's Assembly on Gender Equality. Dr. Day gave a presentation on 'What is gender equality and why is it so important?'

The Irish Medical Organisation presented the results of their extensive survey amongst Irish physicians on Gender Equality in Medicine. The results of this survey were quite surprising to the audience, highlighting the need for such conferences.

The next session included a panel discussion on overcoming barriers to equality in medicine, which opened the floor to discussing the key themes that had emerged from the IMO survey on Gender Equality in Medicine.

The meeting continued with a presentation on 'Reflections on gender, work-life balance and leadership in medicine' by Dr. Suzanne Crowe, President of the Irish Medical Council. This led into a session on advancing gender equality in medical education and training.

After a well-earned lunch break, the participants took part in interactive sessions which focused on either Active Bystander Training or Gender Diversity and Addressing Unconscious Bias. IMA representative, Michelle Glekin attended the latter session, which introduced the topics of diversity and intersectionality and competencies required to address unconscious bias.

The conference was successful in raising awareness of problems in gender equality in the medical profession.

Visit to the Japan Medical Association

On the 21st of March Prof Leonid Eidelman, Past President of the Israeli Medical Association, travelled to Tokyo to meet with the Japan Medical Association (JMA).

On his first day in Tokyo, Prof Eidelman met with Dr. Matsumoto, President of the Japan Medical Association, and then joined the board meeting of the JMA where he presented a report on the work of the Ukraine Medical Help Fund. Prof Eidelman explained how the Israeli Medical Association has been responsible for procuring much-needed medical supplies and delivering them to Ukraine. He spoke about his visit to the city of Lviv in Ukraine where he met with Andriy Bazylevych from the Ukraine Medical Association and visited field hospitals that were set up to treat the wounded.

At the time of the meeting, the Japan Medical Association had already donated 2,224,097 Euros to the fund. Dr. Matsumoto then presented Prof. Eidelman with a cheque for an additional 213,000,000 Yen, approximately 1,447,502 Euros. Prof Eidelman expressed his sincere gratitude noting that this continued support by the Japan Medical Association will allow the fund to carry on its work in sending medical supplies to our colleagues in Ukraine.

That evening, the Japan Medical Association hosted a traditional dinner for Prof Eidelman, together with Dr. Matsumoto, where they were able to discuss issues of mutual interest such as violence against health professionals, physician burn out and working with new



medical innovations. They were also able to learn from each other's experiences leading a medical organisation.

The following day, Prof Eidelman visited a clinic in Tokyo which is leading the way in telemedicine. This was a wonderful way to see first-hand the technological advances that Japan has to offer. On his final day in Tokyo, the Japan Medical Association organised a wonderful tour for Prof Eidelman. He visited Mount Fuji, Lake Kawaguchi, the Hakone Shrine and took a boat on Lake Ashinoko. He was lucky to see the beautiful cherry blossom trees in bloom and once again enjoy the traditional Japanese cuisine.



(left to right) Andriy Bazylevych and Prof. Leonid Eidelman



(left to right) Dr. Kichiro Matsumoto, Professor Leonid Eidelman

CONFEMEL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

Continuing our close relationship and cooperation with CONFEMEL, the Israeli Medical Association was invited to the CONFEMEL General Assembly that took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay, March 22nd-25th.

Dr Elhanan Greenberg and Dr Ester Barchilon, Assistant Directors of the Department of Relations with Latin America, represented the Israeli Medical Association at this meeting. Also participating were representatives from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, and Uruguay who hosted the event.

The first day was entirely devoted to ethical Issues that concern the daily work of the medical profession. The Israeli Medical Association's Ethics Board Position Papers - 2008-2018 (in English) were presented at the conference and are now available to all CONFEMEL members.

Some delegations were very interested in participating in the residency and fellowship program that IMA offers to Latin American doctors (as part of the IMA's Physicians' Exchange



from left to right: Dr. Ester Barchilon and Dr. Elhanan Greenberg

Program) and were provided with information about the program.

Dr Zaida Arteta, President of the Sindicato de Medicos de Uruguay and of CONFEMEL, together with the Uruguayan Chapter, organized a very interesting assembly that included social and cultural events that enriched the meeting.

The next assembly will be held in August and will be hosted by Mexico. The Israeli Medical Association has been invited to attend.



CONFEMEL General Assembly, Punta del Este, Uruguay, 2023.



Meeting of the Standing Committee of European Doctors

The Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) held its General Assembly in Dubrovnik, Croatia at the end of March 2023. The meeting, hosted by the Croatian Medical Chamber, was attended by medical associations from across Europe. The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) is an associate member and was represented at the meeting by Leah Wapner, Secretary General and Michelle Glekin, International Relations Officer of the IMA.

The meeting began with a presentation by Prof. Dragan Primorac a Croatian paediatrician, forensic expert and geneticist. Prof. Primorac is co-founder and the President of the International Society of Applied Biological Sciences. He also co-founded the Department of Forensic Sciences at the University of Split, Croatia. Upon a recent visit to Israel, he signed an agreement on strategic cooperation and partnership after completing a pre-clinical study on animals between Croatia's St Catherine Specialty Hospital and Haifa's Bonus BioGroup Ltd.

Prof. Primorac presented his pioneering work in medical genetics and his work in the application of the personalized medicine paradigm in clinical practice.

During the national reports session, IMA's Leah Wapner reported on the current unrest in Israel due to the government's proposed judicial reforms. She explained about the potential implications for the Israeli health system as a result of the proposed reforms.

Leah noted that: "the expropriation of the supervision and regulation of medical training and specialization from the hands of the professionals, with no judicial and professional review, will harm the quality of medical care."

She also highlighted the fear of discriminatory legislation against vulnerable populations, especially women, and the proposed change and damage to labour relations by limiting the right to strike.

The meeting participants were deeply concerned to hear

about the proposed reforms and offered their support to the Israeli Medical Association in standing against them.

The meeting continued with a conference on the European Health Data Space and how it will work in practice. The General Assembly also adopted policies on Climate Change and Health and Antimicrobial Resistance.

IMA representatives at Nefesh B'Nefesh MedEx Event

On March 19th-20th 2023, Anat Malki, Head of the Intern Service Unit and Anna Bagola, Foreign Representative at the IMA Scientific Council, represented the Israeli Medical Association at the Nefesh B'Nefesh "Aliya MedEx", the special session for medical professionals, held in Teaneck, New Jersey, USA.

Over the course of two days, Anat and Anna met with physicians who are considering Aliya, answering questions, and beginning the process of transferring their specialty certifications to Israel. Representatives of the Israeli Ministry of Health were also present, assisting in the process of transferring the physicians' medical licenses, a notary to certify their documents, and representatives of the various employers, including hospitals and Kupot Cholim.

The event was well received with positive feedback from the future olim, who we hope to see in Israel soon.



(from left to right: Anna Bagola, Anat Malki)

Update on the Ukraine Medical Help Fund

UKRAINE MEDICAL HELP FUND



Immediately after the invasion of Russian troops into Ukraine, our colleagues from the Ukrainian Medical Association called for help. Soon it was clear that the healthcare system in a country under attack would not only see a tremendous demand for medical care for the wounded, but also that healthcare structures themselves were under attack and sometimes destroyed. The World Medical Association, the European Forum of Medical Associations and the Standing Committee of European Doctors came together and set up a task force, in consultation with their members in the neighbouring countries of Ukraine, France, and Japan. The Ukraine Medical Help Fund was created from this initiative at the beginning of March 2022 and IMA Past-President Prof Leonid Eidelman was asked to oversee it.

The Israeli Medical Association took on the role of procuring medical supplies and coordinating their delivery to Ukraine. To date we have successfully delivered material aid to Ukraine, including:

- 3 major shipments of medicines and medical devices, mainly for trauma care.
- Hydrocortisone for children
- Birthing beds for a neonatal care center in Mykolaiv.
- Intensive care materials for hospitals in the Cherkasy Region.
- Neurosurgical equipment for the neurosurgery department at the National Military Medical Clinical Centre Kiev.
- A large shipment of tourniquets for Odessa
- Delivery of anesthesia and ventilation equipment for the neonatal care center in Mykolaiv.
- Acquisition and delivery of warming tents, generators, and fan heaters for those who have lost the capability



to heat their homes in the bombarded cities of Kiev, Mykolaiv and Kherson.

The Israeli Medical Association is now working on procuring a second delivery of medical supplies to the Ukrainian Medical Association. In addition, the task force is in the process of purchasing eight electrocoagulators for mobile hospitals and the acquisition of 1000 tourniquets together with the NGO Hope for Ukraine.

Unfortunately, this war is still ongoing, and we expect that our assistance will continue to be needed. If you would like to donate to the fund, donations can be made to the following account:

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Domiciliation: ANNEMASSE ENTERPRISES (04335)
International Banking Account Number:
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November 11*-16, 2023
*After Shabbat

**APF's Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Course
in Israel will be held November 11 to 16, 2023.**

Created in conjunction with Israel's Ministry of Health and the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Medical Corps, this one-of-a-kind program offers physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals firsthand training from some of the world's foremost experts. The course is open to Jews and non-Jews alike. Past participants have included those in the fields of Pediatrics, Gynecology, Internal medicine, Podiatry, Anesthesiology, Family Medicine, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Advanced Practice Nursing and Emergency Medical Technology.

If you have any questions, contact
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The Third Podiatry Scientific Mission in Israel

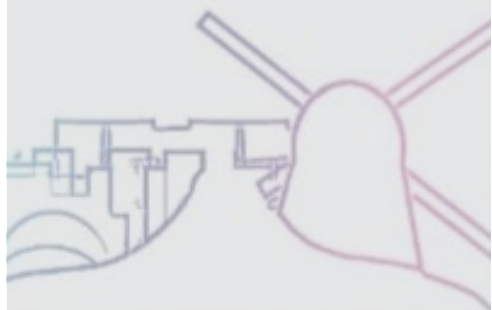
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(Tower of David, Western Wall
Tunnels, Stations of the Cross); The
Knesset; Touring Bethlehem; Jeep
ride in the Ramon Crater and much
more. In addition, attendees will visit
three Israeli high-tech companies,
and the training facility of the IDF's
canine unit.

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ISRAELI MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL – IMAJ

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