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1. Introduction

- The budget of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO has witnessed unprecedented cutbacks (40%) over the past two years. In spite of these cutbacks, the Israel Commission has contributed approximately \$300,000 over the past two years for UNESCO Programmes in the fields of Culture, Education, Information, and Science for All, Social and Human Sciences and World Heritage.
- Professor Ruth Lapidot of the Hebrew University, member of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, was awarded the Israel Prize Laureate in Law.

34th General Conference

Israel has attended the General Conference of UNESCO with no ministerial presence on delegation compared to recent years.

Dr. Yoav Rosen	Director General, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sports
Professor Nir Ahituv	Chairperson, Information for All Committee, Tel Aviv University
Professor Michael Turner	Chairperson, Israel World Heritage Committee, Bezalel Academy
Ms. Pnina El-Al	Deputy Director, Department of Cultural and Scientific Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms. Orli Gil	Director, International Organizations Department (1), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ms. Sarit Felber	Youth Forum, Hebrew University
Mr. Daniel Bar-Eli	Secretary General, Israel National Commission
Mr. David Kornbluth	Israel Ambassador to UNESCO
Mr. Daniel Safran-Hon	Assistant to Israel Ambassador to UNESCO

- During the 34th General Conference, Israel was elected to the following Intergovernmental Committees: Information for All Committee (IFA) and the Legal Committee.
- In addition, the General Conference acknowledged Eliezer Ben Yehuda's contribution to the revival of the Hebrew language.

A few changes in the commission's membership took place in the course of the past two years, as follows:

- Prof. Yuli Tamir (Minister of Education and Commission's President) has replaced Ms. Limor Livnat
- Ms. Shlomit Amihai (Director General and Chairperson of the Commission) has replaced Mr. Shmuel Abuab.

- Dr. Yoav Rosen (Director General, Ministry of Science, Culture and Sports) has replaced Mr. Eitan Broshi.
- Professor Mina Teicher (Chairperson, Science Committee) has retired.

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Special thanks to the Chairpersons of the Committees, as well as to all Chairpersons of the Subcommittees, who contribute their time and expertise for the Commission's activity. We would also like to thank the UNESCO Chair holders for their extensive and fruitful activity.

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2. Committee's Activity

Education for All Committee

Professor Anat Zohar of the Hebrew University was appointed as Chairperson of the Pedagogical Secretariat and as Chairperson of the UNESCO Education for All Committee, replacing Professor Yaakov Katz of Bar Ilan University.

General

- The turmoil of the past two years combined with the personnel changes in the Education Sector of the UNESCO Headquarters, have certainly had their impact on its level of activity.
- Israel had to face a boycott by the British Lecturers' Union. UNESCO's Director General and Minister of Education condemned this decision.
- The Committee continues to enhance its involvement and tighten its ties with UNESCO and its Education Institution.
- Dr. Aharon Ben-Avot of the Hebrew University was appointed as Head of the International Team for Monitoring the "Dakar 2000" Recommendations.
- The Committee supported International Bureau of Education (IBE) publication: "Global Research of School Teaching Time in the Framework of Formal Curriculum" (1980 - 2000).
- The Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education continues to sponsor 10 post doctorate scholarships for young researchers from underdeveloped countries.

Participation in UNESCO Education Conferences

Subject	Representative/s	Date and Place
Art Education	Dr. Naomi Jaffe, Dr. Yael Shai	Portugal (3/06)
Gifted Pupils' Education	Dr. Shlomit Rachmel	Hungary (9/06)
Quality of Teachers' Training	Dr. Kamel Khawaled	France (6/06)
The European Center for Higher Education (CEPES)	Ms. Ricky Mandelzweig	Belarus (6/07)
Research Forum – Higher Education	Prof. Sarah Guri-Rosenblit	France (6/07)



UNESCO Associated Schools Program (ASP)

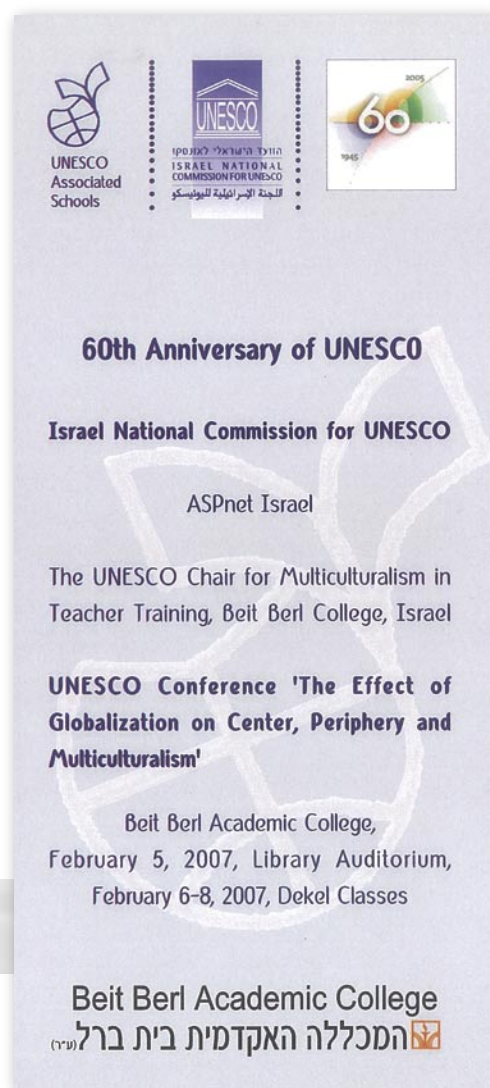
- Two new schools joined Israel ASP Network: Shaked School (Ra'anana) and Ramat Hefer School (Ma'abarot).

- Hayovel School (Herzeliya) participated in the UNESCO Mondialogo Contest. The contest facilitates cooperation between schools from Jordan, Israel and Austria.
- Shaked School (Ra'anana) and El-Majid School (Tira) organized a joint sport day (3.5.07). It was the peak of a four years process of on-going meetings between students, teachers and parents.
- The many years of work of Dr. Yael Harel as the ASPnet National Coordinator were acknowledged as part of UNESCO's 60 anniversary. She was chosen to represent ASPnet activity together with women from around the world in a special UNESCO publication.



Environmental Education Conference (SEMPP)

- UNESCO “National Coordinators for Environmental Education” Conference was held – in cooperation with the UNESCO Headquarters – in Ramat Rachel, Jerusalem (29.10-1.11.06). Representatives of Croatia, Turkey, Romania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Greece, Cyprus and France attended the conference, which was sponsored by Dr. Orlando Hall Rose of UNESCO Science and Technology Education Division.
- Mr. Israel Weisenstern (National Superintendent for Environmental Education), attended the National Coordinators’ Conference (27.11-1.5.07) in Dubrovnik, Croatia.



International Conferences

Art Education

- Dr. Yael Shai (National Superintendent for Music Education) and Dr. Naomi Jaffe (National Superintendent for Art Education) attended UNESCO Conference for Art Education, held in Lisbon, Portugal (6-9.3.06). They presented Israel position on Integration and Respect for Cultural Diversity in the Education System.

Sports' Ministers Conference

- Knesset Member Ophir Pines, former Minister of Culture, Sports and Science, attended the Sports' Ministers Conference toward the Beijing Olympics, China (22.10-26.10.06).

Higher Education



The European Center for Higher Education (CEPES)

- Ms. Ricky Mandelzweig, Secretary General for Academic Affairs of the Council for Higher Education represented Israel at the CEPES Conference in Estonia (6/06).

UNESCO Higher Education Research and Information Forum

- Professor Sarah Guri-Rosenblit from the Open University represented Israel in two Forum meetings and presented two subjects: "The Role of the Academy and Interface with Management" (Germany, 5-6.9.06); "University and Research & Science Centers – In Danger?" (France 29.11-1.12.2006).

MOFET Conference

- The fifth International MOFET Conference on "Training for Teachers at a Crossroad" was held in collaboration with Kaye College, Be'er Sheva, and the Teachers' Training Department. The Israel National Commission supported the conference by assuring the participation of representatives from Nigeria and India, and by organizing a "Round Table" of UNESCO Associated Schools - ASPnet (25-28.6.07).

The Teaching Profession in Teachers' Colleges

- Dr. Kamel Khawaled from the Teachers Training Department represented Israel in a conference initiated by the French National Commission. The conference was based on UNESCO's recommendations regarding the status of lecturers in higher education institutes, and covered various subjects: training and evaluation of higher education teachers. Lyon, France (22-24.6.06).


Local Conferences

Inter-Religious Dialogue – The Educational Perspective

- The Commission sponsored a conference initiated by The Center for Educational Technology jointly with the Prime Minister's Office and Inter-Religious Dialogue Organizations (Mosaica, Israel Inter-Religious Coordinating Council and the Adenauer Fund). Sheikh Nimr Darwish (Israel), Fiyaz Mughal (England), Archbishop Elias Chacour (Israel) and Reverend Klun Charles Gibson (Australia) attended the conference (April 2006).


Education with New Horizons

- UNESCO Chair in Humanistic Education, headed by Dr. Nimrod Aloni, held a conference on Progressive Education. Its aim was to strengthen the ties between intellectuals from religious, scientific and cultural backgrounds, and educators and teachers. The conference dealt with the challenges of education in Israel, humanistic education, and peace and coexistence in a multi cultural society under conflict (16.5.06).



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Institute for Educational Thought
UNESCO Chair for Humanistic Education

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60 Years of Israel: The Future of our Educational Institutions

Seminar – Religion, Democracy and what in Between

- UNESCO Chair in Teacher Training in a Multi Cultural Society, headed by Dr. Yael Harel of the Beit Berl College, held a seminar on “Religion, Democracy and What’s in Between”, marking the International Human Rights’ Day (11.12.06).

International Mother Language Day

- An article was published in the “Sha’ar Lamatchil” Newspaper by the Adult Education Department, in promotion of the International Mother Language Day (21.2.06).
- The Academy of the Hebrew Language and the Adult Education Department collaborated in a “Language Studies in Chairs and Popular Universities” Conference (21.02.2007).
- The Leyvik House of Yiddish Writers organized a seminar, which was accompanied by Yiddish songs performed by renowned singer Chava Alberstein.



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International Book Day

- The Belfer Public Library in Ramla organized a city tour for schools in Ramla to raise awareness for the International Book Day. Each pupil and every teacher received a bookmark as a gift. (23.4.06)

Festivals / International Contests

Computer Science Olympics

- Two Israeli pupils were awarded with silver medals at the UNESCO sponsored Computer Science Olympics: Amitai Kamber (Kibbutz Beit Alfa) and Jonathan Rosenbaum (Far Saba). The pupils represented Israel after winning Israel Schools' Contest, initiated by the Tel Aviv University.

Sponsorship of Education Activities

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
5th International Conference on the Teacher's Status	MOFET / Kaye College	6/2006
Dialogue through Art	Kaye College	Throughout 2006
Science Laboratory Miniaturization for all Ages	Arab College for Teacher Training, Haifa	Book production
Education for Multiculturalism and Peace in the Periphery	UNESCO Chair, Beit Berl	2/2007
Environment Education Conference – SEMEP	National Superintendent for Environmental Education	10/2006
Pupils' Rights in a Municipal Education System	Local Council Rosh Ha'ayin	2006/07
Continuing Education Course for Geography Teachers'	Geology Institute, Ramat Hasharon / Tel Aviv University	Cyprus, 3/2007
2nd Conference in Humanistic Education	UNESCO Chair – Kibbutzim College of Education	5/2007

Culture Committee

- Mr. Mounir Bouchenaki (Algeria) retired in 2006 as UNESCO Assistant Director General for Culture. He was replaced by Ms. Françoise Rivière (France).
- UNESCO acknowledged Eliezer Ben Yehuda's work for the revival of the Hebrew language. His name was included in the list of remembrance days for people who have contributed to cultural development and preservation.

Festivals / Contests

- The Israeli Flamenco Company "Compass" took part in the Sarajevo Winter Festival, which was sponsored by UNESCO and the European Council (4.06).

- Artist Mona Moran received a UNESCO Artist Scholarship in Diarg-Mai Art University, Thailand. She displayed her work in an exhibition at the Silpakorn University, Thailand.
- “The Sixteenth Lamb” production of Habima Theater participated in the Children’s Theatre Festival in Potenza, Italy. The festival – sponsored by UNESCO – hosted theatre groups from Morocco, Belgium, Spain, Iran and Germany.
- Talma Yalin School Symphony Orchestra held a European tour. It performed, among other places, at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (3.2006)

Haifa Caricature Festival

- Haifa Municipality and the Israel National Commission for UNESCO jointly host the International Caricature Festival for the fourth consecutive year. The 12th contest dealt with tolerance, violence, drugs & alcohol and their impact on society. It was also sponsored by the Psychology and Counseling Department. The Commission’s prize for excellence was awarded to Julio Sanchez Acuado (Spain), Mahmud Oshloikov (Uzbekistan), Horia Krisen (Romania) and Vladimir Bojiyenevski (Ukraine). The caricatures were distributed to all UNESCO Associated Schools and to all the UNESCO Member States (5.10.06).



CIAK Festival, Italy

- Israel won UNESCO Medal for the movie “My Cup”, produced by ILAN’s children, at the CIAK Children’s Films Festival in Italy (4.2006).

The Israeli film “Spelling Bee”, produced by Mevo’ot Eiron School won the Best Film and Best Actress Awards. The film deals with Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties. The film was directed, produced, cast and performed by school children (4.2007).

Music

- Dr. Avishai Ya’ar, Chairperson of the UNESCOS Music Committee (IMC) took part in the IMC Europe regional conference that was held in Malmo, Sweden (20-23.4.06).

International Museum Day

- The Committee and the Israeli branch of the International Council of Museums (ICOM) jointly sponsored a free of charge "Open Day" for all the museums in Israel on 'Lag Ba'omer" Day (16.5.06).

Preserving Jewish Heritage

- The Center of Jewish Art in the Hebrew University received support from the Museum Division of the UNESCO Headquarters, for documenting Jewish Synagogues in Bukhara, Uzbekistan.
- The Israel National Commission for UNESCO supported the development of the Central Jewish Museum in Bukhara through the UNESCO regional office in Uzbekistan.



Dance

The Jerusalem Academy for Music and Dance

- The Committee sponsored a conference of the Academy for Music and Art in Jerusalem, which dealt with Cultural Diversity (12.2007).



UNESCO Index Translatum

- The National Library issues each year the State's report of all translated bibliographies published in Israel. The 58th report in 2006 included 538 registries, and the 2007 report – 648.

Participation in UNESCO Culture Conference

Subject	Representative	Place and Date
International Music Organization – Europe	Dr. Avishai Ya'ar	Sweden (4.2006)
International Theatre Organization	Dr. Diti Ronen	Philippines (6.2006)
Educational Tourism	Professor Yoel Mansfeld	France (6.2007, 2.2007)

Preserving Cultural Diversity

Gaon Institute, Ben Gurion University

- Professor Tamar Alexander, Director of the Moshe D. Gaon Institute, Ben Gurion University, organized a unique international workshop, in which Israeli and international researches (Spain, Greece, Turkey) and artists presented the “Haketia” Language, which was used by the Jews of North Africa and is now on the verge of extinction (3-6.06-07)

Mishkenot Sha'ananim

- Professor Aliza Ginio of the Tel Aviv University headed conference on: “Sephardic Jews and the Ladino” sponsored by the commission (10.2007).

Third International Theatre Conference

- Dr. Diti Ronen represented Israel in this conference, which was held in Manila, Philippines, and dealt with the protection of cultural diversity and its contents (23-28.5.06).

Sponsorship of Culture Activities

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
Inter-religious Meeting: Jewish Muslim Christian	"Abraham Fraternity" Fund, France	France (3.2007)
Dialogue through Music – Oud Festival	Confederation House	Israel (11.2006)
Communication through Photography Workshop for Children with Disabilities in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.	Oster Organization	France (2006-2007)
International Museum Day	International Council of Museums (ICOM), Israel	Israel (21.5.2006)
12th Caricature Festival – "Humor and Tolerance in the Fight against Violence"	Haifa Municipality	Israel (10.2006)
Israel-Spain Conference at 20 years	UNESCO Chair in Inter-Religious Dialogue, Haifa University	Israel (5.2007)
Music and Dance Academy	Jerusalem Conservatory	Israel (12.2007)
Mishkenot Sha'ananim	Sephardic Jews and the Ladino Language	(10.2007)
Israel-Relations Cultural Memory – Past, Present and Future	"Memory for the Future" Organization, France	France/Palestinian Authority/Israel (2006-07)
International Mother Language Day (21.2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Leyvik Organization – Yiddish •Popular Chairs / Academy of the Hebrew Language 	(21.2.2006) (21.2.2007)
The Haketia as the language of Jews from North Morocco	Moshe Gaon Center, Ben Gurion University	Israel (6.2006)
"The White City" Photograph Exhibition	Yigal Gabza	International (2007)

Science Committee

L'Oreal UNESCO Partnership in Promoting Women in the Field of Science

- Professor Ada Yonat from the Weizman Institute won the 2007 L'Oreal UNESCO Life's Award.

2009 International Year of Astronomy (IYA)

- Israel supported the proposal to announce 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy.



“Meet Mathematics” – Jerusalem Museum of Science

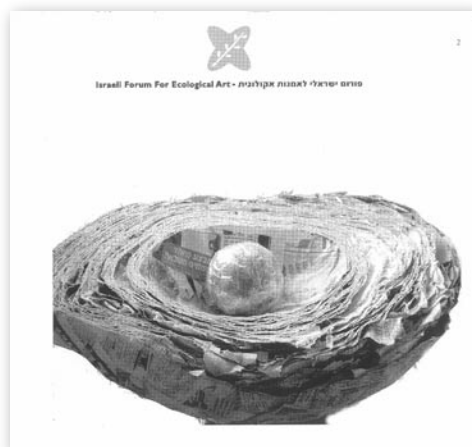
- This exhibition was opened on April 2006. It was initiated by UNESCO Science Policy Division, in collaboration with El Kuds University, La Cite and Del Scienza Museums, Naples, and sponsored by the presidents of El Kuds and the Hebrew Universities, The Israel National Academy of Science and the Jerusalem Fund. The exhibition was displayed in Naples, and then moved to Jerusalem and later to El Kuds University.

Evaluation of the UNESCO Science and Social and Human Sciences Programmes

- Professor Uri Shamir (Technion) represented ICSU in the review.

Planet Earth Day

- The Israel National Commission for UNESCO supported in collaboration with IS-IUCN and the Forum for Ecological Art the Planet Earth Day Event in Tel Aviv, Cinemateque. The event focused on the themes “War and Peace” and “Planet Earth Warming” (20.4.07).



Participation in UNESCO Science Conference

Subject	Representative/s	Place and Date
The Water Cycle (WET)	Dr. Orit Ben Zvi-Asaraf	Mexico (8.2006)
Synchrotron	Professor Eliezer Rabinovitz Professor Moshe Paz Pasternak	Jordan (11.2006) France (7.2007) Austria (8.2007) Cyprus (12.2007)
IHP - European Region Meeting	Professor Daniel Ronen	France (7.2006)
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)	Dr. Herut Barak	France (6.2006)
Man and Biosphere (MAB)	Professor Tamar Dayan	France (10.2006)
MAB - European Region Meeting	Dr. Eliezer Frankberg	Turkey (11.2007)
Geology and Climate Changes	Dr. Yossi Yehieli	U.S.A (10.2007)

Desertification	Professor Uriel Safriel Professor Ariel Noboplansky	India (11.2007)
Tsunami Alert System in the Mediterranean Sea	Professor Dov Rosen	Portugal (11.2007)

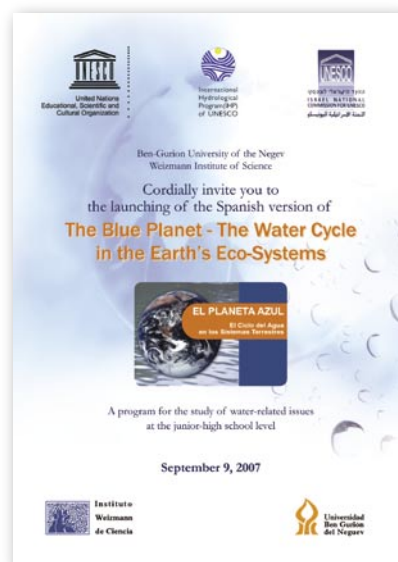


Hydrological Committee (IHP)

- Professor Daniel Ronen, Committee's Chairperson, represented Israel in the meetings of the International Hydrological Programme (IHP) held in France (7.7.2006).
- Holland's IHP Committee supported Israel candidate Professor Yonathan Laron for the board of the Arid Areas Center in China
- Professor András Söllösi-Nagi, visited Israel and launched the "Blue Planet Earth – The Water Cycle" Curriculum, as part of events in the Weitzman Institute and Ben Gurion University (4-11.9.07).

"Blue Planet (BP) – The Water Cycle" Curriculum

- Dr. Orit Ben Zvi-Asaraf represented Israel at the WET Conference in Mexico, where she presented the BP curriculum (28-30.8.06).
- The UNESCO Headquarters developed – in collaboration with the Weitzman Institute, the Ben Gurion University and the Israeli Water Authority – a workshop for the "Blue Planet Earth – The Water Cycle" Curriculum. The curriculum was translated to Spanish and adapted for training experts from Latin America. The workshop was held and organized by Fentos (Water Authority) in Mar del Plata, Argentina (5-9.11.07).



UNESCO Water Institute – Delft – Holland

- A mission of four experts from the "Exact" Project visited Israel (Dr. Kubrayev Gehber Michael, Jean Nuner, Dr. Branislav Pazrovski and Dr. Peter de Latt).

Water Technologies Conference, Zukerberg Institute, Ben Gurion University in the Negev

- The Zukerberg Institute held a conference with participants from Israel and the Palestinian Authority, on the occasion of the International Water Day (22.3.06).

Sustainable Management of Water Resources for Urban Areas (European Union)

- The "Switch" Project activity is done in collaboration with "Mekorot" Company and headed by Professor Avner Adin of the Hebrew University. Its aim is to treat wastewater and improve them in various cities around

the world (Accra – Ghana, Alexandria – Egypt, Beijing – China, Horizonte – Brazil, Birmingham – England, Lodz – Poland, Saragossa – Spain and Tel Aviv – Israel).

- UNESCO representatives (IHP), Dr. Alberto Tadjia-Gilbert and Ms. Zandaria Saratoya of UNESCO attended the second European Union Conference in Urban Water Management across Europe (22.3.07).

The Annual Conference of Israel Water Association

- The Conference – sponsored by the commission – was held in the campus of Ben Gurion University. The conference dealt with a variety of subjects: Water and Wastewater treatment, Pricing and Water System, Management Issues, Water Sources – Kinneret and Rivers, Restoration of Cross-border Rivers in Israel and the Palestinian Authority (20.5.06).

Ground Water Resources Conference – Indicators for Sustainability (IHP)

- Dr. Sinai Netanyahu of the “Tahal” Group represented Israel in the meeting that was held in the UNESCO Headquarters in France (4.06).



Intergovernmental Oceanographic Committee (IOC)

- Dr. Herut Barak, Director General of Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research Institute, attended the General Assembly of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, held in Paris (19-28.6.07).

Development of a Tsunami Early Warning System

- Professor Dov Rosen of the Oceanographic Research Institute took part in a conference held in France aimed at development of a Tsunami Early Warning System in the Mediterranean Sea. His participation was sponsored by the Department of Cultural and Scientific Affairs of the Foreign Ministry (22-24.5.06).
- Israel donated \$10,000 for the development of a Tsunami Early Warning System in the Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean.



SESAME Synchrotron (Sesame)

- Professor Eliezer Rabinovitz (Chairperson) and Professor Moshe Paz-Pasternak attended meetings of the International Council in Jordan (July 2006) and Vienna, in collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Committee (IAEA) (July 2007).



Man and Biosphere Committee (MAB)

- Professor Tamar Dayan, Committee's Chairperson, represented Israel in the meeting of the International Council of Man and Biosphere, France, (October 2006).

UNESCO Young Scientist MAB Award

- As in recent years, Israel again submitted nominations from the Tel Aviv University for the MAB - Young Scientist Award, to no avail.

Carmel Biosphere Reserve

- A monitoring report of the Biosphere Reserve in the Carmel was submitted to the International Council of Man and Biosphere.

Ramat Menashe (BR)

The community has started the last phase in preparation of the nomination as BR



Geological Committee (IGCP)

- Dr. Benyamin Zeev Begin, Chairperson, presented – in collaboration with the UNESCO Department of Natural Disasters – a research titled “Geology without Borders” – Geological Research Implications on the Jordan Valley at the workshop held in Spain (November 2007).

Sponsorship of Science Activ

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
International Desertification Conference	Ben Gurion University	Israel (10.2006)
National Conference of Science and Technology Teachers	Weitzman Institute of Science	Israel (3.2007)
Planet Earth Day	Ecology and Art Forum	Israel (4.2007)
International Water Day	Ben Gurion University	Israel (3.2007)
Annual Conference – Water Engineering	Israel Water Association	Israel (5.2006)
Science Innovations	The Technion	France (12.2007)
Launch of “Blue Planet Earth” Curriculum	Weitzman Institution of Science / Ben Gurion University	Israel (9.2007)

Social and Human Sciences Committee – MOST

- Mr. Pierre Sane, UNESCO’s Assistant Director General for Social and Human Sciences, was a guest of Israel National Commission for UNESCO during his visit to the Center for the Promotion of Women’s Status in Ramallah (6.07).
- Professor Abraham (Rami) Friedman, Chairperson of the Social and Human Sciences committee, attended the meeting of the Management of Social Transformation Programme (MOST) Intergovernmental Committee and presented

Israel model of collaboration between research findings and decision-making, Paris (16-18.7.07).

- The committee ratified the understandings reached with UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Sector regarding the publications of the research conducted by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, Haifa and Hebrew Universities, regarding the cooperation of Israel and Palestinian NGO's.
- Professor Amnon Carmi, UNESCO Chair holder of Bioethics Haifa University, presented the Chair activities before the staff of UNESCO's Social and Human Sciences Sector in Paris (26-29.6.07).

Israel Sociological Society

- The annual meeting of Israel Sociological Society, supported by the Commission, was attended by hundreds of researchers, staff members and advanced degrees students from all higher education institutes. The main theme of the convention was "Being a Minority in Israel-Arabs, Druze, Religious Orthodox and Gender (2.2007).



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Bioethics

- Professor Amnon Carmi attended UNESCO's Bioethics' meetings in France (6.06), Russia (4.06) and Argentina (5.06).
- UNESCO Bioethics Chair's publications were distributed to all UNESCO member states and to hundreds of medical schools around the world.

Bioethics Teachers' Training

- Representatives from Kenya, Zambia and Ethiopia attended a capacity building course, held in Agartan, Kenya. The course was conducted by Professor Amnon Carmi, UNESCO Chair holder of Bioethics Haifa University and his staff, in coordination with UNESCO's Division of Ethics of Sciences and Technologies (8-14.7.07).
- The Chair conducted a training Bioethics workshop for tutors at European medical schools, in cooperation with the Division of Ethics of Sciences and Technologies and the European Center for Higher Education (CEPES). The workshop was initiated and led by Professor Amnon Carmi and was attended by representatives from Russia, Greece, Turkey, Poland, Romania, Macedonia and Bulgaria. The workshop, which was held in Budapest, Romania, was accompanied by Professor Nuzha Galasos, Chairperson of UNESCO's IBC Committee. (30.10 - 4.11.06).

Development of a Bioethics Curriculum

- Professor Amnon Carmi attended UNESCO's Bioethics Chairs' Network Experts meeting, for the development of a bioethics curriculum.
- The International Bioethics' Legislation portal is being prepared in cooperation with Haifa UNESCO Chair in Bioethics regarding Israel's Bioethics' Legislation and court verdicts.

UNESCO's International Bioethics Committee (IBC)

- Professor Efrat Levy-Lahad replaced Professor Michel Revel of the Weizman Institute on the committee
- Professor Efrat Levy-Lahad, Shaarei Zedek Hospital / Hebrew University, represented Israel in the IBC Committee, held in France (20-22.12.06), and the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya (17-19.7.07).

Hebrew Bioethics Documentation Center

- The Israel National Commission for UNESCO has established a Hebrew Bioethics Documentation Center, in cooperation with Israel National Bioethics Council the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics in the Haifa University and Israel Academy of Science.
- To date, three Universal Bioethics Declarations were published and distributed:
 - The Human Genome
 - Genetic Information
 - Human Rights
- UNESCO's Ethic and the European recommendations for scientist (COMEST) will also be updated on the Website.
- The Israel National Bioethics Council supported by Israel National Commission for UNESCO in promoting Bioethics seminar for researchers and doctors, on the subject of Fertility Research – "Oocyte (Egg) Donation in Israel" (1.9.06).

Ethics Development in Sciences and Technologies (COMEST)

- Professor Hagit Messer-Yaron, Vice President of the Tel Aviv University for Research and Development, attended the UNESCO Regional Meeting, organized by the Swiss National Commission, on UNESCO's recommendations regarding scientists' ethics (11-12.5.06).

Gender

- Dr. Yael Harel, National Coordinator of the UNESCO ASPnet in Israel, contributed a paper to the UNESCO 60th Anniversary Book. She wrote about women's contribution to the world in general and to UNESCO in particular.
- The Israel National Commission sponsored a seminar on "Empowerment or Strengthening?" – Women's Empowerment Policy in a Regional Context. The seminar, which was organized by the Public Policy School of the Hebrew University,

hosted Israel and Arab researchers who presented the issue of gender development in Israel society (5.2007).

Tolerance and Co-Existence

Al-Qasemi Academy, Baka El Garbia

- The Commission sponsored a Dialogue and Co-Existence Conference, initiated by the Al-Qasemi Academi in cooperation with the Abraham Fund. This Conference was attended by Knesset Member Yuli Tamir (1.2006). Another conference initiated by the Al-Qasemi Academy was also sponsored "Pluralism and Acceptance of the Other" (1.2007).
- The Academy has wisely managed to build a base of strategic partners, supporting and sponsoring the conference: The Abraham Fund; The Citizens Accord Forum; The Inter-religious Coordinating Council; American Jewish Committee; and the Israel National Commission for UNESCO.

Civil Society Cooperation – Israel / Palestinian Authority

- A Conference was initiated by the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies and supported by the Israel National Commission for UNESCO. This conference was aimed to examine the nature and continuity of cooperation between NGO's in Israel and Palestinian's civil society (24.5.06).
- A book was published following this conference and distributed to senior staff at UNESCO Headquarters.

Philosophy

- The "Emanuel Levinas" Philosophy Conference was held in the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, marking the International Philosophy Day. The Conference was supported by the Department of Cultural and Scientific Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and by the Israel National Commission for UNESCO (15-18.11.06). Conferences regarding Levinas' contribution to philosophy were held in Strasburg, Chicago, Bucharest, South Africa, Montreal, Vilna and Jerusalem.

- Dr. Jane Glaser of the Hebrew University attended an international conference, “New Trends and Uses in Philosophy”. The conference, held in UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, examined the use of philosophy as an educational and cultural tool in forming a civic identity (15-16.11.06).
- The Commission submitted data regarding the study of philosophy in Israel educational system (UNESCO Questionnaire, 11.06)
- Israel delegation, headed by instructor Yael Hacoheh (The Pedagogical Secretariat) attended the Philosophy Olympics in Italy (22.2.06). Israel delegates were chosen following a contest in high schools teaching philosophy.
- A conference of high school philosophy teachers and students, initiated by Ms. Yael Hacoheh, was held in the Tel Aviv University. Among the participants in the conference, which focused on the subject of justice and Equality, was Professors Marcello Daskal and Yossi Yona (26.3.06).

Participation in UNESCO Social and Human Sciences’ Conferences

Subject	Representative	Place and Date
Ethics in Sciences and Technologies (COMEST)	Professor Hagit Messer-Yaron	Switzerland (5.07)
Bioethics	Professor Amnon Carmi	Kenya (6.07)
Mediterranean Youth Forum Meeting	Ms. Sarit Felber	Cyprus (11.06)
Cities Against Racism	Mr. Daniel Bar-Eli	Germany (5.07)
Social Transformation Committee (MOST)	Professor Abraham (Rami) Friedman	France (7.07)

International Conference on Philosophy for Children’s Rights

- This “Philosophy for the Children” Conference, held in Jerusalem, was organized by the School of Education of the Hebrew University and sponsored by the Israel National Commission for UNESCO. It was attended by the Minister of Education as well as researchers from Israel and from around the world (U.S.A, England, Mexico, Brazil, Canada, Wales, France, South Korea, Australia, Holland, Germany and Italy). The conference focused on the world of the child and his rights (4-7.6.07).

International Children’s Rights Day

- A first day envelope for the International Children’s Rights Day – 20.11.05 – was produced by Tova Ben-Ari, Head of Children’s Rights Division. It was also distributed to UNESCO Headquarters.



Local Authorities’ Coalition against Racism

- The Social and Human Sciences Committee – headed by Professor Abraham (Rami) Friedman – announced its flagship project for the years 2007-2010: Local Authorities’ Coalition against Racism.

- Ms. Na'ama Blatman, M.A. student from the Tel Aviv University, coordinated the planning process. The project's purpose is to harness the central bodies of State and local authorities to reduce racism, exclusion and discrimination in their cities, through a change of priorities and a new orientation. Various NGOs will assist the commission to implement the project.

Sponsorship of Social and Human Sciences Activities

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
Seminar – Tolerance and Multi cultural Dialogue	Al-Qasemi Academy	Israel (1.06 / 1.07)
Dialogue in Action – Cultivating a Leadership to Fight Racism	WUJS – International Students' Union	Canada (6.07)
Seminar – Lessons from the Cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian Organizations	The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies	Israel (5.06)
International Conference for Bioethics	UNESCO Chair in Bioethics	Israel (2.06)
Education for Tolerance in the Educational System	The Center for Educational Technology	Israel (4.06)
Yaffo Conference	The Citizen's Accord Forum	Israel (10.06)
“Tour de Dead Sea” – International Biking Race	Megillot Regional Council	Israel (1.07)
Gender and Women's Empowerment	The Shasha Center – School of Public Policy, The Hebrew University	Israel (5.07)
Annual Conference of the Sociological Society	Israel Sociological Society, The Technion	Israel (2.07)
4rd International Bioethics Conference – and Future Generations	UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, The Haifa University	Israel (2.07)
International Conference - the Philosophy of Children's Right	The Hebrew University	Israel (6.07)

Information for All Committee

- Professor Nir Ahituv, Committee's Chairperson, represented Israel at the meeting of the International Programme for the Development of Communication (IPDC), Paris (21-23.3.06).
- The Chairman of Israel Committee was elected during the 34th General Conference of UNESCO as a member of the Information for All Committee (IFA) and attended an unscheduled meeting of the committee (10/2007).

Conference on the Digital Conservation of Cultural Heritage

- This conference on “The Conservation of Cultural Heritage” (European Union) was initiated by the Minerva and sponsored by Israel National Commission

for UNESCO. It hosted a UNESCO “Round Table”, headed by Professor Nir Ahituv, over the following subjects: City Heritage Conservation (Mike Turner – Bezalel Academy; Jewish Memory – Family Home Hasia Israeli, Director of Beth Hatefusoth (the Diaspora Museum); Preservation of Palestinian Press (David Amitai/Merav Mack, Givat Haviva) (14-15.11.06).

Jules Verne - A Scientific Literary Journey

- The University of Haifa initiated an interdisciplinary conference on the subject of Jules Verne’s contribution to the scientific literature genre. The conference - which was open to the public – hosted many meetings and a variety of children’s activities in Science and Technology Museum (16-17.1.06).

International Conference on Ethics, Information and the Media

- Mr. Aviv Ze’evi, Coordinator of the Information for All Committee, attended this conference on Ethics, Information and the Media, held in Ankara, Turkey (10/06).

The Digital Gap in Israel

- A colloquium was sponsored by the commission and by Netvision Institute for the Study of the Internet at the Tel Aviv University. The keynote speaker was Mr. Daniel Lumbert, President of the Information for All Committee of France. Various projects – dealing with the digital gap problem – were presented. One of the problems that were identified was the lack of coordination and cooperation between organizations in Israel, which contribute indirectly to a further increase of the digital gap.

Journalism Training Course

- A course for Israeli and Arab journalists was supposed to be opened, in coordination with the Herzog Center of the Ben Gurion University and the UNESCO Information and Communication Sector. The course was aimed to train journalists, theoretically and practically, at Ha’aretz Newspaper. Professor Yoram Meital – who initiated and led the project – presented it at the UNESCO Headquarters (12.2.07). Unfortunately, the initiative was not manifested due to technical and bureaucratic problems.
- The article “A New Cooperative World” – written by the UNESCO Director General – was translated to Hebrew and published in Ha’aretz Newspaper (10.10.06)

Sponsorship of Information for All Activitie

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
“A literary Journey in the World of Information with Jules Verne”	Haifa University	1.2006
Du-Et Newspaper (8-10 editions in Hebrew and Arabic)	The Citizen’s Accord Forum	7.2006
The Jubilee Book for Professor Dov Noy – Israeli Folk Tale	Haifa University	2007
Colloquium – Digital Gap	Tel Aviv University – Netvision Institute	2.2007



Israel World Heritage Committee

- Professor Mike Turner, Chairperson of Israel World Heritage Committee, was elected as vice president of the World Heritage Committee during its meetings in New Zealand. (7/07)
- The Chairperson attended an unscheduled meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, regarding the developments of the Mugrabi Gate (4/07)
- The Israel World Heritage Committee conducted its meeting in Beit She'an in order to facilitate the city's possible promotion as a World Heritage Site in UNESCO

World Heritage Committee Meetings

Lithuania, Vilna

- Professor Mike Turner, Chairperson of the Israeli World Heritage Committee, led Israel delegation to the World Committee's Meeting, which included Professor Uriel Safriel (The Hebrew University - Nature), Dr. Zvika Tsuk (NPA – Culture), Architects Alicia Sieber and Anat Sarid (Planning Administration) and Paul Ginensberg (Jewish National Fund). Dr. Albert Lincoln participated as an observer on behalf of the Bahai Community. (7/2006)

New Zealand, Christchurch

- Professor Mike Turner led Israel delegation to the World Committee's meetings, included Dr. Irit Amit-Cohen (Bar Ilan University), Professor Eli Stern (Ben Gurion University) and Mr. Albert Lincoln (Bahai Community) (7.2007).



ICCROM – Israel Cooperation

- Israel National Commission for UNESCO in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Antiquities Authority (IAA) has promoted Mr. Ra'anana Kislev – Director of Conservation (IAA) to the ICCROM International Council.
- Mr. Joe King of ICCROM was invited by Israel National Commission to develop Capacity Building program in Conservation. He met with representatives of the Antiquity Authority, National Park Authority, Israel Museum, Ministry of Science and Culture and the Council for Preservation of Israel Heritage Sites.

ICOMOS Cooperation with ICOMOS Israel

- **Rempart Project:** This conservation project was postponed to 2007, due to the war in 2006. The French Embassy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO and the French Union de'Rempart are involved in the project, which enjoys the professional support of the Antiquity Authority and the Akko Development Company in reconstruction and built an old arch at Akko (14-19.7.07).

- **The Pisa Project** is aimed in documenting of Old Akko by Israeli and Italian students. The project was sponsored by the Akko Development Company and the Antiquity Authority (12.06).
- Architect John Herd gave a lecture on the impact of Climate Changes and Natural Disasters on World Heritage – The case of the Himalaya and Central Asia (9.07).

Participation in UNESCO World Heritage Conference

Subject	Representative/s	Place and Date
World Heritage Committee	Architect Alicia Sieber, Professor Uriel Safriel, Architect Anat Sarid, Professor Mike Turner, Dr. Zvika Tsuk	Lithuania (7.06)
	Professor Mike Turner, Professor Eli Stern, Dr Irit Amit-Cohen	Christchurch (7.07)
Unscheduled WH Committee Meeting	Professor Mike Turner	France (4.07)
Monitoring of World Heritage Sites	Daniel Bar-Eli	Italy (3.06)
	Dr. Eliezer Frankberg	Spain (4/07)
Conservation of Modern Heritage	Architect Yirmi Hoffman	Russia (4.06)
La Havre Modern Heritage Exhibition	Professor Nitza Samuk, Architect Tal Eyal, Architect Yirmi Hoffman, Professor Moshik Margalit	France (9.07)
Scientific Innovations for Non-Destructive Conservation	Architect Ze'ev Margalit	Italy (10.07)
The Great Rift Valley (GRV)	Professor Mike Turner Dr. Yossi Leshem	Kenya (3.07)
Modern Heritage	Professor Mike Turner Professor Moshe Margalit	India (12.07)
Cultural Landscapes and World Heritage	Yuval Peled	Spain (12.07)
World Heritage Cities Organization	Architect Hezi Berkowitz	Russia (6.07)

Local Conferences

- **Incense Routes** – An Incense Routes' Seminar was initiated by ICOMOS-Israel and held in collaboration with Midreshet Sde Boker in the Negev and the French Research Center in Jerusalem (12.2.06).
- **Conference on the Conservation of Old Akko** – The conference was postponed due to the war in Israel (2006) and took place on January 2007.

- **Cultural Landscapes** – A seminar was conducted by the Bar Ilan University, in collaboration with the Jewish National Fund, the Israel Nature & National Parks Authority (NPA) and the Council for Conservation of Israel Heritage. The seminar, “Israel Cultural Landscape” was sponsored by the Commission. The findings of the “Cultural Landscapes” think tank, which was established by Israel World Heritage Committee, were presented at the seminar (13.2.2000).
- **Bird Migration Without Borders** – The International Center for Bird Migration of Tel Aviv University and the Palestinian Association for Nature Protection cooperated with the Japanese Organization Jaika and with the mayors of Jericho and Beit She’an, promote joint programs of nature conservation for Jordanians, Palestinians and Israelis.
- Architect Hezi Berkowitz, Tel Aviv City Engineer, attended a conference of the World Heritage Cities Organization, held in Kazan, Russia (19-23.6.07).
- Professor Mike Turner attended the conference of “Historic Urban Cultural Landscapes”, held in Olivenca Brazil, toward finalizing UNESCO’s recommendations at the 35th General Conference of UNESCO (12-14.9.07).
- Representatives of “The White City - Tel Aviv” – Architect Yirmi Hoffman, Tal Eyal and Professor Nitza Samuk – attended an exhibition and conference regarding Modern Heritage Cities: Brasilia, Chandigarh, La Havre and Tel Aviv, La Havre, France (13-14.9.07).
- The “Bauhaus Architecture Center”, Tel Aviv, held a workshop about “The White City in the Black Continent” with experts from Eritrea, presenting the White City of Asmara (28.6.07).
- **Old Akko – “Conservation of Buildings and Historic Sites: Between Research and Practice”** – The 3rd annual conference was sponsored by the Western Galilee College, the Akko Municipality, the Akko Development Company, The Antiquity Authority and the Israel National Commission for UNESCO. The meetings focused on the practice of conservation of historic cities (4.1.07).



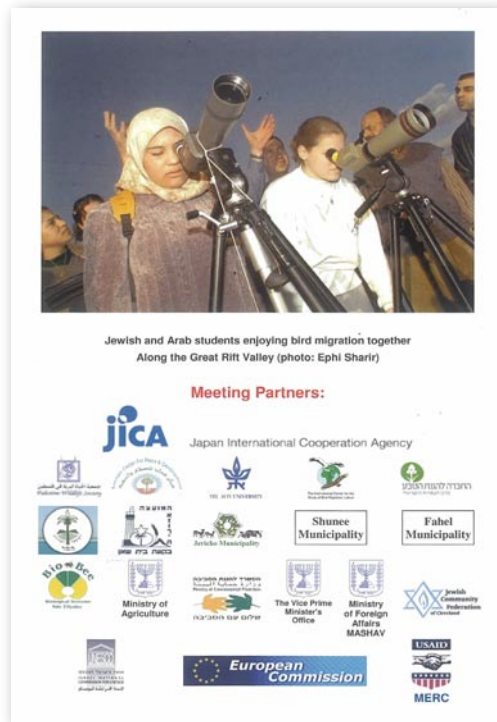
Capacity Building

- The Commission awarded a scholarship to Mr. John Seligman, Jerusalem District Archeologist of the Antiquities Authority, to participate in ICCROM course on “Built Heritage Conservation” (February - March 2007).

Inscription of World Heritage Sites in Israel

- The Incense Route and the cities of Negev (Avdat, Mamshit, Haluza and Shivta) were inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage Site. (7/06)

- The ceremony was conducted in Avdat, honored by guests from Israel, including Professor Henry Clear and Architect Carla Morano. The ceremony was preceded by a World Heritage Seminar held at Midreshet Sede Boqer in the Negev (3.2007).



- **The Arava March**

Walking and Biking tracks along the Incense Route, were organized by the Arava Regional Council (19.2.2007).

- **Ceremony in Mamshit**

The Committee's Chairperson attended the inscription ceremony in Mamshit (4.4.2007)

Status of World Heritage Sites in Israel

- **The Hula:** The WH Committee decided to refer the site for further reconsideration. The subject was deliberated in Experts' Meeting in Kenya (3.07).
- **The Old Arch in Tel Dan:** The Israel Commission decided to withdraw the nomination, in order to resubmit a revised nomination to be discussed in the committee's meeting in Canada (7.08).
- **The White City, Tel Aviv:** The committee had held meetings about the Mann Auditorium plans, as presented by the Tel Aviv Municipality. The committee is involved in the comprehensive monitoring process of "The White City – Tel Aviv", examining issues: High building, National Outline Plan No.38, Habima Square, Mann Auditorium.
- **Old City of Jerusalem:** Technical Missions from the World Heritage Center of UNESCO arrived to implement UNESCO Exe. Board decisions. The missions headed by Francesco Bandarin (3.06) and Franca Melioli (11.06), submitted a detailed report to UNESCO.

Think Tanks Activities

The committee continues to promote and implement the recommendations of its Think Tanks:

- **National Register of Sites:** The process of software testing is already in an advanced stage. The Planning Administration in the Ministry of Interior will take a major role assimilating this idea as a tool for planning.
- **The Great Rift Valley:** The committee participated in the Experts' Workshop in Kenya, which will prepare the grounds for a "Nomination Statement".

- **Monitoring and Follow Up:** The committee participated in the meetings of the Southern Mediterranean Region, in order to establish new directions in the monitoring process.
- **Conservation Authority:** The committee continues to promote the establishment of a State Conservation Authority.

Implications of the Committee's Activity

- **Planning Administration** - formed a National Conservation Team to discuss fundamental issues. A professional conservator was placed in every district to provide assistance to the District Director on matters of conversation.
- Established a forum for the preparation of a Register of Israeli Sites, in collaboration with the Israel Land Administration.

Antiquities Authority

- Considers the establishment of a Conservation Administration, following the recommendations to establish a State Conservation Authority.

State Comptroller Report – Conservation in Israel

- The committee prepared a follow up report on the implementation of the 2005 Comptroller's recommendations.

Activation of Article 99 of the Planning and Building Law (1965)

During 2006/07, Israel World Heritage Committee submitted professional opinion – in accordance with Article 99 of the Planning and Building Law – regarding world heritage sites in Israel.

- Incense Route – Phosphate Mining in Hatzeva.
- Machtheshim Country – Zoning Plan for the Development of Hotels in the Area.
- Kfar Avnon (Makhtesh Ramon) – The creation of a new settlement on the cliff of the crater was cancelled.
- Tel Be'er Sheva – Development of an Alternative Train Route.

Opinions regarding each of these cases was submitted to the district committee of the Southern District.

International Cooperation

Auschwitz

- Israel World Heritage Committee accompanies the preparation of a management plan for the Auschwitz - Birkenau Camp. The UNESCO World Heritage Center submitted an experts' report on the status of the site (12.06).

- The World Heritage Committee (Vilna, 7.06) held a discussion on the request of Poland to change the name of the site to an “Ex-Nazi Extermination Camp”. The committee discussed this issue again in its meeting in New Zealand (7.07) and decided to change the name of the camp to a “Nazi German Extermination Camp”.

India–Israel Dialogue

- The dialogue - initiated and funded by Israel National Commission for UNESCO and sponsored by the UNESCO World Heritage Center – was attended by experts from Israel (Antiquities Authority, NPA, and Higher Education Institutions) and India (Archeological Authority). Its aim was to examine the following subjects: Managing World Heritage Sites, Modern Heritage, and Jewish Heritage in India. The meetings took place in India (4.06) and in Israel (11.06). A final report was submitted to the World Heritage Center.

The Great Rift Valley

- Dr. Yossi Leshem (Tel Aviv University) and Professor Mike Turner (Committee’s Chairperson) participated in an experts’ meeting held in Nairobi, Kenya (11-18 of March, 2007). The meeting focused on development of strategy for the Great Rift Valley and the cooperation between the different countries along it. One of the key results of this meeting was the acknowledgment of UNESCO about the universal significance of the heritage sites along the rift valley.

Experts’ Visits to Israel on World Heritage Issues

Visitor’s Name	Subject	Date
Joe King (ICCROM)	Capacity Building	7.07
Munir Buchenaki (ICCROM)	Mugrabi Gate	2.07
Francesco Bandarin (Heritage Center)		
Michael Pezet		
Carla Morano	Incense Route Inscription	3.07
Henry Clear		
Henry Clear	Sites of Christianity in the Galilee	9.07/6.07
John Herd (ICOMOS)	Evaluation of Nomination – The old ark in Tel Dan	10.06
Francesco Bandarin (Heritage Center)	Historic Urban Cultural Landscapes	3.06
Veronique Doug Francesco Bandarin (HC)	Action Plan for the Old City of Jerusalem	6.06

Sponsorship of World Heritage Events

Israel National Commission for UNESCO sponsored events promoting heritage conservation in Israel.

- Buildings in the City – Presentation of documentary films about the “White City – Tel Aviv”, by Tel Aviv University.
- Bauhaus Center – Bauhaus Exhibition, Bialik House, Tel Aviv.
- Discussion about Bauhaus in Eritrea (6.07).

International Conferences

The Social Aspect of World Heritage

- Professor Mike Turner attended the conference – held in Argentina - and presented articles reflecting the cultural and social impacts on heritage sites in a historical perspective (6-13.9.06).

Heritage Forum – Universities

- Professor David Kasuto, Chairman of the Jewish Italian Museum in Jerusalem attended a conference – held in Florence, Italy – on Documentation and Development for Conservation (11-16.9.06).

Conservation of 20th Century Heritage - Heritage in Danger

- Architect Yirmi Hoffman, Conservation Director in the Tel Aviv Municipality, attended this international conference held in Moscow, Russia (17-20.6.06).

Cultural Landscapes

- Professor Mike Turner represented Israel in an experts' meeting held in the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris (26.9.06). The meeting was based on the International Conference of the UNESCO Chair in Urban Conservation, Bezalel Academy, which was held in Jerusalem in collaboration with El-Quds University (3.06). The aim of the meeting was to update the UNESCO recommendations for conservation of Historic Urban Cultural Landscapes.

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Filming World Heritage Sites in Israel

- The Israel National Commission for UNESCO coordinated and supported organizations from Belgium, Germany, New Zealand and Japan in filming World Heritage Sites in Israel. The films are available at the Commission's Library.

Sponsorship of World Heritage Activities

Conference/Program/Subject	Organization/Institution	Remarks
Preparing the Nomination of the Hula	Jewish National Fund	2006
"Buildings in the White City" – Student Films	The Faculty of Arts, Tel Aviv University	2006
Conservation and Reconstruction of Akko – Practicum for Students	Rampart / ICOMOS Israel / Old Akko Development Company	7.07
Historic Urban Cultural Landscapes (Experts' Meeting)	UNESCO Chair, Bezalel Academy and El-Quds University	3.06
Experts' Mission Exchange (Israel - India), on of Heritage Conservation	Israel Antiquities Authority / Indian Archeological Authority	10.06
3rd International Conservation Conference, Old Akko	Western Galilee College / Akko Development Company	1.07
Inscription Ceremony of the Incense Route in the Negev as wWrld Heritage Site	Israel Nature & National parks Authority (NPA)	3.07
Inscription Ceremony of Mamshit as a World Heritage Site		4.07
Student Exchange Projects – Tuscany/Akko (Piza)	Akko Development Company	5.07
Bauhaus Exhibition – Africa (Tel Aviv, Asmara)	Bauhaus Center, Tel Aviv	6.07

World Heritage Stamps

- The Israel Philatelic Service produced five stamps marking the inscription of Israel Sites as World Heritage Sites: Old Akko, Masada, The White City – Tel Aviv, the Incense Route and the Desert Cities in the Negev, and the Biblical Tels.





3. Israel in UNESCO

- Israel submitted the 6-year report on its links with NGOs/Civil Society. The report reflects that the Commission's activity is mainly focused toward these organizations in Israel.

- The Commission's Secretary General attended the Europe Region Secretary Generals' consultation on the UNESCO Strategic Plan for 2008-2013 and Biennial Plan for 2008-2009. The position of Israel was described in a presentation that identified the weakness of UNESCO in achieving its goals due to its many tasks and interests.
- The Commission distributes different publications in the following subjects: Bioethics, Humanistic Education, Associated Schools Adult Education, and Science and Technology.
- UNESCO Intersectoral Missions, headed by Marcio Barbosa, Deputy Director General of UNESCO, visited Israel to strengthen bilateral relations. A memorandum of understanding between Israel and UNESCO, has been prepared on the occasion of UNESCO Director General's first visit to Israel.

Capacity Building

- Israel Commission provided the Foreign Ministry Center for International Cooperation (MASHAV) with scholarships program in: Community Education, Early Education, Agriculture Technology, held in MASHAV Centers; The Agriculture Faculty (Rehovot), Carmel Center (Haifa) and Ofri Center (Jerusalem). The Commission also facilitated study tours for the following centers: Carmel (Haifa) and the Galilee College (Nahalal).
- The Galilee College was granted sponsorship for the Higher Education Institutions' Management Course (7.06).

Capacity Building Program

Name	Field	Institution/Organization
John Seligman	Conservation Management	Antiquities Authority / ICCROM
Ronit Justo-Hanani	Law and Environment	Tel Aviv University / Sheffield University, England

- The "Golda Meir" Carmel Center (MASHAV) was granted sponsorship for two courses: Development of Small Businesses for Women (9.07) and Development of Community Media Programs (9.07).

Contracts with the UNESCO Headquarters

During last year, the following contracts were signed with the UNESCO Headquarters:

Field	Program	Partners
	Blue Planet Earth	Weitzman Institute
Science	Geology Meetings	Geology Institute
Social and Human Sciences	Bioethics Declarations	Israel National Commission
	Women Leadership Conference	Carmel Center
	Local Authorities Coalition Against Racism	Israel National Commission

Cooperation with UNESCO Member States

Poland – Development of a management plan for Auschwitz.

France – Cooperation with the Union de'Rampart – sponsored by ICOMOS Israel; Sites' Conservation.

Kenya – Experts' Meeting on the Great Rift Valley.

India – World Heritage Sites and Modern Heritage – exchange of experts.

Arid land Conference: Prof Uriel Safriel and Ariel Novoplansky - researchers from the Desertification Research Center in Sede Boqer attended the conference (11.06).

Mofet International Conference – Ms. Ishwaran attended the conference coordinated with the Indian Embassy.

Palestinian Authority – Joint sponsorship of IPCRI's international conference on "Education for Peace", Turkey (6.2006).

China – Mission on World Heritage Sites visited Israel (11.2007).

Argentina – Cooperation with the FENTOS Organization and with local IHP Committee, in training instructors for the "Blue Planet Earth – Water Cycle" Curriculum.

Turkey / Czech – experts participated in the conference on "Impact of Globalization on Center and Periphery in a Multi-Cultural Education for Peace" (Beit Berl, 2.07).

Austria – Cooperation between schools from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, as part of the EuroMed project, Anna Lindh Foundation.

4. UNESCO in Israel

Apprenticeship of Students in Israel National Commission for UNESCO

During 2006-2007, five students from Israel and abroad have gone through apprenticeship:

- Ms. Na'ama Blatman (Tel Aviv University) coordinated the Social and Human Sciences Committee and developed the “Local Authorities’ Coalition against Racism” Project.
- Ms. Aimee Williams (Wales) prepared a document on “Buffer Zones of World Heritage Sites”, for a local experts’ meeting.
- Ms. Liron Nimni (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) assisted the UNESCO Secretariat in building a data infrastructure for mailing and distributing information.
- Ms. Caroline Leder (Switzerland) prepared a position paper regarding the implementation of the UNESCO Convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in Israel. The paper will be a basic document for discussion on the Convention’s potential ratification.
- Ms. Tamar Wasner (Australia) prepared a comparison paper between International Conventions, Charters and Recommendations in the field of Conservation.

Fellowships in Israel

Name	Field	Institution/Organization
Aviv Ze’evi	Information for All	Tel Aviv University
Ronit Furian	Cyber Space Accessibility	Tel Aviv University

UNESCO Chairs in Israel

Inter-Religious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Haifa University

Co-Chaired by Professor Aviva Doron and Professor George Kanag’.

Cultural Relations with Spain – “Past, Present and Future” Conference was organized by the Chair, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Spanish Three Cultures’ Fund. The Conference focused on the expansion of social cultural scientific relations between the two countries, with representatives from the Barcelona and Salamanca Universities of Spain (12.11.06).

Multicultural Peace Education, Beit Berl Teacher College

Dr. Yael Harel (Chairperson).

The Chair organized an international conference “The Impact of Globalization on Multiculturalism – Center and Periphery”, with experts from Czech, Turkey, Slovakia, Italy, France, Germany and Finland (18-20.2.07).

Humanistic Education, Kibbutzim College of Education

Dr. Nimrod Aloni (Chairperson)

The 2nd Conference “Bringing back Spirit and Culture to Education” was held in collaboration with the Tel Aviv Yaffo Municipality and attended by the Tel Aviv Mayor, the President of the Supreme Court, the Minister of Education and the President of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO. (7/2007)

Bioethics, Haifa University

Professor Amnon Carmi (Chairperson)

The Chair organized the 3rd International Conference titled “Bioethics from the Point of View of Future Generations”, attended by experts from Turkey, The Ivory Coast, South Africa, India, Armenia, Romania, Croatia, Russia and Argentina. The conference was sponsored by the UNESCO Director General (11-14.2.07).

Participation Programs 2006-2007

Only 4 programs were implemented of the 6 that were approved, due to lack of resources and manpower.

Field	Subject
Education for All	UNESCO ASPnet
Information for All	Cross border Internet and Science for Gifted Pupils
World Heritage	Development of a Software for a Register Heritage Sites in Israel
Education for All	Pupils' Rights in Rosh Ha'yin

“Women and Sustainable Leadership” Int’l Conference

- The Mashav Carmel - Golda Meir Center initiated, organized and carried out the International Conference on Women and Sustainable Leadership, sponsored by the UNESCO Headquarters and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Conference was attended by dozens of women leaders from around the world, including the President of Liberia. The participants were greeted in the concluding ceremony – by Israel’s President Mr. Shimon Peres, and by Mr. Marcio Barbosa, Deputy Director General of UNESCO.
- The conference was also attended by Ms. Nudang-Gata (Basic Education Department), Ms. Sania Gulser and Ms. Lidia Vischar (Gender Division).