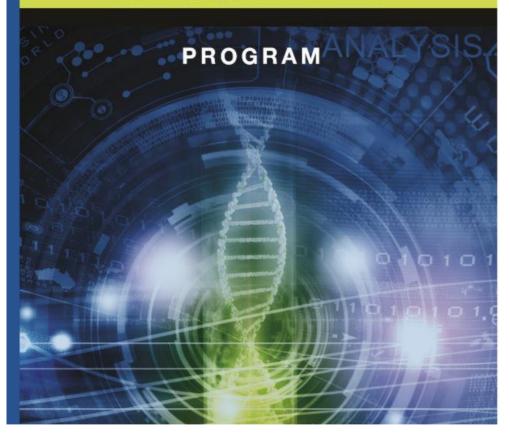


# The 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Israel Society for Biotechnology Engineering (ISBE)

December 22, 2019, Dan Panorama Hotel, Tel-Aviv



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Dear Participants,

The 5<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Israel Society for Biotechnology Engineering (ISBE'19) continues a long tradition of bringing together academics, industrial leaders and policymakers from a broad variety of disciplines. ISBE'19 will provide an ideal environment to meet inspiring speakers and experts, to exchange ideas and information with colleagues and to develop new collaborations.

The ISBE conferences of recent years have made important strides in reducing the gap between industry and academia. ISBE'19 will continue focusing on multidisciplinary applied segments of biotechnology. This year we adopted the themes of "Big Data & Microbiome" and "Food Tech", both in the top emerging trends in the biotech industry.

I would like to thank my colleagues on the organizing committee, Ayelet, Esty, Hana and Niv for helping to put together such an exciting program. Special thanks to our sponsors from the industry and the academia and a big thank you to Anat, Tsipi and Magali from Diesenhaus-Unitours for their hard work, experience and dedication.

Enjoy the conference!

Boaz Mizrahi

Conference Chairperson

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Conference Venue**

Dan Panorama Hotel 10 Kaufman Street Tel Aviv

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Diesenhaus-Unitours will operate the registration desk throughout the conference.

#### Internet

Wi-Fi internet connection is available free of charge in all public areas. No password is required.

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Session chairpersons and speakers are requested to meet with each other 10 minutes prior to the commencement of their respective sessions, in the session hall. In order to make it possible for participants to plan attendance at different parallel sessions, it is essential that speakers do not depart from the time allocated for their presentation (speakers should allow time for some questions, excluding presenters of short talks).

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#### **Poster Presenters**

Please refer to the poster program (pages 21-43) and check your <u>final</u> board number. Please place your poster on the board with the same number.

Mounting of posters: 08:00-09:00 Removal of posters: by 15:30

## **PROGRAM**

# Sunday, December 22, 2019

08:00-09:00 Registration, Light breakfast and Poster mounting

## 09:00-10:00 OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Hall A

Chair: Boaz Mizrahi, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology

09:00 Welcome Address:

**Boaz Mizrahi,** Conference Chair Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

## Plenary Lecture:

09:15 Seasonal hormone oscillations in humans governed by gland-size-control feedback loops

**Uri Alon**<sup>1</sup>, Avihai Tendler<sup>1</sup>, Alon Bar<sup>1</sup>, Netta Mendelshon-Cohen<sup>2</sup>, Omer Karin<sup>1</sup>, Yael Korem<sup>1</sup>, Lior Maimon<sup>1</sup>, Tomer Milo<sup>1</sup>, Moriya Raz<sup>1</sup>, Avi Mayo<sup>1</sup>, Amos Tanay<sup>2</sup>, Uri Alon<sup>1</sup>

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## 10:00-10:30 Coffee break, Poster viewing and Exhibition

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Computer Science, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

## Chairs: Ester Segal and Omer Yehezkeli

Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

10:30 From biomineralization to functional bioinspired materials

#### **Boaz Pokroy**

Materials Science and Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

10:45 Designing new bioinspired 3D-hydrogels for bone-tissue regeneration

#### Lihi Adler-Abramovich

Department of Oral Biology, the Goldschleger School of Dental Medicine, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, the Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

11:00 Silica deposition by a unique protein in sorghum

#### Rivka Elbaum

Plant Sciences and Genetics in Agriculture, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Rehovot, Israel

11:15 Multiplexed biomarker detection with porous silicon-based aptasensors in 3D printed microfluidic devices

**Sofia Arshavsky-Graham**<sup>1,2</sup>, Shanny Ackerman<sup>1</sup>, Omer Sabah<sup>1</sup>, Niklas Maximilian Epping<sup>2</sup>, Thomas Scheper<sup>2</sup>, Janina Bahnemann<sup>2</sup>, Ester Segal<sup>1,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Biotechnology and Food Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Institute of Technical Chemistry, Leibniz Universität Hannover, Hanover, Germany

<sup>3</sup>The Russell Berrie Nanotechnology Institute, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

11:30 Engineering a DNAyme-based operon system for the production of DNA nanoscaffolds in living bacteria

**Dan Alon**<sup>1</sup>, Johann Elbaz<sup>1</sup>, Chris Voigt<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>School of Molecular Cell Biology and Biotechnology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Department of Biological Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts , USA

11:45 NIR-light responsive biocompatible composites for on-demand healing and drug release

**Alona Shagan**, Tsuf Croitoru-Sadger, Enav Corem-Salkmon, Boaz Mizrahi

Biotechnology and Food Engineering, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

11:50 Amyloid fishing: Functionalized Titania nanoparticles for amyloid fibril targeting and inhibition

Elad Arad<sup>1,2</sup>, Raz Jelinek<sup>1,2</sup>, Hanna Rapaport<sup>1,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

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<sup>3</sup>Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

11:55 Genetic code expansion of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and biotracking of flagella filaments

**Eden Ozer**<sup>1</sup>, Karin Yaniv<sup>2</sup>, Anastasya Boyarski<sup>3</sup>, Michael Meijler<sup>3</sup>, Ariel Kushmaro<sup>2</sup>, Lital Alfonta<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Department of Chemistry, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva. Israel

12:00 Microstructure effect on plant-environment interaction – a biomimetic approach

Pallavi Kumari<sup>1</sup>, Tali Sayas<sup>1</sup>, Helen Rombach<sup>2</sup>, Neta Ginzburg<sup>1</sup>, **Maya Kleiman**<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Plant Sciences Institute, Agricultural Research Organization, Rishon Lezion, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Humboldt University Zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

12:05 Diffusion-based separation using bidirectional electroosmotic flow

**Vesna Bacheva**<sup>1,2</sup>, Federico Paratore<sup>1,2</sup>, Shimon Rubin<sup>1</sup>, Govind Kaigala<sup>2</sup>, Moran Bercovici<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Mechanical Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

<sup>2</sup>IBM Research - Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

12:10 Anti-VEGF-aptamer modified C-dots—a hybrid nanocomposite for topical treatment of ocular vascular disorders

**Asaf Shoval**<sup>1,2</sup>, Amos Markus<sup>1,2</sup>, Zhixin Zhou<sup>3</sup>, Xia Liu<sup>3</sup>, Rémi Cazelles<sup>3</sup>, Itamar Willner<sup>3</sup>, Yossi Mandel<sup>1,2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>School of Optometry and Vision Science, Faculty of Life Sciences, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Bar Ilan Institute for Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials (BINA), Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

<sup>3</sup>Institute of Chemistry, The Minerva Center for Biohybrid Complex Systems, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel Session sponsored by



- Chairs: Ofra Benny, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Nati Korin, Technion Israel Institute of Technology
- 10:30 Nanoinformatics for personalized cancer nanomedicine

#### Yosi Shamay

Biomedical Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

10:45 Bio-inspired functional coatings

#### **Meital Reches**

Institute of Chemistry, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

11:00 Dynamic three dimensional in vitro model for investigation of ovarian carcinoma progression

**Aharon Shmuel Baskin**<sup>1,2</sup>, Reuven Reich<sup>2</sup>, Ben Davidson<sup>3</sup>, Tali Tayor Reem<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Pharmaceutical Engineering, Azrieli College of Engineering, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

<sup>2</sup>School of Pharmacy, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

<sup>3</sup>The Medical Faculty, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway

11:15 Novel soy protein-based wound dressing, loaded with hemostatic agent and antibiotics

**Lior Matsliah**<sup>1</sup>, Daniella Goder<sup>2</sup>, Ariel Furer<sup>3</sup>, Meital Zilberman<sup>1,2</sup>
<sup>1</sup>Department of Biomedical Engineering, Tel Aviv University,
Tel Aviv, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

<sup>3</sup>Medical Corps, Israel Defense Forces, Tel Hashomer, Israel

11:30 Towards bio-mimetics of the anterior cruciate ligament using collagen fiber reinforced bio-composites

**Raz Agron**<sup>1,2</sup>, Amir Dolev<sup>3</sup>, Mustafa Yassin<sup>3</sup>, Rami Haj-Ali<sup>1</sup>, Mirit Sharabi<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>School of Mechanical Engineering, Tel-Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Mechanical Engineering and Mechatronics, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel

<sup>3</sup>Orthopedic Surgery, Ha'Sharon Hospital, Petah Tikva, Israel

11:45 Hybrid retinal implant composed of high-resolution electrode array integrated with glutamatergic neurons for restoration of sight

**Yossi Mandel**<sup>1,2</sup>, Nairouz Farah<sup>1</sup>, Gal Shpun<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Amos Markus<sup>1</sup>, Yoav Chemla<sup>1,2</sup>, Assaf Beck<sup>1</sup>, Aviad Slotky<sup>1</sup>, Tamar Azrad-Leibovitch<sup>1</sup>

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12:00 Porcine extracellular matrix hydrogel delivery incorporated with Nano-Ghosts for cardiac regeneration

**Tzila Davidov**, Nitzan Letko Khait, Marcelle Machluf Biotechnology and Food Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

12:05 Cellulose-based biomaterials: A plot twist

Roi Rutenberg, Lynette Cegelski Chemistry, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, USA

12:10 Rational design of light-responsive elastin-like polypeptides, using non-standard amino acids

Bar Israeli, Sigal Gelkop, Miriam Amiram

Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel Chairs: Uri Gophna, Tel Aviv University Omry Koren, Bar-Ilan University

10:30 The individual in the context of the whole: Gut microbiota-host interactions

#### Naama Geva-Zatorsky

Molecular Cell and Cancer Cell, Faculty of Medicine, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

10:45 Systems biology of the human microbiome: From big data to models

#### Elhanan Borenstein

Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel Blavatnik School of Computer Science, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

11:00 Methods for outcome prediction based on microbiome time series or can your microbiome dynamics predict when and will your future state happen?

#### **Yoram Louzoun**

Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Exact Sciences, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

11:15 The effect of murine genetics on the gut microbiota

Hila Korach-Rechtman<sup>1</sup>, Shay Freilich<sup>1</sup>, Shiran Gerassy-Vainberg<sup>1</sup>, Keren Buhnik-Rosenblau<sup>1</sup>, Yael Danin-Poleg<sup>1</sup>, Haim Bar<sup>2</sup>, Yechezkel Kashi<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Department of Statistics, UConn - the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, USA

## 10:30-12:00 Session C: BIG DATA & MICROBIOME (cont'd) Hall C

11:30 Spatial differences in the bacterial community along the digestive tract of sea urchin *Tripneustes gratilla elatensis*: a role of seaweed diet

**Matan Masasa**<sup>1,3</sup>, Ariel Kushmaro<sup>2</sup>, Nadav Shashar<sup>1</sup>, Roy Barkan<sup>1,3</sup>, Lior Guttman<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva. Israel

<sup>3</sup>National Center for Mariculture, Oceanographic and Limnological Research, Eilat, Israel

11:45 Towards the harnessing of quorum quenching lactonases to fight plant bacterial pathogens

#### **Livnat Afriat-Jurnou**

Biotechnology, MIGAL- Galilee Research Institute, Kiryat-Shmona, Israel

Faculty of Sciences and Technology, Tel-Hai Academic College, Kiryat-Shmona, Israel

## 12:15-13:30 Lunch Break, Poster Viewing & Exhibition

## **12:45-13:45 POSTER SESSION**

Posters Hall

## 13:45-15:15 Session D: DRUG DESIGN

Hall A

Chairs: **Eyal Arbely**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev **Mickey Kosloff**, Haifa University

13:45 Covalent inhibitor discovery by electrophile fragment screening

#### Nir London

Organic Chemistry, The Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

14:00 Computational design of multispecific drugs for treatment of complex diseases

## **Yanay Ofran**

Faculty of Life Sciences, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan, Israel

14:15 Insights into mechanisms of immunogenicity following treatment with therapeutic monoclonal antibodies

#### **Yariv Wine**

School of Molecular Cell Biology and Biotechnology, Faculty of Life Sciences, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

- 14:30 Targeting calcineurin-NFAT system: Development of optimized dual-peptide immunosuppressant using proteins directed-evolution Nesly Dotan, Einav Ashkenazi, Shiri Elmedvi, Maayan Gal, Itai Bloch Biochemistry, MIGAL Galilee Research Center, Kiryat Shmona, Israel
- 14:45 Engineering dual-specific M-CSF antagonists that inhibit c-FMS and  $\alpha_v \beta_3$  integrin for osteoporosis therapy

**Yuval Zur**<sup>1,2</sup>, Lior Rosenfeld<sup>1</sup>, Svetlana Katchkovsky<sup>2</sup>, Noam Levaot<sup>2</sup>, Niv Papo<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Department of Physiology and Cell Biology, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

15:00 A low-cost, simple high throughput method for screening native *Helicobacter pylori* urease inhibitors

Yoram Gerchman<sup>1,2</sup>, Natali Amar-Noam<sup>1,2</sup>, Avi Peretz<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Clinical Microbiology Laboratory, Baruch Padeh Medical Center Poriya, Tiberias, Israel

- 15:05 Developing prostate specific membrane antigen targeting nanobodies and small molecule conjugates for prostate cancer imaging and therapy
  - **Lior Rosenfeld**<sup>1,2</sup>, Amiram Sananes<sup>1,2</sup>, Yuval Zur<sup>1,2</sup>, Catherine Foss<sup>3</sup>, Shira Cohen<sup>4</sup>, Sigal Gelkop<sup>5</sup>, Efrat Ben Zeev<sup>6</sup>, Anat Shahar<sup>2</sup>, Leslie Lobel<sup>5</sup>, Barak Akabayov<sup>4</sup>, Martin Pomper<sup>3</sup>, Eyal Arbeli<sup>2,4,7</sup>, Niv Papo<sup>1,2</sup>
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  - <sup>7</sup>Department of Life Sciences, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel
- 15:10 Using functional screening of marine metagenomic libraries for antiquorum sensing compounds as a platform for microbial ecology study and drug discovery
  - **Karin Yaniv**<sup>1</sup>, Karin Golberg<sup>1</sup>, Hana Barak<sup>1</sup>, Pierre-Yves Chavant<sup>3</sup>, Oded Beja<sup>2</sup>, Robert S. Marks<sup>1</sup>, Serge Cosnier<sup>3</sup>, Ariel Kushmaro<sup>1</sup> Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel
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Chairs: Ido Braslavsky, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem Avi Shpigelman, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

13:45 Automated assembly and high throughput screening of vascularized human organoids from normal or tumorigenic tissues

Avner Ehrlich<sup>1</sup>, Mohammad Ghosheh<sup>1</sup>, Aaron Cohen<sup>1</sup>, Konstantinos Ioannidis<sup>1</sup>, Muneef Ayyash<sup>1</sup>, Idit Goldfracht<sup>2</sup>, Orian Leitersdof<sup>1</sup>, Merav Cohen<sup>1</sup>, Christopher Hubert<sup>3</sup>, Lior Gepstein<sup>2</sup>, **Yaakov Nahmias**<sup>1</sup>

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14:00 Oil structuring for improved nutrition

#### Mava Davidovich-Pinhas

Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Engineering, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel

14:15 Proton (H<sup>1</sup>) Low Field (LF) NMR energy relaxation technology for material characterization of emulsions in oxidizing and non-oxidizing condition

**Maysa Resende**<sup>1</sup>, Zeev Wiesman<sup>1</sup>, Charles Linder<sup>2</sup>
<sup>1</sup>Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel

<sup>2</sup>Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research (ZIWR), Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Beersheva, Israel

14:30 Is bitter actually better? machine learning predictions and analysis of tastants

**Eitan Margulis**<sup>1</sup>, Yuli Slavutsky<sup>2</sup>, Anne Tromelin<sup>3</sup>, Yuval Benjamini<sup>2</sup>, Masha Y. Niv<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Centre Des Sciences Du Goût Et De L'alimentation, Agrosup Dijon, CNRS, INRA, Université Bourgogne Franche-Comté, F-21000, Dijon, France

14:45 Food for thought - The IP toolbox for nutraceuticals

**Revital Duvdevani**, Joseph Wyse, Eyal Bressler Patents Department, Dr. Eyal Bressler & Co., Ramat-Gan, Israel

15:00 Characterization of biopolymeric compounds extracted from macroalgae

Meital Kazir<sup>1</sup>, Daniel Gurevich<sup>1</sup>, Ari Groobman<sup>1</sup>, Meghanath Prabhu<sup>2</sup>, Alvaro Israel<sup>3</sup>, Alexander Golberg<sup>2</sup>, Yoav D. Livney<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research Ltd., The National Institute of Oceanography, Haifa, Israel

15:05 High value products in crop waste

Yaara Danino, **Zachor Adler Agmon**Post Harvest, Southern Arava R&d, Yotvata, Israel

15:10 Lipo-random peptide mixtures to fight against bacterial plant diseases

**Shiri Topman**<sup>1,2</sup>, Einav Cohen-Malach<sup>2</sup>, Zvi Hayouka<sup>2</sup>, Saul Burdman<sup>1</sup>

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## 13:45-15:15 Session F: BIOENERGY & ENVIRONMENT Hall C

Chairs: Adi Radian, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology Isam Sabbah, Ort Braude

13:45 Engineering hyperthermostable designer cellulosomes

#### Edward A. Bayer

Department of Biomolecular Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

14:00 Evaluation of the economic feasibility of electrogenic bioreactors for wastewater treatment

#### **Ronen Shechter**

Technology, Fluence, Caesarea, Israel

14:15 Genomic and metabolic analyses of RDX degraders isolated from explosive contaminated environments

#### Paula Istvan, Zeev Ronen

Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research, Department of Hydrology and Water Quality, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Midreshet Ben-Gurion, Israel 14:30 Macroalgal biomass subcritical hydrolysates for the production of polyhydroxyalkanoate (PHA) by *Haloferax mediterranei* 

Supratim Ghosh<sup>1</sup>, Rima Gnaim<sup>1</sup>, Semion Greiserman<sup>1</sup>, Ludmila Fadeev<sup>2</sup>, Michael Gozin<sup>2</sup>, Alexander Golberg<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>School of Chemistry, Faculty of Exact Sciences, Tel Aviv

14:45 An electrode-assisted anaerobic digestion process for the production of high-quality biogas

University, Tel Aviv, Israel

**Keren Yanuka-Golub**<sup>1</sup>, Katie Baransi-Karkaby<sup>2</sup>, Alon Szczupak<sup>4</sup>, Leah Reshef<sup>3</sup>, Judith Rishpon<sup>3</sup>, Ronen Shechter<sup>4</sup>, Uri Gophna<sup>3</sup>, Isam Sabbah<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>3</sup>School of Molecular Cell Biology and Biotechnology, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel

<sup>4</sup>Fluence Water Products and Innovation, Ltd., Caesarea, Israel

15:00 Removal of soil pollutants by following metabolic modelling

**Kusum Dhakar**<sup>1</sup>, Raphy Zarecki<sup>1</sup>, Hammam Ziadne<sup>1</sup>, Shlomit Medina<sup>1</sup>, Jackline Abu-Nassar<sup>1</sup>, Radi Aly<sup>1</sup>, Zeev Ronen<sup>2</sup>, Hanan Eizenberg<sup>1</sup>, Shiri Freilich<sup>1</sup>

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## 13:45-15:15 Session F: BIOENERGY & ENVIRONMENT (cont'd)

Hall C

## 15:05 Bioremediation using soil indigenous ureolytic bacteria

**Hadas Raveh-Amit**<sup>1</sup>, Nissim Banano<sup>1</sup>, Svetlana Gelfer<sup>1</sup>, Andrey Nikolski<sup>1</sup>, Michael Tsesarsky<sup>2,3</sup>

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#### 15:10 Protein-based conductive materials

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## 15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

## 15:30-16:40 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Hall A

Chair: Niv Papo, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

## 15:30 Guest Lecture: Success as a way of life

Yoram Yovel, MD, PhD

Psychoanalyst, psychiatrist and brain researcher

#### 16:30 Best Poster Awards

Presented by:

Ester Segal, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology

## Hanukkah Candle Lighting

## **POSTERS**

## **12:45-13:45 POSTER SESSION**

Posters Hall

## **Poster topics**

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## P1 – P28 BIO-NANO

P-1 Probing the effect of all possible mutations on protein binding affinity without the need of protein purifications

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P-2 Revisiting thioflavin T (ThT) fluorescence as a marker of protein fibrillation – a prominent and overlooked role of electrostatic interactions

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P-3 Assembly and co-assembly of novel organic supramolecular polymers

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P-4 Deciphering mass transfer limitations of porous silicon based aptasensors for protein detection

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P-5 CybOrg – bacteria with a nano-based organelle

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P-6 Development of a miniaturized bio-barcode sensor array for detection of biological events

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P-7 Imaging and tracking of exosomes within the brain using gold nanoparticles

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P-8 Diagnostic system for rapid antimicrobial susceptibility testing of clinical samples

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P-9 Antitumor effect of lonidamine-polypeptide-peptide nanoparticles in breast cancer models

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P-10 The impact of cell type on exosome-GNP complex distribution to cancer

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P-11 The Glu452Asn replacement in the *B. subtilis* aminopeptidase (BSAP) increases the specificity constant by a 1000-fold

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P-12 Integrin targeted self-assembled nano-carrier for α2β1 overexpression in solid tumors

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P-13 Porous silicon optical biosensor for highly sensitive detection of mycotoxins in field crops

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P-14 Immobilized nanoparticles of copper and copper oxides for water disinfection

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P-15 The influence of nanoparticles` coatings on drug delivery to mitochondria

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P-16 Rapid detection and characterization of botulinum neurotoxin using porous silicon interferometer

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P-18 Nitrogenase artificial activation

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P-19 Enzyme-based photoelectrochemical systems for photobiocatalytic processes

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P-20 Haptoglobin biomarker detection based on enhanced chemiluminescence of gold nanoparticles

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P-21 Modified halloysite nanotubes for manipulation of cells

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P-22 Aptamer-based biosensor for targeting biomarkers in the digestive tract fluids

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P-23 NanoPack: A nanotechnology – based antimicrobial packaging solution for extension of shelf life and food safety

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P-24 Reduced graphene oxide and chitosan-carbon nanotube –modified microelectrodes for real-time detection of antipsychotic clozapine

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P-25 Studying the "phagocytic" behavior of cancer cells in different mechanical conditions

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P-26 Development of highly specific biocompatible nanoparticles for differentiation between cancer and inflammation using conventional PET-CT

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P-27 Tethered lipid bilayers within nanostructured porous silicon: A biosensing platform for optical monitoring of membraneassociated processes

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P-28 Porous silicon Fabry–Pérot interferometer for rapid environmental monitoring of copper

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## P29 – P50 TISSUE ENGINEERING & BIO-MATERIALS

P-29 Developing biodegradable nanoparticles loaded with steroid for nasal drug delivery

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P-30 Live imaging flow bioreactor for the simulation of articular cartilage regeneration after treatment with bioactive hydrogel

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Avigail Baruch<sup>1</sup>, Ariel Kushmaro<sup>2,3</sup>, Hanna Rapaport<sup>2,3</sup>

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P-32 Self-assembly modifying role of metal ions in silk fibroin

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P-33 A new image processing methodology to analyze local electromechanical properties of cardiomyocytes in 2D cultures

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P-34 Engineering tissue-specific bioactive microenvironment from porcine extracellular matrix hydrogels

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P-35 Structure and biological properties of catheter injectable hydrogels

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P-36 Novel analgesic drug eluting soy protein films as wound dressings

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P-37 3D Printing as a tool for microfluidic devices fabrication

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P-38 Evolution of translation machinery for high efficiency multi-site incorporation of alkyne bearing unnatural amino acids

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P-39 Coral skeleton regulates astrocytic reactivity and scar formation in injured nervous tissue in vitro

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P-40 Peptide-drug conjugate endocytosis intracellular traffic

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P-41 In-vitro iPSC based neuro-vascular unit for drug screening

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P-42 Functional abnormalities in iPSCs-derived cardiomyocytes generated from PLEKHM2-mutated patients with dilated cardiomyopathy

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P-43 Smart biocompatible materials for on-demand drug release and tissue adhesion

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P-44 Neural activation threshold reduction using 3D micro-well electrodes: Towards a high resolution retinal prosthesis

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P-45 Interconnection between tumor cells and endothelial cells in 3D hybrid spheroids

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P-46 Artificial biomembranes for development of a drug permeation model for onychomycosis

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P-47 Migration-based neural cell culture developed by cultivating hippocampal slices on coral skeleton matrix

**Orly Eva Weiss**, Roni Mina Hendler, Eyal Aviv Canji, Tzachy Morad, Ido Merfeld, Danny Baranes *Molecular Biology, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel* 

P-48 Cu-Polysaccharide complexes: Physico-chemical characterization & antimicrobial activity

**Nofar Yehuda**, Ariel Kushmaro, Shoshana Arad Department of Biotechnology Engineering, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel P-49 Organogels from essential volatile oils, characterization and applications

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P-50 Rational design of light-responsive elastin-like polypeptides, using non-standard amino acids

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## P51 – P56 BIG DATA & MICROBIOME

P-51 Diversity of bacterial biota in *Capnodis tenebrionis* (Coleoptera: Buprestidae) larvae

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P-52 Characterization of date fruit microbiome (cv. Medjool) and development of biological control agents against fungal contamination and decay

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P-53 Diversity and predicted function of non-ribosomal peptides and polyketides in root microbial communities

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P-54 Sub-inhibitory membrane damage undermines *Staphylococcus* aureus virulence

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P-55 Critical factors and insights in scaling up fermentation processes from lab to industrial scales, and scale down considerations

#### Moti Rebhun

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P-56 The biochemical characterization of a novel quorum quenching lactonase from *E.Amylovora* plant pathogen

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## P57 – P77 DRUG DESIGN

P-57 Virtual smart white cane for obstacle detection

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P-58 Organophosphate detoxification treatment by peptides

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P-59 Natural and modified quorum sensing inhibitors to overcome oral bacteria biofilms

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P-60 Wnt signaling inhibition using IWP-2 loaded polypeptide-peptide nanoparticles for decreasing tumor progression

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P-61 Developing a PCSK9-competitive inhibitor as a therapeutic agent for reducing blood cholesterol levels

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P-62 Discovery of novel prostate cancer targeted peptides and their use in drug delivery

**Anna Cohen**, Michael A Firer Chemical Engineering, Ariel University, Ariel, Israel P-63 Receptor-directed delivery of dsRNA into crustacean oocytes

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P-64 Shaped gold nanoparticles as a designed drug carrier to the hair follicles

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P-65 Incorporation of light-sensitive nonstandard amino acids in pH low insertion peptide for conformation control by light

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P-66 Unraveling an unexpected function of kunitz family members: potent Amyloid-beta aggregation inhibitors

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P-67 Utilizing bioorthogonal chemistry for improving the pharmacokinetic properties and inhibitory potency of N-TIMP2

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