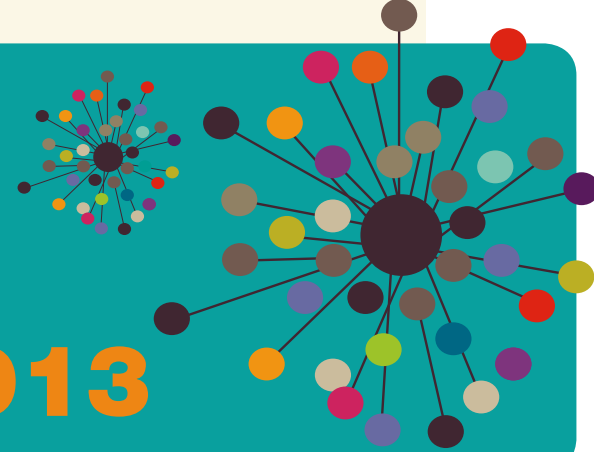


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Nethanyahu and Peres speaking at the conference



Digital Warfare: TAU on the Frontline

Prime Minister Netanyahu called for a “digital iron dome” at an international cyber conference hosted by TAU’s Yuval Ne’eman Workshop for Science, Technology and Security

The means, methods and technologies needed to deal with cyber attacks were the focus of TAU’s third annual International Cyber Security Conference, which took place on campus during the 2013 Board of Governors meeting.

Among the high-profile attendees of the Conference was Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who characterized Israel as the “rising star” in the rapidly expanding field of cyber security. In his address to hundreds of foreign diplomats, international investors,

military attachés, academics, business leaders and students, Netanyahu explained, “Today cyber is part of the battlefield. This is not the warfare of the future, it is already here.”

Netanyahu emphasized that Israel’s essential systems, including the country’s water, electricity, transport and banking infrastructure, are under attack. To defend against the increasing barrage of cyber attacks from Iran and its proxies, Hezbollah and Hamas, he called for a two-pronged strategy. First, Israel needs to develop a “digital iron dome”

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to improve the country’s response time to cyber attacks. Second, it must create more international collaborations through frameworks such as the Yuval Ne’eman Workshop, launched in 2002 by TAU professor Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Isaac Ben-Israel, who is also Chairman of the Israel National Council for Research and Development at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Space.

New cyber study tracks

At the conference, TAU President Prof. Joseph Klafter announced the launch of two interdisciplinary cyber study tracks – the first of their kind in Israel. Students from fields as diverse as engineering, humanities and social sciences will be able to explore the complex field of cyberspace and cyber security from scientific, technological, ethical, legal, business and economic perspectives. A select few will also have the opportunity to take part in hands-on internships with cyber industry leaders.

Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel, Chairman of the Board of Governors, said that because of top research institutions such as TAU, Israel has already become a global hub for innovative cyber technologies.

Other speakers at the conference included Israeli President Shimon Peres, Head of the National Cyber Bureau Dr. Eviatar Matania, and Minister of Industry, Trade and Labor Naftali Bennett.

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Len Blavatnik (right), pictured with TAU President Joseph Klafter (left) and TAU Rector Aron Shai, was one of the eight honorary doctorate recipients.



AFTAU inaugurated the beautiful new TAU International Student Terrace.



From left: Mr. Guillermo Strauss, Prof. Yaniv Assaf and TAU President Joseph Klafter

Scientists' understanding of the structure and function of the human brain will be significantly advanced through the addition of a new human MRI scanner at TAU's Alfredo Federico Strauss Center for Computational Neuroimaging. The center serves 28 research teams working in neuroscience across five faculties at the University.

The cornerstone for the scanner, which will enable imaging of the human brain, was laid at a ceremony attended by Mr. Guillermo Strauss

NEW CLINICAL 3T MRI SCANNER

Expanding Frontiers of Neuroimaging

of Argentina, who represented his mother, Charlotte, and sisters, Mariana, Margarita and Sylvia, at the event.

The new MRI machine will significantly advance Tel Aviv University's position as a national leader in neuroimaging and brain science. This highly interdisciplinary field is crucial to understanding human behavior and seeking cures for neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and stroke.

Speaking at the ceremony, TAU President Joseph Klafter praised Guillermo Strauss as "a true friend of TAU. You have always been interested and involved and shown that you truly care. You are a model for others to engage in fostering TAU's research capabilities for the benefit of all," he said.

The human MRI scanner will augment the

Strauss Center's existing animal MRI, which has played a vital part in international projects and in dozens of articles in prestigious scholarly journals.

This year, the Strauss Center led an international initiative to create the first complete "atlas" of white matter in the brain. Using special imaging techniques developed at the Strauss Center, this project is providing insight into the brain's microstructure.

Head of the Strauss Center, Prof. Yaniv Assaf, said that the expansion of the Center's

facilities has played a major role in attracting the best and most talented new faculty members to the

Advancing understanding of Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and stroke

University. The new scanner will also give the teams improved abilities to analyze the animal and human brains together, he said.



From left: Alex Gertner, Rita Brainin and TAU President Joseph Klafter

A nanotechnology symposium marking the 10th anniversary of the Marian Gertner Institute for Medical Nanosystems kicked off the 2013 Board of Governors Meeting in the presence of TAU Governors Mr. Alexander Gertner and his sister, Ms. Rita Brainin. Together with their mother, Mrs. Hella Gertner, they established the Institute in honor of their late father, Marian Gertner, a devoted friend and benefactor of TAU for a quarter of a century. The symposium, which was held by TAU's Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, was attended by hundreds of TAU students, faculty members and visitors.

MARIAN GERTNER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL NANOSYSTEMS

Celebrating 10 Years of Innovation

Mrs. Hella Gertner, a TAU honorary doctor, was the driving force behind the Austrian Friends Association and served as its President for many years. Hella and her husband passed on their love of the University to their children, who continue to strengthen TAU's presence in Austria and Switzerland to this day. They have also expanded the scope of the Institute's research to address some of the most challenging issues facing modern medicine. Through

the Institute, the family has provided dozens of scholarships to talented students and has encouraged scientific collaborations with leading nanoscience centers around the world.

Prof. Robert Langer of MIT, the most cited engineer in history and a 2013 TAU honorary doctor, delivered the symposium's keynote address. He spoke of how research in the field of nanomedicine is leading to new drug therapies that target cancer cells directly without



Creating technologies to relieve suffering and save thousands of lives

harming the body, saying that "we are creating technologies to relieve suffering. We could save thousands of lives."

Head of the Center for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology, Prof. Yael Hanein, spoke about Tel Aviv University's passionate nanoscientists who are working together to develop new methods for enhanced medical imaging, more sensitive diagnostics and tissue regeneration. Other speakers at the symposium included Prof. Dan Peer of the George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences, who is revolutionizing treatments for cancer and inflammation; Dr. Tal Dvir of the Wise Faculty, a developer of nano-scale technologies for cardiac and brain tissue engineering; and Alzheimer's expert Dr. Inna Slutsky of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine.



LANDMARK SMOLARZ AUDITORIUM CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Gala Concert Honors Smolarz Family



Adolfo Smolarz (center) with his daughter, Aida Smolarz, and grandson Tomas Maliar Smolarz

Adolfo Smolarz:

“During Israel’s War of Independence, Miriam and I were active in aiding the war effort. Since then, we have visited Israel every year and witnessed its wonderful progress with immense joy and pride. During these years, we also fell in love with Tel Aviv University and I am very happy about that. I hope my descendants will follow in my footsteps.”

An all-Beethoven concert was held to mark 10 years of the Miriam and Adolfo Smolarz Auditorium, Tel Aviv University’s largest and principal cultural venue. The event, which was the musical highlight of the 2013 Board of Governors meeting, was held in honor of three generations of the Smolarz family, who have worked tirelessly since 1980 to promote TAU in their home community of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and throughout Latin America.

The concert was performed by Tel Aviv University’s Buchmann-Mehta School of Music Symphony Orchestra, Oratorio Choir and the Swiss Friends Choir, with a guest appearance by the Jerusalem Academy Chamber Choir. Prof. Ze’ev Dorman, Head of TAU’s Buchmann-Mehta School of Music and formerly of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, was conductor.

Welcoming statesmen and scientists

The Smolarz Auditorium plays a central role in the intellectual and spiritual life of Tel Aviv University, the City of Tel Aviv-Yafo and Israel.

It has won renown as an iconic and prestigious venue for academic, artistic and public events that have featured leading figures from around the world including Nobel Prize laureates, statesmen and politicians, business leaders and scientists, world-class musicians, actors and authors.

In his opening greetings, Chairman of the Board of Governors Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel said, “Tonight we are recognizing the contribution of this magnificent hall to enhancing the standing of Tel Aviv University as a world-class center of learning and achievement.” He noted, “Adolfo Smolarz is an ardent Zionist and friend of the State of Israel, who has committed himself to perpetuating Jewish culture, tradition and continuity.”

Prof. Frenkel also noted that the performers included many of Israel’s most talented young musicians and praised Mr. Josef Buchmann, founder of the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music, for recognizing the potential of the University’s music academy to become a world-class music school.

RENOVATIONS TO THE GITTER-SMOLARZ LIBRARY OF LIFE SCIENCES AND MEDICINE

The second floor of TAU’s flagship library for medicine and life sciences has been upgraded to provide a beautiful and modern space with 57 additional computer workstations and 10 group study rooms. This is part of a general renovation of the Gitter-Smolarz Library for Life Sciences and Medicine, which serves an average of 36,000 visitors a month – about 1,500 a day.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the presence of Mr. Adolfo Smolarz and family, together with members of the Argentinean Friends of TAU, led by their president, Polly Mizrahi de Deutsch.

The library was dedicated by TAU in 1997 in honor of Mr. Smolarz and the late Chairman of the Board of Governors, Benno Gitter. Director of the Library Mira Lipshtein noted that the purpose of the Gitter-Smolarz Library is to “help and support TAU students along the path to becoming not only doctors, but also scientists, biologists and health professionals.”



From left: TAU President Joseph Klafter, Chairman of the Board of Governors Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel, President of the Argentinean Friends Polly Mizrahi de Deutsch, Tomas Maliar Smolarz, Aida Smolarz and Adolfo Smolarz



Major Prizes 2013

Sieratzki Prize Awarded to 10 Outstanding Neuroscientists

TAU Governor Barbara Sieratzki and her son, Dr. Jechil (Harry) Sieratzki, presented the 2013 Sieratzki Prize for Advances in Neuroscience to Dr. Yuval Nir of TAU's Sackler Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Ilan Dinstein of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev; and Dr. Inbal Goshen of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. The prize was enlarged this year to award an additional seven prizes to senior and junior TAU researchers in neuroscience. Barbara and Jechil Sieratzki also awarded project funds to support the lab of Prof. Nir Giladi, incumbent of the Heinrich (Yehezkel) Sieratzki Chair in Neurology, which the family established in 1995 in memory of Heinrich Sieratzki. 2013 TAU Honorary Doctor Prof. Carla J. Shatz gave the keynote lecture at the award ceremony.



From left: Dean of Medicine Prof. Yoseph Mekori; Head of the Sagol School of Neuroscience Prof. Uri Ashery; Prof. Nir Giladi; TAU Governor Barbara Sieratzki; Director of the Adams Super-Center for Brain Studies Prof. Ilana Gozes; Dr. Jechil (Harry) Sieratzki; and Prof. emeritus Amos Korczyn

2013 Ramniceanu Prize

The Hugo Ramniceanu Prize in Economics for 2013 was presented to Drs. Judith and Jacob (Kobi) Richter, co-founders of Medinol, a world leader in the field of cardiac stents. The prize, which was presented by Dr. Monique Barel, daughter of the late President of the French Friends Association, Hugo Ramniceanu, is awarded annually to a distinguished Israeli businessperson. The prize ceremony included the awarding of the Hugo and Valerie Ramniceanu Scholarship in Economics.



From left: TAU President Joseph Klafter, Dr. Monique Barel, prizewinners Drs. Jacob (Kobi) and Judith Richter, and TAU Board of Governors Chairman Jacob A. Frenkel

Kikoïne Prize to Local Artist

The **Michel Kikoïne Prize** for 2013 was awarded to Masha Zusman in honor of her upcoming exhibition at the Michel Kikoïne Foundation on the TAU campus. The prize, which funds an exhibition at the facility to encourage and reward Israeli artists, was endowed by the artist's late daughter, TAU benefactor Mrs. Claire Maratier-Kikoïne. This year's prize was presented in her memory by Dr. Catherine Supe Kikoïne, a member of the family.



From left: Dean of Arts Prof. Hannah Naveh, Masha Zusman, French Governor Woolf Marmot and Dr. Catherine Supe Kikoïne



2013 Dan David



For the twelfth year running, the Dan David Prize recognized individuals whose achievements have had an outstanding scientific, cultural or social impact on our world.

This was the second time the ceremony was held since the passing of its founder, the late Dan David. Dan's son and a member of the Dan David Prize Board, Ariel David, said, "By creating this prize, my father wanted not only to recognize the merits of extraordinary people, but to present them as an example for younger generations and to cultivate curiosity and a thirst for knowledge."

Each of three \$1 million prizes is awarded in three time dimensions – past, present and future. The prize for the past dimension,

Constantiner Prize Lauds Jewish Camping Initiative

The 2013 Dr. Jaime Constantiner Prize in Jewish Education was awarded to the Summer Shlichim Program for Jewish Camping – Jewish Agency for Israel, and its director of the Shlichim & Israel Fellows unit, Offer Isseroff. The Prize recognized the summer program's pivotal role in reinforcing Jewish identity among Diaspora youth for over 50 years by training and sending emissaries to Jewish communities around the world. The award perpetuates the late Dr. Jaime Constantiner's dedication to Jewish education in the Diaspora, and was presented by his son, TAU Governor Dr. Arturo Constantiner.



From left: Head of the Jaime and Joan Constantiner School of Education Prof. Rafi Nachmias; prize winner Offer Isseroff of the Jewish Agency for Israel; TAU Rector Aron Shai; and Dr. Arturo Constantiner

Prizes Awarded



From left: Mr. Ariel David; Mr. Leon Wieseltier; Mrs. Gabriela David; Prof. Sir Michel Serres; Prof. Esther Duflo; Prof. Sir Geoffrey Lloyd; and Prof. Alfred Sommer

“Classics, the Modern Legacy of the Ancient World,” was awarded to Prof. Sir Geoffrey Lloyd of the University of Cambridge and the Needham Research Institute. The prize for the present, “Ideas, Public Intellectuals and Contemporary Philosophers,” was shared by Prof. Sir Michel Serres of Clermont-Ferrand, Paris, and Stanford University, and Mr. Leon Wieseltier, Literary Editor of *The New Republic*. The prize for the future in “Preventive Medicine” was shared by Prof. Esther Duflo of MIT and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Lab, and Prof. Alfred Sommer of Johns Hopkins University’s Bloomberg School of Public Health.

2013 Sackler Prize Singles Out Promising Young Scientists

The 2013 Raymond and Beverly Sackler Prize in the Physical Sciences in the field of Chemistry was presented to Prof. Melanie S. Sanford of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Prof. Jin-Quan Yu of the Scripps Research Institute. The prize was awarded in the field of functionalization of carbon-hydrogen bonds in organic synthesis. The Sackler Prize was established by TAU Honorary Chairman Dr.



From left: Prof. Arkadi Vigalok, Prof. Melanie S. Sanford, Prof. Jin-Quan Yu and Prof. Doron Shabat

Raymond R. Sackler and his wife, Beverly, major benefactors of the sciences at the University.

TAU Top Awards 2013

George S. Wise Medal

ECONOMIC POLICY:

Prof. Stanley Fischer, US/Israel
Universally lauded former Governor of the Bank of Israel, leading economist



Honorary Doctorates

PHILANTHROPY & EDUCATION:

Leonard Blavatnik, UK/US
Self-made businessman and champion of higher learning



ENTREPRENEURSHIP:

Jeremy Coller, UK
Innovative financier and supporter of business-academic links



HUMANITIES:

Prof. Ray Jackendoff, US
World-renowned linguist and philosopher



BIOTECHNOLOGY:

Prof. Robert S. Langer, US
Global nanomedical pioneer and most cited engineer in history



MEDIA & LEADERSHIP:

Maurice Lévy, France
Media icon and promoter of tolerance and diversity



SOCIAL IMPACT:

Judith Yovel Recanati, Israel
Philanthropist, social advocate and champion of volunteerism



NEUROBIOLOGY:

Prof. Carla J. Shatz, US
Trailblazing neurobiologist and role model for female scientists



ARTS:

Miriam Zohar-Galblum, Israel
Beloved and multi-talented Israeli actress



Honorary Fellowship

BUSINESS & PHILANTHROPY:

Guillermo Swerdlin, Mexico/Israel
Prominent businessman, philanthropist and TAU supporter





35 Years of Fulfilling Academic Dreams

Since it first allocated scholarships for disadvantaged TAU students in 1979, the ISEF Foundation has helped change the face of the campus to reflect the Israeli people's wonderful diversity

Founded in 1977 by the late Edmond J. Safra, his wife, TAU Honorary Doctor Lily Safra, and ISEF President Nina Weiner, the ISEF Foundation aims to bridge social gaps in Israel by expanding accessibility to higher education among gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds. It is the only non-profit organization in Israel to support its protégés throughout their degrees at all levels, including a select few who are able to pursue graduate studies at top universities overseas.

ISEF supports an average of 500 students annually on 21 campuses across Israel, including 50 per year at TAU, for a grand total of almost 20,000 scholarships to date. ISEF's TAU alumni hold key roles throughout Israel's com-

mercial, public and academic sectors. Among ISEF's many success stories is Member of Knesset Dr. Adi Koll who, prior to pursuing her political career, single-handedly conceived and launched the "People's University" at TAU, a unique initiative that opened up the world of higher education to marginalized groups through specially-designed courses.

Another ISEF alumna is Dr. Vered Padler Karavani, now an assistant professor at TAU's Department of Cell Research and Immunology, George S. Wise Faculty of Life Sciences. "It has now been 18 years since I first joined ISEF as a first-year TAU biology student," she says. "ISEF has always been like a second family to me, encouraging me to re-



ISEF fellowship recipient Dr. Vered Padler Karavani

alize my full potential." Vered, whose parents made aliyah from Yemen, has already made seminal contributions to her field, including the discovery of a novel cancer biomarker that could enable the early detection of the disease.

In keeping with the goals of the Foundation, both Dr. Koll and Dr. Padler Karavani received fellowships from ISEF for their studies overseas at Columbia University and UC San Diego respectively.

ISEF's long-time contribution to opportunity and excellence at TAU is complemented by other major Safra family projects on campus, including the Edmond J. Safra Center for Bioinformatics and the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics.



BARBARA SEAL, CM, AND
DONALD W. SEAL, QC RESEARCH FLOOR

Championing Legal Research

influential law school in Israel and, in many areas, among the top 20 in the world.

TAU President Joseph Klafter praised the Seals as the "driving force behind our Canadian Friends Association in Montreal," and added that they had worked closely with the Montreal Jewish community to garner support for the University throughout the years. "Side by side they have opened their hearts and their homes generously in the service of the Canadian Friends and in support of Tel Aviv University," he added.

For more than three decades Barbara Seal has dedicated herself to the Canadian Friends, including serving as their National President. She has been honored twice by the University, in 2002 with the TAU President's Award and in 2007 with an honorary doctorate.

A retired Citizenship Court judge, Barbara Seal continues to preside at major citizenship ceremonies. She is the recipient of numerous

honors and awards, including Canada's highest honor, the Order of Canada.

Donald Seal serves as a Director and the legal counsel of the Canadian Friends Association and holds a TAU honorary doctorate. A retired municipal judge, active practicing attorney and senior partner in his law firm, he has served as director and chairman of the board of numerous public and private companies. He graduated from McGill University in 1954, was received at the Bar in 1955, and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974.

Maitre Seal said, "Barbara and I have devoted a large part of our lives to the law, an area which we love. In the legal profession you have to wear many hats – you have to be a counselor, social worker and psychologist to really help your clients." Turning to Barbara, he said that although she is a retired citizenship judge in the province of Quebec, she was and still is the best judge they ever had.

The Seal Research Floor in the Trubowicz Law Building, Tel Aviv University's oldest structure, was inaugurated by TAU Governors Judge Barbara Seal, CM, and Maitre Donald Seal, QC, of Montreal, Canada. The Floor will provide a modern, well-appointed home for the Buchmann Faculty of Law's "nerve center," where many of its cutting edge research institutes are located. Part of the Seals' donation is being earmarked for much-needed fellowships for doctoral and post-doctoral students.

At the inauguration ceremony, which was moderated by TAU Resource Development Executive for English-Speaking Countries, Meir Buber, Dean of Law Ron Harris said that TAU's law faculty is the most prestigious and

From left:
Dean of Law
Ron Harris,
TAU President
Joseph Klafter,
Barbara and
Donald Seal



The American leadership delegation to the BOG welcomed distinguished guests and students to AFTAU's annual cocktail party at sunset to inaugurate **TAU International's Student Terrace**, funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Clifton-Passaic, New Jersey. In attendance were (from left) TAU Governor and former National Chairman of AFTAU William F. Cohen; current National Chairman of AFTAU Jon Gurkoff; and TAU President Joseph Klafter. The beautiful terrace, located at the scenic heart of the campus, will foster community building and friendship among TAU's international and local students.



The **Leopold Brenes Scholarship Fund and Classroom** were inaugurated in memory of Leopold Brenes (1920-2002) by his wife, Regina Brenes.

The classroom will provide an attractive facility for educating new generations of professionals at TAU's Stanley Steyer School of Health Professions, while the scholarships will support gifted graduate students of management, particularly Ethiopian-Israelis and those from disadvantaged backgrounds. Pictured left are Regina Brenes (center), with her daughter, Prof. Ruth (Stella) Amossy of TAU's Department of French, and son, Henri Brenes. Pictured right are TAU Vice President Raanan Rein and Mrs. Brenes.



The annual **John Gandel Symposium** drew an animated audience to hear from experts on the ongoing unrest in the Middle East and the resulting challenges for

Israel and governments throughout the region. Moderated by Prof. Uzi Rabi (right), Director of the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, this year's panel included Danny Ayalon (left), former Israeli Ambassador to the United States and former Deputy Foreign Minister of Israel; Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, former TAU President and Israeli Ambassador to the United States; and Prof. Shimon Shamir, former Israeli Ambassador to Egypt and Jordan.

TAU 2013 BOG Highlights



Chairman of the Board of Governors Prof. Jacob A. Frenkel (left) moderated the **2013 Board of Governors Economics Symposium**, entitled "The Israeli Economy: Grappling with the Tough Questions." Presentations were given by Deputy Governor of the Bank of Israel Dr. Karnit Flug (center), who provided an overview of the economic challenges facing Israel, and Chief Economic Advisor to Bank Hapoalim in Israel, TAU's Prof. Leonardo Leiderman (right), who outlined Israel's position vis-à-vis global economic problems.



Pictured: Participants in the **2013 UK Living Legacy Mission** at a special ceremony held in their honor on the TAU campus. This year's tour was an engrossing and heartfelt experience for some 25 British Jews, who enjoyed a mix of intellectual, cultural and social activities over nine days, including meetings with top government officials and star TAU researchers. Organized by the Tel Aviv University Trust – Great Britain, the idea behind the Living Legacy Mission is that in return for leaving a bequest to TAU, participants are hosted on a stimulating, exclusive and all-expenses-paid trip to Israel. Insert: TAU Vice President Amos Elad welcomed the Legacy group.



Following the **2013 Honorary Degree Conferment Ceremony**, a festive gala event was held in the Kuki and Sergio Grosskopf Family Foyer of the Miriam and Adolfo Smolarz Auditorium, featuring the Israeli musical and dance troupe Tararam, energetic dancing and refreshments.



The **Switzerland Institute of Developmental Biology** at Tel Aviv University, an interdisciplinary research center combining life sciences and medicine, held its 20th anniversary party at the home of Swiss Ambassador Dr. Andreas Baum. Guests were welcomed by (from

left) TAU Vice President of Research and Development Prof. Yoav Henis; Deputy Head of the Mission of the Embassy of Switzerland Natalie Kohli; Director of the Switzerland Institute Prof. Lily Vardimon, and TAU Rector Aron Shai. Prof. Shai awarded fellowships to outstanding PhD students in memory of the late Prof. Yehuda Ben-Shaul, founder and first director of the Switzerland Institute.



Top Global Friends Events

Montevideo: When Disaster Strikes

The TAU Friends in Uruguay, together with the Office of the President of Uruguay, the University of the Republic, and the National Emergency System, hosted TAU trauma expert Dr. Leo Wolmer (pictured), who spoke to packed audiences on preventing or preparing for disaster situations, as well as on the rehabilitation required after disaster strikes.



Melbourne: Crime and Punishment

This year's Australian Friends of TAU (Victoria) Annual Oration was sponsored by Roslyn Kushinsky in honor of her parents, the late Ida and Adam Frydman. The Hon. Howard Nathan, former Supreme Court judge and past President of the Victoria chapter, paid glowing tribute to the Frydman's commitment to TAU and Israel. Orator of the evening, David Grace QC, provided fascinating insights into the criminal justice system. Pictured from left: TAU's Meir Buber, Dr. Harry Perelberg, Amit Tzur-Tal and Roslyn Kushinsky.



Paris: All in the Family

Stem cell researcher Dr. Yechiel Elkabetz shared his most recent findings under the admiring eye of his actress/director sister, Ronit Elkabetz, at a soiree held by the French Friends. The event was generously sponsored by David Birene and family in memory of the late Beatrice Birene. Pictured from left: Béatrice Bellahem, Marc Haddad, Geneviève Zarka, Catherine Visan, Lyne Gelrubin, Odile Cohen, Dr. Yechiel Elkabetz, Ronit Elkabetz, Dominique Romano, Prof. François Heilbronn, Loni Silleran and Dr. Monique Barel.



Tel Aviv: I Spy

Former Mossad chief Meir Dagan gave his insights into the Arab Spring and Syria's current political situation as special guest of the Israeli Friends' Business-Academic Club. Pictured from left: Chairman of the Israeli Friends Amnon Dick, Meir Dagan, TAU President Joseph Klafter and Executive Director of the Israeli Friends Sigal Adar.



Frankfurt: Wealth of Opportunities

Almost 200 executives from leading German companies participated in a day of workshops with senior TAU professors to discuss opportunities for collaboration in the areas of finance, IT security, life sciences and biotechnology. The event was organized by the Frankfurt Chamber of Industry and Commerce with the participation of TAU's German Friends. Pictured from left: Vice President of the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of Frankfurt Dr. Lutz Raettig, former Lord Mayor of Frankfurt Dr. h.c. Petra Roth, and TAU President Joseph Klafter.



Los Angeles: Passing the Torch

At a warm and inspiring evening hosted by "America's rabbi," David Wolpe, AFTAU recognized four remarkable California philanthropists — Guilford Glazer, Jona Goldrich, Parviz Izak Nazarian, and Max Webb — and encouraged younger generations to pick up the torch of their leadership. Pictured from left: AFTAU National President Gail Reiss, Guilford Glazer, Jona Goldrich, Max Webb, Hedvah Amrani Danoff, Parviz Izak Nazarian, Rabbi David Wolpe and Dr. Dudley Danoff.



Montreal: Economics Today

The Canadian Friends in Montreal welcomed Prof. Leonardo Leiderman at a luncheon briefing hosted by community leader, Barry Pascal, and attended by young and veteran business people. Pictured from left: Canadian Friends Montreal Chapter President Irwin G. Beutel and Barry Pascal.



Buenos Aires: Bringing Nano to Life

Nanoscience professors Yael Hanein, Dan Peer and Fernando Patolsky were the keynote speakers at the sixth annual Life Sciences Conference held by the Argentinean Friends. In addition to delivering public lectures attended by 250 people, the professors spoke at an elegant dinner at the home of Fred and Mirtha Chaoul, and held discussions hosted by Mauricio and Ethel Di Laudadio, and Roberto and Silvia Burstein. Pictured from left: Prof. Fernando Patolsky, Prof. Dan Peer, Fred and Mirtha Chaoul, Prof. Yael Hanein, and TAU's Herman Richter.



Glasgow: Musical Tribute

The 2013 annual recital and luncheon organized by the Scottish Friends of TAU was held in honor of the commitment and generosity of the founder and President of the Scottish Friends of TAU, Leslie Wolfson. Soprano Tal Bergman and pianist Yishai Rubin (pictured) are both alumni of TAU's Buchmann-Mehta School of Music.



London: Studies for a Day

The TAU Trust in the UK brought the vibrancy and excellence of TAU to London in a one-day, intellectual "tour de force" featuring five professors from the University who showcased some of the most exciting research currently being carried out on campus to an eager crowd of 180 "students." Pictured from left: TAU Executive Director Cara Case, Prof. Neta Ziv, Prof. Yaniv Assaf, Prof. Ronit Satchi-Fainaro, Prof. Irad Ben-Gal, Israeli Ambassador to Great Britain Daniel Taub, Prof. Asher Susser and TAU Trust Chairman David Levin.



Rio de Janeiro: Focusing on Security

International Security and Defense Systems (ISDS) Brasil and TAU's Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, with the participation of the Brazilian Friends, held a two-day seminar discussing the management of security systems at mega-events, technology transfer opportunities, oil, and global political threats.