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## General

The Israel National Commission for UNESCO has been in operation since 1949. It was established by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Israel became a member of UNESCO on September 16, 1949.

Organizationally, the Commission is part of the Ministry of Education, but it serves both government ministries (Education; Culture, Science and Sport; Tourism; Environment; Infrastructures; Interior; Health) and public organizations (Israel Antiquities Authority, National Parks Authority, UNESCO Academic Chairs, Higher Education Council, National Academy of Sciences, research institutes, academic institutions, teacher training institutes, NGOs, associations dealing with human rights, and women's organizations) which reflect and express the needs of civil society.

In effect, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO is the agency that coordinates UNESCO's activities in Israel, and facilitates, initiates and implements UNESCO's ideas and programs to making visible in the country.

## Israel Secretariat

The Minister of Education is President of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO; the Ministry's Director-General is chairperson of the Commission. Commission members represent government ministries (Education, Culture/Science, Foreign Affairs) and statutory bodies in accordance with the UNESCO charter (Oceanography, Hydrology, Geology, Higher Education, Man and the Biosphere). Public organizations, expert in the areas of UNESCO interests, are also represented. The Commission convenes once a year to determine policy guidelines.

The Commission's Steering Committee, chaired by the Secretary-General, coordinates the Secretariat's ongoing activities. Its membership reflect the structure of the Commission. The chairpersons of five Area Committees are also *ex officio* members of the Steering Committee.

During the past two years, the positions of chairpersons for Israel Committees on Education, Science, Culture and Communication and Informatics were filled, and members were appointed to sub-committees and *ad hoc* committees. The committees meet at least once a year to formulate plans of action and define their tasks.

Procedures were defined in consultation with Israel's Foreign Ministry and Permanent Delegates to UNESCO in Paris. While all political affairs are their responsibility, all professional matters of UNESCO's program, including coordinating, briefing and updating various government ministries and other public organizations, are the responsibility of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO.

The Commission's Secretariat formulated professional and organizational procedures for:

- Israeli representation at UNESCO meetings
- sponsorship of Israeli projects
- appointment of committee members
- anniversaries
- participation in UNESCO prizes/competitions
- participation programs (PPs)
- submitting site nomination to the World Heritage Committee
- intangible cultural heritage.

### Membership dues

The Israel National Commission for UNESCO pays annual membership dues as follows:

- UNESCO (Paris)                   \$ 1,500,000
- Cultural Heritage (Paris)       \$ 15,000
- ICCROM (Rome)                   \$ 15,000
- ICOMOS (Paris)                   \$ 5,000
- IMC (Paris)                       \$ 2,500

The membership dues allow the participation of Israel experts in unesco various meetings.

### Conferences - Meetings

An annual plan was submitted and approved for Israeli representation by chairpersons in UNESCO intergovernmental committees, professional conferences, MAB, WHC, IOC and IHP (\$17,000).

Conference	Location	Date	Participant
Educating Towards Peace in Areas of Conflict	Seoul, Korea	November 2001	Dr. Sarah Ossetzky-Lazar
IBE - Education and Technology, Regional Co-operation	Malta	November 1999	Moshe Ilan
IBE - Science and Technology	Beijing, China	March 2001	Moshe Ilan
Educating Towards Peace	Norway	April 2000	Dr. Ami Volansky
Inter-Religious Dialogue	Uzbekistan	September 2000	Rabbi Yitzhak Lifshitz
	Bucharest, Romania	September 2001	Professor Aviva Doron, Dr. Alon Goshen
Protection of Cultural Heritage in Times of Armed Conflict	Switzerland	October 2000	Architect Michael Turner

Education for All — European region	Poland	February 2000	Yitzhak Shapira
Children's Rights and Ethics	Monaco	April 2000	Dr. Yosef Hatav
International Youth Camp	Germany	July-August 2000	ASPnet
Man and the Biosphere	France	November 2000	Professor Moshe Shahak Ben-Gurion Uni-versity
Man and the Biosphere	France	September 2001	Professor Tamar Dayan
World Heritage Committee	France	June 2000, June 2001	Architect Michael Turner
Higher Education	France	June 2000	Professor Nehemia Levzion
MOST Council	Holland, France	June 2000, March 2001	Professor Rami Friedman
14th European Secretary-General Conference	Canada	July 2001	Daniel Bar-Elli
Cultural Heritage for Youth (ASP)	Austria	October 2000	Dr. Yael Harel
Intercultural Dialogue	Germany	September 2000	Ronni Dayan
ICCROM — International Conservation Center	Italy	April 2000	Engineer Yaakov Shefer
Sports for Peace (ASP)	France	June 2001	Hayovel School, Herzliya
Environment (Semep)	Italy	July 2000	Gila Madouri
The 46 <sup>th</sup> ICE Conference	Switzerland	September 2001	Daniel Bar-Elli
Infoethics	France	November 2000	Professor Ze'ev Segal, Attorney Edna Harel
Teacher Training in the 21 <sup>st</sup> century	France	June 2001	Dr. Kamal Hawaled
Teaching Biodiversity	Spain	November 2001	Dr. Yael Gabrieli
Man and the Biosphere	U.S.A.	October 2000	Professor Tamar Dayan
Vernacular Architecture (ICOMOS)	Canada	November 2001	Architect David Guggenheim

### **On Going Activitis**

The Commission supports projects proposed by government bodies and NGOs by providing matching funds also for some of UNESCO's Participation Program projects. The budget is also used for the Commission publications and on going activitis (\$75,000).

## Relationship with UNESCO HQs

The relationship with UNESCO HQs is fostered through discussion of ideas and programs, and monitoring the implementation of such projects and ideas submitted to UNESCO's sectors.

Generally speaking, UNESCO activities require coordination with government bodies, NGOs and experts. During the past two years, the Commission's Secretariat has coordinated and submitted the following Israeli position papers and policy documents to UNESCO:

- Strategic plan 2002-2007 (C/4)
- World Heritage Committee (WHC) — procedures, site classifications and operational guidelines of the 1972 Convention;
- Technology Education for All — The Seoul Declaration
- Water Institute in Delft, Holland
- Institute for Statistics (UIS)
- Synchtron (SESAME)
- International Oceanic Committee (IOC) - new organizational and procedural structure
- Information for All Program (IFA) - new structure
- Germany-Israel-Palestinian Authority joint seminars evaluation report

Preparing these working documents has a cumulative effect, which, in the final analysis, will enhance the professional relationship with UNESCO HQs.

### Focal Points to UNESCO

Subject	Contact person	Responsible Institution
Higher Education	Attorney Naftali Wittman	Council for Higher Education
Development of Educational Building	Mr. Schneour Simcha	Development Administration, Ministry of Education
Early Childhood Education	Mr. Dalia Limor	Early Childhood Division, Ministry of
Science and Technology	Dr. Channa Winnick	Science and Technology Administration, Ministry of Education
Physical Education	Mr. Avraham Zuchman	Physical Education Superintendent, Ministry of Education
Competitive Sports	Dr. Yehoshua Dekel	Sport Administration, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport

Bioethics	Professor Michel Revel	Weizmann Institute of Science
Promotion of Women Technology	Professor Hagit Messer-Yaron	Chief Scientist, in Science and Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport
IBE	Daniel Bar-Elli	Secretary General, Israel National Commission
World Heritage Committee	Architect Michael Turner	Israel National Commission for UNESCO
Masada	Dr. Tsvika Tsuk	Israel National Commission for UNESCO
Acre	Mr. Dudu Harari	Acre Development Company
Education	Professor Yaakov Katz	Chairperson, Pedagogic Secretariat; Chairperson, Education Committee, Ministry of Education

Another aspect of contacts to HQ'S is the statistical reports submitted to UIS:

### Statistics/Information/Questionnaires Referred to UIS & UNESCO

	Institution responsible
Higher Education Laws	Higher Education Council
Six-Year Report on NGOs	Israel National Commission for UNESCO
Report on Voluntarism in Israel	Youth and Society Administration
Health and Nutrition	Pedagogic Secretariat, Health Division
Museums	} CBS (Central Bureau of Statistics)
Books	
Basic Research	
Radio	
Libraries	
Cinema	
Index Translatum	National Library
Intercultural and Inter-Religious Dialogue	Various Higher Education Institution
Native Languages and Languages of Communication	Israel National Commission for UNESCO

On the other hand, we were unable to present Israel's position regarding issues such as:

- A Systematic Reporting System on Education, Peace and Human Rights

- Indicators for the Economic Management of Cultural Institutions
- Hydrological Committee (IHP)-new organizational structure
- Early Childhood Program
- Cultural Diversity
- Constructive Pluralism
- European Cooperation in Science
- Geoparks
- Transition of Children from Military Life to Civilian Life.

In addition, we have not responded, monitored or proposed follow-up action plans on the basis of decisions and recommendations of World Conferences on Culture (Stockholm), Science (Budapest) and Education (Dakar).

### Visits of Israeli to UNESCO HQ

Name	Position		Topic Date
Professor Michele Abitboul	Chairperson Pedagogic Secretariat	Education	April 2000
Professor Uri Shamir	Technion, Haifa	Water	September 2001
Daniel Bar-Elli	Secretary-General	Planning Committee of 14 <sup>th</sup> European Secretary-General Conference	January 2001
Dr. Gila Felam	Phonotèque - National Library	Music	June 2000
Amos Carmeli	Director General, Perach	Mentoring Project	May 2001
Professor Charlotte Shapira	Technion, Haifa	Latin Languages	October 2000
Professor Yechiel Becker	Hebrew University	Science for Peace	July 2000
Professor Nissim Eliahu	President, Open University	Distance Learning	March 2001
Ms. Mazal Renford	Carmel Center (MASHAV)	Early Childhood/ Mediterranean Women's Network	2001/2000

With regard to Higher Education (Paris Conference, 1998), a program was proposed by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education, offering 14 post-doctoral grants in the Sciences and Engineering to candidates from developing countries. The program is in its second year.

## Programs submitted to UNESCO

- ❑ A Handshake For Peace — Conflict Resolution (Rabin Center)
- ❑ Female *Shaariya* Pleaders (Israel Women's Network)
- ❑ Perach - Tutoring Project (Council for Higher Education)
- ❑ Teaching Heritage Through Tourism (Ministry of Tourism)
- ❑ Atidim - Tomorrow Future (Ministry of Education)
- ❑ Coping with Violence (Youth Advancement - Ministry of Education)
- ❑ Tolerance — Encounters (Gesher)
- ❑ Sports and Peace in the Middle East (Sport Administration)

One of the Commission's functions is to represent Israel by experts at UNESCO meetings and conferences. The Commission operates on UNESCO's plan of meetings, intergovernmental committees, councils, bureaus and conferences.

The 31<sup>st</sup> UNESCO General Conference was held in 2001. The Commission coordinated, prepared and briefed the professional delegation that attended the conference: chairpersons of the Education and the Communication and Informatics Committees, the Secretary-General, and representatives of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Science and Culture.

This year, representatives of the Commission participated in most major UNESCO meetings. The Foreign Ministry, through its Cultural and Science Department, was very helpful in ensuring proper Israeli representation at these meetings.

### Israel Delegation to the 31<sup>st</sup> UNESCO General Conference

Name of participant	Position
Ms. Ronit Tirosh	Director-General, Ministry of Education; Chairperson, Israel National Commission for UNESCO
Mr. Aryeh Schumer	Director-General, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport
Professor Yaakov Katz	Chairperson, Pedagogic Secretariat; Chairperson, Education Committee, Ministry of Education
Professor Niv Achituv	Vice-President and Director-General, Tel Aviv University, Chairperson, Communication and Informatics Committee
Mr. Moshe Fogel	Deputy Director-General for International Relations and Publicity, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport
Dr. Hussam Massalha	Coordinator, Science Committee, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport
Ms. Dina Sorek	Director, Culture and Science Department, Foreign Ministry

Mr. David Cohen	Director, International Cooperation Department, Foreign Ministry
Ms. Edna Yaffe	Director, Shoham, The Open University
Ms. Yaffa Shoshan	Ministry of Education
Mr. Yitzhak Eldan	Israel Ambassador to UNESCO
Mr. Ro'i Amit	Israel Embassy to UNESCO, Paris
Ms. Stephanie Azoulay	Israel Embassy to UNESCO, Paris
Ms. Rika Ben-Shetreet	Israel Embassy to UNESCO, Paris
Mr. Daniel Bar-Elli	Secretary-General, National Commission for UNESCO

The Commission's Secretary-General participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> European Secretaries-General Conference. Such meetings are aimed at fostering relationships and initiating projects in conjunction with member states.

UNESCO representatives have visited Israel to familiarize themselves with projects funded by UNESCO and to present UNESCO's position at international conferences. Visits to Israel

Name of guest	Position	Date	Program/Subject
Peter Vasserly	Communications Applications	June 2000	Internet course/Ofri Center
Alain Modoux	Assistant Director-General, Communications and Informatics	February 2000	Free Press Forum Jerusalem
Dr. Graciela Samuels	Parliamentary Relations	December 2000	Jubillennium
Dr. Traugott Schöfthaler	Secretary-General, Germany	May 2000	Steering Committee on Civic Education in Democratic Societies
Khawla Shahee	Education sector — Arab region		
Alexander Sannikov	Education sector — Europe region		
Jihad K. Qarashuolli	Secretary-General - Palestinian Authority		
Vladimir Volodin	Human Rights	January 2000	Children's Rights Conference Nazareth
Doudou Diene	Intercultural Dialogue and Pluralism for a Culture of Peace	February 2000	Multi-Culturalism Conference, Haifa
Jean Luc Pouthier	Editor, International Bible Journal	July 2000	Historic Routes Committee, Jerusalem
Dr. Henry Cleere	ICOMOS International Coordinator	March 2001	Masada, Acre-WHC

Dr. Paul Dingwell	IUCN International consultant	March 2001	Mackteshim Country
Professor Rosalie Fishman	Peace Education Prize	September 2000	Children of the Middle East Association
Jean Louis Luksan	Secretary-General, ICOMOS International	March 2000	Historic Cities Conference, Nazareth
Dr. Mazlando Kibongai	Secretary-General, ICOMOS Kenya	July 2001	Antiquity Authority, Jerusalem
Ms. Elizabeth Khawajkie	International Coordinator of ASP(net)	February 2001	Beit Berl, Kefar-Saba

# Activities of Israel Committees for UNESCO

## Education Committee

### **Chairperson, Professor Yaakov Katz, Chairperson, Pedagogic Secretariat, Ministry of Education**

- A new committee chairperson was appointed during the last two years: Professor Michelle Abitboul of The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, was replaced by Professor Yaakov Katz of Bar-Ilan University. The committee is composed of professionals and experts.
- On the agenda: implementation of the Dakar Declaration, the Israeli educational experience, and establishing a reporting system on implementation of human rights and tolerance in the school system.

## Higher Education

### **Chairperson, Professor Nechemia Levzion, Chairperson, Planning and Budgeting Committee, Council of Higher Education**

During the Conference on Higher Education held in Paris in 1998, the Chairperson of the Planning and Budgeting Committee announced the allocation of post-doctoral grants for developing countries. This initiative was coordinated with the UNESCO Fellowship Unit. Fourteen Post-Doctoral students were accepted by Israeli universities in the fields of science and engineering. The program will continue in 2002.

## UNESCO Associated Schools Network (ASPnet)

### **National Coordinator, Dr. Yael Harel, Beit Berl College**

- Hon. President Dr. Esther Lucas was appointed in 2001.
- The steering committee met monthly and formulated criteria for its activities (absorption, delegations, projects, publicity). It discussed educational programs presented by the Current Affairs Department of the Center for Educational Technology, the “Kelil” Project, and the School for Arts and Science. An action plan was prepared for ASPnet for 2002-2003.
- The Ben-Zvi Junior High School (Kfar Saba) met with the Ministry’s Supervisor of Experimental Schools to look into a possible inclusion of UNESCO’s Associated Schools in the Experimental Network.
- Coordinators and teachers from affiliated schools participated in several ASPnet events in Europe and Israel.
  - International:
    - Sports for Peace, San Malo, France — Hayovel High School, Herzliya.
    - The annual ASP conference in Berlin, Germany - Taibeh High School

- Israel:
- Association of Educational Consultants
- Meeting with children from an international CISV summer camp in Ashkelon, including activities for values clarification and multi-cultural awareness.
- ASPnet's Steering Committee initiated, planned and carried out an International Conference on Cultural Education Towards Peace at the Beit Berl College.

## **Environment (Semep)**

### **Chairperson, Mr. Israel Weisenstern, Superintendent for Environmental Studies, Ministry of Education**

- Participation in a conference in Greece on the subject of the Environmental Quality of the Mediterranean Sea.
- The opening ceremony at the Birdwatching Center in Latrun was sponsored and supported by the Israel National Commission for UNESCO. A book was published on Transboundary Bird Migrations.

## **UNESCO Chair**

A UNESCO academic chair was established at Bar-Ilan University's Center for Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Violence, headed by Prof. Yaakov Iram.

## **International Education Conferences**

- "*Learning to Live Together*", Cultural Education Towards Peace in a Pluralistic Society, was held in February 2001 at Beit Berl College. The conference was attended by 18 representatives from European countries and 200 Israeli delegates.
- "*Coping with Civic Education in a Society in Crisis*" was held on the 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> of September 2001 at the David Yellin Teachers College in Jerusalem, and was attended by principals, teachers and academics.

## **Culture Committee**

### **Chairperson, Micha Yinon, Attorney, Head of Cultural Administration, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport**

The committee held a preliminary meeting and defined its work methods, goals and tasks.

## **Cultural Diversity**

The Israel National Commission for UNESCO, with the Literature Division of the Cultural Administration, supported two projects:

- Jewish-Arabic Dialogue of Poetry — Halicon. (\$ 2,500)
- New Dimensions of Multi-Cultural Programming in Rural Areas and Kibbutzim z. (\$ 3,000)

### Culture and Dialogue for Peace

Activity	Subject	Ngo	Period
Building Bridges	Dialogue through Poetry	Halicon Association	March 2001
UNESCO Plaza (Square)	Tolerance and Non-Violence	Holon Municipality	June 2001
Musical Concert	Dialogue through Music	Musical Youth Assoc.	August 2001
Conference	Multi-Cultural Pluralism in Rural Areas	Kibbutz Movement	March 2001
Youth Orchestra Tour	Musical Dialogue	Matan, Israel Community Center Association	July-August 2001 Israel, Cyprus, Greece
Assimilation of Curriculum in Arab and Jewish Schools	“Living Together”	Center for Educational Technology	2000-2001
Conference	Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Violence	Bar-Ilan University	2000
Conference	Jewish and Arab Women Empowerment in the Community	Givat Haviva	2000-2001
Cultural/Religions Interfaith	Study of the Wisdom of Religions	Elijah School	2000
Conference	Dialogue and Cultural Pluralism Spanish Studies	Haifa University	2000

### **Intangible Cultural Heritage**

- An *ad hoc* committee was established to deal with the UNESCO Manual of Intangible Heritage.

Documentation of Jewish art in Europe was carried out by the Jewish Art Center at The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

## Promoting Israeli Organizations' Activities Overseas

Organization	Topic	Countries	Date	Remarks
Center for Jewish Art	Documenting Synagogues	Slovakia, Croatia, the Ukraine	2000 - 2001	Hebrew University
Students' Association	Student Exchanges	Poland-Israel	March 2001	Youth Council

### Music

#### Chairperson, Professor Edwin Seroussi, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem

The Israel National Commission for UNESCO contributed membership dues to the IMC (International Music Council), as well as an additional donation to assist developing countries. The Commission also supported production of a Directory of Music Institutes in Israel.

### Cultural Heritage

#### Chairperson, Michael Turner, Architect, Bezalel Academy of Art

- The committee was established immediately after Israel signed the 1972 Convention: The Protection of Culture in Natural Heritage. It developed a tentative list agreed upon by all stakeholders in Israel.
- The committee works closely and is in constant contact with UNESCO advisory bodies: ICOMOS, ICCROM and IUCN, which provide assistance and advice in implementing the 1972 Convention.
- The committee's activities are very intensive and professional, and are based on cooperation with public organizations (the Antiquities Authority, the National Parks and Nature Authority, the Israel Land Authority, tourism, environment).
- The committee nominated four sites to the World Cultural Heritage Center: Acre, Masada, the Negev Machtshim and the Mount Zion extension of Jerusalem.
  - Jerusalem — international political complexities did not lend themselves to dealing with the nomination of the Mount Zion extension.
  - The Machtshim Country — this site was deferred, and will be re-examined through the Great Rift Valley Experts Meeting.
  - Acre and Masada were inscribed as World Heritage Sites.
- In addition, the committee will nominate Cultural Heritage sites in 2002: the Biblical Tel Water Works, Beit Shean, Tel Dan, the Bauhaus-International Style and the Spice Route in the Negev.
- At the initiative of ICOMOS Israel (in cooperation with the Council for the Preservation of Sites), a session of the ICOMOS international legal committee was held in Israel (February 2001). Representatives from eight countries participated, and discussed means for implementing the WHC Convention and its impact on planning laws in various countries.

- The committee also advises public bodies with regard to the implementation of various conventions (The Hague — 1954, Underwater — 2001).
- The committee has initiated a Hebrew translation of the 1972 WHC Convention and its guidelines for implementation. It will be distributed to all schools of archaeology, architecture and geography, as well as to all town and district planning committees.
- The committee submitted a proposal for celebrating the Convention's thirtieth anniversary to include, *inter alia*, meetings between international experts on the subject of the Great Rift Valley, the ICOMOS Manual for Archaeological Sites and Heritage Week in Israel, and the inauguration of the Old City of Acre and Masada as World Heritage sites.
- The committee undertook the mapping of conservation courses in Israel in cooperation with ICOMOS Israel, and conducted study tours of Acre and the Bahai Gardens in Haifa for ICOMOS members.
- The committee chairperson is a member of the international panel of experts on the Management Plan for Auschwitz as a world cultural heritage site. He also advises the heritage division at the cultural sector on sites in Ethiopia.

### Israel Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 — 2002

Activity	Organization	dates
Experts meeting: Development of a Manual for Management of Archaeological Sites	ICOMOS / Israel National commission	February 2002
Training Course for Planning, Design and Management of World Heritage Sites	Bezalel Academy	February 2002
Joint student project for the restoration of synagogues in Ismir, Turkey; Forum UNESCO-University and Heritage ICOMOS/Avi-Hai Founda-tion	Bezalel Academy	February 2002
International Monument Day — Modern Heritage	ICOMOS	April 2002
Inauguration of World Heritage site: The Old City of Acre	Akko Development Cpmpany Israel National Commission	May 2002
Preliminary Experts Meeting on the Great Rift Valley	WHC/IWHC	September/ Octobe 2002
Inauguration of World Heritage site: Masada	National Park Authority Israel National Commission	October 2002
Publication of the Convention/Guidelines/Format in Hebrew	Israel National Commission	December 2002
Articles in Ariel Journal and World Heritage Journal	Israel National Commission	September 2002

Meeting of ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Structures	ICOMOS/ Israel Antiquities Authority	*
Establishment of UNESCO Chair in Urban Design and Conservation at Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design,	Bezalel Academy	*

\* dates to be announced

## Historic Routes

### Chairperson, Mr. Avi Shoket, former Israel Ambassador to UNESCO

The committee held several meetings and focused on two projects: Abraham's Route and the Spice Route. The narrative of Abraham's Route should enable establishing contact with Turkey and developing cultural and tourism aspects. As to the Spice Route, the Ministry for Regional Cooperation hopes to "market" the route according to the model of the Silk Route. At the same time, a proposal for a site nomination will be submitted to the World Heritage Center.

## UNESCO Chairs

Two UNESCO Chairs were established:

- The Elijah School for Religious Wisdom in Jerusalem, headed by Dr. Alon Goshen
- The Center for Spanish Cultural Studies — Haifa University, headed by Professors Aviva Doron and George J. Kanazi.

## Science Committee

### Chairperson, Professor Hagit Messer-Yaron, Chief Scientist and Head, Science Administration, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport

The committee met to define tasks and hear reports from subcommittee chairpersons.

### Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)

#### Chairperson, Dr. Yuval Cohen, Director General, Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research

- The committee chairperson participated in the IOC council meeting in Paris.
- In 2000-2001, there were plans for a monitoring training course of the surface of the Mediterranean Sea for experts from several Mediterranean countries.
- The activities of the IOC in Israel are integrated with IOC projects - Med Gloss.

### Intergovernmental Hydrology Program (IHP)

#### Chairperson, Professor Dan Ronen, Israel Water Commission and Ben Gurion University of the Negev

The committee initiated a joint project with the Water Institute in Delft, Holland, through Ben-Gurion University in the Negev.

## **Man and the Biosphere (MAB)**

**Chairperson, Professor Tamar Dayan, Tel Aviv University**

- The committee was reorganized. Prof. Tamar Dayan from Tel Aviv University was elected to serve as the committee's chairperson. The committee is presently formulating its policy activity and methods.
- The committee chairperson participated in the MAB council held in Paris in 2001.

## **Interactive Geological Correlation Program (IGCP)**

**Chairperson, Dr. Amos Bein, Director General of the Geological Institute, Jerusalem**

A report was sent directly to the center in Paris.

There should be more cooperation between the ecological committees (IGCP, MAB, IOC, IHP and WHC) to coordinate work and exchange information.

## **Synchtron (SESAME)**

**Chairperson, Professor Moshe Deutsch, Bar-Ilan University**

- The *ad hoc* team operates through the Committee for Synchtron Radiation of the Israel National Academy of Sciences.
- Policies were formulated with regard to Synchtron. Israel will provide scientific support for the establishment of a Synchtron facility in Jordan, but no commitment has been made toward funding the project.

## **Science for Peace**

**Chairperson, Professor Yechiel Becker, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem**

- The Jerusalem Declaration on Science for Peace was integrated into the UNESCO Science Declaration at the Budapest Conference (1999).
- A conference of scientists from Israel and the Palestinian Authority took place in November 1999.
- The Venice office will support an internet site "on-line", with assistance of the national commission.

## **UNESCO Chairs**

A UNESCO academic chair has been active for years at The Institute for Desert Studies at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, headed by Professor Dov Pasternack (IPALAC). The "Science for Peace" School, headed by Professor Yechiel Becker (1996), was established at the Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology at The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

## **Human and Social Sciences Committee**

**Chairperson, Professor Rami Friedman, Director, Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies**

As part of the reorganization of the UNESCO HQs in Paris, this area was also given independent recognition. Main activities dealt with human rights, philosophy, tolerance and non-violence, ethical problems in science, the human genome, and social transformations.

### **Social Policy (MOST)**

The committee defined its work methods and tasks. A most important aspect is to examine the effect of Think Tanks (research institutes) on the country's decision-makers.

### **Bio-Ethics (IBC)**

**Chairperson, Professor Michel Revel, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot**

- The Israel professional contribution on this subject was primarily that of the committee's chairperson, Professor Revel, and of the Center for Medical Ethics at Haifa University, headed by Professor Amnon Carmi.
- A Conference on Human Genome was held by the Ministry of Science.

### **Ethics in Science and Technology (COMEST)**

Israel's contribution was expressed through its representation at international conferences.

### **Women**

**Chairperson, Ms. Ronit Lev-Ari**

The agenda of this working group is defined by women's organizations and the Israel Women's Network. In contrast to previous years, this area is not given a specific high priority, instead, it will be mainstreamed into programs in all of the organization's areas of activity for 2002-2007.

### **UNESCO Chair**

A UNESCO Chair in Bioethics was established at the Haifa University Law Faculty, the International Center for Health, Law and Ethics, headed by Professor Amnon Carmi.

## Communication and Informatics Committee

**Chairperson, Professor Niv Achituv, Vice-President and Director General, Tel Aviv University**

- During the last General Conference, UNESCO decided to consolidate two intergovernmental bodies, IEP and PGI, into one program: Information for All. Israel's position was that the new organs would be more effective.
- The committee met and decided on its first plan of action: developing a feasibility seminar on multilingualism and the preservation of tangible and intangible heritage.

### International Conference on Infoethics

Israel was represented by Professor Ze'ev Segal and Attorney Edena Harel at the Infoethics Conference held in Paris in November 2000.

### The Israel-Palestinian Free Press Forum

The forum, launched by UNESCO HQs 1995/6, has not been adequately implemented recently, particularly due to lack of cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian media professionals and due to the geo-political situation in the area. A report was sent directly to Unesco HQS.

### Involvement of Israel's Chairpersons in Local Conferences

Topic	Participant	Position	Date	Remarks
Documentation and Survey of Sites and Buildings	Architect Michael Turner	Chairperson, IWHC	December 2000	Council for Conservation
Birdwatching Center	Israel Wassenstern	Chairperson, Semep	June 2001	Latrun
Multiculturalism in Rural Areas	Micha Yinon	Chairperson, Cultural Committee	April 2001	Shefayim
Dialogue of Poetry	Micha Yinon	Chairperson, Cultural Committee	April 2001	Tel Aviv
Association of Educational Consultants	Dr. Yael Harel	Chairperson, ASP Committee	July 2000	Shefayim

## Visibility of UNESCO's Program in Israel

The Israel National Commission for UNESCO coordinates, facilitates and promotes the activities of UNESCO in Israel with government and public organizations and NGOs. The Commission's secretariat implements its programming in line with the timetable and work plan of UNESCO.

### Scholarships

In 2000, Israel received one UNESCO scholarship for Dr. Dafna Fisher Gewirtzman of the Urban Studies Department at the Haifa Technion.

#### UNESCO Scholarships

Recipient	Subject	Institution Responsible	Period	Remarks
Dr. Dafna Fisher Gewirtzman	Population Density in Port Cities	The Technion, Haifa	July - August 2001	Report submitted

The Council for Higher Education granted 14 post-doctoral grants for developing countries in Science and Engineering. The Foreign Ministry offers more than 81 supplementary grants for courses it conducts through its International Cooperation Division - MASHAV (Carmel, Ofri, Shefayim, Beit Berl, Beit Dagan).

During 2000 - 2001, Israeli candidates submitted applications for the Sultan Kabos Award (MAB), and the Young Female Scientists Award (L'Oreal), but have not received any award.

### UNESCO Chairs

At the initiative of the Israel Commission, four UNESCO chairs were established:

- Chair for Tolerance, Human Rights and Non-Violence (Bar-Ilan University),
- Chair for the Study of Religious Wisdom (the Elijah School),
- Chair for Spanish Cultural Studies (Haifa University), and
- Chair for Bioethics in the School of Law (Haifa University).

Recently, the Bezalel Academy of Arts has applied for a UNESCO chair in the field of Urban Design and Conservation.

### Participation Program

During the past two years, Israel received funding in the amount of \$145,000 for seven projects.

UNESCO Project	Project Name	Implemented by	Funding Source (US\$)		Final Report Submitted	Responsibility
			UNESCO	Israel Commission		
IS 001	Civic Education in Democratic Society in Crisis	David Yellin College	35,000	20,000	November 2001	Dr. Itai Zimran
IS 002	Curriculum for Medical Schools	Center for Ethics in Medicine, Law faculty Haifa University	10,000		June 2001	Prof. Amnon Carmi
IS 003	Educating Towards Peace in a Multi-Cultural Society	Beit Berl College	30,000	30,000	June 2001	Dr. Yael Harel
IS 004	“Living Together” - Curriculum for Jewish and Arab schools	Center for Educational Technology	20,000		October 2001	Ms. Miriam Posner
IS 005	Promoting Women in the Community	Givat Haviva	20,000		October 2001	Mr. Giora Avraham
IS 007	Mediterranean Orchestra	Israel Assoc of Community Center	15,000		November 2001	Mr. Uri Streisover
IS 008	Student Exchanges	Youth Exchange Council	15,000		December 2001	Mr. David Krauss

A briefing was held for 250 Israel NGOs, explaining both the rationale and principles underlying the program and how to submit proposals to UNESCO.

### Prizes

Prizes are awarded by UNESCO in almost every domain. In 2001, Israel was awarded honorable mention in the King Sejong Prize for Literacy, for Teaching Language and Mathematics to Ethiopian immigrants. In the area of peace education, Israel received honorable mention in 2000 (Children of the Middle East Association). In 2001, Israel was awarded the Peace Education Award (Jewish-Arab Center at Givat Haviva).

Competition/Prize	Recipient	The Award	Remarks
Education for Peace	Children of the Middle East Association	Honorable Mention	September 2000
Teaching Hebrew Language and Mathematics to Ethiopian Immigrants	Adult Education Division Ministry of Education	Honorable Mention	August 2001

Children's Film	Aliza Begin School, Ariel		July 2001, Trivento, Italy
Education for Peace	Jewish-Arab Center, Givat Haviva	Prize/Medal	September 2001
F. Fellini Children's Film Competition	Nofim School, Migdal Ha'emek	Honorable mention	June 2001, "Nir's Secret"
Young Scientist Prize - MAB	-	-	Ms. Shiri Shamir
Children's Literature Prize - Tolerance	-	-	Various publishing house companies
IMC Music Prize	-	-	Yosef Tal, composer
Children's Drawing Competition	Children of Ashkelon	Honorable Mention	July 2001, Tokyo, Japan
The Film "Kippur"	Amos Gittai	Honorable Mention	October 2000
The Drama "As If Nothing All Happened"	Ayelet Bargod	Accepted to the competition	August 2000 At Saloniki, Greece
Women's Competition on Planning Plazas for Peace	-	-	March 2000, Spain

### **Anniversaries/International Days**

UNESCO provides an opportunity to celebrate events and leaders (non-political) that have contributed to nation and to the world. Israel submitted the candidacy of Dr. Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the reviver of the Hebrew language. The submission was approved in principle; however, due to a change in procedure, we were asked to resubmit his candidacy in the appropriate year.

Of all international days, only International Women's Day was actually commemorated. It was observed by a women's march and the lighting of torches along the shores of the Dead Sea.

### **Cooperation with Member States**

One of Israel's goals is to foster relationships and initiate joint programs with other member states. Israel distributes information and professional literature to all countries, especially in the fields of adult education, cultural policy, in-service training (capacity building) and international conferences organized by its academic and teacher training institutions.

As part of the Participation Program for 2000-2001, Israel supported projects (PP) in Turkey, Romania, Germany and Italy.

In addition, a project was initiated, but not completed, for a conference on “Civic Education in a Democratic Society” in conjunction with the Palestinian Authority.

A project by the German artist Manfred Lamm was initiated in cooperation with the German Commission. Pupils from various countries (Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, Israel and Slovakia) were to study the work of the Jewish poet, Mordechai Gebirtig, who was killed in the Holocaust. The project did not materialize due to geopolitical circumstances.

Another facet of cooperation was Israel’s participation in conferences organized under UNESCO auspices by the National Commissions of Austria, Germany, France, Canada, Sweden, Ecuador, Japan and Italy.

Israel and Poland coordinated a student exchange. Furthermore, international conferences were held as part of Participation Programs (Beit Berl, Haifa University, David Yellin College), as was a conference on Historic Cities in Nazareth, and ICOMOS legal Committee exploring the legal aspects of World Heritage Convention. An Israeli expert visited Uzbekistan to research Nomadic Heritage.

At the recommendation of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, funding was obtained for the documentation of synagogues in the Ukraine, Slovenia and Croatia by the Center for Jewish Art in Jerusalem.

Israeli experts, by virtue of their positions in academic institutions, are asked by UNESCO to evaluate its programs. The Israel National Commission has called upon university rectors to propose candidates for such activities. In addition, IBE (International Bureau for Education) called upon Israeli experts for consultation.

As part of this program, UNESCO utilized the expertise Israeli consultants. One of the main areas was consultation relating to World Cultural Heritage by architect Michael Turner (Auschwitz and Ethiopia).

### **Sponsorships**

During the last two years the following capacity building training courses were sponsored:

- an International Course on Management of Higher Academic Institutions (The College of Galilee, March 2001), and
- an International Course on Managing Small Businesses (Carmel Center, March 2001).

## Sponsorships of National Commission Projects

Organization	Topic	Remarks
Museum on the Seam, Jerusalem	Exhibition on Co-Existence	International Exhibition (2000-2003) various cities in the world
Safe Childhood	International Psychiatrists' Organization	April 2001, in cooperation with the Division of Social Welfare, Ministry of Education
Ethics in Medicine	Haifa University	February 2000

## International Conferences in Israel Under UNESCO Auspices\*

Conference	Institution	Date	Focal point
Interfaith of Cultures and Religions	Haifa University	April 2000	Professor Aviva Doron
Management of Tourism in Historic Cities	Nazareth Municipality/ Venice Office	February 2000	Dr. Noam Shoval
Treating the Different in Israeli society	Bar-Ilan University	May 2000	Professor Yaakov Iram
Water Research	Ben-Gurion University	May 2000	Dr. Dan Ronen
Steering Committee - Civic Education in Democratic Society	Israel National Commission	May 2000	Daniel Bar-Elli
Civic Education in a Society in Crisis	David Yellin College	September 2001	Dr. Itai Zimran
Education Towards Peace in Multi-Cultural Societies	Beit Berl College	February 2001	Dr. Yael Harel
Hadassah Medical Center for Dentistry	Hebrew University	September 2000	Dr. Jonathan Mann
Legal concepts of the World Cultural Heritage Convention	ICOMOS Israel	February 2001	Chumi Novensterm

\* The involvement of Israel Commission is expressed by sponsorship and financial assistance.

## Dissimination of Information and Publications

One of UNESCO's goals is to serve as a clearing house, by publishing and distributing professional literature in all of spheres of its activities.

The Israel Commission distributes UNESCO's publications to senior executives in the Commission, government ministries, NGOs and research institutes. It also

- publicizes activities of Israeli organizations and international conferences in Israel (Beit Berl, Achva, Haifa University), and
- Notices regarding courses run by Foreign Ministry training (MASHAV) are distributed to all UNESCO member states.
- distributes annual reports/newsletters (Mofet, Center for Jewish Art, the Elijah School).

The UNESCO publications on the following subjects were distributed during 2000-2001:

- The Science Conference Declaration (Budapest 1999),
- Women and Technology,
- Gender Equality and Equity,
- Evaluating Water Sources/The Water Crisis,
- Multilingualism and Access to Cyberspace,
- The Study of Foreign Languages in Europe,
- Differential Education in Elementary Schools in Developing Countries,
- Preventing AIDS,
- Lifelong Learning,
- What is Teaching?/Guidance and Training,
- The Salamanca Report on Special Education and
- Journals (*Innovation/Sources/Courier/Higher Education/Social Science*).

### Calendar

UNESCO international days and years established by the United Nations are promoted through the education system in order to increase awareness concerning issues such as Women's Rights, Water, Children's Rights, Human Rights, Tolerance, etc.

### Projects by high school and university students

A Rishon LeZion high-school student prepared a project on UNESCO's activities as part of her matriculation examination. A student from the Behavioral Sciences Faculty at Ben-Gurion University submitted a seminar paper on UNESCO.

## Books proposed to UNESCO Publishing House

- ❑ Children Write About Peace (four languages, Givat Haviva)
- ❑ The Challenge of Being Different - Teaching Tolerance (Spinoza Center)
- ❑ The Desert Queen - a children's book.
- ❑ Due to apparent funding problems, these books were not published.

## Israeli Contributions to UNESCO Publications

Researcher	Institution	Publication	Subject
Professor Miriam Ben Peretz	Haifa University	Prospect	When Education Changes - Shouldn't Teacher Training Change
Dr. Ronni Starkschal	Hebrew University	General	Sex Education — AIDS

## Hebrew translation of UNESCO publications

- ❑ Global Village Report — Associated Schools Network
- ❑ ASPnet Annual Report — 1998-99
- ❑ UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance
- ❑ Learning: The Treasure Within, Jacques Delors
- ❑ Dakar Declaration — Education For All
- ❑ Statements by the UNESCO's Director-General in honor of International Tolerance Day (November 16), International Human Rights Day (December 10) and Teachers' Day (October 5), were distributed to all schools in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

## Information Distributed to Israeli Institutions Regarding International Conferences\*

Theme	Location	Remarks
Competition for Women - Planning Plazas for Peace	Spain	Architects' Association
Children's Film Competition CIAK Television	Italy	Pedagogic Secretariat/Educational
Designing the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	Paris	Schools for the Arts
Women Artists in the Middle East	Saloniki, Greece	Various organizations
Sustainable Development in Transportation	Berlin, Germany	Interior Ministry, Planning Division
Youth Festival WHC	Seoul, Korea	Youth and Society Administration

Science Technology	Gdansk, Poland	ORT, Amal
Water Desalination	Cyprus	IHP Committee
Science Technology — Discovery Palace	Paris, France	Teachers' Training Colleges
Science and Mathematics	New Delhi, India	Pedagogic Center — Mathematics
Science and technology Administration	Seoul, Korea	Science and Technology
International Trade of Cultural Goods in Light of Globalization	Paris, France	Ministry of Industry and Trade
Developing Regional Tourism	Russia	Ministry of Tourism
Life Treasures (Intangible Heritage)	Tokyo, Japan	Culture Administration
World Heritage Culture for Youth	Nepal	Youth Administration
Ecofilm Competition	Czech	Schools for the Arts
Poetry and Opera	Italy	Music schools

\* Israel organizations, research and academic institutes, teacher training colleges were informed of these conferences. Israeli representatives did not participate in all of them.

### **Internet site**

Preparations for an Internet website about the Israel National Commission for UNESCO are almost complete. The site will be interactive, and will be launched with the assistance of the office's Internet unit. The website will provide the public with information on all programs and organizations related to the Israel Commission.



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DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
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On the occasion of  
International Literacy Day,  
the International Literacy Prize Jury  
has awarded

an Honourable Mention  
of the King Sejong Literacy Prize

for 2001  
to the

*Adult Education Division, Ministry of Education,  
State of Israel*

In witness whereof this diploma,  
bearing the seal of the Organization, is conferred

Paris, 8 September 2001

  
Koichiro Matsuura  
Director-General



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The 2001 UNESCO Prize  
for Peace Education

has been awarded to

The Jewish-Arab Center for Peace  
at Givat Haviva  
(Israel)

in recognition of its outstanding efforts  
in the field of peace education  
and promotion of peace and non-violence  
and in appreciation of its work  
in favour of conflict resolution through dialogue

Paris, 13 December 2001

Koichiro Matsuura  
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