

Allergists for Israe

Dear AFI members and friends,



Greetings! I am pleased to say that the 2008 AAAAI AFI events were a huge success and very well attended. For those of you who did not attend, the event was held at Temple Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia and was hosted by **Drs. John Cohn, Jonathan Spergel, Ed Shulman** and **Burton Zweiman.** Our guest speaker was **Dr. Brian Lipworth,** head of the Asthma and Allergy Research Group, Professor of Allergy and Pulmonology at Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, University of Dundee, and Honorary Professor

of Medical Sciences, University of St Andrews, Scotland who gave a very entertaining talk entitled, "Airway Inflammation: What do we really know?" We were also honored to have **Jonathan Tobin**, a senior columnist for the *Jewish Exponent* and the *Jerusalem Post* who spoke on the politics of Israel. This talk created quite a bit of discussion with opposing viewpoints, which is I believe a strength of AFI as an organization. We have attached a plethora of pictures from the Sunday night dinner.

We are excited about the upcoming ACAAI meeting in Seattle, WA. We will have a Friday night Kiddush, the details of which are listed in the margin of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone there and to catch up on what has been going on since we last met.

As you can imagine, quite a bit of work and energy has been devoted to the historic joint ACAAI/IAACI international meeting to be held in Jerusalem December 3–6, 2008 at the Inbal hotel. We included pictures of the planning meeting that took place this past year in Philadelphia. We have been fortunate to have the ACAAI as a major sponsor providing not only funds for speakers but also CME credits. We also have received major funding from TEVA pharmaceuticals and generous grants from Merck, Meda, Dyax, CSL-Behring, Lev, Pharming, Jerini and Sepracor. The curriculum for this meeting is quite extensive covering a gamut of allergic and immunologic topics. The faculty includes renowned speakers from Israel, Canada, Europe, South America and the United States. There will also be plenty of social activities where attendees can intermingle with old and new friends. It is still not too late to register for the meeting. I would like to express my gratitude to our sponsors and specifically to our Israeli colleagues who have worked to make this event possible. Specifically, I would like to acknowledge **Menachem Rottem** and **Mona Kidon** who have worked tirelessly on planning the meeting events and compiling the academic curriculum. I am pleased to say that AFI is again sponsoring two grants (\$2,500/award) for the best clinical/translational and basic research proposal. I encourage all of our Israeli colleagues to apply on-line. For more information you can contact Beth Goldfarb, the AFI administrative assistant who can answer all of your questions. Her email is afiadm@gmail.com. The registration site which includes the curriculum, venue, grant applications, tour information and so forth is www.reg.co.il/allergy08.

In line with our continuing support of education and research initiatives in Israel, AFI will continue to award mini-fellowships this year. **Dr. David Nusem** is scheduled to participate in a mini-fellowship in March, 2009.

Please visit the AFI web site at <u>www.allergists4israel.org</u> for information about the Israel meeting and for any AFI updates regarding upcoming events at the ACAAI or AAAAI. **David Rosenthal**, our webmaster, keeps the website up to date with very useful information. For our members who keep kosher, AFI will continue to provide an on-line ordering service for kosher meals at the meetings.

AFI is continuing to fulfill its mission centered on promoting scholarly activities in conjunction with our Israeli colleagues. Remember that by joining AFI, your contribution will be used to provide research grant support, mini-fellowships for Israeli allergy fellows in the United States and Canada, and speaker support for CME programs in Israel among other scholarly activities. We are always receptive to entertaining new ideas for AFI programs from our members.

It is very easy and convenient to join AFI. We have an on line electronic membership application and a secure PayPal AFI account. Membership dues are \$118 per year however, we are willing to accept larger contributions. AFI is a not for profit 501-c-3 organization so all donations are tax deductible. We have continued to see a significant number of our members make their contribution to AFI on line this past year. To all of our members, thank-you for your current and continued support. If you aren't a member, please join AFI today by completing the online membership application and the dues payment form today! I look forward to seeing everyone in Seattle and this year in Jerusalem!

Shana Tova and Shalom, Jonathan A. Bernstein, M.D. Chairman, Allergists for Israel

ACAAI 2008 Meeting Seattle, WA November 6-11, 2008



Shabbat Services ACAAI Seattle Friday, November 7 4:00 - 6:00 pm Greenwood (3rd Level) Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Kiddush after Services 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Greenwood (3rd Level) Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Saturday, November 8

7:00 – 10:00 a.m. 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wallingford (3rd Level) Sheraton Seattle Hotel

Sunday, November 9

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. Wallingford (3rd Level) Sheraton Seattle Hotel



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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.

Tidbits from Beth

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. This is found in Ecclesiastes and it is interesting that at any given moment the message is relevant and apropos to our individual lives as well as our identity as a group. Autumn has brought the conclusion of a very spiritual time for Jews. The High Holy days have given us a chance to pause and reflect on the past year and create a vision for the future. Sukkot is the festival symbolized by a Sukkah, a tenuous structure surrounded by whatever environmental elements may be found in any given region.

Days before the election of a new President for the United States, we find ourselves with a vision and hope for the future encircled by tenuous economic times affecting the entire world. And yet one thing seems to stand strong amongst us, regardless of our nationality, our political alliances, our religious affiliation or our level of observance. Our commitment to the State of Israel is unwavering.

Allergists for Israel is proud to be the liaison for the upcoming ACAAI-IAACI International Conference to be held in Jerusalem, December 3–6, 2008. The impressive program and the vast caliber of speakers is a testament to the commitment we, as individuals make to strengthen and enhance the professionalism of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology in Israel.

Each and every one of us is truly part of the link, the motto created for AFI. As a group we can weather the storms of the seasons and celebrate together the vision of the future.

Message from Menachem Rottem: President of the IAACI

It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2008 Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (IAACI) scientific meeting held in collaboration with the American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology.

This year's meeting is very special, because it is being held in the most amazing city in the world, Jerusalem, the spiritual cradle of the three monotheistic religions and because of the strong and diverse scientific program comprised of experts from around the world.

Speakers from Israel, Europe, Canada, South America, Singapore and the United States will cover topics ranging from basic immunology to translational hot topics in clinical allergy. We have attempted to offer a relevant, stimulating, state of the art program, guaranteed to educate, intrigue and satisfy all physicians with an abiding interest in the field of asthma, allergy and immunology.

Starting on Wednesday the 3rd of December and continuing through Saturday the 6th 2008, our feature full program will include breakfast seminars on diverse topics, where participants will have the opportunity to interact with leading experts in the field and plenary sessions that cover the gamut including pediatric allergy, asthma, rhinitis, urticaria/angioedema and autoimmunity, drug and food hypersensitivity and environmental allergy. Thematic oral abstract sessions will also be held where participants can present original data and discuss their findings and future research with a panel of experts. There will also be extensive social evening programs along with tours designed to give you a new perspective on the history, religion and human diversity of Israel.

We are confident that this year's meeting will be a perfect combination of a rigorous scientific program intermixed with a wonderful social event.

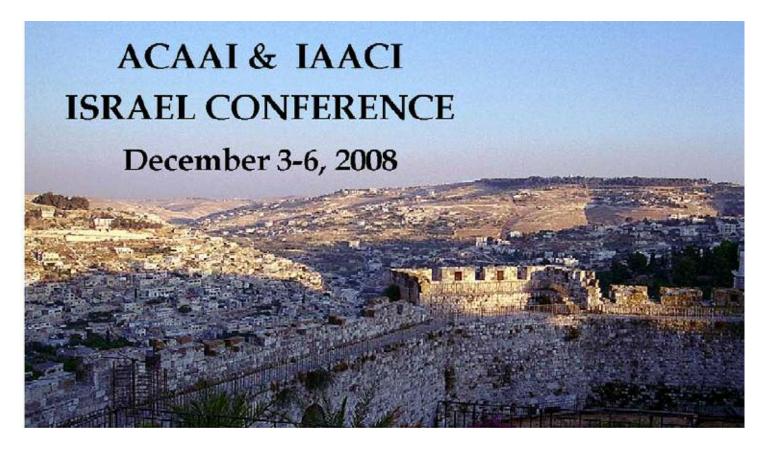
I personally look forward to meeting everyone in Jerusalem.

Menachem Rottem, M.D. IAACI President

Further Remarks by Menachem, President of IAACI:

The IAACI greatly acknowledges and appreciates the commitment of AFI and its leadership in support of allergy in Israel. The formation of an Academic Committee by leading academicians of the ACAAI, AFI and IAACI has enabled us to develop a wonderful program for this year's IAACI meeting which is the first international meeting sponsored by the ACAAI in Israel. This meeting would not have been possible without the support of AFI. AFI initiated contact with ACAAI, contributed financial support and has had on-going true collaboration with the IAACI Executive Committee in the development of the academic program and organization of the overall meeting. We are honored to have friends who share our enthusiasm about our specialty and love for the State of Israel.

 Welcome to the
2008 Israel
Association of Allergy
and Clinical
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scientific
meeting...
being held
in the most
amazing city
in the world,
Jerusalem.



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Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem



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The Israel Association of Allergy and Clinical Immunology combined with the American College of Allergy Asthma and Clinical Immunology December 3-6, 2008 Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem Israel

Register at

www.reg.co.il/allergy08

For assistance please contact Beth Goldfarb (AFI) <u>afiadm@gmail.com</u> Mona Kidon (IAACI) <u>drkidon@bezeqint.net</u>



Planning committee for the IAACI/ACAAI 2008 meeting



2008 AAAAI Annual AFI Dinner









2008 AAAAI Annual AFI Dinner (continued)



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Locations of Allergy Training Programs in Israel



Academic Training Centers

Haifa:

"Rambam" Medical Center Prof. Shimon Pollack pollack@rambam.health.gov.il

Kfar Saba: "Meir" Medical Center Dr Arnon Goldberg arnong@clalit.org.il

Petach Tikva:

"Schneider" Medical Center Prof. Yehuda Danon ydanon@clalit.org.il

Tel Aviv: "Sourasky" Medical Center Prof. Shmuel Kivity allergy@tasmc.health.gov.il

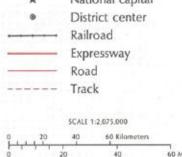
Holon "Wolfson" Medical Center Dr Amir Tanai tanai@post.tau.ac.il

Ramat Gan: "Sheba" Medical Center Dr Avner Reshef aresh@netvision.net.il

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> Rishon LeZion Asaf Harofeh Medical Cntr. Prof. Ytzhak Katz ykatz@post.tau.ac.il

Jerusalem: "Hadassah" Medical Center Prof. Meir Shalit shalit@hadassah.org.il International boundary * National capital



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Allergists for Israel 2009 Membership Application Form

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