

IMA Grant Ceremony



There was not a dry eye in the auditorium at the IMA grant ceremony on June 13, when Dr. Shlomo Birkenfeld, Vice President of the IMA, recounted his memories of Dr. Marcel Shifter. He lovingly told the 80 participants of the pact he made with Dr. Shifter, who would issue him with “sick leave” notes from school as long as he retained high grades, and who later became his mentor. Prof. Shaul Shasha, CEO of Nahariya Hospital, recalled what he had learned from Dr. Gidon Menalis, to never trust your initial judgment, and always double and triple check the diagnosis of a patient, while Prof. Bernard Vidne, from the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Rabin Medical Center, spoke of Prof. Maurice Levy as the pioneer of heart transplants, putting Israel on the map as a leader in transplants already in 1968. These were only a small portion of the wonderful anecdotes relayed about the men and women, no longer among us, who molded the future of medicine in Israel.

The unique and intimate event, hosted by Dr. Tzaki Siev-Ner, Chairman of the IMA World Fellowship, was dedicated, as in the previous nine years, to revered physicians who passed away. The event was attended by the family and friends of the deceased, together with the grant



Dr. Simona Grozinsky Glasberg



Dr. Sharon Merims



Dr. Adi Klein Kremer

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winners, speakers who delivered eulogies, IMA Board members and the leadership of the WF. In addition, Prof. Lesley Schrieber, from Australia, attended the ceremony on behalf of the Australian Jewish Medical Federation.

During the ceremony, 14 young physicians received grants of \$4,000 each to study abroad at medical institutions for a period of a year and above. Four grants were donated by the IMA, three by the Organization of State Employed Physicians (Aram), four by the Organization of Clalit Health Services Physicians (Arkah), one from the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, one from the Australian Chapter of the IMA WF (the AJMF) and one from the Canadian Chapter of the IMA WF. The recipients were overwhelmed by the touching ceremony. "I think the ceremony honored both the living and the dead in a very respectful manner. It was way beyond my expectations. Well done!" wrote Dr. Eran Bar Meir, one of the grant winners, after the event.

Congratulations to the following physicians who were allocated grants – Dr. Gideon Bahar, who went to study at the Oncology Department at Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Canada. A tribute to Prof. Rina Zaitzov was given by Dr. Itschak Yaniv.



Dr. Yona Koshiashvili



Dr. Yoav Yinon



Dr. Eran Bar Meir

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Dr. Eran Bar-Meir who will be studying hand microsurgery at the Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, USA. The grant in honor of Dr. Ami Tsvaig was given by his friend and former student, Prof. Zeev Rotstein.

Dr. Simona Grozinsky Glasberg who will be going to the Neuroendocrine Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, UK. The grant was given in honor of Dr. Arthur Furst and his friend and

colleague, Dr. Esther Bar Shilon, delivered the eulogy.

Dr. Yair Herishanu will be leaving for the Hematology Branch, National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, NHI, Bethesda, Maryland, USA. The grant was given in honor of Prof. Baruch Gali and a tribute was delivered by Prof. Vicky Krener.

Dr. Adi Klein-Kremer will depart for the Pediatric Emergency Department, Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, Canada. Dr.

Oscar Sadan spoke from his heart of his dear friend and colleague, Dr. Benny Koeffler.

Dr. Yona Kosashvili is leaving for the Division of Orthopedic Surgery, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Canada. Prof. Shlomo Porat delivered a speech to commemorate Prof. Meir Maikin.

Dr. Benny Meilik is studying pediatric plastic surgery & pediatric craniofacial surgery at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, Canada. A tribute to Dr. Aaron Hazam was given by his peer, Prof. Yehuda Skornik.

Dr. Sharon Merims, who will attend the Department of Immunology, Toronto General Hospital, Toronto, Canada, was bestowed a grant by The Canadian Chapter of the IMA World Fellowship in honor of Drs. Walfish and Grubin. They were honored by Dr. Tzaki Siev-Ner.

Dr. Alon Peretz is studying at the Department of Environmental & Occupational Health, Uni. Of Washington, School of Public Health, Washington, USA. The scholarship was presented in honor of Prof. Yitschak Helbrecht and a speech to commemorate his name was delivered by Dr. Yossi Mankes.

Dr. Addie Ron will be going to the Geriatric Section, Boston Medical Center, Boston, USA. The touching words in memory of Dr. Marcel Shifter were delivered by his personal friend, Dr. Shlomo Birkenfeld.

Dr. Dan Slodownik will be studying Occupational Dermatology at the Research & Educational Center, Melbourne, Australia. Prof. Lesley Schrieber, of the



Dr. Eitan Yussim



Dr. Gideon Bahar



Dr. Talya Wolak

Australian Jewish Medical Federation, represented the organization and spoke of the importance of the World Fellowship.

Dr. Talya Wolak will leave for the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Hypertension, David Geffen School of Med. at UCLA, LA, USA. Prof. Pinchas Livne delivered the speech in honor of Prof. Chiro Servadio.

Dr. Yoav Yinon is going to the Maternal-Fetal Medical Division, Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, Canada. Prof. Shaul Shasha addressed the audience, honoring the memory of his friend, Dr. Gidon Menalis.

Dr. Ethan Yussim will study at the Vascular/Interventional Radiology Section, Uni. Of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center, Miami, Florida, USA. Prof. Bernard Vidne honored the memory of Prof. Maurice Levy in his eulogy. ■



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