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The third annual Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Herzliya Conference Series on The Balance of Israel’s National Security entitled The New Strategic Landscape: Trends, Challenges and Responses, was a dynamic convention of Israel's top security leaders and strategic thinkers. The conference was held in early December 2002 under the auspices of IDC's Institute of Policy and Strategy (IPS) at the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy.

The conference brought together Israel’s prime minister, defense and foreign ministers, opposition leaders, IDF chief-of-staff, air force and navy commanders, intelligence community leaders, atomic energy commission head, Bank of Israel governor, top diplomats, academics, economists, and leading corporate figures, as well as some top-level U.S. Mideast experts -- such as Martin Indyk, Daniel Pipes, Bill Kristol and Dennis Ross. Added to this high-powered mix were Israel's top journalists and senior writers for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and other prestigious press.

During the opening of the conference, president and founder of the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Prof. Uriel Reichman, discussed the present wave of terrorism challenging the balance of Israel’s National Security. He emphasized that certain members of the academic community in Israel have damaged Israel’s Hasbara efforts by supporting a boycott of Israel, divestment, and taking a radical stance. He appealed to the academic community in Israel to vigorously work to strengthen the position of Israel internationally.

The Herzliya Conference was founded by Dr. Uzi Arad, director of IDC's Institute of Policy and Strategy and the late Prof. Ehud Sprinzak, z"l, the first and founding dean of IDC’s Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy. Dr. Arad is a former foreign policy advisor to the prime minister and former director of intelligence of the Mossad. Conference sessions were carried live over streaming video on the Internet -- setting an all-time Israeli record for the number of people watching the conference by Internet video (over 500 at any given moment, including streams to Egypt, Syria, Europe and the U.S.).

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon used the Herzliya Conference podium to deliver his major foreign policy address of the year. In a controversial address, U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer took a harsh approach to Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza territories. A long-standing debate within the IDF about Israel’s “deep strike” capability boiled over into public debate at the conference. Israel’s navy commander, Vice Admiral Yedidya Yaari, said that Israel must develop a sea-based long-range strike capability in order to respond to any attack from eastern Iraq or Iran. Maj. Gen Amos Yadlin, a top air force commander who now heads Israel’s National Defense College, agreed with Yaari’s argument, but stressed the primacy of the air force. In advance of the conference, an expert IPS task force released the findings of its work on a composite index of “Israel’s national strength”.

A hallmark of the conference was the large number of international officials in attendance. Contributing senior figures participating included Hikmet Cetin, a former deputy prime minister and foreign minister of Turkey; Col. Dr. Jim Davis, deputy director of the USAF Counter-Proliferation Center, Therese Delpech, head of policy planning for the French Atomic Agency, Dr. Dan Goldin of the US Council on Competitiveness (the former director of NASA), Dr. Joshua Muravchik and Dr. Meyrav Wurmser of the American Enterprise Institute, James Steinberg, vice president of the Brookings Institution, and Ambassador Ronald S. Lauder, founder of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy.
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Conference sessions addressed regional implications of the impending international assault on Iraq, Israel's deterrent strategy with regard to weapons of mass destruction, alternative approaches to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, strategic forecasts and trends for the Mideast, interfaces between Israel's economic health and its national security, the new international legal and media environments and their impact on Israel, demographic currents in Israel, the Middle East and the Jewish world, and more.

According to the Jerusalem Post, the Herzliya Conference is "rightly considered the most important conference in Israel; it uniquely engages all the members of Israel's elites -- political, military, economic and academic -- and comprehensively deals with a wide spectrum of challenges and opportunities facing Israel". Writing in the Israeli daily newspaper Maariv, Dan Margalit proclaimed that the conference is "the most important symposium in Israel; the place that anybody important has to be." William Kristol, editor and publisher of The Weekly Standard in Washington D.C. wrote that the conference was “fascinating and intellectually stimulating. The Herzliya Conference is a must for those who want to be current on strategic thinking at the highest levels in Israel.”

Raphael Recanati International School

Throughout the last months, young people from all over the world visited the IDC campus to learn more about the programs offered at the International School. In December, 150 students from the FSU (former Soviet Union) were invited to meet with Russian olim who have successfully integrated into Israeli society and are currently students at IDC. A panel of five IDC students discussed in Russian their own backgrounds and experiences with the transition into Israeli society as well as their positive academic experiences while studying at IDC.

In early January over 300 Canadian high-school students from the Birthright Canada program visited the IDC campus. A group of 150 senior high-school students from Toronto were briefed on the current situation in the Middle East by Col. (res.) Yoni Fighel, head of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism’s Educational Project. The group from Montreal was addressed by Dr. Ronen Hoffman, adjunct faculty member of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy who gave the students insight into the current situation in the area. Prof. Bernie Avishai, dean of the RRIS, spoke to both groups.

Student groups also arrived from the United Kingdom and South Africa Birthright. The groups were met by a welcome party and were given a presentation on IDC’s international English-language business, computer, and government programs. Applications have been received from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Cameroon, China, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Israel, Korea, South Africa, Spain, Turkey, the USA and Yugoslavia.

New Website

The Raphael Recanati International School is proud to announce the launch of the new website: [www.rris.idc.ac.il](http://www.rris.idc.ac.il). The website provides information on both undergraduate and graduate programs offered at the International School, providing in depth information on faculty, curriculum and registration.
MBA in English

MBA in Nonprofit Management & Jewish Leadership opens September 2003

IDC's newest program, a 12-month English-language MBA in Nonprofit Management and Jewish Leadership, prepares students from the Diaspora and Israel for rapid career advancement in the burgeoning nonprofit sector. While in the program, coursework and internships provide a unique mix of opportunities for both professional development and personal contributions to voluntary and nonprofit organizations. The addition of Jewish community studies is designed to deepen students' understanding of how Jewish civilization has contributed to contemporary notions of civil society. The program is directed by Prof. Armand Lauffer, founder and former director of Project StaR, a training program for professionals in Jewish communal service.

Graduates will earn a fully accredited:

- MBA degree in Business Management
- Specialization in Nonprofit Management
- Certificate in Jewish Community Leadership

Admission is on a rolling basis and the application deadline is July 1, 2003. Further information about the program can be found at www.idc.ac.il/mba-jl

We’re Expanding

IDC Bernard Heller Library is growing and expanding. IDC is looking forward to tripling the existing size of the library building with assistance from a generous donation by the Heller Foundation. Detailed plans to add 1,000 square meters to the current facility have been completed and construction is expected to begin in the spring.

Conferences & Seminars

@IDC-UBC-USC Real Estate and Urban Economics Symposium

The Real Estate group of IDC’s Arison School of Business, directed by Dr. Danny Ben-Shahar, together with the Centre for Urban Economics and Real Estate at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the Lusk Center for Real Estate at the University of Southern California (USC) held a joint international conference entitled the “IDC-UBC-USC Real Estate and Urban Economics Symposium.” The symposium, which was held on December 16-17 at the IDC campus, hosted leading real estate academics from foreign universities such as Harvard University, UC Berkeley, University of Southern California, University of British Columbia and from Israeli universities: Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, and the Technion. During the 2-day symposium, a variety of state-of-the-art research projects from the fields of real estate finance and urban economics were presented and discussed by the participants.
@Terrorism 2002: The Year in Review Seminar
The International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) held a seminar on the IDC campus entitled "Terrorism 2002: The Year in Review" in memory of Prof. Ehud Sprinzak z"l on January 20. The opening addresses were given by Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, Shabtai Shavit, chairman of the ICT Board of Directors, and Dr. Boaz Ganor, executive director of the ICT. The speakers at the seminar spoke on various issues relating to terrorism during the past year. Guest lecturers included Maj. Gen Aharon Ze’evi Farkash, head of Military Intelligence who spoke on The Challenge of Terrorism to Israel, Maj. Gen. Amos Gilad, coordinator of the Territories, who spoke on Trends in the Palestinian Authority and their Influence on the Scope and Characteristics of Palestinian Terrorism, and Brig. Gen. Danny Arditi, head of the counter-terrorism bureau, who gave a lecture entitled Terrorism as a Critical Factor in the International Arena. Other speakers included Dr. Boaz Ganor, Dr. Ely Karmon, a senior ICT researcher, Reuven Paz, senior ICT researcher, Col. (ret.) Yoni Fighel, head of ICT’s Educational Project, Dr. Shaul Shai, ICT research fellow, Don Radlauer, ICT associate, Lt. Col. Udi Levy, ICT research fellow and Dr. Eyal Zisser, senior research fellow at the Dayan Center for Middle East and African Studies at Tel-Aviv University.

@Global Research Center in International Affairs’ (GLORIA) Seminar Series
The Experts Seminar Series, a project initiated by the GLORIA Center and conducted in conjunction with the U.S. State Department’s Information Agency, used Digital Video Conferencing to bring together high-ranking American government officials and Israeli experts to discuss regional issues of mutual importance. The first two-hour discussion, held on November 21, 2002, brought together ten leading experts on Iraq to discuss the current standoff and possible implications for the region.

Guests on Campus
Efi Arazi, a leading pioneer in Israel’s Hi-Tech history, was recently hosted by the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science. He was briefed on the progress of construction on the new building bearing his name.

The Zell Entrepreneurship Program currently runs weekly seminars on business and entrepreneurship. In October the program hosted Yossi Vardi, veteran venture capitalist, founder of over 40 start-ups including IQC, Dr. Yesha Y. Sivan, CEO of 2K2, a knowledge management start-up, and Hillik Nissani, a principal of Tamir Fishman, a venture capital firm.

Harel Beit-On, CEO of Technomatix, a production simulation software firm, and Yariv Bin-Nun, CEO of E-teacher, an on-line tutoring service, were both hosted by the Zell Entrepreneurship Program in November.

Yigal Koltin, founder of Millennium Pharmaceuticals of Cambridge, Massachusetts, Amon Geva, owner-CEO of Domaine Du Castel, Israel’s preeminent winery, Yael Gavish, project manager, Sun Microsystems, and David Goldenblatt, partner, Solomon, Lipschutz law firm were guests of the Zell Entrepreneurship Program in the month of December.
In January, the Zell Entrepreneurship Program hosted a Venture Capital panel discussion, including Yoav Doppelt and Ariel Yaniv, and Dov Frohman, CEO and founder of Intel-Israel.

IDC Entrepreneurship Club hosted a number of lectures over the past few months. Speakers included Steff Werthimer, one of the most respected and successful entrepreneurs in Israel, Ilan Biran, general director of Bezeq Communications Company, Ben Harel, director and partner of Delta-Ventures, an investor in new technologies, and Galia Albin, general director and owner of Almedia Ltd. and chairwoman of a number of public organizations.

Kenta Namba, the first secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Israel was hosted by the Radzyner School of Law, on his visit to the IDC.

Dr. Garciana del Castillio was a guest of the Caesarea Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild Center for Capital Market and Risk Management on December 12. Dr. del Castillo presented a lecture on how one builds rating and analyzed the South-American Economic Crisis.

Knesset Member Benny Elon was a guest of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy on January 5. He gave a lecture entitled The Right in Israel.

Knesset Member Yossi Sarid, Chairman of the Meretz Party, was a guest of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy. MK Sarid lectured to students and faculty on Is there hope for the left in Israel?

The International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) hosted a number of national and international guests including Shlomo Aronishki, chief of the Israel Police Force, representatives of the Ministry of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, David Cohen, head of operations of the Israeli Police Forces, Esti Dominisini, head of the Civil Guard, Orit Adato, head of the Israeli prison services, the Canada-Israel Committee, and the Philippine Deputy Minister of Interior and the Deputy Director of the Middle East Desk of the Philippine Foreign Ministry.

The Berman-Lippa Family Foundation Debating Club

IDC’s Debating Club competed against 92 international teams at the Oxbridge Debating Tournament 2002 held November 8-9, in Oxford England. IDC won the award for Best English as a Second Language Team in this tournament. The Cambridge Competition took place at the Cambridge Union building Nov. 15-16, 2002. The competition was comprised of five debating rounds in which 80 international competing teams participated. The IDC team was awarded Best English as a Second Language Team in this tournament.

With over 200 teams participating in The World Debating Championships 2002 held in South Africa, IDC was ranked 19th best “English as a Second Language” team. Ariel Halevi succeeded in reaching the semi-final round for individual Public Speaking. With the team’s success in all three competitions, IDC is no longer restricted to the second-language category. The IDC Debate Club is now competing against the best English as a first language teams in the world.
Ceremonies & Events

GLORIA Event Discusses Turkish Elections
The GLORIA Center and its Turkish Studies Institute (TSI) held a discussion of the Turkish elections and their consequences on December 11, 2002. Greetings were given by Turkey’s Ambassador to Israel, Feridun H. Sinirlioglu, and IDC president and founder, Prof. Uriel Reichman. Uri Gordon, Israel’s first ambassador to Turkey, chaired the meeting. The main speaker was Dr. Soner Cagaptay, director of the Turkish program at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, who had just returned from a series of interviews with officials of the new government. More than 100 people attended the event, including Turkish visitors, government officials, members of parliament, scholars, and students.

Abraham Fund Grants Awards at IDC
On December 12, an annual initiatives and grants event, presented awards to 50 institutions working to advance coexistence, cooperation, understanding and equality between Jewish and Arab citizens of Israel. A total of $891,500 was distributed at “The Abraham Fund Initiatives” 2002-2003 Annual Event held in IDC’s Ivcher Auditorium. The audience was addressed by Prof. Uriel Reichman, founder and president of the Interdisciplinary Center, Alan B. Slifka, chairman and founder of The Abraham Fund Initiatives, Dr. Ramzi Halabi, head of the Daliat El Carmel Local Council, and Dan Pattir, executive vice president of “The Abraham Fund Initiatives”. The guest speaker, Yossi Kucik, chairman of the Manpower Group Israel, spoke on “Challenges and Progress – Expanding Job Opportunities for Arab Citizens.”

Hanukah Celebration at the Home IDC President
Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, hosted students from the Raphael Recanati International School in his home for the lighting of the second candle of Hanukah. With the understanding that international students are far from home during the holidays, Prof. Reichman has hosted students in his home each year.

Students Hold Political Conference
The first year students of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy organized and held their own political conference on January 8 at the IDC campus. The students, representing the different political parties of Israel, set up a panel discussion on various issues. Prof. Rami Friedman, dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, participated in the conference.

Mercury Interactive Recruits IDC Students
50 third-year Computer Science students and graduates participated in a recruitment event held at Mercury Interactive in order to strengthen the bond between the company and IDC. With the impressive job performance of IDC graduates who presently work for the company, the management intensified recruitment efforts and held an event especially for IDC students and graduates. Twelve IDC graduates are currently employed at Mercury Interactive. The students met with the vice-president of Mercury Interactive, its product managers and the human resources manager. Mercury Interactive, a leader in business technology optimization, delivers a suite of integrated products for enterprise testing, production tuning and performance management.
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Academic Excellence Awards Ceremonies
IDC awarded students for excellence in academics at two ceremonies held in January. The first ceremony was held for the students of the Arison School of Business, the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science, and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy. The dean of each school spoke at the ceremony, and the guest speaker was Dr. Danny Ben-David from Tel-Aviv University who spoke on “Economic and Social Trends in Israel”. The students received a certificate and a gift for their achievement. The ceremonies were officially opened by the IDC band.

The second ceremony was held for the students of the Radzyner School of Law, where Prof. Shlomo Avineri of the Hebrew University delivered the annual Zoltan Wind Lecture. Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, and Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, dean of the Radzyner School of Law, gave the opening remarks. Prof. Avineri spoke on “Is a Historical Compromise Possible between Israel and the Palestinians?” The Zoltan Wind Scholarship was awarded to Tomer Levinbaum, the IDC student with the highest grade point average.

GLORIA USA Speaking Tour
Prof. Barry Rubin of the Gloria Center ended a 2 1/2 month speaking tour throughout the U.S., including 20 lectures in cities from Massachusetts to New York to Washington to Missouri to California, following the release of his “Tragedy” and “Anti-American Terror” books. In all, he met close to 1,000 people and received an excellent response to the GLORIA Center, the MERIA Journal, and the IDC. He participated in high-level meetings at the Council on Foreign Relations, the Pacific West Council and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Prof. Rubin spoke at open events at universities such as Cornell, Harvard and Brandeis. He met with professors, leaders of the American Jewish Committee and the Community Relations Council, and military students at Fort Bragg Military Base. Other lectures included one at the Carnegie Council in New York and another at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

GLORIA Presents Lecture on Iraq
On December 12, 2002, Cameron Brown, the assistant director of the GLORIA Center, gave a lecture entitled “The War on Iraq: Implications for Israel,” at Merkaz Hamagshamim in Tel Aviv. The lecture discussed the events of the past decade, the current state of Iraq’s banned weapons programs, the considerations and difficulties facing the Bush Administration as it considers going to war, and the implications for Israel.

Faculty Lectures at Events
Prof. Shimon Schocken, Dean of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science was invited to give a keynote speech at the Israeli Java User Group (I-JUG) conference. Over 500 software developers attended the conference.

Prof. Shimon Schocken, Dean of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science lectured on the topic of new developments in e-learning models at the Moach Conference, a conference on computers in education.
A Warm Winter for Everyone
IDC’s Student Council completed Warm Winter, its annual three-week winter drive for food and clothing for needy families all over Israel. In its fourth year, “Warm Winter” collected clothes, heaters, blankets, toys, books and food for families in need and for a number of youth centers and shelters. The Osem Food Company donated 1500 NIS worth of dried goods, while 3000 NIS were collected from various private persons who had heard about the initiative. IDC’s Student Council and various city social services undertook the program as a joint effort.

Sharing Hanukkah with Hospital Patients
On the third night of Hanukah IDC’s Student Council organized an outing to a number of different hospitals in Israel to spread merriment to hundreds of children forced to spend the holiday in hospital. Hospitals in Hadera, Tel-Aviv, Kfar Sava and Tel-Hashomer were visited by IDC students and student-athletes dressed up as clowns and magicians. They sang songs and handed out toys, jelly donuts and flowers that had been donated.

Helping Disadvantaged Youth
On January 6 an annual event was held for the Leumi Hand-in-Hand Academic project. The project is supported by IDC, the city of Herzliya, Bank Leumi and the YRF Fund for Renewal in Education. The project’s inception occurred 3 years ago. The vision of the project is to help young people from disadvantaged neighborhoods in Herzliya earn an academic degree. The goal of the project is to support the young people in their endeavors to pass all of their high-school matriculation exams and thus enable them to apply to institutions of higher learning. Each young person is mentored for three years and receives personal tutoring and instructional reinforcement, a follow-up during his/her military service, and the granting of a scholarship towards higher learning. All of the counselors/tutors in the project are IDC students.

Legal Assistance Program
On January 9 the Legal Assistance Program held a meeting for the graduates and students currently participating in the program. The Legal Assistance Program, with the help of IDC students, grants legal aid at no cost to the public. The program includes an on-the-job/academic course that emphasizes a lawyer’s responsibilities to the community and puts students into action under the direct supervision of professors and professional legal advisors. At the event, Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, gave the opening greetings. Jonathan Yasour, Vice-Mayor of the City of Herzliya, Dr. Shlomo Cohen, Head of the Bar Association, Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, dean of the Radzyner School of Law attended. Attorney Yigal Arnon, founder and chairman of the project, was the guest lecturer. Dr. Eli Bukspan, head of the Legal Assistance Program and its academic advisor, and attorney Iris Ilovich-Segel, the professional advisor arranged the evening. The program has grown tremendously since its inception and now boasts 30 students who have helped the community greatly in various community centers in the Herzliya area, in the Herzliya Women’s Management Center, at the Israeli Consumers Council, in the legal education of students in the “Neve Hadassah” boarding schools and in the “Adam” Law Offices that specialize in pro-bono work.
Helping the Community Scholastically

The second round of the Mathematics and Applied Computer Studies Community Assistance Program, led by Aviad Rachmalevitch, a third-year Computer Science student at the Raphael Recanati International School, has begun. IDC’s computer science students teach mathematics courses to high-school students from disadvantaged homes, computer courses to Ethiopian olim, and computer activities to pupils of the “Wheel House” for the mentally disadvantaged.

Teaching Junior High Students Academic Fundamentals

This year marks the fourth year of the Junior High in Academia project. The project is the product of the joint cooperation between the municipality of Herzliya, the IDC and Reut Junior High School. In this program, IDC students mentor eighth grade students of Reut Junior High in various subjects. The students are introduced to the world of academia through courses in law, economics, marketing, and computers. The highlight of the program was the exhibition of the students’ final projects, to Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, Yael German, mayor of Herzliya, and the IDC tutors.

Friends of IDC

In Germany

On November 15 a dinner was held in Germany in honor of Prof. Dr. Gert Kaiser, Rektor of the Heinrich Heine University in Dusseldorf and president of the German Friends of IDC. Invited guests at the event were Harry Radzyner, founder of IDC’s Radzyner School of Law, Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, Peer Steinbruck, Prime Minister of Northern Rein Region Westphalia Ursula Schiefer, Mayor of Dusseldorf, Paul Spiegel, head of the German Jewish community, and Prof. Dr. Helmut Sihler, director of external relations of the German Friends of IDC. Also participating in the event were Jonathan Davis, vice-president of IDC, Bilha Hochman, director of external relations of IDC, and other esteemed guests from all over Germany. All of the speakers emphasized the importance of the academic connection between Germany and Israel, and especially the relationship between Heinrich Heine University and IDC. Prof. Reichman announced the establishment of the German Innovation Center, whose goal is to form scientific ties and to present the scientific, social and cultural achievements of modern Germany and the European community. Ultimately, the vision is to support scientific cooperation and student exchanges between Germany and Israel.

In the USA

The November 2002 General Assembly in Philadelphia brought together nearly 4,000 Jewish leaders and professionals from North America and Israel. Michael Recanati, chairman of the American Friends of IDC and chairman of the Raphael Recanati International School, introduced RRIS as the only English-language degree program in Israel. He spoke about how the International school, as part of the IDC, not only affords an unparalleled opportunity for Jewish youth the world over to receive a world-class education, but it creates the foundation for lifelong relationships among the next generation of Jewish leaders.
IDC Students and Faculty Abroad

Dr. Ayelet Ben-Ezer, a faculty member of the Radzyner School of Law, represented IDC as part of a Jewish Agency mission to Venezuela. Dr. Ben-Ezer's goal was to encourage Jewish students to come to Israel to study in the Raphael Recanati International School.

Prof. Natan Lerner, a lecturer of the Radzyner School of Law addressed the Mexican government at an international conference on Freedom of Religion.

The exchange program between students from IDC and the Moore School of Engineering at the University of Pennsylvania is continuing. This year's contingent of IDC second-year Computer Science students - Tomer Lewinboim, Ran Levitzky and Alon Zeltzer - have successfully completed the Fall 2002 semester as exchange students at Penn and have returned to IDC to finish the year at the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science. Dr. Ely Karmon, senior researcher at the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), visited China as a guest of the Shanghai Academy of Social Science to participate in a conference International Terrorism and Cooperation Against Terrorism.

Col. (res.) Yoni Fighel, head of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism’s Educational Project, visited the United States as a guest of the Anti-Defamation League, where he spoke to the New York ADL offices. He also met with the NYPD anti-terror division, the Connecticut anti-terror division, the White Plains, NY police, and the Nassau, NY police headquarters. Col. (Res.) He lectured at Wesleyan University, Yale University, New York University, and Hofstra University.

Dr. Ely Karmon, senior researcher at the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), was invited to speak in Paris at a conference on unconventional warfare and terrorism.

Dr. Boaz Ganor, Executive Director of the International Policy Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT), was the keynote speaker at an International Conference on Terrorism and Insurance in New York City that was attended by the heads of international insurance companies.

IDC Alumni

IDC Alumni Association hosted a number of Business Club meetings in which IDC alumni have the opportunity to meet leading legal, economic, and business figures. These meetings make it possible for IDC alumni to maintain contact with each other and give them opportunities for professional cooperation in a number of different fields. Prof. Uriel Reichman, president and founder of IDC, gave the opening address at the third meeting of the association held at the Dan Hotel in Tel-Aviv. The guest lecturer was Ofra Strauss-Lahat, president of the Strauss-Elite Group.
Sports

University Winter Games
IDC’s athletic program, under the direction of athletics director Ilan Kowalsky, excelled at the Israeli Academic Sport Association (ASA) Winter Championships. Eleven Israeli universities participated in basketball, handball, and mini-soccer competitions.

IDC’s women’s team proved itself as the powerhouse of Israeli University Women’s Basketball at the ASA Championships at Givat Washington. The team beat the University of Haifa in the final game and took first place for a second year in a row. In the men’s 3-on-3 street-ball competition held at Wingate University, IDC won in the finals, taking first and second places with the help of IDC student-athletes Shahar Gordon and Moshe Mizrachi, members of the Israeli National Team and Hapoel Jerusalem. IDC’s Women’s 3-on-3-basketball team defied the odds and beat Ohalo College in the street-ball semifinals. The team beat Wingate in a difficult game, winning the finals and taking first place, setting IDC at the top of both men’s and women’s basketball.

Men’s Mini-Soccer succeeded in qualifying for the finals but lost a difficult game to Tel-Aviv University. IDC’s women’s team made it to the semi-finals, beating Tel-Aviv University, but they had to play without their injured star player, Tamar Maoz, and lost a difficult match to Ohalo College.

IDC’s Men’s Handball team took first place after beating Wingate and the University of Haifa. This is this first year of IDC’s handball team.

New Appointments

Prof. Avraham (Rami) Friedman has been appointed Dean of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy. Prof. Friedman succeeds the late Prof. Ehud Sprinzak, z”l, the first and founding dean. Prof. Friedman, who is professor emeritus in the School of Business of the Hebrew University, received a B.A. in both Sociology and Statistics, and an M.A. in Sociology, Statistics and Economics from the Hebrew University. He is a graduate of the ICAME (Management and Human Resources) program at Stanford University and received his doctorate from the University of Chicago in Statistics, Behavioral Science and Work Relations. Among his academic roles Prof. Friedman was head of Hebrew University’s School of Business, head of the Jerusalem Institute of Israel Research, and has been a visiting professor for many years at the Stern School of Business at NYU. The IDC family warmly welcomes our new dean and wishes Professor Friedman the best of luck.

Dr. Anat Barmaller is the newest faculty member of the Efi Arazi School of Computer Science faculty. Dr. Barmaller completed her doctoral studies at Tel-Aviv University with honors and served as head scientific researcher at the Riverhead Networks Company.

GLORIA welcomes its new fellows: Reuven Paz, heading the “Project for the Research of Islamic Movements (PRISM); Ozgul Erdemli, editor of the Turkish Studies Institute News, a new online publication of GLORIA; and Dr. Alisa Peled, of the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy, who will concentrate on economic and political economy issues.
Special Awards

Prof. Amnon Rubinstein, dean of the Radzyner School of Law, received an honorary doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City.

New Programs

Samuel Lunenfeld Charitable Foundation Loan Program
This year marks the third-year of the Samuel Lunenfeld Charitable Foundation Loan Program at IDC. The program offers loans to needy IDC students. What makes the program special is that students are not charged any interest on their loans, and if upon graduation the student works in the public or nonprofit sector, a loan deferral will be granted until the graduate is able to begin payments. This truly one-of-a-kind program was made possible by the generous gift of Sybil Kunin and the late Reuben Kunin, z”l.

IDC Orchestra
This year saw the inauguration of the IDC Orchestra, composed entirely of IDC students and graduates. The orchestra contains three separate sections: a vocal section with five singers, a trio - piano, violin and viola; and the third section consisting of bass, guitar, flute and percussion. The sections perform separately and together. The orchestra is currently preparing classical, jazz and rock selections. The orchestra’s conductor is Tamir Masouri, a graduate of IDC’s Efi Arazi School of Computer Science. The orchestra anticipates performing pieces composed by IDC students.

CodeArt 2003 Contest
A new and innovative contest was designed to test the creative link between algorithms and art. The contest works with computer programs that have the ability to create visual art. The contest is aimed at artists, programmers, and the general public. The project was initiated and is managed by Yochai Malochana, a third-year Computer Science student at IDC.

Selected Publications

IDC’s own journal of Law and Business
On January 1, 2003, Law and Business, the legal journal of the IDC, was established. The legal journal is oriented towards business, economics, and trade/commerce. The first volume is separated into two sections: Part 1 will include various legal and business articles and Part 2 will be based on a conference expected to convene in the month of June on the issue of regulation and deregulation in Israel. The journal is expected to engender vast opportunities for the students of IDC, enabling them to gain experience in analyzing and writing legal articles. In every volume the journal will include students’ academic writings and outstanding thesis papers that have been accepted for publication.


