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Mission/Vision of Allergists for Israel

Allergists for Israel was founded in 1985 and the evolving vision of our group is to:

1. Develop camaraderie by the gathering (nationally and internationally) of Allergists/ Immunologists and other supporters of allergy in Israel at national Academy and College allergy meetings.
2. Provide financial support for Israeli allergy fellows for scholarly activities.
3. Establish a network of North American and Israeli Allergists/Immunologists so that we can communicate internationally and meet in the United States and Israel every few years.
4. Develop linkages between American and Israeli Allergists/Immunologists by sponsoring American allergists to visit and speak in Israel.

From Zev Sthoeger

Dear Jonathan and AFI board members,

I want to thank you and the AFI for the help you had given me in my mini-sabbatical with Prof. Wesley Reeves at the University of Florida last March. As you had asked, I am mailing you a short summary report. I spent time at the Immunology/ Rheumatology clinic which gave me the opportunity to see and discuss tertiary medical center patients with very rare medical conditions and was also able to observe and learn how the research clinic was organized there. I plan on applying some of their methods in my clinic and department in Israel. Also, I attended and actively participated in the Rheumatology and Immunology ward consultations as well as the Division's Journal Clubs/Seminars/Grand Rounds and Scientific meetings.

I was fortunate to make many personal contacts and connections that will help me and other members of my Israeli medical staff in the future. I spent most of my time with Prof. Reeves in his laboratory having many interesting and fruitful discussions along with other staff members and his graduate students. I learned new laboratory methods and actively participated in several experiments looking at Interferon inducible genes in sub-populations of PBMCs obtained from controls and lupus patients using real-time PCR assays. In addition we initiated a new study aimed to look at the genomic DNA level for expression of Interferon inducible genes as well as some other relevant and control genes in PBMC of lupus patients both in the United States and in Israel. I also was involved in immunoprecipitation and ELISA assays that were designed to study autoantibody profiles and their clinical significance in myositis patients. Thus I was successful in establishing and organizing several long-term collaborative research projects between Dr. Reeve's and my own laboratory.

I really believe that the time I spent with Prof. Reeves will enable me to build a strong and fruitful collaboration between our labs. Many thanks again and I hope to see you and other AFI members in Zfat in October.

Sincerely,
Zev Sthoeger

“When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us.”

— Alexander
Graham Bell

Highlights from the 2006 AAAAI Meeting in Miami

- ▶ Jonathan Bernstein awarding Zev Shoeger an AFI mini-sabbatical award at the 2006 AAAAI meeting.



- ▶ Bill Silvers addressing the AFI members and friends at the 2006 AFI function in Miami.



- ▶ Menachem Rottem addressing the AFI membership in Miami.



- ▶ AFI members and friends attending the AFI function held at the Cuban synagogue in Miami.

- ▶ Steve Kagen addressing AFI attendees at last year's AAAAI event in Miami about his run for Congress in Wisconsin.



- ▶ Greg Lund being presented a "Friend of AFI" award at the 2006 Miami meeting in recognition of all his work in support of AFI.



Dear Friend,

The Israeli Medical Association (IMA) has, since its establishment in 1912, been a leader in health policy, an advocate for physicians and patients, and the body responsible for the professional and ethical standards of the medical profession in Israel. We are proud that the majority of Israel's physicians have elected to be members of our organization.

One of the most significant activities of the IMA is our World Fellowship (WF), instituted with the aim of involving doctors around the world with the medical profession in Israel and with their Israeli counterparts. The WF embodies the solidarity of physicians who share common values of support for the State of Israel and the Israeli medical profession.

The WF offers its international members many things. We host visitors and arrange professional and social meetings with other organizations, individuals and medical institutions, as well as with IMA representatives. The WF raises grants that allow Israeli physicians to go abroad for fellowship programs and assists physicians coming to Israel for exchange programs. Members abroad receive a quarterly newsletter in English entitled "IMA Around the Globe", which updates them on what's happening at the IMA and branches around the world, and illustrates the positive aspects of medicine in Israel.

Today, the WF functions in a climate of change of attitude towards Jews and Israel and we are determined, more than ever, to encourage the creation of ties and cultivate cooperation between physicians in Israel and their colleagues abroad. Among other goals, we hope to bring medical professionals and medical institutions worldwide in closer contact with Israel, its medical organizations and the IMA.

However, our main goal is to enhance the mutual exchange of physicians so that long-term bonds will form.

We perceive our conference as the highlight of WF activities, and a positive step towards our goals, for it not only allows physicians to become acquainted with the high standard of medicine in Israel but, more importantly, it provides an opportunity for physicians from different continents to come together, share thoughts and discuss common issues of Jewish and medical interest – all under the one roof of the IMA WF.

Attached is a copy of the first announcement of our conference. The conference content will be of a very high standard but the gathering of Jewish physicians from different parts of the globe is no less important. In addition, a membership form is attached, should you be interested in becoming a member of the IMA World Fellowship.

We invite you to be part of this unique event. Please take this opportunity to meet new colleagues, understand Israeli medicine, and show your support for Israel and the IMA. Make this a memorable experience.

Warm Wishes


Dr. Yoram Blachar
President, IMA


Dr. Tzaki Siev-Ner
Chairman, IMA WF



Israeli Medical Association World Fellowship

APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for admission to the IMA as a member of the World Fellowship: (Please print)

Qualified Physician

First Name:	Surname:
	Dr/Prof
	Home Address:
	Work Address:
Field of Medicine: _____	
Tel. No.: _____	
E-mail Address: _____	
Mobile no.: _____	
Fax: _____	

Medical Student

First Name:	Surname:
Home Address:	
Year of Graduation:	
Tel. No.: _____	
E-mail Address: _____	
Mobile no.: _____	
Fax: _____	

I agree/disagree that my details be given to other members.

Signature

Date

* Please return the completed form or details to Esti Sherbelis, International Public Relations Officer –
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Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel

Map of Israel Allergists 2004

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- District center
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- Road
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Allergists for Israel 2007 Membership Application Form

Name _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Spouse/Partner's Name _____

Hobbies/Affiliations _____

Member since _____ Areas of interest _____

Please let us know what you are interested in seeing Allergists for Israel achieve. Your comments and suggestions will help us to improve our organization.

Our primary mode of communication will be e-mail since it is easy to use and inexpensive. Please let us know if you would rather be contacted via an alternate method.

Phone Fax

2007 annual dues are \$118. Please include a check payable to ALLERGISTS FOR ISRAEL with your completed form or provide your credit card information below.

Visa MasterCard American Express

Account number _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.
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