



Allergists for Israel

Dear AFI Members:



We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's AAAAI meeting in Miami Beach. This year we have a very special dinner symposium event that will take place on Sunday, March 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m. held at the Cuban Hebrew Synagogue. Guest speakers will include **Gary Rachelefsky** and **Steve Lazarus**. This event is being sponsored by IVAX and TEVA pharmaceutical companies. In addition, TEVA is providing AFI with a generous educational grant which will allow us to continue our outreach program to Israeli allergists and scientists. I encourage everyone to attend this event as your show of support to AFI's mission will ensure greater financial support from our corporate sponsors now and into the future.

Allergists for Israel continues to be very active in fulfilling its mission. Since our last newsletter, several notable events have taken place. During the recent Israeli Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology Annual Meeting held at the Dan Carmel hotel in Haifa, December 15-17, two Israeli researchers, **Alon Hershko** and **Mona Kidon** each were awarded \$2,500 competitive research stipends from AFI. Dr. Hershko's basic research proposal was entitled "The IL-10 gene as a model for molecular regulation of cytokines in autoimmune arthritis." The objective of his proposal was to decipher the intracellular and molecular processes leading to the IL-10 surge and the change in cytokine profile expression, following the exposure of macrophages to anti-peptide 6 antibodies. Dr. Kidon's clinical research proposal was entitled "Cellular responses to recombinant allergens from dust mites, among patients with clinical allergy, and evidence of immediate type hypersensitivity." The objective of her proposal was to assess the performance of recombinant allergens by using a new in vitro technique called a laser scanning static cytometer for the evaluation of dust mite sensitivity, among patients with dust mite allergy. Congratulations to Drs. Hershko and Kidon on their hard work. AFI looks forward to the future presentations of their findings and is gratified to be able to support their research endeavors. We intend to continue these research awards on an annual basis.

We are continuing to sponsor mini-fellowships for Israeli fellows to come to research institutions in the United States and Canada for one month. We are hopeful that several Israeli allergists will be applying for this mini-fellowship/sabbatical in the upcoming year. **Dr. Zev Sthoeger** is being sponsored by AFI to spend a month in the laboratory of **Dr. Westley Reeves** at the University of Florida. Dr. Sthoeger hopes to establish a long-term research collaboration with Dr. Reeves to investigate the pathogenesis of autoimmune disorders.

AFI sponsored a small Kiddush after services at the ACAAI meeting in Anaheim, CA. There was plenty of wine and challah to go around for everyone. Those who attended commented on how nice it was to meet and chat with fellow AFI members. We plan on having a similar Kiddush after services on Friday evening in Miami (see service times in left margin). Please try to stop by to kibitz at the Kiddush before going on to any of your planned evening events.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the AAAAI meeting this year and our AFI scheduled events. The AFI board members are very thankful for your continued support of our mission which is to foster a strong relationship with our Israeli counterparts through education and research.

Shalom,
Jonathan A. Bernstein, M.D., AFI Chairman

AAAAI 2006 meeting Miami Beach

Sunday, March 5, 2006

Cuban Hebrew Synagogue
1700 Michigan Avenue
(less than two blocks from
the Convention Center)

7:30 p.m. Cocktails

8:00 p.m. Welcome

Jonathan Bernstein, M.D.,
AFI Chairman

8:00 p.m. Dinner

8:15-8:45 p.m.

*The Small Airway In Asthma;
Considerations in Treatment*

Gary Rachelefsky, M.D.

8:45-9:15 p.m.

*Contemporary Perspectives
on Long Acting Beta Agonists*

Steve Lazarus, M.D.

9:15-9:30 p.m. Q&A

9:30-9:35 p.m.

Closing Remarks

**Sponsored by IVAX and
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Shabbat Services

AAAAI

Miami Beach

Friday, March 3, 2006

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Kiddush 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Cowrie 2, Third Level

Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Saturday, March 4, 2006

7:00-10:30 a.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Cowrie 1, Third Level

Loews Miami Beach Hotel

Mission/Vision of Allergists for Israel

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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.

In the News

Professor Jacob Klein, the uncle of **Michal and Miguel Stein**, was recently elected to the Israel academy of sciences and humanities and was recently awarded the “Saul Tshernichowski Price for Artistic Translations.” Miguel Stein is currently in the midst of a three-year research fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Marc Rothenberg at Cincinnati Children’s hospital. Congratulations on your uncle’s prestigious awards Michal and Micky!

Dr. Steven Kagen will briefly address AFI attendees at the Sunday night dinner

symposium regarding his political run for the Wisconsin 8th Congressional District seat on the platform “No Patient Left Behind.” His five essential elements of this health plan guarantee access to affordable care for everyone anywhere in the U.S.A. Steve says confidently, “I am going to win the 8th Congressional District seat in November—with the assistance of my colleagues, friends, and folks across the nation.” For more information regarding his bid for congress, you can visit his website at: <http://www.kagen4congress.com>

Highlights from the Israel Allergy Meeting



◀ Lyndon Mansfield and Shlomo Bar-Sela, President of Israel Allergy Society present the award to Mona Kidon.



▶ Lyndon Mansfield and Alon Hershko

Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel



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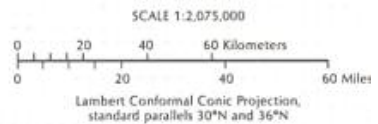
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Spouse/Partner's Name _____

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

2006-2007 annual dues are \$118. Please include a check payable to ALLERGISTS FOR ISRAEL with your completed form or provide your credit card information below.

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