

Staff Scientists@Weizmann



Idea-to-action Workshop

Bina, a new unit at WIS that supports early-stage basic research projects that are likely to lead to intellectual property with practical applications, has launched a special workshop for staff scientists in collaboration with the Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado Boulder. The entrepreneurship workshop has been specifically tailored to expose staff scientists to tools needed to develop their research ideas into business ventures. Sixteen staff scientists participated in a three-day workshop in September, and it was a success. We are looking forward to another workshop next year.

Retreat

Hot off the wire: We are happy to announce that the next staff scientists retreat will take place on November 3rd, 2022, a one day activity in the Dead Sea area that will include fun outdoor activities. Much thanks to the organizing committee of Drs. Shlomit Reich-Zeliger, Orith Leitner, Ira Zaretsky and Rotem Ben Tov Perry. Stay tuned for more information and registration.

2022 Staff Scientist Awards



Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Maxine Singer and Scientific Council Prizes for Outstanding Staff Scientists. The awardees were presented with their prizes at a recent ceremonial meeting of the Scientific Council of Professors. This year's winners are:

•**Maxine Singer Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientist:** Dr. Nitzan Akerman (Physics of Complex Systems), Dr. Liora Las (Brain Sciences)

•**Scientific Council Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientist:** Dr. Liat Avram-Biton (Chemical Research Support), Dr. Gili Ben-Nissan (Biomolecular Sciences), Dr. Orna Dahan (Molecular Genetics), Dr. Ziv Porat (Life Sciences Core Facilities)

Long-Term Travel Grants

The Research Grants & Project Office recently announced a new initiative whereby staff scientists can apply for a long-term travel grant (up to 3 months with the possibility to apply for an extension). The purpose of these travel grants is "to explore collaborations and acquire expertise in cutting edge technologies" (per the grant description). The next application deadline is February 1, 2023. For details, see the [RGP site](#).

Spotlight on Science Lecture Series

We would like to thank Dr. Ayelet Vilan (Chemical and Biological Physics) for agreeing to run this important lecture series this year. Details of the first lecture will be announced soon. If you are interested in presenting your scientific work, please contact [Dr. Ayelet Vilan](#).

Got a Nice Image?

Do you have a scientific image that you are proud of and want to share with the rest of the world? If you do, please send them, along with a short blurb and citation, to mark.a.iron@weizmann.ac.il.

Staff Scientists Website

We are continuously updating our website, which is an invaluable resource for any staff scientist or candidate with questions about the track. Make sure to check it out [here](#).

2022 Staff Scientist Promotions

We would also like to congratulate the following staff scientists who received promotions this year. Starting this year, they will be honoured in a special ceremony under the auspices of the Scientific Council to be held this year on **October 20th at 4pm** - make sure to save the date.

•**Promoted to Associate Staff Scientist:** Dr. Yoseph Addadi (Life Sciences Core Facilities), Dr. Nadav Elad (Chemical Research Support), Dr. Gabriel Rosenblum (Chemical & Structural Biology), Dr. Alon Rubin (Brain Sciences), Dr. Tomer Meir Salame (Life Sciences Core Facilities)

•**Promoted to Senior Staff Scientist:** Dr. Liat Avram-Biton (Chemical Research Support), Dr. Orna Dahan (Molecular Genetics), Dr. Rinat Goren (Physics of Complex Systems), Dr. Tsviya Olender (Molecular Genetics), Dr. Nina Reuven (Molecular Genetics)

Retiring? Now You Can Stay Connected

The WIS Administration recently announced that from now on, staff scientists who retire will be given three years temporary affiliation. This means that they will be able to keep their WIS email address and access to all computational platforms (including library access, internal services, etc.). Furthermore, if there is a balance in their KAKA^M upon retirement and the staff scientist remains employed by the WIS (e.g., as a paid or unpaid consultant), the balance can be used for scientific travel for a period of 3 years post-retirement.

Details on the Requirements for Promotion

Thanks to the efforts of Prof. Maya Schuldiner (Chair of the Staff Scientists Appointments and Promotions Committee), the forms and requirements for the promotion and tenure of staff scientists has been made available on the Academic Affairs Office [website](#) once you log on using your Weizmann credentials.

Conference Organizing by Staff Scientists

A recent decision by the Weizmann administration allows staff scientists to apply for funding to host a conference or workshop on campus. Applications are to be submitted through the Academic Affairs Office via the Conference Support Programs [site](#). Applications are reviewed on a competitive basis, and there are two tracks: short, one-day symposia and longer multi-day conferences. For details, contact [Shani Eivgi](#) from the AAO.

New Initiative: Erasmus+ Mobility Grants

The Feinberg Graduate School and the International Office just announced the Erasmus+ flagship programme of the EU to support collaborations between research universities. Mobility grants will be available both to host and to visit [partner institutions](#) for periods of five days to three months. More details are available on the [IO website](#).