



18TH ISRAELI MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WORLD FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Advanced Technologies in Medicine

Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel, April 11-15, 2007

First Announcement and Call For Papers

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.

We are determined 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. We perceive our conference as the highlight of WF activities, 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.

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

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Members of the International Advisory Board to be announced.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- ✓ Virtual Reality in: rehabilitation, surgery, pain management and others
- ✓ Robotics in: surgery, rehabilitation
- ✓ Genetics and genetic engineering
- ✓ Stem Cells
- ✓ Tissue Engineering
- ✓ Computers in medicine
- ✓ Bioinformatics
- ✓ Telemedicine
- ✓ Imaging – MRT, PET
- ✓ Stents (in Vascular surgery, Cardiology, Urology etc.)
- ✓ Prosthetics
- ✓ Orthotics
- ✓ Laser treatments (surgery, physiotherapy, aesthetic medicine)
- ✓ Insulin pumps for diabetes
- ✓ Chronic mechanical ventilation
- ✓ Technological advances & Halachic dilemmas
- ✓ Implants for sensory impairments (Cochlear implants, vision)

THE ABOVE ARE EXAMPLES OF SUGGESTED TOPICS.
ABSTRACTS ON OTHER RELEVANT TOPICS ARE WELCOMED!

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT



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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Authors wishing to present a paper or poster at the Conference are invited to submit an abstract electronically to the Conference Secretariat, Ortra Ltd., via the conference website www.ortra.com/imawf by September 15, 2006.

Please note that an online submission is required for submissions to be considered.
Sorry, POSTAL or FAX submissions will not be accepted!

ABSTRACT FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

1. File format should be either Microsoft Word (*.DOC) or Rich Text Format (*.RTF) only.
2. Abstracts should be written in English to a maximum length of a one A4 page.
3. Page Margins are 2.5 cm (1 inch) from each side.
4. Abstract's title should be centered, typed in CAPITAL LETTERS in 14 point in BOLD.
5. Leave one line space and then list authors' full names. Underline the name of the presenting author. In the next line you should list full affiliations of all authors.
6. Leave two lines space and then begin the text, size 12, Times New Roman, single-spaced.

See example on the Conference website www.ortra.com/imawf

Additional Information For Proposal Submission:

- ➔ At least one presenter from each accepted contribution should register to the Conference in order to be included in the final program.
- ➔ Expenses for travel and attendance including registration fee, are the responsibility of each presenter.

DEADLINES

September 15, 2006 –	Abstract Submission
October 2006 –	Notifications on Acceptance
November 2006 –	Second Announcement

GENERAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The Inbal Jerusalem hotel is a modern, elegantly styled, Five Star Deluxe hotel, reflecting the Jerusalem experience through its interior décor and its warm and welcoming atmosphere. The hotel is located in the center of Jerusalem, within short walking distance from Jerusalem's commercial center as well as the Old City's religious and archeological sites. Its rooms are equipped with every modern convenience, such as hi-speed, wireless Internet connections. Inbal's new business center also boasts the most advanced technologies. To complete the experience, the Inbal spa features excellent work out equipment and relaxation facilities such as a variety of massages, a chlorine free pool, saunas and Jacuzzi, while the hotel's restaurant offers a wide variety of delicacies.

Hotels of varying grades, all within close proximity to the conference venue, will be offered to the Conference participants. All hotels offer kosher food.

IMA MEMBERSHIP

There are no fees involved in becoming an international member of the IMA, it is however a way to keep you up to date with major events, send you IMA newsletter (3 times a year) and offer you discounts to IMA conferences. If you wish to know more about us please look into our website - www.ima.org.il/en. Enclosed is IMA Membership Form.

EXHIBITION

A relevant, professional exhibition will accompany the Conference. Companies, manufacturers and publishers who are interested are invited to contact the Conference Secretariat for further information.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

Simultaneous translation may be provided based on a minimum participation from a certain country.

TRAVEL

Ben Gurion International Airport (BGIA), located just off the road linking Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, is one of the busiest airports in the Middle East. Many major international airlines arrive at and depart from BGIA with increasing frequency.

CLIMATE AND CLOTHING

April is springtime in Israel. Temperatures in Jerusalem range between 12 - 21°C/54 - 70°F. Light rain is possible. Dress will be informal throughout the Conference. In addition, modest dress appropriate for visits to religious sites is recommended.

PRE AND POST - CONFERENCE TOURS

Pre and Post-Conference tours in Israel will be arranged for interested participants. Further details will be published in the Second Announcement.

VISA

All international Conference participants are eligible to enter Israel. Citizens of North American, Western European and many Asian and South American countries need only a valid passport in order to be admitted entry to Israel. It is recommended to verify visa requirements with the Israeli Embassy in your country.

Individuals residing in countries without diplomatic relations with Israel should write to the Secretariat, not later than three months prior to the Conference, giving their full name, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number, dates of issue and expiry, place of issue, flight number, point of departure and arrival date and time.

CURRENCY

The unit of currency in Israel is the New Israeli Shekel (NIS) commonly known as the Shekel. Approximate currency rates as of May 2006 are as follows:

US \$1 = NIS 4.51 Euro €1 = NIS 5.80

There are no restrictions on transfer and use of foreign currencies in Israel. Most international credit cards are accepted.

ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Israel is supplied at 220V, 50Hz and has a three-pin connecting plug.

VALUE ADDED TAX REIMBURSEMENT

According to the Value Added Tax (VAT) Law, a foreign tourist is able to benefit from a zero rate of VAT on a vast array of services obtained during a stay in Israel. In addition, a special arrangement exists whereby a tourist may also request a VAT refund on purchases made during a stay.

For more details please visit the official website of the [Ministry of Finance, Israeli Department of Customs and VAT](#)

More Information about Israel on the Internet, see the following websites:

Jerusalem's Official Site: <http://www.jerusalem.muni.il>

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.mfa.gov.il>

*Details are subject to change.



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INTENTION FORM

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Affiliation _____ Position _____

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State _____ Country _____ Zip/Code _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____ Fax _____

E-Mail _____

Field of Medicine _____

Please send me further information on the Conference.

I intend to attend the Conference.

I intend to submit an abstract to be considered for the program.

Oral Poster

Topic/s: _____

**In order to make your submission please visit the conference website www.ortra.com/imawf
Online submission is required!**

Please send me further information on the exhibition/sponsorship options of the Conference

PLEASE ALSO SEND INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONFERENCE TO MY COLLEAGUE:

Family Name _____ First Name _____

E-Mail _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



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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