

Chapter Tidbits

Switzerland

» The chapter in Zurich/Switzerland had in 2009 several activities including courses in ACLS and PALS training for the members and a state of the art teaching on modern therapy in Rheumatology in June. More than 30 members joined our yearly assembly in July 2009 and we are very happy that Dr. Krauthammer continues as president of our association for his 7th period also in 2009/10. Thanks to the continuing efforts of Prof. J. Kohn, we were able to open a new chapter in Basel, where there are more than 30 Jewish medical professionals and will hopefully have national and international activities there in the near future. This includes the bi-annual international conference on Jewish Medical Ethics, which will be held from May 13-17, 2010 in Basel. More information will be available on www.jmec.ch. We also were able to tighten contacts to the European chapters of Germany, Italy and France and are planning to have more European conferences in the near future, when strengthening our European network.

› **Refoel Guggenheim**

Belgium

» We had a wonderful meeting on 13 September in the presence of Israeli ambassador in Belgium, Tamar Samash and the president of the Association des Médecins Israélites de France, Prof. Robert Haïat.

Prof. Harry Bleiberg, although recovering from surgery, made a very interesting lecture about “who is in control of the ill” by using the modern technology



■ Israeli ambassador Tamar Samash addressing Belgian Jewish doctors



■ Sculpture Garden by Helene Jacobowitz



■ from left to right: Prof. Robert Haiat (president AMIF), H el ene Jacobowitz (sculptor), Dr. Willy Lipschutz

of teleconference and the meeting was closed with a sculpture show by Helene Jacobowitz with great success.

› **Dr. Willy Lipschutz**

United States

›› The US Chapter will be holding an educational program and gala dinner on December 3, 2009 in Los Angeles.

Additionally we are developing a pilot program with specific hospitals in Israel. This program will entail a cadre of physicians who will be paired with the individual hospital. They would spend specific periods of time at the designated hospital working, and in exchange the hospital will provide room

and board and a small stipend which could be as simple as airfare, if they agree to some for a specific time. We anticipate that this pilot program will start in mid 2010.

Finally, the IMA USA and IMA Canada are in preliminary discussions on holding joint events and collaborating on joint activities.

Save the Date

›› **The American Israeli Medical Association** in cooperation with **the Israel Medical Association- World Fellowship** and **Israel Bonds** invites you to join us for Gala event which will take place in a private residence in **Bev-**

erly Hills - Thursday December 3, 2009, 6:30pm - 10:00pm.

Program Begins at 7:30 p.m. sharp:

› **Mr. Jacob Dayan** - Israeli Consul

› **Dr. Jacob Offenberger, M.D**, President, AIMA

› **Dr. Michael Lewis, M.D**, President, IMA -USA Chapter

› **Dr. Tzaki Siev-Ner, MD**, Chairman "Organization of State Employed Physicians" (Irgun Rofei Hamedina)

Distinguished Guest Speaker

› **Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, M.D**

Author, "A German Life: Against All Odds Change is Possible." Keynote Speaker
RSVP to IMA-USA Chapter no later than November 13, 2009!

Accommodations: To make a reservation at the Beverly Hilton hotel contact Ashleigh Halmer for special rate of \$189 a night. Direct Phone: 310-285-1360, Main Phone: 310-274-7777.

› **Susan Cabrera**

Italy

›› Bikur holim is now a reality in Milan and the surrounding area and an agreement was signed between Jewish and non Jewish institutions in order to provide Jewish in-patients with the religious assistance needed, kosher food, etc, in hospitals and other institutions.

Cooperation between a structure involved in rehabilitation and children psychiatry in Lombardia and Tzad Kadima.

Adding to the indications given by the Region, physicians of AME gave directions about the H1N1 influenza to the Jewish school in Milano.

Other physicians of AME participated to the public debate concerning genital mutilation.

Ferrara, 15 November 2009, study day: INFORMAZIONE SANITARIA NELLA TRADIZIONE RELIGIOSA, NELLA SOCIET  CONTEMPORANEA E NELLA LEGISLAZIONE.

› **Maria Silvera, AME Italia**