The Israeli Society for Infectious Diseases

Goals

- Advance the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of Infectious Diseases in Israel.
- Serve as a framework for physicians regularly engaged in treating patients with infectious Diseases, outline the framework and content expertise in infectious Diseases and ensure recognition of professional doctors in the field through the Israel Medical Association.
- Serve as an advisory body to the Ministry of Health and other state bodies in the field of Infectious Diseases.
- Be partners in policy making of the national immunization program and development of national preparedness plans for epidemics and emerging infectious threats in coordination with the Israeli Ministry of Health.
- Publish position papers and clinical guidelines in the field of diagnosis, prevention and treatment of infections.
- Act to create links with professional and scientific bodies related to infectious Diseases in the country and abroad.
- Promote any other lawful purpose in the field of infectious diseases.

Executive Committee

- Chair – Prof. Miriam Weinerberger – Assaf Harofeh Medical Center & Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University
- Secretary – Dr. Michal Stein – Hillul Yafeh Medical Center & Sackler School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University
- Treasurer - Prof. Jacob Moran-Glad- Public Health Services, Israeli Ministry of Health & Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Elected: every 2 years

Members

All Infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Board certified specialists in Israel can be members.
Residents, fellows and other professionals or non-Israeli specialists can join as non-voting members
Currently ~ 250 members.

Annual Activity

Long standing annual activity:
- Four half day meetings during the academic year (from October to April)
- Annual meeting held in May or June

Trainee education and board certification
- Organizing the board certification via the Israeli Medical Association – Annual two-step exam.
- Annual workshop for fellows on advances in infections diseases

Subject specific activity:
- Two half day pediatric ID conferences
- Annual meeting on pediatric infectious diseases
- Joint meeting with other societies (e.g. Family Physicians, Microbiologists, etc.)
- Workshops on frontline topics in Infectious diseases
- Allocation of travel grants for major infectious Diseases and Clinical Microbiology Conferences (ECCMID, ESPID, IDSA, ICAAC/Microbe).
- Participation in international organizations (ECCMID, ICC, etc.)
- Distribution of educational material for active members

Special Annual Activity

- Endorsement and support of conferences related to Infectious Diseases organized by other Israeli bodies and the Israeli Ministry of Health
- Participation in the Knesset (Israeli parliament) committees in subjects related to Infectious Diseases, Infection Control, Public Health and Microbiology.
- Participation in other Israeli medical societies activities related to Infectious Diseases.
- Organizing Joint meeting on specific topics in Israel (such as : HIV and HCV), and bi-national (such as Joint conferences on specific, Endocarditis with the Israeli Heart society and the Cyprus Cardiac Society).
- Support of public health education through production of public accessible media (clips, TV and radio interviews etc.)
- Support and participate in the Ministry of Health committees related to Infectious Diseases, Infection Control & Prevention, national vaccination programs, and Clinical Microbiology
- Promote national guidelines in topics related to Infectious Diseases and Infection Control & Prevention.
- Support national trials in the field of Infectious Diseases

Additional affiliated bodies in which members have active role

- Israeli Pediatric ID society
- Infection Control forum
- The Israeli HIV society
- ESCCMID
- ESPID
- IDSA
- ASM

Defining the syllabus for Infectious Diseases fellowship in Israel
Defining the Syllabus for Clinical Microbiology residency in Israel

Additional planned future activity
Allocating funds for society research grants

Other Roles

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