

IMA International Activities

Upcoming Tour to USA

IMA-WF Chairman Dr. Feldman and Past Chairman Dr. Siev-ner will be speaking on: "Humanitarian Medical Assistance to the Palestinian Population vs. the Political View of Israel Medicine, eg the Goldstone Report"

Dec 1 7:30pm	Presentation – Beth Israel Hospital in Boston hosted by Dr. Bruce Auerbach RSVP By November 27,2009 to bruceauer@gmail.com
Dec 5 7:30pm	Presentation at the home of Dr.David Polaner (Denver) RSVP By December 2, 2009 to Polaner@tchden.org
Dec 8 12:00pm	Presentation at Rutgers Medical School – New Jersey. Hosted by Dr. Steven Lenger RSVP By December 4,2009 to gi44@aol.com
6:00pm	Presentation at Beth Israel Hospital in NYC Hosted by Dr. Abraham Berger RSVP By December 4,2009 to abe.berger@gmail.com
Dec 10 11:30am	Presentation – University of Miami Hosted by Prof. Michael C. Lewis RSVP By December 4,2009 to Brandy Bluett at bbluett@med.miami.edu

Presentation of Ukrainian Medical Ethics Manual

On June 5th in Kiev, Ukraine, Dr. Blachar presented the Ukrainian edition of the WMA Medical Ethics Manual. This presentation coincided with the second edition of the manual being launched. It was originally launched in 2005 and has been distributed to medical schools and medical journals across the world. Dr. Blachar's address, at the conference's opening ceremony, included how medical ethics has developed and how it is utilized throughout the world, discussing such Declarations as Helsinki and Tokyo and, finally, looking at the importance of the WMA Medical Ethics Unit. During his stay, Dr. Blachar met with the Ukrainian Medical Association and with Dr. Vasyl Kniazevych, the Minister of Health of Ukraine.

Dr. Blachar's visit to Oxford

Israeli Medical Association President Dr. Blachar recently visited the city of Oxford and the Oxford Chabad Society which was established in 2001 by

Rabbi Eli Brackman and his wife, Freidy. The purpose of this visit was to meet with the city's Chabad to discuss the structure and activities of the IMA and, more specifically, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. An introduction was given by Rabbi Eli Brackman and Avi Ohayon, President of the Oxford University Chabad Society. Dr. Blachar then spoke on Physicians' Dual Loyalties with respect to the Israel-Palestinian conflict. Finally, brief addresses were given by Secretary General of Israel Medical Association Attorney Leah Wapner and Prof. David Katz, Director of the Jewish Medical Association (JMA). The meeting was well attended and Dr. Blachar received a lively response from the Oxford University Students.

Prof. Peter Rubin's Visit to Israel

In June, Prof. Peter Rubin, newly elected chairman of the UK General Medical Council (GMC), visited Israel as the Henry Cohen Visiting Prof. He was accompanied by Prof. David R Katz, Prof. of Immunopathology at University College London, and Chairman of the

UK Jewish Medical Association.

Prof. Peter Rubin is one of the UK's most distinguished clinical academics. He was previously Prof. of Therapeutics at the University of Nottingham, headed the Department of Medicine in Nottingham from 1990-7, and was Dean of the Medical School from 1997-2003. His major clinical and research interest is in the medical aspects of pregnancy, and, in particular, in associated hypertensive disorders.

During the course of his visit to Israel, Prof. Rubin had the opportunity to meet with physicians, biomedical scientists and medical educators from all four Israeli medical schools. In Jerusalem, after a meeting with young British medical graduates working in Israel, he visited Hadassah Hospital, Ein Karem, spoke to the Director, Prof. Mor-Yosef, and attended seminars run by Prof. Elliott Berry. At Shaarei Zedek Hospital he met with Prof. Halevy and Rabbi Prof. Steinberg, and heard about work being done in the field of Jewish medical ethics. In Tel Aviv, he visited the paediatric and rehabilitation clinical units at Sheba Medical Centre arranged by Dr. Arnon Afek.

This was followed by a meeting at the Israel Medical Association (IMA) offices with Dr. Yoram Blachar, Adv. Leah Wapner and Adv. Malke Borow.

They were later joined by then Director-General of the Ministry of Health, Prof. Avi Israeli. At Ben Gurion University/ Soroka Hospital, Prof. Rubin's visit was arranged by Dr. Alan Jotkowitz. After being introduced to the different novel approaches to education, including those that aim to increase opportunity for the Bedouin community, he met with the President, Prof. Rifka Carmi. In Haifa he visited Prof. Rennert at the Israel Cancer Registry and then spoke to senior members of the Technion Medical School staff, and to both immigrant and Palestinian biomedical scientists.