

Bio-Tech Israel 2005 –
The Israel Biomedical Technologies Conference and Exhibition,
May 24-26, 2005, Tel Aviv, Israel.

On March 8th, 2005, was held in Tel Aviv, a meeting to present the objectives of the Bio-Tech 2005.

After the greetings of Mr. Yair Ofek (Deputy Director General, High-tech Department, Israel Export Institute) focusing on the success of the Israeli High-Tech, and a presentation made by Oded Distal, (Director International Investment, Ministry of Industry), on the Investment Promotion Center, the speakers explained the goals of the conference.

The main expose was made by Dr. Raphael Hofstein, CEO and President, Hadasit Ltd. Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). (*see Annex 1*), and one of the founders of ISLI, (*see Annex 2*).

Israel-Biotech 2005 will be held under the auspices of the newly formed ILSI - Israel Life Science Industry and INNI - Israel National Nanotechnology Initiative.

Israel Bio-Tech, 2005 is expanding its scope to include the well-established medical device segment and emerging technologies such as Nano-Bio and Cell Therapy in addition to the traditional biotech industry.

The Organizing Committee has decided to create a new format for Israel Bio-Tech 2005. The objective, as providers of health-care solutions, is to address unmet needs in a more comprehensive manner by merging different approaches and technologies to improve the Human condition. The conference will focus on four disease areas: cancer, respiratory disorders, CNS and metabolic disorders.

To ensure that participants receive a comprehensive update on state of the art industry and visions in such disease areas, leading researchers from academia and industry, from Israel and abroad, will present their understanding and forecast of future developments from the perspective of basic science, pharmacological interventions, device and device-drug interventions.

Each day will begin with a plenary presentation by a world-renowned scientist. Finally, Israeli start-ups active in these areas will present their achievements.

Special attention will be given to the financial and economic environment of the Israeli Life Science Industry through the participation of leading Government Representatives and members of the V.C. community in Israel and abroad.

A special session will be devoted to the issue of "Convergence ". This is a multidimensional phenomenon spreading over financials, corporate, technology and culture. Two workshops will discuss convergences of technologies and convergence of culture. These issues are of prime interest and importance to the evolving Israeli biomedical industry

Israel Bio-Tech 2005 will be a conference especially suited to the large Israeli Life Science and Technology community. It will be an opportunity to present our achievements to the many visitors from abroad, and to create and strengthen contacts. sincerely urge you to participate in this exciting event.