



THE ISRAELI RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR EYE HEALTH AND BLINDNESS PREVENTION (R.A.)

Lirot Association News

June was very busy with Ophthalmology news, as well as Lirot Association's summary reports for the year 2017, as you can see from the information that circulated at the General Assembly.

We wish you, all supporters, donors, and volunteers of Lirot Association interesting readings and a wonderful summer

Best regards,
Nadine Hollander
Association CEO.

Israeli Ophthalmology society conference commemorating 90 years of Ophthalmology



- 1 **Then:** Nomadic eye doctor, Dr. Goldstein from Givat Nili. This role was common during the 1920's. The eye doctor came to remote locations that lacked medical services. The first to fill the role was Prof. Aryeh Feigenbaum, who even contracted Trachoma while providing medical care. **Today:** Lirot Association's Mobile Eye-care Unit.
- 2 **Then:** First issue of "The Eye" magazine, founded by Prof. Michael Blumenthal, first published in 1984, and provided a stage for news and exchange of social, organizational, and scientific knowledge between the members of the Israeli Ophthalmology Society. **Today:** A phone or computer app of the Ophthalmology Society was released in 2017, and serves as a platform for publicity, reports, and communication between the Society's executive management and its members.
- 3 **Then:** An invitation to the first Trachoma Conference that took place in 1914, and was the first scientific gathering in Israel. 24 doctors, half of all eye doctors in Israel at the time, participated in it. **Today:** The two-day annual conference tradition continues, and this year (2018) boosted an impressive number of participants - close to 1,000.
- 4 **Then and Today:** Old and new equipment for eye examinations.
- 5 Chairmen of the Ophthalmology Society from founding to present day.

Other news from the June conference



Ophthalmology Society award to Prof. Aryeh Solomon - Lirot Assoc. Executive Board member - **Congratulation!**



Lirot yearly scholarship grant to Dr. Nadav Shoshani of Assaf Harofeh Medical Center.

"100 Years of Ophthalmology"

International conference at the Hadassah Medical Center
In 2018 the Hadassah Hospital Ophthalmology Department celebrates its 100th anniversary. This department was the first Ophthalmology center in Israel and served as the foundation for clinical and academic ophthalmology in the country.

See the article by Prof. Peer and Prof Itay Chowers on '100 years of Ophthalmology at Hadassah'

Published in the American journal of ophthalmology

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Lirot Association Annual General Assembly June 2018

Alongside a fascinating lecture by Professor Noam Shomron on the subject of genetics, this was an opportunity to present the association's achievements for the year 2017



Presentation

Thanks to the strong dedication, goodwill, and professionalism of all the volunteers we made many achievements this year

Many thanks to everyone - Personal appreciation to each and every one - Without you, we can't advance Lirot's goals

Special recognition to all members of the Executive Board and Scientific Council who promote the association's goals with all of their hearts, next to the Friends Society members who joined alongside the Executive Board in 2017.

And of course, many appreciations to all the private and business donors who contributed to the association and supported Lirot financially in its goals & activities throughout the year 2017.

Here's to continued cooperation and support next year as well!

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Blindness Prevention Research progress



UCI researcher receives CIRM funding for stem cell-based retina therapy to treat blindness

Prof. Irit Bachar, Ophthalmology Division Director at Beilinson Hospital - For the first time in Israel, doctors at Beilinson Hospital managed to successfully perform a "tooth-in-eye" operation, that restored a blind woman's sight. As part of the surgical procedure, doctors extracted a tooth from the patient and inserted an artificial cornea into it. The modified tooth was ultimately transplanted into the damaged eye and allowed the patient to see again.

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