Graduation Keynote Speaker Shlomo Dovrat (lft.), Chairperson of Israel's National Task Force to Advance Education, & Prof. Reichman

Alumni celebrate their graduation

Founder of the Radzyner School of Law Dr. Harry Radzyner receives an Honorary Fellowship Scroll from Prof. Reichman & IDC Chairman Oudi Recananti

Chairman & Founder of Shrem, Fudim Kelner & Company, Itschak Shrem receives an Honorary Fellowship Scroll from Prof. Reichman & IDC Chairman Oudi Recanati

Former Foreign Minister of France, Michel Barnier (lft), Outgoing Head of Israel's General Security Services, Avi Dichter and US Amb. To Israel Dan Kurtzer open the 5th Annual ICT 9/11 Conference on Counter-Terrorism

Honorary Fellowship recipients, businesswoman & philanthropist Shari Arison and real estate businessman & philanthropist Sam Zell at the ceremony

Happy New Year
A Year for Building a Better Future
Friends and supporters of IDC Herzliya from around the world gathered from May 30 to June 5 for the grand finale of IDC Herzliya’s Decade of Leadership celebrations. The event-filled week began with a sunset reception for participants in the IDC Herzliya International Mission at Apollonia, an enchanting archaeological site located on the cliffs above the Herzliya beach. In the following days, friends from the United States, Germany, Great Britain, Singapore and Israel enjoyed culinary and cultural delights, including the Israeli Opera Tel Aviv-Yafo’s amazing 20th anniversary gala and a Shabbat dinner Henry Zimand hosted in his home in honor of renowned Hollywood director William Friedkin, who directed the opera’s production of Samson and Delilah.

The highlights of the week were the IDC Herzliya Honorary Fellows of the Decade Ceremony and the Graduation Ceremony for the Undergraduate Class of 2004 and Graduate Class of 2005. Honorary Fellowships were awarded to businesswoman and philanthropist Shari Arison; Dr. Harry L. Radzyner, one of the first supporters of IDC Herzliya, who helped it develop ties with the academic, Jewish and business communities in Germany; Itschak Shrem, Chairman and Founder of Shrem, Fudim, Kelner and Company and Chairman of the Israel Friends of IDC; and American real estate tycoon and Chairman of the American Friends of IDC Sam Zell. Over the years, the Honorary Fellows of the Decade have demonstrated extraordinary initiative and leadership, making a significant contribution to the future of the State of Israel and serving as a concrete example of the spirit that guides IDC Herzliya. “All of us are honored for the decade past, and all of us are committed for the decade to come... We hope and expect that 10 years from now, a similar group of honorees will be graduates of IDC,” Mr. Zell declared in his keynote address. Minister of Education Limor Livnat joined IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman, Provost Prof. Amnon Rubenstein, the Deans, Chairman of the IDC Board of Directors, Oudi Recanati & IDC vice President Jonathan Davis on the podium to congratulate the honorary fellows and students graduating with distinction. The honorary fellows ceremony was followed by the ceremony honoring graduating students who have achieved excellence in academics and a festive dinner Yochi and Itschak Shrem hosted for the mission participants and the honorary fellows at their home.
Graduation Week Celebrations!!

American Friends of IDC Chairman Sam Zell receives an Honorary Fellowship Scroll from Prof. Uriel Reichman and IDC Herzliya Chairman Oudi Recanati

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon chats with mission participants at a special meeting he hosted for them at his office.

Prof. Uriel Reichman, Harry Radzyner, Vice President Jonathan Davis and Gail Asper

Raphael Recanati International School students at the IDC Herzliya campus

Finance Ministry Director-General Dr. Joseph Bachar addresses IDC Herzliya friends from around the world

Graduates of the B.A. program in law and business march in the traditional procession at their graduation ceremony.
Over 850 graduating students donned caps and gowns to participate in IDC Herzliya’s traditional graduation ceremony. Shlomo Dovrat, General Partner and Founder of Carmel Ventures and Chairperson of the Education Ministry’s National Task Force for the Advancement of Education in Israel, delivered the keynote lecture at graduation. Inbar Berger spoke on behalf of the graduating class. IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman and his wife Nira hosted a dinner for mission participants at their home after the ceremony. The graduates included the first class of IDC Herzliya’s pioneering Keren Or program, which provides young people from underprivileged background with the tools to earn a B.A., as well as the first business class of the Raphael Recanati International School. IDC Herzliya Events Director Doron Karni coordinated the ceremony.

The ceremony to unveil the plans to open the Asper Institute for Public Advocacy was another high point. Managing Director of the Asper Foundation Gail Asper and Moe Levy of the Asper Foundation and dozens of guests joined Prof. Reichman at the ceremony. The institute is being established in memory of Israel Asper, who was known for his dedicated and persuasive advocacy on behalf of Israel.

Mission participants also spent time with IDC Herzliya faculty and students, sharing their expertise and learning about the faculty’s research and the students’ accomplishments in a variety of areas. Sam Zell met with students in the Zell Entrepreneurship Program, a unique program for outstanding students in their last year of studies. The students presented the business plans they developed in the program, revealing the many skills they had learned as well as the hard work they had invested in developing viable business initiatives throughout the academic year. Mission participant Dr. Yip Yap Wong, founder of the WYWY Group and Deputy Chairperson of the largest venture capital fund in Singapore, also addressed the Zell Entrepreneurship Program participants. He discussed the developing Asian market (China, India and Singapore), focusing on the market’s great potential, the history of growth in these countries and their Israeli-Jewish connection. Mission participant Steven Gadon delivered a lecture to IDC Herzliya students on “Doing Business and Negotiating in the U.S.”

Members of IDC Friends associations from around the world enjoyed a variety of opportunities to interact, from the gala event the Israel Friends of IDC hosted in the campus sculpture garden to a breakfast meeting on the vision of and future directions for IDC Herzliya. Prof. Reichman, IDC Herzliya Provost and Dean of the Radzyner School of Law Prof. Amnon Rubinstein and Chairperson of the IDC Herzliya International Advisory Board and the Higher Academic Committee Prof. Jerry Wind led this discussion. The gala featured a performance by singer Liraz Charhi, who contributed her fee for the evening toward scholarships for students in need. Finance Ministry Director-General Dr. Joseph Bachar gave the keynote address at the gala.
American Friends of IDC Herzliya (AFIDC)
The Board of Directors of the American Friends of IDC Herzliya (AFIDC) met in New York in April. Board member Gideon Argov and his wife Alexandra Fuchs also hosted a reception in their home in Newton Massachusetts in April to introduce the Shlomo Argov Fellows Program at IDC Herzliya. The program will teach public diplomacy to outstanding IDC Herzliya students and provide them with the knowledge, motivation, skills and tools to improve Israel's international standing by revolutionizing Israel's activities in the international arena. Gideon Argov initiated the program to honor of his father, Amb. Shlomo Argov.

In January, Babs Asper welcomed new and old friends of IDC Herzliya to her home in Palm Beach. IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman and Vice President Jonathan Davis spoke at the gathering about the latest developments at IDC Herzliya and in contemporary Israeli politics.

German Friends of IDC Herzliya
IDC Herzliya Honorary Fellow Otto Georg received an honorary doctorate from the law faculty of Heinrich Heine University of Dusseldorf at a festive ceremony in June attended by Former German Federal President Dr. Johannes Rau and Former French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy. Heinrich Heine University honored Mr. Georg for furthering its law faculties’ ties with the Radzyner School of Law at IDC Herzliya and his commitment to teaching and research. Mr. Georg is a strong supporter of both the Center for European Studies at IDC Herzliya and the Institute for Medical Law at Heinrich Heine University.

MK Dalia Rabin, whose father had been a close friend of Mr. Georg, joined Heinrich Heine University Rector Prof. Alfons Labisch, Faculty of Law Dean Prof. Horst Schlehofer and Institute for Medical Law head Prof. Dirk Olzen at the ceremony. Deputy Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who was unable to attend in person, congratulated Mr. Georg in a video, which was played at the event. All present praised Mr. Georg for his efforts to advance democracy and socialism in Germany and around the world following World War II. “Otto Georg … helped to improve democracy in Spain, in Portugal, in Greece, in Israel, by doing things that governments will never do, but people always need,” Minister Peres said.
British Friends of IDC Herzliya

Israeli Ambassador to the UK Zvi Heifetz and his wife Sigalia hosted a reception at their home in London in June to introduce members of the local Jewish community to IDC Herzliya. The guests enjoyed lectures by IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman and Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government Dr. Boaz Ganor. The issues discussed were "Making the Case for Israel" and "The Threat of Global Terrorism: Challenges and Dilemmas." The guests included Eyal Ofer, Evelyn Douek, Zvi Meitar and Gail Seal. This successful event was most generously organized by Shirly Zilkha.

Smadar and David Cohen Chairman of UJIA hosted a parlor meeting at their home in London to introduce The Shlomo Argov Fellows program at IDC. This evening was co-hosted by the UJIA and IDC Herzliya and was of special significance since a number of key of British Jewry who personally knew the late Amb. Argov were present in order to hear tape recordings played by Gidi Argov of his late father which are just as significant today as they were 24 years ago. Prof. Uriel Reichman discussed the importance of the Argov Fellows Program in the hope that IDC Herzliya will be able to raise a generation of Israeli leaders in the field of public diplomacy who will be able to make the case for Israel.

Ceremonies and Events

Radzyner School of Law – Moot Court

Supreme Court Justice Emeritus Dalia Dorner presided over the Radzyner School of Law’s annual moot court, at which outstanding third-year law students represented the plaintiff and defendant. Adv. Dr. Jacob Weinroth and Prof. Leora Bilsky of Tel Aviv University joined Justice Dorner on the bench and to hear the lecture Dr. Avichai Shimoni, of the Department of Bone Marrow Transplantation at the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer, gave before the trial. The trial dealt with whether parents are criminally liable for refusing to give a bone marrow transplant to their child.

Pupils’ Rights – Reut Moot Court

Pupils from the Reut Middle School in Herzliya showed off the knowledge and skills they had obtained in the Middle School in Academia program at a moot court trial that addressed pupils’ rights. The moot court was the culmination of a yearlong program in which IDC Herzliya students, alumni and faculty help Reut pupils to succeed in their studies and encourage them to aspire to study at universities.
Students Remember the Fallen

The IDC Herzliya community marked Memorial Day for Israel’s Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism with a moving ceremony organized by Israeli and international students. The ceremony, which included songs, a short play about a soldier serving in Lebanon, and speeches in English and Hebrew, was especially poignant as students remembered their classmate Roii Avisaf, who was murdered in the terror attack in Sinai last October shortly before he would have begun his final year of studies at the Radzyner School of Law. His father spoke at the ceremony and students constructed a memorial wall with his photographs and biography for the event. Pupils from the elementary school at which Roii had volunteered also participated in the memorial. IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman, whose brother Gad was killed in battle in the Yom Kippur War, also added a personal note by sharing his family’s experience. Second-year business administration student Snir Yagil coordinated the ceremony on behalf of the IDC Herzliya Student Union.

Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day

The IDC Herzliya Student Union made a special effort this year to make the ceremony marking Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day more accessible to international students by including several readings in English about the importance of remembering the Holocaust. Students reacted strongly to the readings, an address by Hana Tencher, a Holocaust survivor who is originally from Poland, and a musical selection performed by students. First-year business administration and law student Yael Li-ran coordinated the ceremony on behalf of the IDC Herzliya Student Union.

Women as Agents of Change

IDC Herzliya teamed up with the Municipality of Herzliya and the Israel Women’s Network to mark International Women’s Day with a symposium on “Women as Agents of Change – In Film.” Prof. Galia Golan, of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, represented IDC Herzliya on the planning committee.

Israeli-Italian Counter-Terrorism Initiative

Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government Dr. Boaz Ganor was the academic advisor and keynote speaker of the joint symposia that the Italian Senate and the Knesset held in Rome in February to discuss “Terrorism and Democracy.” MKs Ran Cohen and Michael Eitan joined five Italian senators and the Italian deputy prime minister at the event. Dr. Ganor spoke about the threat that international terrorism poses to the world in general and to Italy in particular due to Italy's role as one of the key pillars of the western coalition in Afghanistan and Iraq. He described the main counter-terrorism dilemmas that a democratic state must consider when fighting terrorism and concluded with concrete suggestion for a new international counter-terrorism doctrine and apparatuses. The Italian senators praised Israel for its ongoing counter-terrorism efforts and emphasized their hope that the new Palestinian administration will contribute to these efforts.
Welcoming Students' Families

The Lauder School of Government officially bid good-bye to former Deputy Dean Dr. Aran Schloss at the school’s family night in May. Outstanding students presented group projects they had prepared during the academic year. Gideon Meir, of the Foreign Ministry, and Maman Group Chairperson Nehama Ronen joined the families in selecting the best projects. The winners were projects that dealt with effective Israeli public diplomacy, diverting sewage water into the sea in Herzliya, women in local politics, and gender and policy in local government.

The Chaise Scholarships were awarded to outstanding computer science students at the family night that the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science hosted in May for second-year students.

Code Guru Competition

The Efi Arazi School of Computer Science hosted the sixth Code Guru competition in April. Eldin, I.B.M., the Weizmann Institute of Science and IDC Herzliya cosponsor the competition. At the Code Guru Extreme Competition for young people, which the Weizmann Institute of Science hosted, scholarships to study at IDC Herzliya were awarded to the two first-prize winners.

High-Tech Companies Recruit IDC Herzliya Students

Efi Arazi School of Computer Science Dean Prof. Shimon Schocken hosted representatives of Mercury, Elbit, Nice and SAP in May. They spoke to students about careers at their companies and collected resumes from promising students.

Conferences and Seminars

Law and Business

Leading lawyers, legal experts and justices gathered at IDC Herzliya in May for the annual conference of Law and Business, the law review of the Radzyner School of Law. This year’s conference focused on the new codex for Israeli civil law and its implications on Israeli law and on the various judicial agencies responsible for civil law.

Efi Arazi School of Computer Science

The Efi Arazi School of Computer Science hosted a number of academic conferences this semester. In February, the national conference on the Perl programming language took place at IDC Herzliya. The IsraCHI (Computer-Human Interaction) group met at IDC Herzliya several times this spring. In April, Dr. Ariel Shamir, of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, hosted the Central Israel Siggraph Chapter meeting.
Belgian Minister of State and President of Belgium’s Socialist Party Prof. Elio Di Rupo was the guest of honor at a panel discussion in March on “Europe and the Middle East: Crossed Perceptions.” The Center for European Studies at IDC Herzliya organized the event, with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Organisation of Belgians in Israel (OBI). IDC Herzliya Provost and Dean of the Radzyner School of Law Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, Director of the Israel Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Hermann Bünz and Center for European Studies Director Amb. Avi Primor also hosted Belgian Ambassador Jean-Michel Veranneman de Watervliet and former Israeli Ambassador to France Prof. Eli Barnavi at the discussion.

Caesarea Center Conferences Attract Distinguished Guests

The Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Center for Capital Markets and Risk Management at IDC Herzliya attracted distinguished academics and professionals to campus this semester with a series of conferences and seminars that addressed relevant topics.

Researchers from the world’s leading universities presented 12 papers on capital markets and risk management at the Caesarea Center’s second annual conference. Caesarea Center Academic Director Prof. Jacob Boudoukh and Dr. Zvi Wiener, of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, presented the Risk and Performance Indices Project, which they developed for the Finance Ministry. Participants included Finance Ministry Director-General Dr. Joseph Bachar; Eyal Ben Shlouch, Commissioner of Capital Market, Insurance and Savings at the Ministry of Finance; Prof. Zvi Bodie, an expert on investment strategy and pension finance from Boston University; Prof. Shlomo Benartzi, of UCLA; Prof. Philippe Jorion, an international expert on risk management from UC Irvine; and Prof. Marti G. Subrahmanyam, an expert on corporate finance, capital markets and international finance from New York University.

The Caesarea Center’s annual conference on banking featured lectures by Prof. Amir Barnea, of the Arison School of Business, Bank of Israel Supervisor of Banks Yoav Lehman and Finance Ministry Director-General Dr. Joseph Bachar. The Caesarea Center teamed up with DaimlerChrysler and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung to organize an evening seminar on “German-Israeli Economic Cooperation: 40 Years Later.” The event gave leaders from the public and private sector and academia the opportunity to share their ideas. Participants included former German Finance Minister Dr. Otto Graf Lambsdorff, DaimlerChrysler Vice President Dr. Michael Inacker, DaimlerChrysler Israel director Avi Tamir, IDC Herzliya Provost and Dean of the Radzyner School of Law Prof. Amnon Rubinstein and Lauder School of Government Dean Prof. Rafi Melnick.
Executives Learn from Caesarea Center

Over 30 senior executives and alumni of IDC Herzliya’s MBA program traveled to New York in May to learn about global capital markets, risk management and investment management. This is the second year that the Caesarea Center and NYU’s Stern School of Business organized the program. The participants spent a week at Stern’s Finance Department studying the latest innovations in the global capital market, including reconfiguration of financial markets, the international resource management industry, use of derivatives in managing investment portfolios, global resource allocation, and building and investing in ABS and CLO. Participants also visited Lehman Brothers’ New York offices.

The Caesarea Center and the Executive Education Unit teamed up in May to organize a program on financial reporting for decision-makers at organizations that are not in the financial sector. Arison School of Business faculty members Prof. Amir Barnea, Prof. Elazar Berkovitch and Prof. Amir Ziv taught the executives the basics of financial reporting so that they could manage their organizations more effectively. Prof. Philippe Jorion, an international expert on risk management from UC Irvine, shared the latest developments in financial risk management with executives from financial institutions, CFOs and regulators at a special seminar that the Caesarea Center organized in May.

GLORIA Center (Global Research Center for International Affairs) Reaches out to Italy and U.S.

The Global Research Center in International Affairs (GLORIA) and CeMiss, the Italian Military Center for Strategic Studies in Rome, Italy, cosponsored a conference on “After the Iraq War” in May in Rome. Michael Rubin, of the American Enterprise Institute, Bill Samii, of RFL/RE, Eyal Zisser and Josh Teitelbaum, both of Tel Aviv University, and Ely Karmon, of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), joined GLORIA’s Prof. Barry Rubin, Jonathan Spyer and Cameron Brown at the conference.

The GLORIA Center teamed up with the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv to sponsor two roundtable discussions on critical issues via videoconference. In June, the discussion focused on “Democratization in the Middle East: Rising Reform Movements and the Future of the Arab World.” Leading scholars participated, including Amb. Edward Walker, President of the Middle East Institute and former U.S. Ambassador and Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Dr. Patrick Clawson, of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy; Dr. Jonathan Alterman, of CSIS; Danielle Pletka, of the American Enterprise Institute; GLORIA Center Director Prof. Barry Rubin; and Dr. Joshua Tietlebaum and Prof. Bruce Maddy-Weizman, both of Tel Aviv University. In March, the situation in Syria and Lebanon and implications for U.S. policy was addressed. The participants included consultant Martha Kessler; Dr. Flynt Leverett, of the Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institute; Paul Jureidini, of Armitage Associates; Prof. Rubin; Dr. Mordechai Kadar and Dr. Hillel Frisch, both of Bar-Ilan University; and Prof. Amatzia Baram, of the University of Haifa.
The Raphael Recanati International School is preparing to welcome its largest and most diverse class ever in fall 2005: over 200 students from over 40 countries spanning every continent. Current students worked closely with the school’s faculty and professional staff to reach out to young people around the world this past semester. The students shared their experiences with both groups visiting Israel and potential students at events in their hometowns. Groups from a variety of programs and countries have visited the school recently, including groups from Australia, South Africa, Birthright, Marva, kibbutz ulpanim, the American School in Kfar Shmaryahu, Young Judea and Hamagshimim, Gareen Tzabar, UJC, and the college preparatory program at Tel Aviv University for new immigrants. A growing number of birthright alumni are enrolling at the school. International students also hosted athletes from around the world who came to Israel to compete in the Maccabiah Games this summer.

The students also joined members of the Israel Friends of IDC (IFIDC) in hosting the International Mission of IDC Herzliya friends in June. One IFIDC board member was so impressed with Raphael Recanati International School student Tom Gerszbejn, of Malmo, Sweden, that he offered him a job, which Tom gladly accepted.

Project Masa, an initiative of the Prime Minister’s Office and the Jewish Agency for Israel to encourage Jewish youth from around the world to learn about Israel first-hand, has recognized the Raphael Recanati International School as an excellent educational option. As a result, international applicants to the school are now eligible for the scholarships Project Masa grants. At the event officially launching Project Masa this spring, Raphael Recanati International School student Eyal Lelouch was selected to represent French students in Israel and welcome Prime Minister Ariel Sharon to the event.
On Campus

The Arison family, including Shari Arison, her husband Ofer Glazer, her children Jason, David and Cassie Arison, and Aviva Tamir and Talia Glantz, gathered at IDC Herzliya in March to formally dedicate the Arison School of Business Building, which was built thanks to a generous contribution from the Ted Arison Family Foundation. Israel Friends of IDC (IFIDC) Chairman Itschak Shrem and IFIDC members Orna Brener, Tami Chaimovski, Evelyne Douek and David Tamir, IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman, Arison School of Business Dean Prof. Oded Sarig and the school’s founding dean, Prof. Amir Barnea, joined them for the festive event, as did Stef Wertheimer and Raya Strauss. “I thank Prof. Uriel Reichman for insisting that the dedication ceremony take place when we were in Israel,” Shari Arison said. Dr. David Cooperrider gave the keynote lecture on “Scenes from a Spiritual Revolution in Business and Society.” He emphasized that entrepreneurship and business have the ability to transform the new power of production to contribute to the welfare of numerous people around the world.

The new buildings on the IDC Herzliya campus have not gone unnoticed. The 2005 Zeev and Yacov Rechter Prize in Architecture was awarded to Ada Karmi-Melamede and Roy and Addar Secker (Skorka Architects) for buildings they designed for IDC Herzliya. Karmi-Melamede was praised for her contribution to the Israeli university campus by designing the Arison School of Business and Lauder School of Government buildings. The Secker brothers received the prize to encourage young architects for designing the Marc Rich Library.

The Caesarea Center completed renovations on Building Five, creating elegant, new headquarters for the center. Construction of the building for the Efi Araz School of Computer Science and Sammy Ofer School of Communications and Information, which the Secker brothers also designed, is expected to be completed shortly.

New Programs and Projects

Michael Cherney Scholarships

The Michael Cherney Foundation has made a generous contribution to provide scholarships for student athletes who are new immigrants from the former Soviet Union. The scholarships will help new immigrants succeed in Israel by encouraging them to develop their academic and athletic skills, IDC Herzliya Athletic Director and Head Coach Ilan Kowalsky said. Michael Cherney established the foundation following the terror attack at the Dolphinarium in Tel Aviv in 2001. Many of the victims of the attack were high-school pupils who had recently immigrated to Israel from the former Soviet Union. Over the years, Mr. Cherney has launched numerous philanthropic initiatives to promote sports, assist young people, defend human rights and fight anti-Semitism in the many areas where his businesses operate, such as Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria and the U.S.
International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism

Homeland Security Studies

Security professionals from around the globe spent this summer at IDC Herzliya studying in its new Executive Certificate Program in Homeland Security Studies. The Lauder School of Government and Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) launched the program to provide professionals with concentrated, in-depth exposure to the phenomenon of modern terrorism and its characteristics, modus operandi, scope and dissemination throughout the world. The participants obtained an understanding of the challenge terrorism presents to decision-makers, security establishments, first responders and the business sector, based on the experience Israel has accumulated in the field.

The Global Impact of Terrorism: ICT's 5th International Conference

The Lauder School of Government and the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) signed a memorandum of agreement in September to cooperate with the Maxwell School and the Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism (INSCT) at Syracuse University to advance education and research on counter-terrorism and homeland security. The ceremony was held immediately after ICT's fifth international conference on counter-terrorism. INSCT Director William C. Banks and his colleague Gen. (ret.) Montgomery Meigs joined ICT Chairman Shabtai Shavit, ICT Co-Founder and Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government at IDC Herzliya Dr. Boaz Ganor and ICT Executive Director Adv. Lior Lotan at the ceremony. The agreement reflects the fact that ICT and INSCT have highly complementary missions and the leadership of both institutions recognizes the synergistic potential that can be realized from collaborative programs.

The ICT conference attracted over 700 guests from 58 countries, including ministers, parliament members, security and intelligence agency directors, senior police officials, ambassadors and diplomats, representatives of NATO, the U.N. and UNESCO, counter-terrorism professionals and researchers, lawyers and businesspeople. Representatives of some 40 research institutes and universities, including Harvard University, Yale University, Syracuse University, and the Rand Corp., also participated.
The many seminars and discussions were supplemented by two exciting fieldtrips. Israel Police Insp.-Gen. Moshe Karadi hosted a special display of the Israel Police's counter-terrorism abilities at the Kfar Saba stadium. IDC Herzliya Vice President Maj. (res.) Jonathan Davis led a tour to one of Israel's most important anti-terror barriers: the security fence.

The theme of this year's conference was “The Global Impact of Terrorism.” It opened on the evening of September 11 with a memorial ceremony to mark the 9/11 terror attacks and to express solidarity with victims of terrorism worldwide. U.S. Ambassador to Israel Dan Kurtzer, Deputy Assistant Director of the FBI Counter-Terrorism Division John E. Lewis, U.S. Congressman Thaddeus G. McCotter, former Head of the Israeli Security Agency Avi Dichter and former French Minister of Foreign Affairs Michel Barnier joined IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman and the ICT leadership on the podium for the ceremony. “We at IDC Herzliya realized nine years ago that a new and dark power was emerging on our horizon. For some nine years, ICT has conducted research, gathered information and shared knowledge concerning terrorism. We are proud to have the opportunity to host this important gathering and hope it will contribute to international cooperation in confronting terrorism,” Prof. Reichman said.

The following three days were full of activity as leading researchers and professionals from around the world debated the latest theories in counter-terrorism and addressed topics such as trends they expect to see in terrorism in the future, the impact of the disengagement on Palestinian terrorism, and the rapid growth of homeland security studies at academic institutions around the globe. The conference provided a platform for decision-makers from all over the world to update one another on their activities, learn about the latest research and network. The panelists and lecturers included Gijs de Vries, EU Coordinator on Counter-Terrorism; Dr. James M Hart, QPM, Commissioner for the City of London Police; Mithal al-Alusi, Director-General of the Supreme National Commission for the DeBaathification in Iraq; Ernst Uhrlau, Director of Intelligence Coordination, German Federal Chancellery; Gen. (ret.) Klaus Naumann, former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, Germany; Prof. Fernando Carvalho Rodrigues, Program Director of NATO’s Division of Scientific and Environmental Affairs; Prof. Alan Dershowitz, of Harvard University; Dr. Bruce Hoffman, head of the RAND corporation’s Washington DC office; MK Tzipi Livni, Minister of Justice; Lt.-Gen. (res.) Moshe Ya’alon, former IDF Chief of General Staff; and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Giora Eiland, National Security Council Director.

The conference was made possible thanks to the sponsorship and partnership of the City of Herzliya, the Office of Public Affairs of the U.S. Embassy, the Israel National Security Council, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, the Institute for Biosecurity at Saint Louis University, Daimler Chrysler, Shohresh, the Consultative Council of Jewish Organizations, the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, Harold Bezos, Evelyne Douek, Steven Stern, Stephen M. Flatow and the Hochberg family.
MBA Options Expand

This fall, MBA students will be able to choose from several new options. MBA students will have the opportunity to study in English in two specialized tracks: **business entrepreneurship** and **business consulting**. A unique MBA program in **civic leadership** will prepare students for executive positions in government institutions by combining a traditional MBA curriculum with courses on the economic, social, political and legal aspects of public administration and policy.

IDC Herzliya-Bank Hapoalim Consulting Firm

The **Entrepreneurship Center** and **Bank Hapoalim** launched a new program in March to allow MBA students to gain practical experience as consultants at a consulting firm serving small and medium-sized businesses. The consulting firm operates along the same lines as real companies; independent consultant **Ran Bar-Or** and Entrepreneurship Center Director and Resido Fi. Bi. Professor of Corporate Finance and Entrepreneurship **Ronen Israel** serve as the directors and IDC Herzliya students staff the consulting teams. Professional consultants from leading Israeli firms, as well as a representative from Bank Hapoalim, are volunteering to advise the students as they work.

Zell Entrepreneurship Program Start-Ups

The fourth class to participate in the **Zell Entrepreneurship Program** faced a new challenge this year. Unlike previous classes, which simulated the steps of establishing a company, this year’s students are working toward launching five real companies. The start-ups range from retailing technology and internet products to services in various sectors. The entrepreneurship track of the MBA program underwent a similar change and its students also are working to establish companies.

Risk and Performance Indices Project

The **Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Center for Capital Markets and Risk Management** is working with the **Finance Ministry** to develop indices to approximate the risks for institutional investors. The index will influence the Israeli capital market’s quality and methods of operation. It will provide clients with a quantitative tool to compare the risks of investing with different bodies and managers with a tool to measure performance. In addition, the index will provide regulators with another means of supervision.

IPS and NATO

**Dr. Uzi Arad**, **Miron Manor-Zuckerman**, **Dr. Israel Elad-Altman** and **Tommy Steiner** of the **Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)** at IDC Herzliya joined members of the **Knesset’s Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee** on a visit to NATO Headquarters in June. NATO’s **Public Diplomacy Division** and the **Atlantic Forum of Israel** organized the visit. Committee Chairman **Dr. Yuval Steinitz** and the participants met with NATO Secretary General **Jaap de Hoop Scheffer** and other high-level NATO officials to discuss current developments in the enhanced Mediterranean Dialogue and the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, which was launched at the 2004 Istanbul Summit.
Appointments and Awards

Adv. Liat Aaronson has been appointed Coordinator of the Zell Entrepreneurship Program. She earned her B.A. in political economy of industrial societies from the University of California at Berkeley and her LL.B. and MBA degrees from Tel Aviv University. She also has an LL.M. in European law from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands. She attained practical experience in mergers and acquisitions representing venture capital firms, technology companies and start-ups as an associate attorney at Naschitz, Brandes and Company.

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Amos Gilboa will serve as an adjunct lecturer at the Lauder School of Government this year. He will teach a course on “Intelligence and Decision Making.”

Dr. Noam Lemelshtrich-Latar, a pioneer of new media research and education, has been appointed the first dean of the Sammy Ofer School of Communications and Information at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya. The new school, which was established thanks to a generous contribution from Israeli businessman and philanthropist Sammy Ofer, is scheduled to open in October 2006. Dr. Lemelshtrich-Latar was one of the first academics in the world to publish articles on interactive communications via new media and establish the principles for creating a home-communications system that would allow large groups of citizens to participate in political processes. He earned his M.Sc. in engineering systems at Stanford University and his Ph.D. in communications in M.I.T.’s Interdepartmental Doctoral Program in Mechanical Engineering and Political Science. Dr. Lemelshtrich-Latar was a Senior Burda Scholar at Ben-Gurion University’s Hubert Burda Center for Innovative Communications and has taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University.

Felicia Steingard an alumna of IDC will be the new Executive Director of American Friends of IDC. She comes to us with an extensive record of success consulting to educational and Israeli institutions and an entrepreneurial spirit. She has a firsthand appreciation of IDC Herzliya developed through work with Dr. Boaz Ganor’s running the Homeland Security Studies Programs at the Institute for Counter Terrors. Felicia’s commitment to and excitement about the IDC are strong, and her personality and skills are perfectly suited to leading this organization through its next phase of growth. Felicia will return to America fresh from playing a key role in the Institute for Counter Terrorism’s International Conference in Israel.
Dr. Ruth Zafran, of the Radzyner School of Law, has been appointed the faculty member responsible for disciplinary issues at IDC Herzliya.

The Caesarea Center awarded the WFA Prize for the best article published this year on risk management to Sanjiv Das, of Santa Clara University, Daitell Duffie, of Stanford University, and Nikunj Kapadia, of the University of Massachusetts, for their article “Common Failings: How Corporate Defaults are Correlated.” The prize was presented at the Western Finance Association conference in June.

Highlights of Student Activities

The Athena Solution
The Athena Solution venture, founded by Zell Entrepreneurship Program students Eva Aviv, Guy Hollander, Alon Bar and Boaz Peled, was selected as a semifinalist in the 2005 Jungle Business Plan Competition. The Athena Solution was one of 32 semifinalists chosen out of more than 200 submissions from MBA programs around the world. Previous winners of this competition were MBA students from the University of California at Berkeley, Duke University and the University of Michigan.

Entrepreneurship Students Tour U.S.
A study trip to New York and Chicago provided Zell Entrepreneurship Program students with an opportunity to learn about the U.S. business arena firsthand. In Chicago, they spent time with the program’s founder and benefactor Sam Zell and participated in a special four-day study program at the University of Chicago business school. In New York, the students toured leading companies, such as Morgan Stanley, the BRC investment fund, Wolf Olins and the Gerson Lehman Group, and presented their business plans to potential investors and prominent businesspeople. The students also applied for positions at various companies – seven alumni of the program were offered internships at companies in the U.S. owned by Sam Zell and Mark Gerson, among others.

Seminars Provide Students with Practical Skills
Students received a first-hand view of a bank’s considerations in providing financing for a start-up at a special seminar Bank Hapoalim organized. Senior Bank Hapoalim officials gave lectures and conducted role-playing exercises which introduced students to the process of raising capital, from how to present a start-up to a bank to various financing options to marketing issues.

Brig.-Gen. (res.) Amira Dotan and Hana Koren provided government students with hands-on negotiating experience at a special seminar on negotiation and conflict resolution.

Government Students at the Knesset
Knesset members responded enthusiastically this semester to Lauder School of Government students’ offer to intern in their offices and assist them with legislative and other tasks.
Educational Excursions

Brig.-Gen. (res.) Shalom Harari led government students on a tour of the security fence in northern Jerusalem. During the tour, they met Gideon Meir, of the Foreign Ministry, and Maj.-Gen. (res.) Ya'acov Amidror. Government students also toured Israel’s northern border and learned about water disputes between Israel, Syria and Lebanon from Dr. Reuven Ehrlich, of the Lauder School of Government, and David Steiner.

A three-day trip to northern Israel provided Raphael Recanati International School students with the opportunity to deepen their bonds with one another and learn more about Israel. The event-packed excursion included visits to key sites in the Golan and Galilee, including a jeep tour of water sources that helped students better appreciate the complexity of sharing water resources with Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

A trip to Lower Galilee provided computer science students with a chance to get to know one another better. In addition to hiking in the Beit Natufa Valley, students toured the industrial zone in Tefen.

Sports

IDC Herzliya students Arik Zeevi, Yoel Rozvozy and Avishar Sheinman composed 60% of the Israeli all-star judo team which traveled to Egypt in September to represent Israel in the world judo championship. This was the first time that Egypt hosted the competition.

IDC Herzliya athletes had a stellar spring semester, collecting gold and silver medals at the championships organized by Israel's intercollegiate sports association, the Academic Sports Association (ASA). At the conclusion of the 2004-05 academic year, IDC Herzliya athletes ranked third of all the athletes from Israeli colleges and universities, thanks largely to the dedication of IDC Herzliya Athletic Director Ilan Kowalsky. Their long list of victories included first place in women's basketball, tennis, volleyball,
windsurfing, beach volleyball, swimming and kayaking. Students earned silver medals in squash, crew, shooting and tae kwon do.

The 2004-05 sports season ended with the annual banquet, at which outstanding student athletes were honored for their achievements and Eden Springs CEO Onn Ragonis was honored for the generous support he provides to the athletic program at IDC Herzliya.

IDC Berman-Lippa Family Foundation Debating Club

The IDC Berman-Lippa Family Foundation Debating Club has gone from strength to strength this year, impressing the competition in a series of tournaments. The club’s chairperson, Jacob Shwergold, and Ohad Orgal took first place in the Israel Open Championship in Jerusalem in February. At the Israel Championship in English in March, Jacob and Nadav Gan reached the finals and Jacob won the “Best Speaker” of the competition title. In May, the Berman-Lippa Family Foundation Debating Club hosted the Israeli National Debating Championship for First-Year Students and Jacob served as chief adjudicator. Three teams from the club reached the finals. Ohad and Benny Feifel concluded the academic year by winning first place in the Israel Debating Championship in May.

The Berman-Lippa Family Foundation Debating Club also sent a delegation to the European Debating Championship in Cork, Ireland, in March. It was the only club in Europe whose members have reached the finals four years running.

Alumni

Some 500 alumni filled the halls of the Dan Tel Aviv hotel in April for a meeting of the IDC Herzliya Alumni Association Business Club, which provides alumni with an opportunity to develop professional and social contacts. Alumni enjoyed a fascinating lecture by Prof. Israel (Izzy) Borovitch, Chairman of the Board of El Al Israel Airlines, on “Soaring to New Horizons – Challenges in the World of Aviation.” IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman, faculty and administration joined them, using the opportunity to reminisce and to learn about the alumni’s latest undertakings. Alumni Association Director Adv. Adi Olmert organized the event.
As part of the IDC Herzliya Alumni Association’s ongoing effort to promote networking among alumni, it has launched a **new internet forum** ([www.forums.idc.ac.il](http://www.forums.idc.ac.il)). The forum will provide alumni with another avenue for advising one another about professional opportunities, business ventures and initiatives in which alumni can work together to achieve mutual goals.

**Maya Lerner**, who graduated from the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science in 2000, was chosen as one of two winners of the **Spring 2005 Book Award** by the International Students and Scholars Office at Cornell University. Maya is studying for a master’s degree in international development, with a special focus on Latin American studies. During 2004-05, she served as a Social Chair for the Cornell Public Affairs Society. The book award was established in 2001 to recognize the vast contributions that the international student population makes to Cornell.

**Omer Karp**, an alumnus of the MBA program at IDC Herzliya, has been in the news lately for his role in establishing **1Book**, a start-up company that aims to make out-of-print and difficult-to-find books accessible to the public. 1Book aims to work with publishing companies and bookstores so that readers can order a book at its website and then obtain a copy immediately at the nearest bookstore equipped with a Book custom printer.

**Guests**

IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman and the senior administration hosted a number of distinguished guests this semester. In February, NATO Secretary General **Jaap de Hoop Scheffer**, Mivtach Shamir Holdings Chairman and CEO **Meir Shamir** and **Johannes Diekmann** visited. A delegation from Shari Arison’s office visited IDC Herzliya in March, touring the campus and meeting with Arison School of Business Dean **Prof. Oded Sarig**. Migdal CEO **Izzy Cohen** and American Jewish leader **Ozzie Goren** also visited in March, as did British Ambassador **Simon McDonald** and Czech Ambassador **Michael Zantovsky**. Israel at Heart Founder **Joey Low** also visited IDC Herzliya in March to discuss providing scholarships for Ethiopian students to study at IDC Herzliya.

French Ambassador to Israel **Gerard Araud** visited in April and met with IDC Herzliya Provost and Dean of the Radzyner School of Law **Prof. Amnon Rubinstein**. Keren Or supporters **Zohar Zisappel** and **Doron Livnat** visited IDC Herzliya in April to meet with the students they provided scholarships for. **IDC Herzliya President Prof. Uriel Reichman** and Dean of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science **Prof. Shimon Schocken** hosted **Shlomi Fogel** and Microsoft Israel General Manager **Arie Scope**. In May, **Leon Kofler**, **Leonid Nevzlin**, **Eliezer Feldman**, **Alfred and Hedwig Neven Dumont**, Herzliya Mayor **Yael German** and Herzliya City Council members...

Alumnus Zhachi Arbov, who is active in the Bukharan community in Israel, visited campus in February to discuss an initiative to make IDC Herzliya more accessible to Bukharan immigrants by providing them with scholarships in cooperation with a community organization.

The Diplomatic Forum of the Lauder School of Government hosted former Israeli Ambassador to Egypt Eli Shaked in April and then-head of the Jewish Agency for Israel Sallai Meridor in May.

Dean of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science Prof. Shimon Schocken and Dr. Tami Tamir hosted a group of girls to encourage them to study computer science. They told the girls about the school and IDC Herzliya.

The Efi Arazi School of Computer Science hosted senior IDF officers, including the commander of the Lotem unit, commander of the IDF computer school, head of the academic branch, and officers from Unit 8200. They toured the campus and discussed possibilities for cooperation between the school and the IDF’s various technology units.

A delegation of over 40 people from various parts of Germany that was organized by the Boell Foundation Saarbruecken visited IDC Herzliya in May. The group met with Center for European Studies Director Amb. Avi Primor and IDC Herzliya students from Germany to learn about relations between Israel and Germany, the Middle East conflict, and the students’ experiences in and reasons for studying in Israel.

The Advisory Committee of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science convened on campus recently. The committee includes Udi Ziv, general manager of SAP Portals Israel; Avikam Perry, Vice President for Development at Magic; Yuval Shahar, of Cisco and founder of Pentacom and P-Cube; Yair Goldfinger, a founder of Mirabilis and Dotomi; Ronen Armon, Deputy CEO for Development at Mercury; and Yair Cohen, of Elron and former commander of 8200.

The Entrepreneurship Center organizes seminars regularly at which experienced businesspeople share their experience with students in the Zell Entrepreneurship Program and the MBA program. The speakers this semester included Mozi Wertheim, Rami Beracha, Udi Shamai, Itzik Kantor, Avihai Nissenbaum, Yair Hamburger, Erez Diamant, Ran Ben-Or and Moshe Edri.

Highlights of Faculty Activities

Dr. Uzi Arad, head of the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), attended a conference jointly sponsored by the Posen Foundation at the Miller Center for Contemporary Judaic Studies at the University of Miami in March. He also met with Dr. Henry Kissinger in New York. In April, he attended the Aspen Institute Conference in Berlin, Germany, entitled the “Israeli Palestinian Peace Process,” and the annual Trilateral Commission Conference in Washington, DC. In May, Dr. Arad spoke at “The New Middle East in the Making” conference, which is the annual Fundacao Oriente 11th Arrabida Meeting, in Lisboa, Portugal. The Arrabida meetings are an annual forum on some of the main issues of international politics, organized by the Fundacao Oriente, a Portuguese
foundation devoted to the development and continuity of the historical and cultural relationship between Portugal in particular and Europe in general with Far Eastern countries.

**Dr. Israel Elad-Altmann** and **Dr. Shmuel Bar**, both of IPS, met with several senior officials in Washington in July, including officials from the Department of Defense, the Hudson Institute, the National Institute for Policy and Planning, the Rand Corporation, the Center for Naval Analysis, the Brooking Institute, the Nixon Centre, and the Investigative Project. They also met with **Prof. Judea Pearl**, father of murdered journalist Daniel Pearl and head of the Daniel Pearl Foundation for intercultural dialogue, and **Prof. Francis Fukuyama**, of John’s Hopkins University. The meetings focused on the IPS projects on radical Islam and other Middle Eastern issues.

Dr. Bar also gave briefings to a large audience of experts at the Hudson Institute, Rand and the National Institute for Policy and Planning and participated in a panel of senior academics at the Nixon Center that addressed the ramifications of the London bombings. He met with leading researchers and experts on Islam and Middle Eastern studies in London, Paris and Washington in July, including independent researchers from Middle Eastern countries. In London, he was asked to brief the British Ministry of Defense and Foreign Colonial Office, the Royal United Services Institute and Chatham House.

**Cameron Brown**, of the Global Research Center in International Affairs (GLORIA), gave a series of lectures in North America in January and February about Middle Eastern issues. His speaking tour included Chapman University in Orange, California; the Okanagan Jewish Community Center, Kelowna, BC, Canada; the Jewish Federation in Detroit; Clemson University in South Carolina; Emory University in Atlanta; the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C.; and the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. He also briefed political staffers on what Canada can do to help revive the Mideast peace process in February; the media on the Middle East after Arafat in February; and the Jewish Agency for Israel in Tel Aviv in April on the disengagement.

**Dr. Yishai Feldman**, of the Efi Araz School of Computer Science, was appointed to serve on the Education Ministry’s professional committee on the instruction of computer science in high schools and to chair its subcommittee on computer science curricula for middle schools. He gave a lecture at a seminar for computer science instructors at Tel Aviv University in May.

**Dr. Boaz Ganor**, Deputy Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy and founder of the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), spent April on a seven-city tour in the United States to promote his highly relevant and well-received book *The Counter-Terrorism Puzzle: A Guide for Decision Makers*. This included receptions hosted by AFIDC board members **Jerry Wind** and his wife **Dina** in Pennsylvania and **Mark Gerson** in New York City, and AFIDC friends **Marcie Polier Swartz** and **David Swartz** in L.A. During the tour, Dr. Ganor briefed **Congressman Kennedy**, lectured to cadets at West Point and spoke at the Saban Center. He also provided an overview of the book at a meeting sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center’s Division of International Studies, the RAND Corporation, and the U.S. Army’s Eisenhower National Security Series. The meeting was part of their ongoing series on terrorism and homeland security.
Prof. Galia Golan, of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, traveled to Cairo, Egypt, in February to participate in the Pugwash Conference on Nuclear Proliferation and to Jordan to participate in the Global Women’s Partnership for Peace. She also traveled to Athens, Greece, several times to speak about “Middle East Regional Security” at the UCLA Burcle Center for International Relations, participated in a University of San Diego Conference on “UN Resolution 1325” in January and a University of Manitoba, Canada, conference in June, and lectured on “The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict” in Uppsala, Sweden, in May. In Israel, Prof. Golan participated in conferences at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem on “Threats to Democracy” in May, at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute on “Conflict Resolution in Comparative Perspective” in May, at Tel Aviv University on “Affirmative Action in the Political Arena” and “Third Party and Disengagement,” and for the IDF Air Force on “Disengagement” in April. Prof. Golan participated in roundtable discussions between Israeli and Palestinian women that the Women’s Partnership for Peace organized in March and April. She also participated in a conference the EU and the Norwegian government sponsored in Jerusalem in May on “Evaluating People to People Projects” and lectured to a delegation of U.S. congressional aides visiting Tel Aviv in March with the American Jewish Committee.

Prof. Yacov Hel-Or, of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, gave a colloquium at the Weizmann Institute of Science in March on “The Canonical Correlations of Color Images.” He also gave a colloquium at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in March on “The Use of Canonical Correlations in Reconstruction Problems.”

Ronen Israel, Resido Fi. Bi. Professor of Corporate Finance and Entrepreneurship and Director of the Entrepreneurship Center, served as a judge in the regional competition of Young Entrepreneurs. This summer, he was a lecturer at the prestigious Global Village program, which the Iacocca Institute at Lehigh University of Pennsylvania offers for future entrepreneurs and leaders around the world.

Dr. Ely Karmon, a Senior Research Scholar at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS), has been briefing delegations of dignitaries from around the world, including parliamentary delegations from the UK (eight members of the Conservative Party in March), Italy (15 members of different Italian parties accompanied by some 50 representatives of the Jewish community in April), and France (20 members of the Socialist Party in April). In addition, the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs invited him to Paris in May to update 25 members of Israel’s Friends Group in the French Parliament. Dr. Karmon also met with an important Mexican delegation of Keren Hayesod in March.

Dr. Karmon has been equally busy with academic activities. In May, he met in Paris with French university researchers from the Fondation de la Recherche Strategique, the Fondation pour l’Innovation Politique and the Sorbonne History Department (the editor of Outre-Terre – the French Review of Geopolitics) to discuss developing academic cooperation. He presented papers at three conferences: “Emerging Threats to Collective Security in the Region” at the NATO ARW Security and Migrations in the Mediterranean in Lisbon in March; “After the Iraq War: Strategic and Political Changes in Europe and the Middle East in the Field of
Terrorism” at the CeMISS – GLORIA Seminar in Rome in May; and “The Middle East, Iraq, Palestine – Arenas for Radical and Anti-Globalization Groups Activity” at the NATO ARW on Terrorism and Communications – Countering The Terrorist Information Cycle in Smolenice, Slovakia, in April. The last paper will be included in a book NATO is publishing this year.

**Prof. Rafi Melnick**, Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, gave a lecture on “Fiscal Consolidation in Israel” at the conference on “Israel: The Next Decade” held in May at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. He gave a lecture on “Should Israel Join the EMU?” at the conference “German-Israel Economic Cooperation: 40 Years Perspective” that the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Daimler Chrysler and the Caesarea Center convened at IDC Herzliya in May. Prof. Melnick also visited a number of government schools in the U.S., meeting with **Jehuda Reinharz**, Brandeis University President; **Dean Elmwood** of the Kennedy School; **Kathryn Newcomer** at George Washington; **Dean William Leo Grande** and **Saul Newman** at American University; **Prof. Jerry Wind** at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania; **Ellen Schall**, Dean of the Wagner School at NYU; and **Lisa Anderson**, Dean of SIPA at Columbia University.

**Prof. Barry Rubin**, Director of the Global Research Center in International Affairs (GLORIA), gave a lecture to Science Po. Paris on “Democracy in the Middle East: Where do we stand?” in April. He also briefed a mission to Israel of the Quebec-Israel Committee in May 2005.

**Prof. Amnon Rubinstein**, IDC Herzliya Provost and Dean of the Radzyner School of Law, was the guest of honor at the reception the Herzliya Artists Residence and Schocken Press held in April to celebrate the publication of his novel Hasmicha. Herzliya Mayor **Yael German**, MK **Yossi Sarid**, and authors Ehud Ben-Ezer and Dan Shavit, and Varda Ginossar participated in the event. In May, Prof. Rubinstein joined Interior Minister **Ophir Pines-Paz**, Industry, Trade and Labor Minister **Ehud Olmert**, and German Ambassador to Israel **Rudolph Dressler** at a special dinner honoring **Dr. Otto Graf Lambsdorff** of Germany. Prof. Rubinstein gave a number of lectures this semester, including a lecture on civil law at Tel Aviv University in March; a lecture on Israel as a multicultural society at the science museum in Haifa in April; a lecture on the Dovrat Report and the future of Israeli society at a conference the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung sponsored during Dr. Lambsdorff’s visit in May; and a lecture on opera as part of the Israeli Opera Tel Aviv-Yafo’s 20th anniversary events. Prof. Rubinstein chairs the public committee that checks parliamentary supervision of the defense system and the committee the Interior Minister appointed on deportation policy. He is a member of the Herzliya municipal committee that awards the city’s Herzl Prize and advises the Ne’eman Committee on basic laws.

**Prof. Shimon Schocken**, Dean of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, gave a tutorial on his new book at the 2005 SIGCSE (Computer Science Education) conference in St. Louis. He also lectured at the DMATEK company about digital systems architectures and gave a colloquium at Tel-Hai College on “New Trends in Computer Science Education.” Prof. Schocken also has been invited to be a visiting professor at Harvard University’s computer science department next winter.
Jonathan Spyer, of the Gloria Center, briefed a senior UK Foreign Office delegation, which included the deputy head of its Middle East Peace Process Team and a media adviser from its Islamic Media Unit, on the political advance of Hamas in April. In May, he briefed a group of Dutch diplomats on the issue of western policy responses to the growing influence of Hamas. In June, he lectured to leaders from the UK Zionist Federation on the disengagement plan and to a group of Birthright students on the Israeli-Palestinian diplomatic process. He also met with a delegation of “opinion makers” from England that the Israeli Foreign Ministry hosted.

Tommy Steiner, of IPS, was a guest of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation at their office in Brussels in July for a visit dedicated to his research on Israel's relations with the Euro-Atlantic community and on regional cooperation in the Mediterranean. During his visit, he was involved in a series of meetings with officials from NATO as well as from major EU institutions, including the European Commission, the European Council, and the European Parliament. He also met with national officials and experts from major think tanks.

Dr. Tami Tamir, of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, presented her research on “A General Buffer Scheme for the Windows Scheduling Problem” at the Fourth International Workshop on Efficient and Experimental Algorithms that was held in Santorini, Greece, in May.

Selected Publications

The Taylor and Francis publishing group is publishing the special issue of the GLORIA Center’s Turkish Studies journal, which addressed religion and politics, as a book.


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