



A Word from the Chairman



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present you with another edition of IMA Around the Globe.

As always you will be able to read about the various events, both domestic and international, that have taken place in the last few months, including the German Medical Association and Israeli

Medical Association joint board meeting in Dresden, Germany and the series of WMA meetings that took place in Bangkok and Jakarta to discuss proposed revisions to the International Code of Medical Ethics.

We have also included an update about the IMA's

Physicians' Exchange Program with Panama and in particular the visit of Dr. Jose Baruco, Secretary General of the Panamanian Ministry of Health. I was honored to personally welcome him, along with H.E. Adis Urieta Vega, the ambassador of Panama to Israel, when they visited Sheba Medical Center.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all Shana Tova!

Prof. Arnon Afek
Chairman

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IMA Domestic News and Activities

The Israeli Medical Association World Fellowship Scholarships, 2022.

This year, 14 scholarships were awarded to outstanding Israeli physicians who are going to or have already begun fellowship programs around the world. The US\$4,000 (16,000 NIS) scholarships were funded by the Israeli Medical Association, the Organization of Clalit Physicians, the Organization of State Employee Physicians, Rambam Medical Center, Rambam Medical Center Physicians' Committee, Sheba Medical Center, and Sheba Medical Center Physicians' Committee.

The scholarship program provides physicians with a unique opportunity to experience foreign medical systems, institutions, and practices and to serve as ambassadors of Israel and the Israeli medical field.

The World Fellowship Grants Committee, consisting of Prof. Arnon Afek, Chairman of the Israeli Medical Association World Fellowship, Dr. Arie Bitterman, Dr. Alex Levin and Dr. Boris Itzkovitz, convened to evaluate 76 exceptionally qualified candidates.

The World Fellowship Grants Committee meeting was held in the presence of Adv. Sara Broker of the Israeli Medical Association who monitored the process. Scholarships were

granted to 14 doctors who have been accepted to fellowship positions in the US, Canada, Australia, Italy, Germany, the UK and Seoul, Korea.

As in previous years, scholarships were awarded to the recipients in memory of a deceased physician, thereby maintaining this meaningful tradition.



2-Day General Strike



The Israeli Medical Association announced a two-day general strike (June 16th-17th) to protest the violent assault of a doctor that occurred in Be'er Ya'acov, central Israel. In this latest incident, a man in his thirties arrived at the community clinic seeking medical treatment, later attacking a female doctor, hitting her in the head with an iron crowbar when he was asked to leave the clinic. The doctor suffered mild head trauma and was treated by Sheba Medical Center. The suspect was later arrested and held in custody.

This latest event follows two other incidents earlier in the year in Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Center and Galilee Medical Center, that precipitated the 24-hour strike that was held on Thursday May 19th.

During the 2-day strike, hospitals and community clinics operated a weekend schedule, offering reduced services.

Professor Zion Hagay, President of the Israeli Medical Association noted that "in the past year, we have unequivocally stated that any case of violence will be met with zero tolerance on our part. If we do not see any real, immediate actions, we will intensify the steps until someone wakes up and understands that violence in the health system is a real epidemic".

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.

Features

Focus on Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel

Schneider Children's Medical Center was established in 1991 and is the only comprehensive tertiary care hospital of its kind in Israel and the entire Middle East. Schneider is a member of Clalit, the largest HMO in Israel and serves as an independent pediatric hospital. Situated in Petah Tikva, Schneider was named after its founders and benefactors the late Irving and Helen Schneider from New York. Schneider's open-door policy ensures that all

children, irrespective of nationality, race or religion, are treated, maintaining the founder's ethos of 'serving as a bridge to peace between nations'. In fact, Schneider not only accepts patients from neighboring areas such as the Palestinian Authority and Jordan, but it has also opened its doors to patients from Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

Specializing solely in the treatment of children, Schneider has 250 beds, 43% of which are dedicated to critical care (Neonatology, Intensive Care, Burns etc.). Schneider also serves as the national referral center for organ and bone marrow transplantation, endocrinology & diabetes treatment, cardiology, and hematology-oncology.

Schneider is affiliated with Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, so that every department actively teaches and trains doctors, medical students, nurses, and paramedics.

Among the many firsts in Israel and in the world, Schneider has conducted multi-organ transplantation, heart valve replacement through catheterization, cardiac surgery in a 780g premie, artificial pancreas trials among many other innovative surgical and therapeutic techniques.



Medical Achievements



From left, Prof. Vitshak Kreiss, director of Sheba Medical Center; Dr. Boris Orkin, director of Sheba's Surgical Innovations Center; Eran Bluestein, director for business development at Opgal. Photo courtesy of Sheba Medical Center

Sheba Medical Center to use Elbit Systems' military thermal night-vision imaging to detect physiological processes based on energy and heat.

Advanced thermal imaging technologies previously used for Israeli military and security purposes will be adapted for use in heart surgery, diabetic foot treatment, surgical

incision infections and respiratory monitoring at Israel's largest hospital, Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan.

This is the subject of a memorandum of understanding between Sheba and Opgal, a subsidiary of Elbit Systems.

Using thermal cameras originally designed for night vision, physicians can detect physiological processes based on changes in energy and heat in the body and display these changes on a digital screen.

Link to the full article: <https://www.israel21c.org/imaging-tech-goes-from-defense-industry-to-the-hospital/>



Israeli startup says inserting stent into artery can help regulate the flow and pressure of blood coming in and out of the heart.

Nearly 18 million people die from cardiovascular disease every year. Three-quarters of those fatalities occur in low to middle-income countries, where preventative treatment is either not available or too expensive. It's estimated that 92 percent of the world's population has no access to cardiac surgery.

This is particularly tragic in countries like India, where close to 2 million children have undetected congenital heart issues.

Israeli startup [HeartPoint Global](#) aims to bring minimally invasive treatment to heart patients wherever they may be. HeartPoint's approach doesn't seem so revolutionary, at least not initially. The company's HPGS (HeartPoint Global Implant System) involves inserting a stent into the pulmonary artery. It's the same kind of stent used to clear blockages to prevent a heart attack



This stent system corrects blood flow and pressure abnormalities in the heart. Photo courtesy of HeartPoint Global.

Link to the full article: <https://www.israel21c.org/stent-helps-kids-with-congenital-heart-defects-heal-themselves/>

New AI approach to Crohn's Disease diagnosis and treatment - Intel and Israel's largest medical center develop algorithm that scans thousands of digestive system images in 2 minutes for improved prediction.



The Intel-Sheba team that developed an AI app for diagnosing Crohn's. Photo by Ohad Falik

Approximately more than half a million people in the United States have Crohn's disease, an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

It's not curable but it is treatable, yet diagnosis is difficult because Crohn's symptoms are shared by many other conditions.

In a few months, a new artificial intelligence-enhanced app will help Israeli physicians diagnose Crohn's at earlier stages and therefore start treatment earlier.

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The World Health Organization conference was held for the first time in Israel.

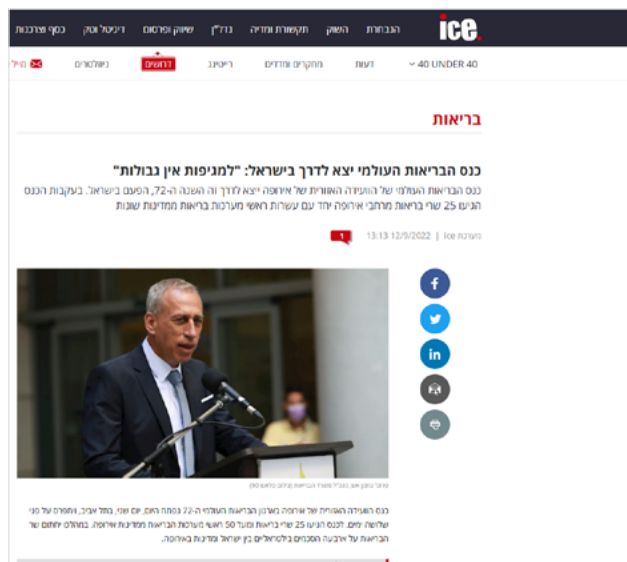
The Regional Conference of Europe for the World Health Organization was held for the first time in Israel in September 2022 and was attended by 25 ministers of health and over 50 heads of health systems from European countries. During this 72nd annual conference, the Minister of Health signed cooperation agreements in the field of health with Germany, Croatia, Cyprus and Kazakhstan.

The President of Israel, Isaac Herzog, spoke at the opening of the conference and said: "The State of Israel is committed to working in close cooperation with the World Health Organization to allow humanity to meet the many challenges it faces. Although Israel is a small country with few natural resources, we are blessed with phenomenal human resources. Israel is home to countless groundbreaking start-up companies in the fields of med-tech and healthcare."

Participants at the conference discussed joint work plans to improve health in Europe and many sessions were held on issues such as public health in the region, health crises, opportunities to improve regional cooperation in health and more. The conference also covered topics such as digital health, health promotion in the context of behavior and culture, access to medicines, and more.

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To view the full article: <https://www.ice.co.il/health/news/article/891102>



Prof. Leonid Eidelman is the candidate from Yisrael Beiteinu for the position of Minister of Health.

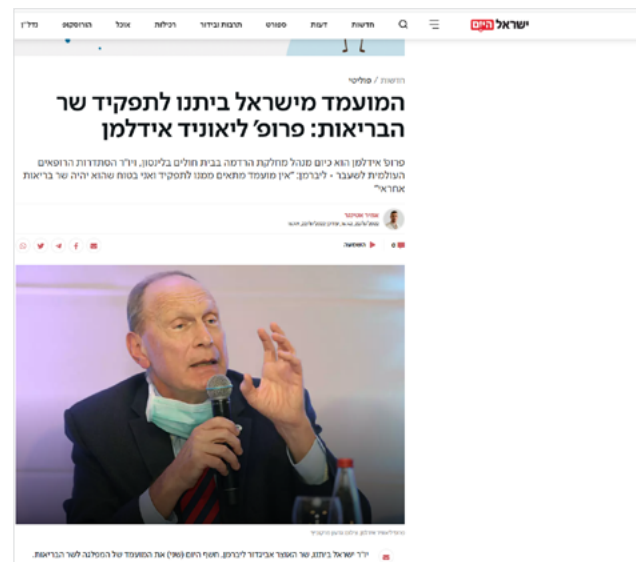
The chairman of Yisrael Beiteinu and Minister of Finance Avigdor Lieberman revealed last month, the party's candidate for Minister of Health. If Lieberman is chosen as a member of the next government, he intends to demand the position of Ministry of Health for Yisrael Beiteinu.

The party's candidate for the position is Prof. Leonid Eidelman who will be a professional candidate and will not be included in the list for the Knesset. Prof. Eidelman is currently the director of the anesthesiology department at Beilinson Hospital, and is the former President of both the Israeli Medical Association and the World Medical Association.

Eidelman sharply criticized the professional performance of Nitzan Horowitz as Minister of Health: "He failed as Minister of Health, he failed to promote the system, he only did things that gave him momentary political credit. Apart from dealing with corona, the Ministry of Health has done nothing in the last year. The Minister of Health should be a professional. In the last year, the Minister of Finance did more for health than Horowitz, he budgeted for two new hospitals and medical devices for the periphery."

Article courtesy of: **Israel Today**

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International Conferences/ Webinars

WMA Regional meeting in Asia on the revision of the International Code of Medical Ethics



Adv. Malke Borow, Director of Law & Policy, IMA.

Over the past two years, the World Medical Association has been conducting an intensive process towards completing a comprehensive update and revision of its International Code of Medical Ethics. This process has included regional meetings all over the world, the latest being held in Bangkok, Thailand on June 7-8, 2022. Adv. Malke Borow, Director of the Division of Law and Policy, represented the IMA at this meeting.

Over the two-day meeting, the participants, hailing from all over the region, discussed outstanding issues in the revised draft and presented their views and

cultural perspectives. Adv. Borow lectured on the topic of "Physician Advertising and Marketing" and discussed IMA ethics guidelines on these issues and real-life examples with which the IMA ethics committee dealt over the last couple of years.

The revised Code is expected to be brought to the WMA General Assembly in October for discussion and approval.

In addition to a fascinating series of meetings and discussions, participants were treated to a dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya river.



WMA Regional Meeting for Asia Participants, Thailand 2022.

German Medical Association and Israeli Medical Association Joint Board Meeting Dresden, June 2022

On the 21st of June a delegation from the Israeli Medical Association (IMA) travelled to Dresden to meet with our colleagues at the German Medical Association (GMA). In 2015, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations of the states of Israel and Germany, the German Medical Association and Israeli Medical Association met to pay tribute to the cooperation and friendship that have developed between our associations. To continue this tradition, another meeting was held in Israel in 2018 and now once more in Dresden.

The Israeli delegation was made up of: Prof. Zion Hagay, IMA President; Adv.



Leah Wapner, Secretary General; Dr. Zeev Feldman, Vice President; Prof. Hanoch Kashtan, Chairman of the Scientific Council; Prof. Leonid Eidelman, Past President and Chairman of the IMA Institute for Quality in Medicine in Israel; Prof. Yehuda Ullmann and Prof. Eyal Anteby, both members of the Scientific Council; and Dr. Arie Bacalo, the Chairman of Leumit Health Fund and IMA board member. They were joined by staff members: Mrs. Michelle Glekin, International Relations Officer, Mrs. Seya Fraiman, Manager of the Office Secretariat and Ms. Yohala Avidar, PA to the President.

This year's bilateral meeting focused on the theme of Continuing Medical Education (CME). A workgroup session was held on the first day at the State Chamber of Physicians of Saxony Offices. The participants discussed a proposed memorandum of understanding which pledged mutual recognition of continuing medical education certificates. Both associations presented how CME is regulated in their countries.

The Israeli delegation was also treated to a wonderful tour of the beautiful city of Dresden which was completed by a visit to the New Synagogue of Dresden. The evening began with a welcome reception, where the group met with Mr. Erik Bodendieck, the President of the State Chamber of Physicians of Saxony and Mr. Michael Kretschmer, the Prime Minister of the Free State of Saxony. This was followed by a Gala Dinner at the beautiful venue of the Restaurant Kastenmeiers in the Hotel Taschenbergpalais Kempinski. Thankfully, it was a beautiful evening and the guests were able to enjoy their meal in the restaurant's courtyard. They were treated to a welcome address from the President of the Saxon State Parliament (Landtag), Dr. Matthias Rößler, followed by addresses from Prof. Zion Hagay, IMA President and Prof. Klaus Reinhardt, GMA President. The guests also enjoyed music by the New Jewish Chamber Philharmonic of Dresden.

On the second day of the visit, the Israeli delegation met with the board of the German Medical Association. The meeting began with welcome remarks and introductions from Dr. Reinhardt and Prof. Hagay. Dr. Zeev Feldman then presented on the current issues facing Israeli physicians, the medical association and the Israeli health system as a whole. The members also heard about the current challenges in the German Health Service. What was clear from the discussions was that both associations faced many similar challenges.

Prof. Leonid Eidelman reported on the work that the IMA has done together with the World Medical Association, the European Forum of Medical Associations and the Standing Committee of European Doctors in the Ukraine Medical Help Fund.

The Memorandum of Understanding was discussed and agreed upon. Both Dr. Klaus Reinhardt and Prof. Zion Hagay signed this statement and a press meeting was held. Prof. Hagay then presented Dr. Reinhardt with a gift of a replica of antique medical instruments from the 1st-2nd Century, which were found in Jerusalem. Prof. Hagay invited the German Medical Association Board to come to Israel in autumn of next year to continue this tradition.



British Medical Association Annual Representative Meeting

On the 27th – 29th of June the British Medical Association (BMA) held their Annual Representative Meeting (ARM) in the city of Brighton. Israeli Medical Association President Prof. Zion Hagay, Secretary General Leah Wapner and International Relations Officer Michelle Glekin were in attendance at this meeting. International

delegates were also in attendance from the American Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, Commonwealth Medical Association, Ghana Medical Association, Jamaica Medical Doctors Association, Malaysia Medical Association, Medical Association of Malta, and the World Medical Association.

The Annual Representative Meeting is the BMA's main policy-making body. Around 500 doctors and medical students from across the UK gather to consider and debate key matters of interest to the medical profession.

The evening prior to the ARM, an awards ceremony was held to honour the achievements of BMA members and staff for their outstanding and sustained commitment to the BMA. The participants then enjoyed a ceremonial dinner where they were able to meet with the awardees and many members of the BMA.

On the first day of the proceedings, Dr. Chaand Nagpaul gave his final keynote speech, after a five-year term as BMA Chair of Council. In his speech, Dr. Nagpaul called on the British government to address recruitment, pay and public health crises.

Prof. Phil Banfield was appointed the BMA's new chair of council and Prof. Banfield noted that he is focused on achieving fair pay, fighting for a better health service, and ensuring the BMA reflects its membership.

Prof. Martin McKee was elected as BMA President. Prof. McKee is Professor of European Public Health and Medical Director at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Research Director at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, and an honorary consultant at University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Prof. McKee is a strong advocate for international collaboration, and we look forward to continuing our collaborations with the British Medical Association under his lead.

Over the three-day proceedings many motions were debated on issues ranging from, Pandemic preparedness and response; Workforce; Pensions; Doctors' pay and contracts; Professional regulation; Medical ethics and human rights and Junior doctors to name a few. It was clear from the discussions that the issues facing doctors in the UK are shared with many of doctors around the world. Attending each other's meeting is beneficial for medical associations in that we can learn from one another and share our experiences.

The international guests were also treated to a reception which provided them with the opportunity to meet with the BMA chief officers, the new president and international committee. On the final evening a celebratory dinner was held where guests were treated to a formal dinner of delicious British cuisine and wonderful entertain with magicians and live music.

World Medical Association Meeting on the International Code of Medical Ethics in Indonesia

As part of the continued review process for the World Medical Association's (WMA) International code of Medical Ethics, a designated meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia to discuss the paragraph on physician conscientious objection. The Israeli Medical Association was represented at the meeting by Secretary General, Adv. Leah Wapner.

The two-day meeting was well attended by physicians from across the globe. The meeting began with welcome remarks from Dr. Otmar Kloiber, WMA Secretary General; Dr. Adib Khumaidi, President of the Indonesian Medical Association; Dr Dante Saksono Harbuwono, Vice Minister of Health of Indonesia and Anies Baswedan, Governor of Jakarta.

In the session on mandated referrals or other limits to physician conscientious objection, Prof. Angela Ballantyne from the University of Otago in Wellington, New Zealand gave a keynote speech in favour of mandated referrals. Prof. Ballantyne argued that at a minimum physicians should have an obligation to inform, transfer and refer patients in cases where they conscientiously object. Responses were then given by Dr. Alberto Giubilini, from the Oxford Uehiro Centre for Practical Ethics and by the IMA's Leah Wapner. Leah highlighted the importance of making policy that is simple and clear. Leah also highlighted the need to define in the text what it means to refer a patient. There are different ways that this can be done and it is important to ensure what information is passed on and how this is conducted.

Sessions were also held on: In defence of permitting physicians with a moral objection to a practice not to refer patients; Ethical limits to a physician's right to conscientious objection; and a balanced approach to physician conscientious objection.

The participants were also treated to a wonderful sightseeing tour and dinner provided by the Indonesian Medical Association. This allowed them to see the beautiful city of Jakarta and enjoy some traditional Indonesian cuisine.

11th International Medical Congress of SEEMF (Southeast European Medical Forum).



11th International Medical Congress of SEEMF, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

SEEMF (Southeast European Medical Forum), held its 11th International Medical Congress on 7-12th September 2022, in Plovdiv and Pamporovo in Bulgaria. A delegation from the Israeli Medical Association, comprised of Dr. Moshe Kostiner, Vice President of the Israeli Medical Association and Chairman of the Physicians Organization of Clalit Health Services, Prof. Shlomo Birkenfeld, former Chairman of the General Physician's Organization and Dr. Alexander Levin, Deputy Chairman of the Israeli Medical Association and Chairman of the Community Division of Clalit Health Services, participated in the conference.

At the conference, Dr. Levin gave a presentation on 'Violence towards doctors', in which other doctors also shared their views, including Dr. Ivan Madzharov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Medical Association, who gave a similar presentation. Other topics discussed included gynecology, endocrinology, orthopedics, trauma and more.

The Israeli delegation received a warm welcome from the organizers and participants of the conference, and Dr. Levin received a Forum Award for his contribution to international cooperation.

It was a chance for the Israeli Medical Association representatives to meet with the heads of physician organizations from countries such as Bulgaria, Serbia, North Macedonia, Slovenia, Latvia, Georgia, Kazakhstan and more. It is these meetings that will ensure the strengthening of ties between individual doctors and

organizations, allowing for the transfer of knowledge and experience of Israeli doctors to doctors in Southeastern European countries, some of whom are still in the early stages of developing health systems in their countries.



(from left to right) Dr. Moshe Kostiner, Dr. Alex Levin

Visit of Dr. Jose Baruco, Secretary General of the Panamanian Ministry of Health



(from left to right): Dr. Ester Barchilon, H.E. Adis Urieta Vega (Panamanian Ambassador to Israel), Dr. Shimshon Erdman, Dr. Jose Baruco (Secretary General of the Panamanian Ministry of Health).

In September 2022, the Israeli Medical Association welcomed Dr. Jose Baruco, Secretary General of the Panamanian Ministry of Health to Israel. In 2019, the Israeli Medical Association signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Panamanian Ministry of Health, allowing doctors from Panama to perform their residencies and fellowships in Israel as part of the Israeli Medical Association's Physicians' Exchange Program.

Accompanying Dr. Baruco on his tour was H.E. Adis Urieta Vega, Panamanian Ambassador to Israel, and members of the IMA's Physician's Exchange Program management.

On September 12th, Professor Arnon Afek, Associate Director General and Acting Director of Sheba General Hospital and Chairman of the Israeli Medical Association's World Fellowship, welcomed Dr. Baruco to Sheba to meet with the Panamanian residents on the program and their heads of departments. After meeting with the residents,

Dr. Baruco enjoyed a tour of the ARC Innovation Center and MSR (Israel Center for Medical Simulation) facilities at Sheba. Dr. Baruco was also given a personal tour of the neurosurgery department by Dr. Jose Asprilla and Dr. Diana Bolivar (Panamanian Physician's Exchange Program 2021 and 2019, respectively), where Dr. Baruco was able to witness groundbreaking techniques in the treatment of tremors.

On September 13th, Dr. Baruco visited the offices of the Israeli Medical Center in Ramat Gan where he met with key members of the Physician's Exchange Program, Dr. Shimshon Erdman, Founder & Director of the IMA's Physician's Exchange Program, and Assistant Directors Drs. Ester Barchilon and Elchanan Greenberg, among other key IMA personnel.

On September 14th, Dr. Baruco visited Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Hospital where he met with the Panamanian residents/fellows on the program and their



Residents from the Panamanian Physicians' Exchange Program 2019 & 2020.



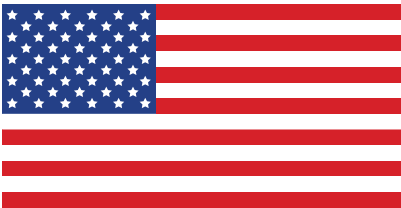
(From left to right) Dr. Ester Barchilon, Dr. Shimshon Erdman, Professor Leonid Eidelman, and Dr. Jose Baruco.

heads of departments. Dr. Baruco was also able to visit some of the departments including anesthesia, where Professor Leonid Eidelman (former President of the World Medical Association and Israeli Medical Association), gave him a personal tour.

In the evening, H.E. Adis Urieta Vega, Panamanian Ambassador to Israel invited Dr. Baruco to attend a reception at the Embassy, where residents from both the 2019 and 2021 programs were invited to attend. As a mark of his appreciation, Dr. Baruco awarded Dr. Erdman with a certificate to mark the occasion.

On September 18th, Dr. Baruco went to Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, where he met with Dr. Katherine Matos (Panamanian Physician's Exchange Program 2019), a resident in the ophthalmologic department, the deputy head of department, Prof. Jaime Levy, and other key members of staff and management at Hadassah. Prof. Levy presented a history of the department, which is in fact the first and oldest department at Hadassah, having been founded in 1918 by Mrs. Henrietta Szold from the US.

Chapter Updates



US Chapter Update

The American Israeli Medical Association (AIMA) is a networking organization based in Los Angeles. AIMA specializes in bringing together investors, venture capitalists, professional firms, executives, medical doctors, and academics to share their ideas and knowledge about the current trends in the medical industry. On September 14th, 2022, Dr. Ben Drillings, Director of AIMA, hosted an event for invited guests, in collaboration with the SCICC, on "Medical-Biotech Innovations" featuring 20 companies from Israel.



American Israeli Medical Association in collaboration with SCICC invites you to the "Medical-Biotech Innovations" presentation featuring 20 Israeli Companies

Biotech/Israeli Companies:

- 4C Biomed Services
- Connecting the Generations
- Curical Technologies Ltd.
- Domestech Medical
- EKOSOM
- Fort Bio Therapeutics
- Glytonia
- Laser Team Medical Ltd.
- Meir Medical Center (MMC)
- Neuro-Trigger Ltd.
- OCOM Healthcare
- PRIMO
- REACH (P Center-district Medical Innovation center, at Clalit Healthcare (HMO)
- SafeRx
- Schneider Children's Medical Center
- Sheba Medical Center
- SocialMind
- The Cancer Center, Sheba Medical Center
- The Israeli Society for Health Tech
- Tri.O Medical Device Ltd.

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