

Staff Scientists@Weizmann

Elections for the new Staff Scientists Council

Elections for the next Staff Scientist Council will be held during **October 2021**. We are looking for energetic candidates to lead the staff scientist community into a bright and better future. Anyone interested in becoming a sectorial representative or on the executive committee (including the chair) should notify Dr. Shirley Shulman Daube (shirley.daube@weizmann.ac.il) **by the end of August**.

Looking for a Volunteer to Run the Spotlight on Science Lecture Series

We would like to thank Dr. Tomer-Meir Salame for his exceptional job in running this important lecture series. We are looking for a volunteer to continue in his footsteps. If you are interested, please contact Tomer (tomerm@weizmann.ac.il).

Retreat

The staff scientist retreat that we had planned for 2020 was postponed because of COVID19. We are now hoping to hold the retreat in March 2022. Please stay tuned for further details as they become available.

Staff Scientists Networking — A New Council Initiative



We are planning a series of informal, small-group meetings to discuss and promote issues affecting our community and to network staff scientists across disciplines and across the campus. Each time we will hold several sessions, and each meeting will be led by a Council member. The topic of the first set of meetings, which will be held in October, will be “**Staff Scientists by the Numbers: What are the Numbers Teaching Us?**” We will examine the distribution of staff scientists and how we can improve our success in the promotion process. Registration will be sent out in the next few weeks.

Staff Scientists Enrichment Program

The Human Resources Division, in collaboration with the Staff Scientists Council and the Vice President’s office, has put together a series of workshops designed to help the staff scientists advance their careers. We are kicking off this exciting program on **November 25, 2021**, with a lecture by Omri Gefen (TAU/IDC) on “**The Power of Cooperation - From Ego-System to Ecosystem.**” You will soon receive a “Save the Date” notice from HR inviting you to attend. Future topics will include (tentative): Role Perception and Position, The Tactics of Influencing, Interface Management, and The PI and Me. Thanks to Drs. Sefi Addadi and Nir Kampf for their help in organizing this amazing opportunity.

Staff Scientists on WIS Committees

The following were selected to join Weizmann committees:

- Gender Equality Committee:** Drs. Orna Dahan (Molecular Genetics) and Sharon Wolf (Chemical Research Support)
- Research Services and Administration (RSAC) Committee:** Dr. Yoav Barak (Chemical Research Support) effective October 1, 2021.
- Declaration of Research Assessment (DORA) Committee:** Dr. Tamar Unger (Life Sciences Core Facilities)
- Staff Scientists Relocation Committee:** Drs. Yael Ayalon (Molecular Cell Biology), Hadas Zehavi (Biomolecular Sciences) and Ayelet Vilan (Chemical and Biological Physics)

Staff Scientists Website

We are continuously updating the Staff Scientists website, which is an invaluable resource for any staff scientist or candidate with questions about the track or who just wants to know the latest updates and changes. Make sure to check it out:

http://www.weizmann.ac.il/Staff_Scientists/

Meet the Current Staff Scientists Council

Executive Committee:

Dr. Shirley Shulman Daube (chair), Dr. Shlomit Reich-Zeliger, Dr. Ghil Jona

Sector Representatives:

Dr. Eyal Shimoni, Dr. Haim Weissman, Dr. Mark Iron, Dr. Hadas Zehavi, Dr. Vyacheslav Kalchenko, Dr. Tamar Paz-Elizur, Dr. Tomer-Meir Salame and Dr. Eyal Kroupp

Staff Scientist Survey



The Council is always on the lookout for issues that impact our community and to find new avenues to improve our lives at the Weizmann. To this end, we will soon be sending out an **anonymous survey** related to certain key issues the Council is working on. All input, no matter how small or large, would be most helpful.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following staff scientists who were promoted this year:

• **Associate Staff Scientist:** Dr. Keren Bahar Halpern (Molecular Cell Biology), Dr. Ben Tov Perry (Biological Regulation), Dr. Milana Fraiberg (Biomolecular Sciences), Dr. Izhar Karbat (Biomolecular Sciences). Dr. Olga Khersonsky (Biomolecular Sciences)

• **Senior Staff Scientist:** Dr. Raanan Carmieli (Chemical Research Support), Dr. Ghil Jona (Life Science Core Facilities), Dr. Naama Kessler (Chemical and Structural Biology), Dr. Shlomit Reich-Zeliger (Immunology), Dr. Inna Solomonov (Biological Regulation), Dr. Ayelet Vilan (Chemical and Biological Physics), Dr. Adina Weinberger (Computer Science and Applied Mathematics), Dr. Haim Weissman (Molecular Chemistry and Materials Science)

Prizes

Congratulations to the following winners of the 2020 prizes for Outstanding Staff Scientists:

• **Maxine Sanger Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientists:** Dr. Keren Bahar Halpern (Molecular Cell Biology), Dr. Nadav Elad (Chemical Research Support)

• **Scientific Council Prize for Outstanding Staff Scientists:** Dr. Nurit Avraham (Condensed Matter Physics), Dr. Nir Kampf (Molecular Chemistry and Materials Science), Dr. Noa Novershtern (Molecular Genetics), Dr. Shlomit Reich-Zeliger (Immunology)