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With five campuses and almost 20,000 students, I believe that Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is meeting the challenge of the great man for whom it was named, David Ben-Gurion, who said “Israel’s capacity for science and research will be tested in the Negev.”

University President Prof. Rivka Carmi accepted this challenge and together with her management team leads this wonderful institution forwards with vision and hard work.

I hope that all of you who attend the 41st Annual Board of Governors Meeting will use the opportunity to see and hear firsthand from the students and faculty about their studies, their research and about their outstanding achievements. For those who are unfortunately unable to attend, this edition of the President’s Report will offer you some insights into these wonderful accomplishments.

We are celebrating the innovation and creativity that makes BGU such a dynamic center, again and again voted first choice by Israeli students and now regularly recognized worldwide in many areas of scientific research for high standards and outstanding achievements.

None of this could have been possible without the international network of members of the Board of Governors who work hard to raise our profile and raise funds for the University.

I thank each and every one of you and also our many donors whose generous support helps to develop activities at BGU; to offer a better future for many young people, including some from very disadvantaged backgrounds; to improve the lives of the wider Negev community; and to shape young future leaders to be well educated and caring individuals.

I am delighted to report that alumni activities are expanding, with groups now in three Faculties. The Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management has recruited a student to manage their alumni site and outreach and the Israeli Friends Association, is focused on extending this level of activity to the other Faculties.

Gifts are now coming in from alumni, proof that the potential is out there and that with hard work we can convince BGU graduates of the importance and worth of supporting their alma mater.

The Investment Committee has done and continues to do an excellent job, and I am happy to report to you that our Israeli and American groups continue to meet to share experiences and discuss best practices for future success.

It is with great pride that I sign this message and wish well to the entire BGU community as we move forwards towards even greater accomplishments in higher learning and academic research.



Roy J. Zuckerberg Chairman of the Board of Governors

From the President

This has been a good year for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. In May 2010 BGU placed 1st in a survey of the National Student Union as the best place to study. In December, the University was recognized by the Council for Higher Education (CHE), which noted that BGU will be one of the primary beneficiaries of the new funding provisions that allot budgets based primarily on “excellence in research” rather than the number of students enrolled. In February this year, BGU was ranked 46th on the worldwide survey of GreenMetrics, the only Israeli university to make the list.

These accomplishments are a great source of pride and reflect the University's commitment to excellence in all of its endeavors. But they are also a result of hard work and the commitment of our faculty and staff who are living the vision of Israel's first prime minister David Ben-Gurion “to build a scientific research and teaching center which will be a source of moral inspiration and courage, rousing people to a sense of mission, noble, creative and fruitful.”

It is also a reflection of the special atmosphere that has typified BGU since its founding: a pioneering spirit that is looking to make a difference and which attracts the kind of people

who go beyond the classroom and laboratory to have a positive impact on the world around them.

Also, thanks to fundamental changes in the way that Israeli universities will be budgeted through the CHE, we are now operating within a stable and growing five-year fiscal plan, rather than dealing with the debilitating budget cuts of the past few years.

This is also the first time since I began my tenure as President that we are actually in a position to make and implement a long-term plan based on a vision for growth. This has energized and excited the entire senior staff as it allows us to explore our dreams and draw a blueprint for the future.

BGU is well on the way to being one of Israel's leading research universities, and in certain fields it is already considered one of the best. We continue to invest in and attract some of the most promising young researchers from around the world, and they in turn have proven themselves by receiving extremely competitive research grants.

Work has begun on the first building in the Advanced Technologies Park, incorporating international companies such as Deutsche Telekom and EMC, building on the innovative, state-of-

the-art research being performed at the University. Working with the Israeli Ministry of Defense, BGU has started drafting plans to absorb the anticipated growth in student enrollment, develop new teaching programs and expand research in areas related to the Israel Defense Forces' move to the Negev, such as cyber-tech, robotics and remote sensing.

We have taken it upon ourselves to lower the student-faculty ratio, which was affected in the past few years by budget cuts, and we are also in the final stages of planning new buildings for the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev, the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering and greatly needed classroom space.

BGU's logo is that of a flame. In Hebrew, the word for flame is *Lahava*, sharing the root of the word, *l'hitlahev*, which means to be excited. This is BGU. Burning with excitement about the potential for learning and putting knowledge into action as we work to develop the Negev and create a stronger Israel for the betterment of people around the world.

Thank you for joining us on this journey.



Prof. Rivka Carmi President

Academ!c Development

Prof. Zvi HaCohen, Rector

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is Israel's fastest growing university in terms of its research output; however its student enrollment has long been capped by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education (PBC). Recently the University has begun planning for the growth which is expected as a result of the Israel Defense Force's relocation of its basic training and intelligence bases to the Negev. All indications suggest that as many as 4,000 soldiers, officers and related family members will be interested in pursuing academic studies at BGU, requiring the University to invest in building both its human and physical capacity.

BGU's transformation into a world-class research institution has been built upon its ability to attract the very best graduate students – from Israel and around the world. Funds such as Kreitman Foundation Fellowships have played a significant role in advancing the University's ability to offer competitive graduate fellowships.

In 2010 BGU awarded 192 Ph.D. degrees and had a total of 1,121 Ph.D. students, in comparison to 76 students and 817, respectively, in 2003. This increase has corresponded to a similar increase in the University's ability to offer fellowships, which are primarily provided by dedicated scholarship funds. This year BGU awarded over 50 new Ph.D. fellowships, and created new designated funds for students in the fields of nanotechnology, brain science

and Jewish thought. This year, twenty new postdoctoral fellowships will be awarded to increase the University's ability to attract the very best postdoctoral fellows.

A number of new educational programs are being developed in emerging research fields. The need to develop sustainable resources of energy has prompted the creation of a new track in energy engineering. This unique program focuses on the study of new alternative sources of energy. It is the first such program in Israel and one of the few in the world.

Our youngest campus in Eilat has opened a new interdisciplinary program that combines marine biology with biotechnology engineering. BGU is now the only academic institution to offer such a program from undergraduate to Ph.D. level. The Eilat campus is in the process of creating a Center for the Study of Cross-Border Cooperation. Intended to operate in conjunction with academic partners in Aqaba, Jordan, the Center will capitalize on its tri-border location and close proximity to other Arab countries to explore the regional challenges of cross-border relations.

The Guilford Glazer School of Business and Management was upgraded to a Faculty. With the support of the Mandel Foundation, USA, the Mandel Social Leadership MBA program was created in order to provide NGO executives with much-needed managerial skills.

For the first time ever, a national consortium for an African Studies program was created as part of the Humanities Fund, a joint venture of Yad Hanadiv and the PBC. Managed by BGU, the program allows students enrolled at any university to take relevant courses at other institutions towards a degree in this field. In addition to its teaching program, the Centre for African Studies arranges annual delegations of students who volunteer with international aid programs in a variety of African countries. Both were inspired by the late Dr. Tamar Golan, a former Israeli ambassador to many African countries and the dynamic founding director of the Centre, who provided the spirit behind these activities.

The University has put the finishing touches on its new English-language Israel Studies International Program, organized by the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism. The new program broadens the English-language offerings of the University as part of BGU's commitment to increasing its international student population.

BGU continues to be consistently ranked the #1 choice of Israeli undergraduate students for its warm atmosphere and dynamic teaching environment. As the University grows, so does its ability to attract many of Israel's most brilliant young scholars, scientists and students. We take great pride in our world-class achievements, while we maintain our special atmosphere.



Distribution of Students by Faculty and Degrees 2008–2011

| | Humanities & Social Sciences | Natural Sciences | Engineering Sciences | Health Sciences | Business & Management | * AKIS | |
|----------------|------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2008/09 | | | | | | | |
| Bachelors | 3,701 | 1,622 | 5,116 | 1,329 | 941 | - | |
| Masters | 1,359 | 219 | 729 | 1,011 | 1,782 | 99 | 18,776 |
| Ph.D. | 311 | 267 | 206 | 202 | 31 | 34 | |
| Others | 158 | 32 | 167 | 18 | 9 | 4 | |
| Total | 5,439 | 2,131 | 6,162 | 2,549 | 2,763 | 148 | |
| 2009/10 | | | | | | | |
| Bachelors | 3,855 | 1,587 | 5,340 | 1,357 | 1,046 | - | |
| Masters | 1,537 | 244 | 686 | 1,015 | 1,799 | 109 | 19,405 |
| Ph.D. | 290 | 272 | 209 | 202 | 33 | 60 | |
| Others | 134 | 21 | 249 | 12 | 12 | 3 | |
| Total | 5,736 | 2,114 | 6,413 | 2,568 | 2,894 | 173 | |
| 2010/11 | | | | | | | |
| Bachelors | 3,883 | 1,641 | 5,251 | 1,339 | 1,027 | - | |
| Masters | 1,647 | 234 | 746 | 1,008 | 1,635 | 97 | 19,342 |
| Ph.D. | 324 | 268 | 226 | 190 | 33 | 75 | |
| Others | 128 | 22 | 167 | 18 | 16 | 5 | |
| Total | 5,916 | 2,162 | 6,162 | 2,533 | 2,711 | 178 | |

/// Not all totals add up because there are students enrolled in multiple faculties or pursuing multiple degrees. (e.g., 188 interdisciplinary Masters students and Ph.D. candidates at the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies and 119 interdisciplinary Ph.D. candidates of the Kreitman School for Advanced Graduate Studies, who are included in the total figures). /// The above figures relate to the first semester only. /// First - to third - year medical students are included in the Health Sciences – Bachelors category. /// Students of the Medical School for International Health, in collaboration with Columbia University Medical Center, receive their M.D. degrees from the Faculty of Health Sciences. /// An additional 775 students are studying for their Bachelors, Masters and Ph.D. degrees at the BGU campus in Eilat. /// "Other" : Preparation for graduate and doctoral studies. /// Total University figure does not include an additional 388 special students. /// * AKIS - Albert Katz International School of Desert Studies.

Research and Development

Prof. Moti Herskowitz, Vice-President and Dean for R&D

One of the key characteristics of a leading research university is the successful recruitment of the very best new faculty members. In a global economy, recruiting high-quality scientists and scholars requires more than just an excellent reputation: a university must provide a suitable research environment including high caliber graduate students, state-of-the-art infrastructure and attractive start-up packages.

BGU is the fastest growing research institute among Israeli universities. For the academic year of 2009-2010, funding from research grants increased from \$47.5 million in 2008-2009 to \$56.7 million, while the total research budgets increased from \$64.1 million to \$72 million. This is partially due to submission of high-quality research proposals to foreign funding agencies, the most important one being the European Union FP7 Programme. Several faculty members were awarded grants from this prestigious funding body:

- **Prof. Sammy Boussiba**, Landau Family Microalgal Biotechnology Laboratory, French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR) and incumbent of the Miles and Lillian Cahn Chair in Economic Botany in Arid Zones – *genetic improvement of algae for value added products (FP-7 FAB), and for biofuel from algae technologies (FP7-Energy)*;
- **Dr. Eugene Katz**, Department of Solar Energy and Environmental Physics at the National Institute for Biotechnology in the Negev (NIBN) – *Large-area organic and hybrid solar cells (FP7-Energy) for Fullerene-based systems for oxidative inactivation of airborne microbial pathogens (FP7-People)*;
- **Prof. Robert Marks**, Department of Biomedical Engineering and the NIBN – *Crimean Congo hemorrhagic fever; Modern approaches to diagnostics, surveillance, prevention, therapy*

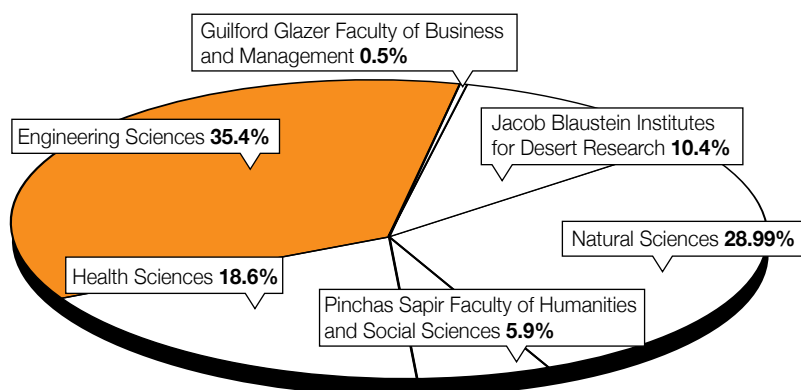
and preparedness (FP7-Health) and development of a highly sensitive and specific nano-bio-chemo-sensor based on surface-enhanced vibrational spectroscopy through effective optical nano-antennae (FP7-Health).

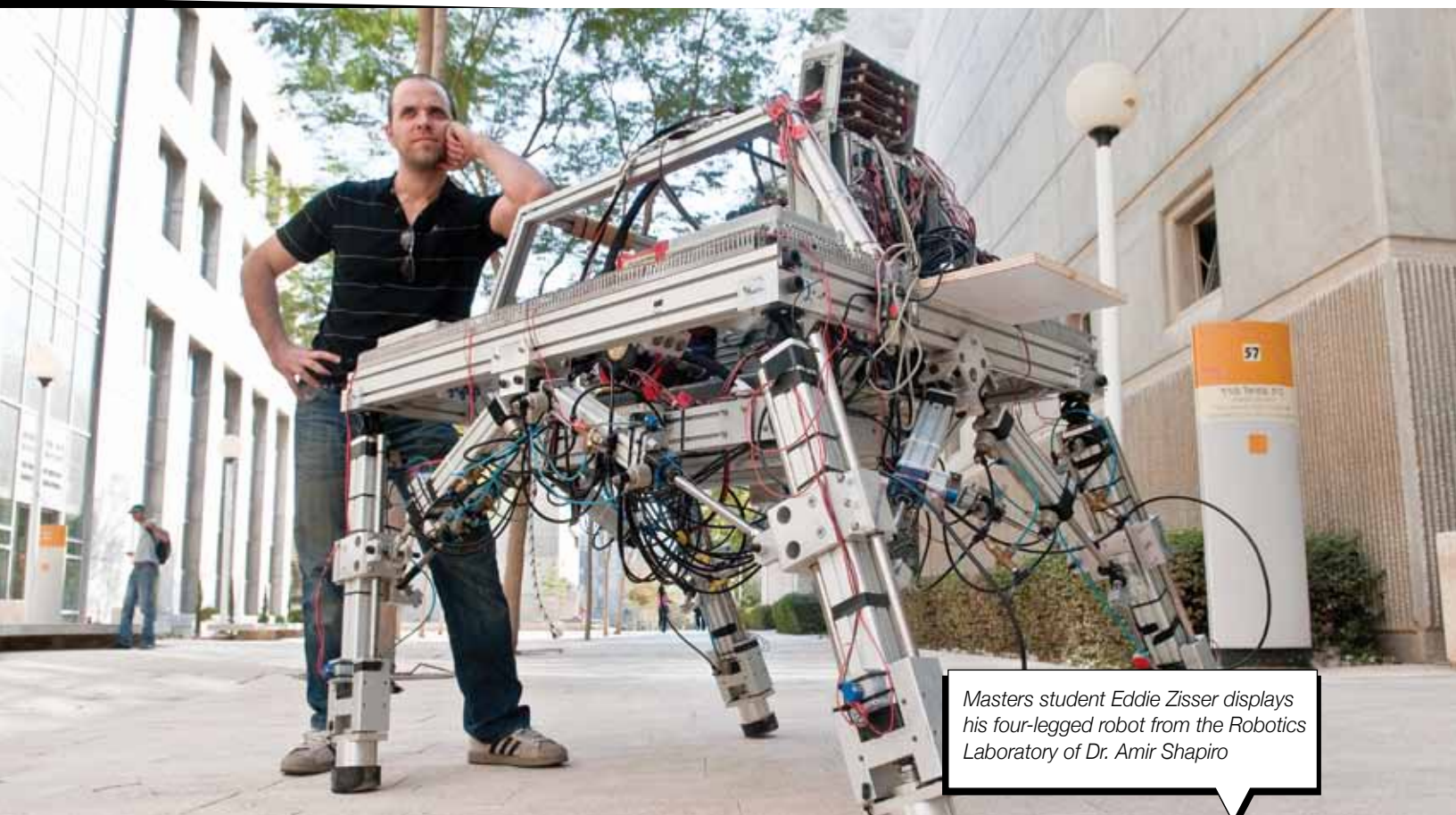
BGU has attracted a number of outstanding young scientists, reflecting the University's success in building an international reputation for excellence and a demonstrated commitment to growth in a number of emerging fields. New researchers recruited over the past five years have already recorded significant accomplishments in terms of prestigious prizes and highly-competitive research grants received, as follows:

Six researchers were awarded prestigious European Research Council (ERC) grants in the three years since they were created. Some 10,000 researchers compete for 250-300 grants annually.

- **Dr. Amir Aharoni**, Department of Life Sciences and the NIBN – *Protein engineering for the study of detoxification enzymes and hub proteins*;
- **Prof. Dr. Ohad Medalia**, Department of Life Sciences and NIBN – *Revealing the molecular architecture of integrin mediated cell adhesion*;
- **Dr. Michael Meijler**, Department of Chemistry, NIBN and the Edmond J. Safra Center for the Design and Engineering of

Percentage of Grants by Faculty 2009/10





Masters student Eddie Zisser displays his four-legged robot from the Robotics Laboratory of Dr. Amir Shapiro

Functional Biopolymers (Safra Center) – *Chemical elucidation of interkingdom communication pathways;*

- **Prof. Yoav Tsori**, Department of Chemical Engineering and the Reimund Stadler Minerva Center for Mesoscale Macromolecular Engineering and the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology (IKI) and incumbent of the Joseph and May Winston Foundation Career Development Chair in Chemical Engineering – *Phase transitions and chemical reactions in electric field gradients;*
- **Dr. Lital Alfonta**, incumbent of the Elaine S. and Alvin W. Wene Career Development Chair in Biotechnology Engineering at the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering and Safra Center –

Development of an accessible platform for ex vivo site specific post-translational modifications of proteins;

- **Dr. Gonen Ashkenasy**, Department of Chemistry and chair of the Safra Center – *Systems chemistry from bottom up: Switching, gating and oscillations in non-enzymatic peptide networks.*

BGU has also demonstrated an extremely high rate of success in awards for young researchers, receiving a significant number of European Commission International Reintegration Grants (IRG).

Three BGU members have received the Wolf Foundation Krill Prize for young researchers: **Prof. Yoav Tsori** and **Prof. Ann Bernheim**, Department of Chemical Engineering and IKI, and

Dr. Taleb Mokari, Department of Chemistry and IKI.

The France-Israel Foundation Prize for Young Researchers was awarded to **Dr. Moshe Herzberg**, Department of Desalination and Water Treatment at the Zuckerman Institute for Water Research, BIDR, for Academic Excellence in the Field of Water.

Other significant grants include two U.S. government grants (US-AID MERC) for regional cooperation to:

- **Dr. Moshe Herzberg** for his project *Reclamation of Secondary Effluents with Reverse Osmosis Membranes: Fouling Mechanisms and Control;*
- **Dr. Simona Bar-Haim**, Department of Physiotherapy and **Dr. Amir Karniel**, Department of Biomedical Engineering and the Zlotowski Center for Neurosciences for their

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project *Promotion of a physically active life style in populations of teenagers with cerebral palsy in the Middle East (CP-PALS)*.

Dr. Taleb Mokari received a Morasha Grant for the Absorption of Scientists Returning from Abroad.

Dr. Alberto Bilenca, Department of Biomedical Engineering and IKI, is the first BGU staff member to receive a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant – awarded for his proposal *Affordable and Fully Noninvasive Point-of-Care Testing of Malaria by a Cellphone*.

Dr. Itzhak Katra, Department of Geography and Environmental Development, is the first BGU researcher to receive an Environment and Health Fund Research Grant for his proposal *Soils as a source for atmospheric particles: A spatio-temporal impact on air quality and human health in the Negev*.

Prof. Varda Shoshan Barmatz, Director of the NIBN, a member of the Department of Life Sciences and incumbent of the Hyman Kreitman Chair in Bio-Energetics was the first BGU faculty member to receive the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of America Grant with her proposal *Inducing cell death in CLL using VDAC1-based peptides: A novel therapeutic approach*.

The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) funded by the Institution for New Economic Thinking selected Dr. Karine Van Der Beek, Department of Economics, to research the evolution of human

capital in England during the Industrial Revolution of the 18th century.

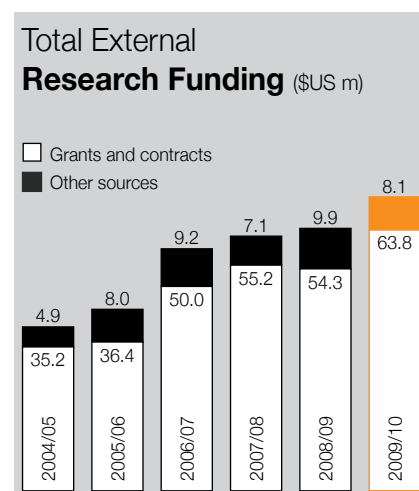
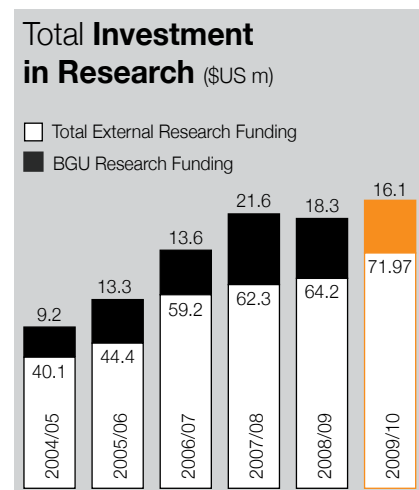
Five grants were awarded from the Israel Science Foundation for a new program for the Humanities in book publishing: Dr. Daniel Unger, Department of the Arts; Dr. Yoran Hanan, Department of General History; Dr. Gidi Nevo, Department of Hebrew Literature; Dr. Adiel Kadari, Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought; and Dr. Raz Aviad, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Several new faculty members who recently joined the University have already been awarded two or three grants simultaneously:

- Dr. Anat Ben-Zvi, Department of Life Sciences and NIBN was awarded a BSF and an IRG grant;
- Dr. Moshe Shechter, Department of Physics was awarded a grant from the ISF and IRG;
- Dr. Eyal Gur, Department Life Sciences and NIBN received a GIF Young grant, a BSF Start-up grant and an IRG grant;
- Dr. Maoz Shamir, Department of Physiology and Neurobiology also received three separate grants; from the ISF the BSF and from the IRG;
- Dr. Yoav Bar-Anan, Department of Psychology, was awarded an ISF grant and an IRG grant;
- Dr. Oren Rigbi, Department of Economics, received a grant from the ISF and an IRG grant.

BGU has also responded to the call from the Israeli Centers of Research Excellence (I-CORE)

to collaborate with other Israeli universities in submitting to the PBC proposals aimed at promoting research in specific fields. BGU was a partner in the submission of four proposals, including Systems-Level Analysis of the Molecular Basis for Human Diseases: From Genomics to Personalized Therapy; Advanced Approaches in Cognitive Sciences; Advanced Topics in Computer Sciences; and Renewable, Sustainable, and Alternative Sources of Energy. The decision is still pending as of April 2011.



BGN Technologies

BGN Technologies is the University's technology transfer company, responsible for the commercialization of know-how and innovative technologies created by BGU researchers. BGN is responsible for filing patent applications worldwide and managing the University's patent and IP portfolio.

Despite the still weak worldwide economic situation and its impact on R&D budgets in the business arena, 2010 was a good year for BGN and the University in terms of income generated from business entities. A fifteen percent increase in revenue was reported, totaling some \$15 million in royalties and industrial research, representing the highest figure ever.

Among the recent highlights is the agreement signed with PTT Chemical Public Company Limited of Thailand and the Landau Family Microalgal Biotechnology Laboratory (MBL) of the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands, to collaborate on the development of the industrial production of dihomogamma-linolenic acid (DGLA – Omega 6) using BGU's proprietary mutant strain of the green microalgae *Parietochloris incisa*. The market potential of DGLA is estimated at \$300 million by 2015.



Masters student Lior Levy at the Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center checks the spectral behavior of a photovoltaic panel (Nechamia Hassid)

An effort was made this year to strengthen the University cooperation with the Israeli homeland security industry. Agreements were signed with Elbit, Israel Aviation Industries and its daughter companies, Plasan, Rafael and others.

Beside its classic technology transfer activities, BGN is involved in a number of projects to advance the economic development of the Negev, such as the creation of Bio-Negev – an umbrella organization that promotes biotechnology research and development activities in the region. BGN is also involved in the development of the Advanced Technologies Park adjacent to the Marcus Family Campus.

A significant accomplishment this year included the creation of the technology center for renewable energy. Initiated by the Eilat-Elot municipality and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Arava group recently won a tender from the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor to establish and operate a technology center for renewable energy in the south of the country. The government of Israel and the group will each invest half of \$30 million over a five-year period. The group includes industrial leaders such as Ormat, Elbit Systems and Rafael; leading investment companies, including ProSeed Venture Capital Fund, Direct Insurance Group and the Consensus Business group; academic and research groups such as the Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center on the Sede Boqer campus; and the Eilat-Elot Renewable Energy Authority.

From the V.P. and Director-General

David Bareket

The past year marked the end of seven difficult years in which Israel's higher education system functioned with no long-term budgetary plan and under repeated debilitating budgetary cuts. Despite these great hardships, the University persevered and succeeded in maintaining financial stability, while increasing both enrollment and research activity.

The financial markets, which continued to recover this year from the 2008 crisis, were characterized by continued low interest rates and a rise in stock market investments. Returns on endowment fund portfolios reached an impressive 6.1 percent, significantly more than the budgeted amount.

At the beginning of the 2010/11 academic year, the Planning and Budgeting Committee publicized a most welcome multi-year budgetary plan for the years 2010-2016. Within this framework, the University was allocated a budgetary increase for the first time after many years of draconian cutbacks. The new budget will allow the University to increase the number of faculty members, thus lowering the student/faculty ratio and improving the quality of teaching and research.

While the new long-term plan is a very positive development, the physical facilities at the University – laboratories, offices and classrooms – are insufficient to allow for the planned growth. In

light of this situation, the University has initiated an emergency plan for rapid construction of additional spaces, including a classroom building, a building for the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, and a research laboratory building for the Faculty of Engineering Sciences. Until the expected completion of these buildings, the University will need to find temporary solutions in existing facilities.

In addition to the immediate steps being taken, the University has begun preparation of a strategic plan for the next five years. The University is also working to understand the impact of the Israel Defense Forces' planned relocation to the Negev. This includes anticipating higher enrollment and identifying areas of research collaboration with the communication units that are moving to the Advanced Technologies Park adjacent to the Marcus Family Campus.

We believe that at the end of this five-year period, the University will be better equipped to meet the growing needs of its outstanding researchers and students.

Meanwhile, dozens of hi-tech companies are showing interest in the Advanced Technologies Park. All the space in the first building has now been leased and negotiations are underway for the second one.

In anticipation of the future expansion to the area north of the Marcus Family Campus, the University built an underpass for pedestrians and vehicles beneath the railway tracks.

In cooperation with the "Green Campus" efforts, the University has taken a number of concrete steps that range from adding nearly 1000 new bicycle stands on all of its campuses to installing state-of-the-art solar water heating systems in the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex. All new buildings are being planned following the criteria for "Green Buildings." A significant number of existing buildings are now using energy saving light bulbs, and many electrical systems – including the lighting and air conditioning units – have been connected to "presence sensors" which have significantly reduced the University's electricity use.

While writing these words, Beer-Sheva and the University are experiencing new missile attacks from Gaza, something that takes us back to the difficult days of Operation Cast Lead. We hope that this period will pass quickly and that we will be back to normal times soon.

With the support of you – our friends in Israel and around the world – we are sure that we can set and reach the highest standards as a leading global university.

2010/11 Overall **University Budget** (NIS Thousands in Current Prices)

| | Operating Budget | Research Budget | Development Budget | Special Programs | Total Budget |
|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Expenditures | 1,040,000 | 252,000 | 26,921 | 100,685 | 1,419,606 |
| Income | 1,040,000 | 252,000 | 34,439 | 104,051 | 1,430,490 |



Students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering show off their project, the "Spirit of Ben-Gurion" race car

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev Operating Budget

| | 2008/09 | | | 2009/10 | | | 2010/11 | | | % change |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| | NIS m | \$ m | % | NIS m | \$ m | % | NIS m | \$ m | % | |
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | |
| Planning & Budgeting Committee | 656.7 | 164.2 | 70.8% | 672.8 | 177.1 | 68.1% | 740.1 | 198.4 | 71.2% | 10.0% |
| Tuition and Dorms | 184.8 | 46.2 | 19.9% | 205.4 | 54.1 | 20.8% | 203.0 | 54.4 | 19.5% | -1.2% |
| Contributions | 12.3 | 3.1 | 1.3% | 9.6 | 2.5 | 1.0% | 9.8 | 2.6 | 0.9% | 2.1% |
| Endowment Funds | 20.0 | 5.0 | 2.2% | 40.0 | 10.5 | 4.1% | 35.0 | 9.4 | 3.4% | -12.5% |
| Other Income | 49.6 | 12.4 | 5.3% | 44.3 | 11.6 | 4.5% | 48.7 | 13.1 | 4.7% | 10.0% |
| Transfer from Funds | 4.6 | 1.2 | 0.5% | 15.5 | 4.1 | 1.6% | 3.4 | 0.9 | 0.3% | -78.1% |
| TOTAL | 928.0 | 232.0 | 100.0% | 987.6 | 259.9 | 100.0% | 1040.0 | 278.8 | 100.0% | 5.3% |

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| EXPENDITURE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | 693.0 | 173.3 | 74.7% | 731.8 | 192.6 | 74.1% | 749.0 | 200.8 | 72.0% | 2.4% |
| Fellowships & Student Assistance | 52.7 | 13.2 | 5.7% | 54.1 | 14.2 | 5.5% | 58.9 | 15.8 | 5.7% | 8.9% |
| Teaching & Research Expenses | 34.7 | 8.7 | 3.7% | 37.8 | 9.9 | 3.8% | 42.0 | 11.3 | 4.0% | 11.2% |
| Institute & Research Centers | 24.3 | 6.1 | 2.6% | 26.9 | 7.1 | 2.7% | 30.5 | 8.2 | 2.9% | 13.1% |
| Computer Expenses | 9.9 | 2.5 | 1.1% | 9.7 | 2.6 | 1.0% | 10.7 | 2.9 | 1.0% | 10.4% |
| Library Expenses | 19.7 | 4.9 | 2.1% | 21.8 | 5.7 | 2.2% | 23.5 | 6.3 | 2.3% | 7.7% |
| Administration | 24.3 | 6.1 | 2.6% | 27.1 | 7.1 | 2.7% | 33.1 | 8.9 | 3.2% | 22.1% |
| Maintenance | 66.0 | 16.5 | 7.1% | 74.8 | 19.7 | 7.6% | 82.7 | 22.2 | 8.0% | 10.6% |
| Financing | 3.4 | 0.9 | 0.4% | 3.6 | 0.9 | 0.4% | 9.7 | 2.6 | 0.9% | 167.6% |
| TOTAL | 928.0 | 232.0 | 100.0% | 987.6 | 259.9 | 100.0% | 1040.0 | 278.8 | 100.0% | 5.3% |

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|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| NIS/\$ exchange rate: | 4.00 | 3.80 | 3.73 | -1.8% |
| Higher education expenses index | 106.8 | 111.2 | 111.7 | 0.4% |

From the V.P. for External Affairs

Prof. Amos Drory

The strength of Israel has always been its ability to imagine the impossible. It was Theodor Herzl who said, "If you will it, it is no dream," and David Ben-Gurion who turned this dream into a reality. Since its founding, more than 40 years ago, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev has worked to bring development to the region. Today we are closer than ever to realizing this dream, as the University has grown beyond all expectations, attracting the best and brightest researchers and students to the Negev.

As BGU looks towards the future, we are gearing up for growth – preparing for a nationwide initiative to increase the number of researchers at all Israeli universities and anticipating the impact of the planned relocation of the Israel Defense Forces training and intelligence bases to the Negev. More resources will be needed if we are to build the appropriate facilities needed to expand our research base, while increasing available classroom space and teaching programs.

Towards this end, we have identified the University's strategic priorities and have invested considerable effort in enhancing our research capacity in fields such as nanotechnology, information systems technologies, robotics, chemistry, environmental and sustainable energy research and the Humanities. At the same time, we have reaffirmed our commitment to provide scholarships for the most deserving students and graduate fellowships to nurture excellence. We have also outlined a plan for physical

growth, including a desperately needed new classroom building and a building for the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering.

Thanks to the support of a number of visionary donors, BGU has launched several innovative new educational programs this year, including a degree in Youth Counseling Studies designed to train graduates to work with youth-at-risk, supported by Sam Pinto and Maurice Bidermann of France; an MBA program in Social Leadership to prepare a new generation of leaders focused on the development of civil society and non-profit organizations in Israel, supported by the Mandel Foundation of the USA; and a series of courses in Jewish Thought specifically for students from other disciplines to expand their horizons and deepen their knowledge of their own heritage, supported by Elie Horn of Brazil.

The University's community outreach programs will be enhanced by the creation of a new Center for Social Awareness and Action to be housed in the Deichmann Building for Community Action. Made possible through the generosity of the Caesarea Foundation of Israel, the technologically innovative center will provide, for the first time anywhere in Israel, a multi-media experience geared towards Israeli teenagers as a catalyst for awakening intellectual and actual involvement in the field. Students from the BGU's Community Action Unit will act as facilitators.

One of our desired fundraising objectives has been to create a culture of giving among our increasing number of alumni. Chairman of the Board of Governors Roy J. Zuckerberg of the USA kick-started this effort by providing a matching fund to alumni who support their alma mater. A number of Israeli graduates have accepted the challenge and made significant gifts. We hope to increase the visibility of their gifts and leverage it to encourage a broader base of giving.

In the same spirit, two new matching funds were created by American donors: Robert H. Arnow offered matching funding for scholarships designated to female Bedouin students, while the Ullman family is now matching endowed gifts for the Center for Women's Health and Promotion. These initiatives are to be applauded for their broad vision to effect change in Israeli society.

In recognition of the importance of celebrating the generosity of those donors who have made arrangements for planned giving, BGU will inaugurate the Living Legacy Garden this May. The Garden will stand in tribute to those whose legacy is one of hope for the future.

During this year's Annual Board of Governors Meeting we will lay the cornerstone for the American Associates Village in Sede Boqer, to significantly increase the available dormitory space for graduate students and their families. We will



Blowing bubbles at the Innovation 2010 fair, organized by the Bengis Center for Entrepreneurship and Hi-Tech Management

also mark the dedication of the Yosef Ben David Ohayon Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Auditorium in the beautiful Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex. Students and faculty are already enjoying the beautifully refurbished Guzik Family Auditorium Building and the adjacent Guzik Family Antiquities Pathway.

Several significant developments in our world associations have taken place during this year. The American Associates have launched the

Pioneers of the Negev recognition wall in honor of donors who have shown "exceptional generosity during Ben-Gurion University of the Negev's 40th anniversary year." There will be a changing of the guard in Canada with the retirement of Leo Marcus, who has dedicated many years and immeasurable effort in promoting BGU there. A new office was opened in Australia to expand BGU's presence there.

Following a long process of reorganization, the Ben-Gurion

Foundation in the United Kingdom is showing strong signs of rejuvenation. This year, we have obtained some significant new multi-year major scholarship donations to support our most needy students.

None of this would be possible without the support and vision of our devoted friends and partners from around the world and their continued dedication and commitment. You are the key to our future success in playing a vital role building up the Negev and the State of Israel.

Our Worldwide Family of Associates at Work 2009/10 Year-End Figures

| | Total | Unrestricted |
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| Contributions from Associates | \$28,558,226 | \$4,434,444 |
| Interest Income from Endowments | \$7,861,471 | \$4,120,148 |
| Endowment Fund Balance (as of 30/9/10) | \$209,973,665 | \$104,226,967 |

/// All figures are approximate due to fluctuating exchange and interest rates /// 2009/10 interest income was calculated at approximately 3.0% /// Figures do not reflect approximately \$27.9 million in endowment and trust funds held in the U.S. by and on behalf of AABGU (including outside managed trusts).

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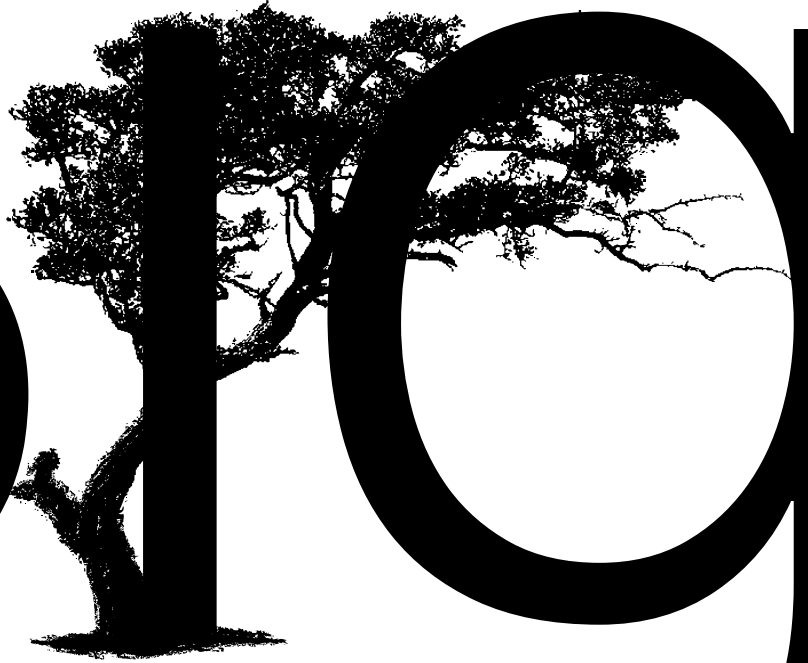
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Yaakov Affek
Dean of Students

“And Abraham said,
‘I dug this well’... and
planted a tamarisk tree
in Be’er Sheva.”

Genesis 21:30-33



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A mere speck on the global map, Beer-Sheva has always been a frontier town. With roots dating back to the 4th millennium BCE, today's city still maintains its strong pioneering character and serves as the capital of the Negev, a region that includes 60 percent of Israel's land mass but less than 10 percent of its population.

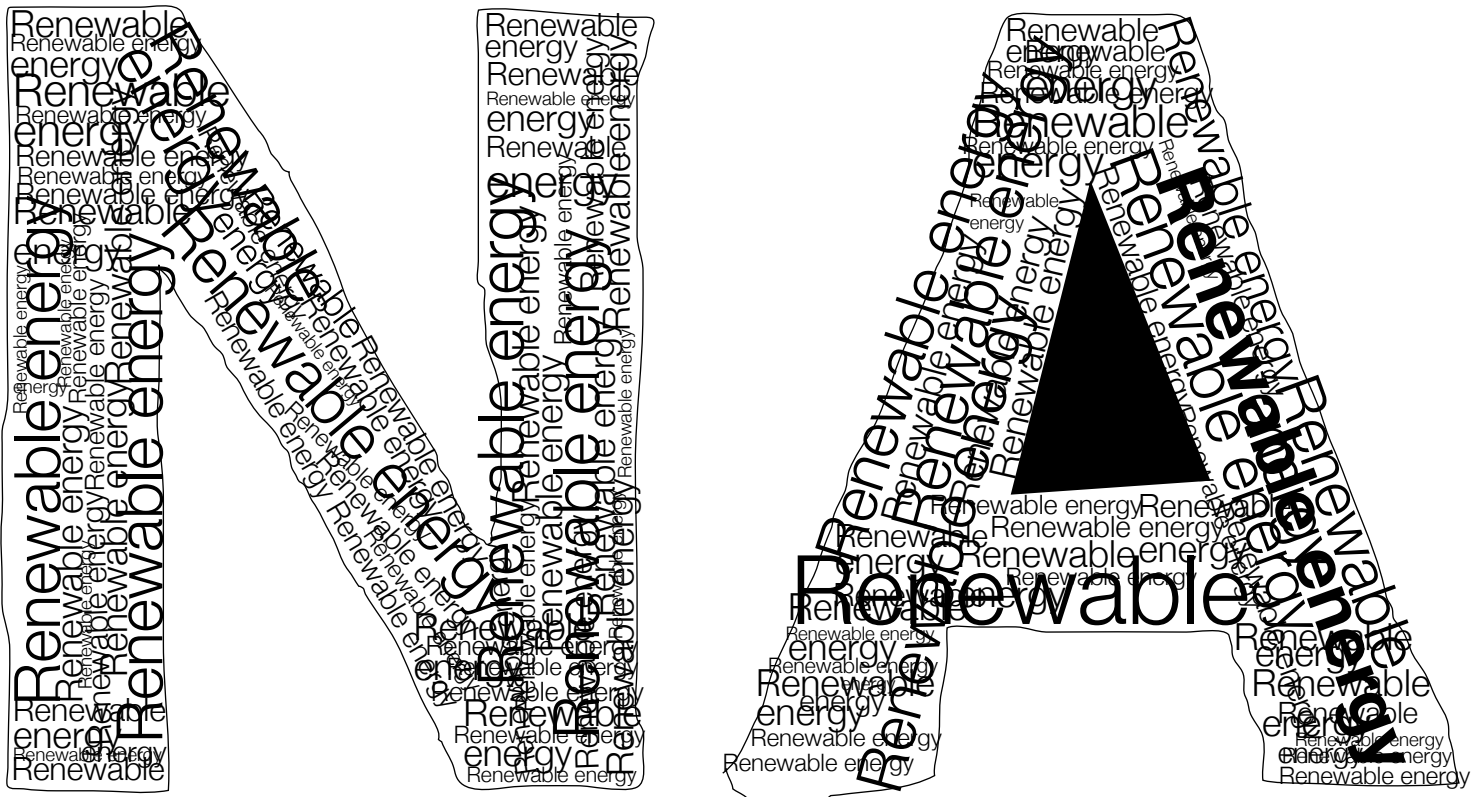
With campuses in Beer-Sheva, Sede Boqer and Eilat, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is at the forefront of developing this desert region. Its committed students, faculty and staff are using innovative outreach programs and cutting-edge technologies to improve people's lives.

Embodying the spirit of David Ben-Gurion, BGU has turned its local passions into a global agenda, creating models and ideas that are having an impact in Israel and around the world.

Impact at the Nano Level



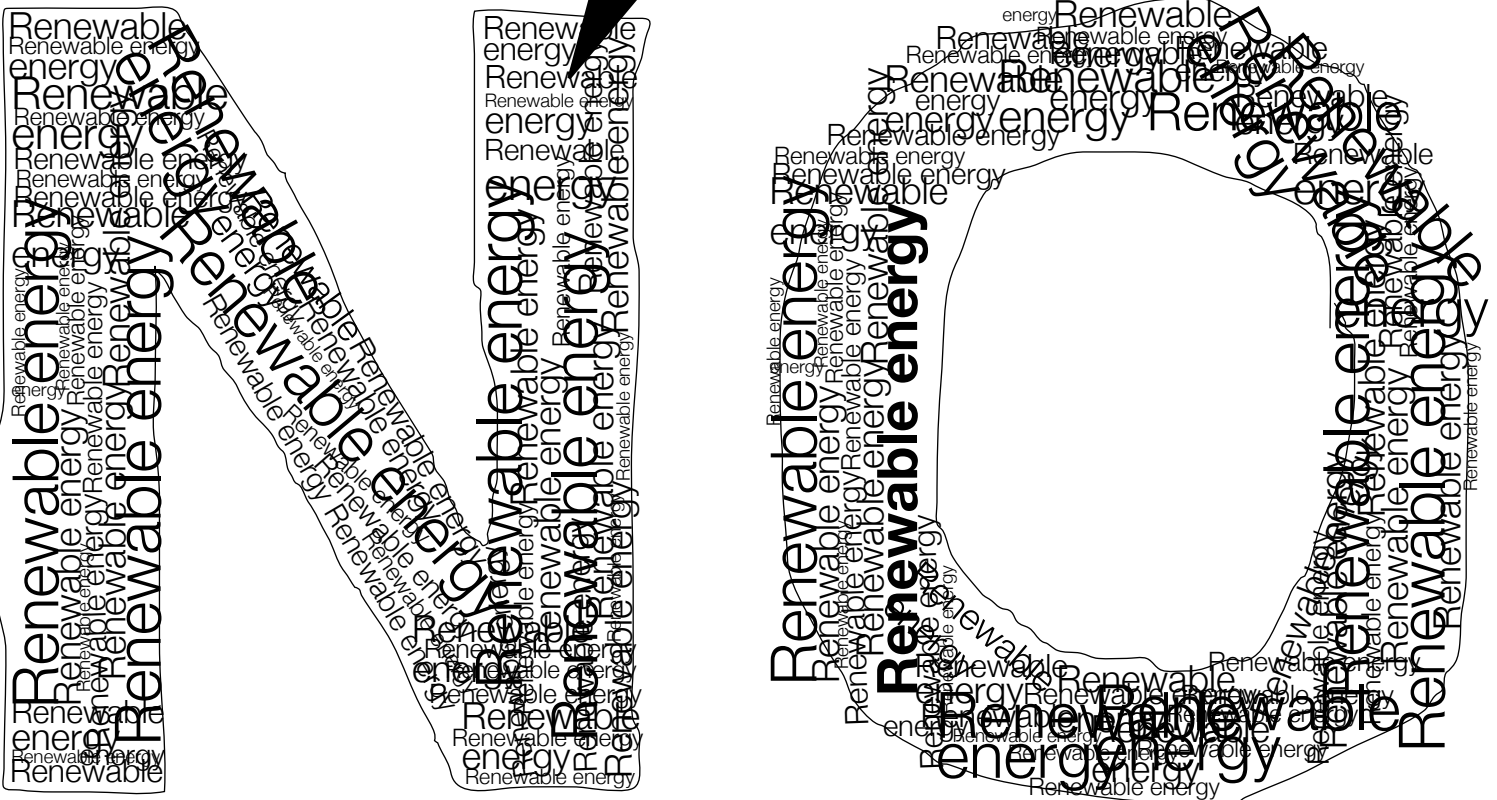
Operating the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology (IKI) at BGU is no small achievement. Its scientists are working on a range of nanoscale projects that may lead to megascale advances in medicine, computer power, electronics, homeland security, clean water and energy. These innovations will help find cancerous tumors without scalpels, build super-efficient solar panels as thin as sheets of paper and detect and destroy airborne bacteria and viruses.





“Nothing is new in nano;
what is new is that we have
discovered it... All things
existed before, but we weren’t
able to see it.”

President of the State of Israel Shimon Peres





Excellence that's one !n a billion

With the generous support of the Negev Foundation of Switzerland, the IKI took some big steps forward this year as it moved into its impressive new 7,500 square meter building and consolidated its state-of-the-art laboratories, including the Roberta and Ernest Scheller, Jr. Family Surface Analysis Lab and the Stan and Ruth Elaine Flinkman Microscopy Wing. With the expansion of office and laboratory space, the multi-disciplinary Institute has embarked on a long awaited program of strategic growth to strengthen its core abilities in the areas of human

health, renewable energy, water and related environmental issues. Prof. Yuval Golan from the Department of Materials Engineering was appointed Director of the Institute.

As a member of the Israel National Nanotechnology Initiative, the IKI has been reviewed by its International Nanotechnology Advisory Board and has integrated their recommendations into its long-term strategic plan.

Now, the focus is on recruiting the very best researchers and graduate students to enhance the human



10⁽⁻⁹⁾-scale R&D
enabled by a **\$20M** facility

potential. The launch of the Merage Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Students is the first step in this direction, allowing the IKI to attract outstanding young researchers in this emerging field. A national university-wide program to promote nano-studies at the undergraduate level is now underway.

Two new faculty members in the emerging fields of soft matter X-ray scattering and biophysics were hired, while additional BGU researchers joined the IKI team. A significant number of IKI researchers received

prestigious prizes this year for their exceptional accomplishments.

The Institute's dedicated research capacity was expanded with the acquisition of an analytical transmission electron microscope (A-TEM) that complements the newly-built specialized nanocharacterization laboratories. The nanofabrication facility, including the Weiss Family Laboratory for Nanoscale Systems, has grown, reflecting the IKI's success in developing an academic research facility that serves BGU researchers as well as growing nano industries.

A joint program between the IKI and local industries will be launched this year, reinforcing BGU's pivotal position in the region.

Together these accomplishments add up to big changes that are building a bridge between the highest level of basic research and life-changing applications in nanomedicine, biosensing and energy catalysis.

Dr. Sharon Vanounou from the Light Scattering Laboratory at the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology

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“Intuition will tell the thinking mind where to look next.” *Dr. Jonas Salk*

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Sweet Success Beat!ng Diabetes



One form of treating type 1 diabetics is to transplant human pancreatic islet cells. A successful graft restores normal glucose levels and eliminates the need for insulin injections. Unfortunately, these transplants don't last too long due to currently used immunosuppressive drugs that leave underlying inflammation unchecked. Within five years, most patients return to insulin injections.

Dr. Eli Lewis, incumbent of the Ilse Katz Career Development Chair in Health Sciences Research and Director of BGU's Clinical Islet Laboratory, came up with a

revolutionary idea: to use Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) – an existing drug that has been on the market to treat emphysema for some 20 years – when conducting islet transplants.

Now in clinical trials, Lewis and his team have demonstrated that treating diabetic animals with human AAT following islet transplantation eliminates the inflammation that causes the procedure to fail.

Collaborators from Harvard University have established that these outcomes are consistent in overtly diabetic mice using another animal model. Together,

the evidence for potential success is convincing groups world-wide to use AAT as an agent that targets diabetes as well as other inflammatory conditions, including ischemic heart disease, bone marrow transplantation, and multiple sclerosis.

According to Lewis, "By targeting multiple inflammatory molecules using AAT, a safe, non-toxic and non-steroidal drug, we can block inflammation so effectively that we literally modify the immune response, facilitating transplant acceptance to successfully treat diabetics. The safety factor, more critically evident when



considering that kids are recipients of this therapy, is flawless in over 30 years of clinical use.”

The Phase I/II clinical trial is being sponsored by OMNI Biopharma at the Barbara Davis Center for Childhood Diabetes and other units at the Anschutz Medical Campus of the University of Colorado, Denver. OMNI Biopharma has licensed patent applications related to the method of use of AAT for the treatment of diabetes from the Regents of the University of Colorado and a privately held corporation. Lewis is on OMNI's scientific advisory board. Similarly,

patents regarding other aspects of AAT have been filed by Lewis at BGN Technologies, the University's technology transfer company.

The results so far have been very promising, he notes: “After a second grafting session was undertaken in animals, to our surprise, the same strain of islets was accepted without further therapy, while foreign islets were expectedly rejected. The animals' immune systems were re-formatted, so to speak, by human AAT, allowing the graft to be recognized and accepted. Apparently, by eliminating the inflammatory component during

transplantation, a protective branch of the immune system has evolved.”

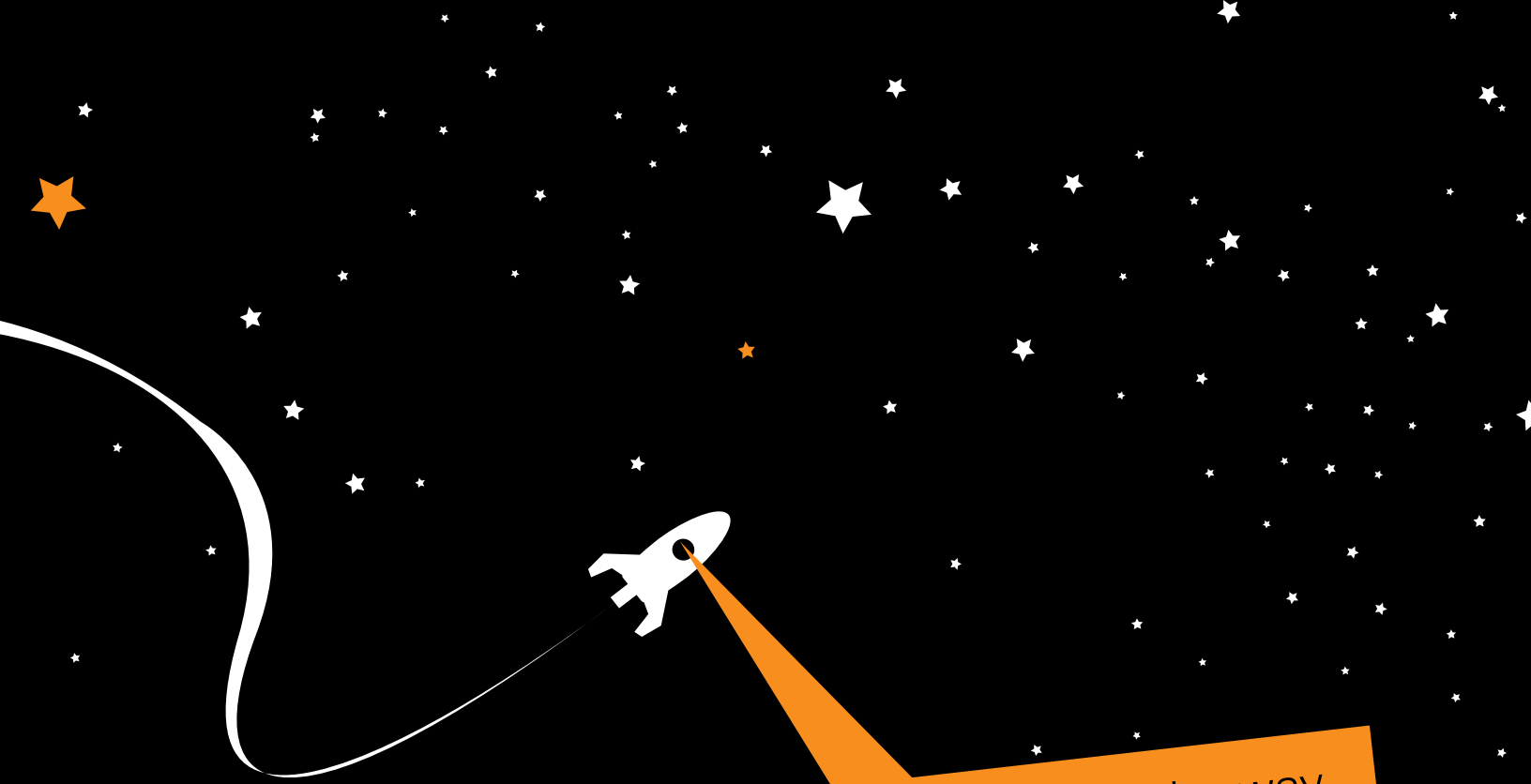
Lewis has received a number of prestigious research awards, including a five-year Young Scientist Career Development Award from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a Yigal Alon Scholarship, the Wolf Foundation Krill Award, a Marc Rich Foundation award and two Israel Science Foundation grants.

Dr. Eli Lewis, Director of the University's Clinical Islet Laboratory at the Faculty of Health Sciences

Impact on the Community

When BGU was created to “bring development to the region,” there was no master plan as to how to make this happen. Over the years, a myriad of original outreach programs have been developed and implemented, reflecting the changing needs of the population of the region and the originality of BGU students, staff and faculty. For every student who has lived in an Open Apartment of the Community Action Unit or served as a mentor through Perach - the Big Brother/ Sister program, there are scores of people who have personally benefitted from the one-on-one contact. Add those whose lives have been touched by the hundreds of other programs – in health, education and social action – and it is clear that BGU’s impact is enormous.

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“Your students took my breath away. I applaud what you are doing with all my heart, not only for the younger folks, but for all of our futures!”

*Astronaut Col. Timothy J. Creamer,
after his visit to BGU*

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With The!r Eyes on the Stars

One such program, the Ilan Ramon Youth Physics Center, has become a leader in the field of scientific education for gifted middle and high school students. Now almost five years old, the program is a joint venture of BGU, the Rashi Foundation, the Ministry of Education, the Beer-Sheva Municipality and Madarom – Science in the South. Working to preserve the memory of Israeli astronaut and Beer-Sheva native Col. Ilan Ramon through the advancement of scientific education, the Center provides students of

various ages from across the social spectrum access to hands-on learning experiences – from summer camps through academic enrichment programs.

Staffed by University students and faculty, the programs develop leadership skills while providing participants with the tools needed to achieve academic success in physics and related fields. University facilities in the Sacta-Rashi Building for Physics – including advanced teaching laboratories, an in-house

planetarium and a state-of-the-art rooftop observatory – enable true hands-on learning.

A cadre of some 150 “young leaders” is developed each year through the Scientific Leadership program in astronomy and physics. These high school students undergo leadership training and serve as counselors and guides for the Center’s different activities and events in Beer-Sheva and the surrounding communities. Highlights this year included the 3rd Annual Astronomy and Space



The legacy of **1** Israeli astronaut influencing the lives of **hundreds** of kids every year

Contest for middle school students, the University-wide Science Night, and the presentation of astronaut Col. Timothy J. Creamer about living on the Space Station at the annual event in memory of Ilan Ramon and the STS-107 crew and Assaf Ramon. More than 8,000 people – ranging from kindergarteners through retirees – took advantage of a special outreach program organized during a rare solar eclipse that provided scientific explanations and appropriate technologies for understanding the natural phenomenon.

This year, three high school students from the Center placed first, second and fourth in the annual “First Step to Nobel Prize” competition held in Warsaw, Poland. “Once you’re lucky, twice you’re good, but when it happens three years running, there has to be a pretty good reason,” said Director of Physics at the Center Prof. Victor Melamed, explaining their success. He added that this year’s accomplishment builds on that of previous years when students placed first or second in 2008 and 2009.

High school students benefit from a state-of-the-art planetarium at the Ilan Ramon Youth Physics Center

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"More water should be supplied for their use through various methods, including projects of regional and international cooperation."

From the Peace Treaty between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, October 26, 1994, article 6.3

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Israel, like all of the Middle East, has experienced a precipitous drop in rainfall. Israel's Water Authority reports an average drop in water resources of over 10 percent during the past two decades. Responsible water management requires the immediate creation of additional sources of water — be they from desalinated sea water, brackish groundwater, recycled effluents or restoration of polluted water sources. A multi-disciplinary team at BGU has joined forces with researchers from across the Middle East to solve this regional and global problem.

Water, water everywhere but he[®]e



The Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research (ZIWR) conducts cutting-edge interdisciplinary research and offers graduate education in water sciences, while striving to improve human well-being in drylands through implementation of technologies and policies for sustainable use of water resources.

According to incumbent of the Alain Poher Chair in Hydrogeology and Arid Zones Prof. Eilon Adar, Director of the ZIWR at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, “Transboundary water sources don’t recognize borders. Cooperation in dealing with

these pressing issues is the secret to all coexistence in the region.” Secondary wastewater is water that has already been treated for the removal of dissolved organic matters, but still contains too many salts – such as sodium – for agricultural irrigation.

Dissolved salts must also be removed from treated wastewater if it is to be usable, most commonly by Reverse Osmosis (RO). Unfortunately, the micro-thin RO membrane is also an excellent breeding ground for bacteria. Microbes form a *biofilm* on the surface of the membrane

resulting in significantly decreased performance. This phenomenon is known as *biofouling*. Incumbent of the Helen Ungar Career Development Chair in Desert Hydrogeology Dr. Roni Kasher from the Department of Desalination and Water Treatment has developed synthetic organic substances to be attached to the RO membrane that repel bacteria.

At the same time, BGU researchers are working with their Jordanian and Palestinian counterparts to develop a technology that will help reduce and prevent this phenomenon. Funded by the US-AID Middle East Regional



Cooperation (MERC) program and the Rosenzweig-Coopersmith Foundation, the research team includes BGU hydrology expert Dr. Moshe Herzberg and incumbent of the Gerda Frieberg Career Development Chair in Agricultural Water Management Dr. Osnat Gillor, both from the Zuckerberg Institute, and Prof. Mohammed Saleem Ali-Shtayeh of the Biodiversity and Environmental Research Center in Nablus.

“We have suggested new ways to overcome the problem of microbial growths on the reverse osmosis membrane,” explains Herzberg. “This

is a joint Israeli-Palestinian project that will benefit everyone, including Jordan, which has a particularly critical water problem.”

Solar and water researchers from the Institutes are working together to see if a revolutionary concentrated photovoltaic system can be harnessed to power two widely used desalination technologies – RO and electro-dialysis.

Leveraging the expertise of Prof. David Faiman, Director of the Ben-Gurion National Solar Energy Center, with that of Dr. Jack Gilron

from the Department of Desalination and Water Treatment, the research project will examine the energy output of the Zenith Z-20 solar power units built by Zenith Solar using BGU-developed know-how and provide extensive empirical data and resultant design recommendations for a new, innovative solar-powered desalination system especially configured for energy optimization and cost-effectiveness.

Dr. Osnat Gillor, Dr. Roni Kasher and Dr. Moshe Herzberg from the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research

Impact on the **Country**



The PREPARED Center for Emergency Response Research was established to conduct cutting-edge research and increase knowledge and preparedness for states of medical emergency and disaster.

“I am and always will be an optimist,
not seeing a glass of water half full, but
finding a thirsty person to give it to him.”

*H.E. Dr. Mohammed Al-Hadid, President of the Jordan
Red Crescent (JRC), and Chairman of the Red Cross
Standing Commission*

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Be PREPARED for the Worst, While you Pl@n for the Best

The Center facilitates dialogue, collaborative thinking and intellectual enrichment between renowned scholars and practitioners from a wide variety of disciplines. Working together with experts in psychology, social work, education, communication and health services management, the Center focuses on the practical implementation of acquired knowledge to facilitate coordination between organizations, authorities and countries. The goal is to develop integrated, effective preparedness systems that function smoothly in times of need.

BGU and the Israel Defense Forces' Home Front Command have united in an effort to integrate students and

staff as part of a response strategy in a state of emergency. The project aims to build a permanent team of skilled University volunteers who will be trained to assist the population in the event of a disaster.

According to Center Director, Dr. Limor Aharonson-Daniel, "Past experience suggests that people who have been given a task or responsibility handle crises better. We believe the volunteering project will contribute not only to the community surrounding BGU but also to the volunteers themselves."

A survey was distributed to University students and staff enquiring about their ability and willingness to volunteer and their pre-existing relevant knowledge and skills. It addressed various emergency scenarios such as earthquakes, missile attacks and pandemics and asked whether they would be prepared to remain in the south during a state of emergency.

Researchers from the Center are also involved in the Jordan-Israel Collaboration Project for Disaster Preparedness and Management initiative, which include joint exercises. Organized by BGU, the Israeli Magen David Adom (MDA) and the Jordanian Red Crescent (JRC), an event this year brought together nearly two hundred people – including trained professionals from both countries and academic faculty and students from the University – to simulate the

creation of a camp for "internally displaced persons" at Timna during a simulated earthquake scenario.

The exercise took place during the 4th conference of the Development and Strategy Forum (DSF) comprising key officials from MDA, JRC and BGU and was held in the presence of members of the International Committee of the Red Cross and the European Union, who have supported the cooperative initiative since it was founded some two years ago.

In parallel, the Center has also initiated a multidisciplinary national workgroup for the assessment of community "resilience," defined as the capability to recover quickly from a disastrous event. As recent adversities revealed, a collection of competent individuals does not guarantee a resilient community. The research group, led by BGU faculty members, is working on deciphering the characteristics of "resilient communities" to create models that can be studied and then develop a "conjoint resiliency assessment measure" (CRAM).

The Israeli National Emergency Authority, the Ministry of Social Welfare and the Ministry of Health have joined in the initiative in anticipation of the practical outcomes of this leading applied academic program.

BGU students and faculty participate in a joint drill of Magen David Adom and the Jordanian Red Crescent

10 areas of study addressing
100s of disaster scenarios



“Going to the moon and coming to the desert to plant saplings are similar acts in my opinion.”

David Ben-Gurion

Impact on the **World**

The international community has long recognized that desertification is a major economic, social and environmental concern. This year close to 600 representatives from 63 countries participated in the Third International Conference on Drylands, Deserts & Desertification: The Route to Restoration organized by the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research. The attendees included government and non-government officials, as well as senior representatives of the UN, the Convention on Biological Diversity and participants in a number of different MASHAV – International Cooperation Agency of Israel’s Foreign Office – programs.



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No desert for me, please!

Combating desertification



The Chairman of the Conference's Executive Committee Prof. Alon Tal of the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy Research explains that the problem is one of information and policies. "Trend doesn't need to be destiny," he says.

"The problem is policies and information dissemination. This conference is starting to emerge as a scientific think tank for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and is a source of practical technical information."

BGU has long been a world leader in environmental studies, arid land agriculture and the biotechnologies of drylands. At the forefront of these efforts are the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR), through its three subsidiary Institutes: the French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands; the Zuckerberg Institute

for Water Research; and the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental and Energy Research.

Director of the BIDR and a member of the French Associates Institute Prof. Pedro Berliner explains: "Our interdisciplinary approach focuses on topics such as efficient use of water in irrigation, treatment of urban effluents for use in irrigation, agroforestry based on flood water collection and animal husbandry. We are able to integrate state-of-the-art science such as the mapping of desertified areas using remote sensing techniques to provide sustainable solutions for people living in fragile ecosystems."

Significant international funding and commercial interest has been invested in unique topics such as use of brackish water for fish and algae production at the Landau Family Laboratory for Microalgal Biotechnology Laboratory. "These kinds of technologies are in high

demand around the world," he explains, "particularly in Africa and other desert regions."

Research projects are carried out with the help of M.Sc. and Ph.D. students enrolled at the very successful Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies (AKIS), the teaching arm of the BIDR. AKIS is home to some 190 graduate students who come from countries all over the world to earn a degree in desert studies. Today, there are more than 250 graduates using their knowledge to promote the implementation of sustainable technologies and the policies necessary to combat desertification around the world.

An African participant of the Third International Conference on Drylands, Deserts & Desertification: The Route to Restoration (Wolfgang Motzafi-Haller)



66% of Israel is occupied by
only **9%** of its population

Impact on **Cyberspace** :-)

IT and telecommunications networks are the backbone of modern communications structures. An effective security system for IT and telecommunications networks must protect against unauthorized access, such as attacks by hackers. Secure communication may be supplemented by other measures, like access controls, as well as identity and transaction management.

“Deutsche Telekom Laboratories at BGU are where cutting-edge knowledge is boldly transformed into revolutionary technologies of the future.”

From the Deutsche Telekom website





Chang!ng the Way We Communicate

Since 2006, BGU has been home to the Deutsche Telekom Laboratories (DTL) at Ben-Gurion University – the company’s only R&D facility located outside of Germany. The unique facility allows BGU students and researchers to collaborate with one of the world’s largest telecommunications companies, while providing an environment that encourages innovation. Working closely with Deutsche Telekom (DT), BGU researchers are able to maximize the benefits of academia while capitalizing on the relationship with an industrial powerhouse.

The Laboratories include more than 100 researchers and students from the Faculties of Engineering and Natural Sciences who are focused on developing new products and applications and expanding mobile infrastructure, while enhancing security and user-centered innovation.

According to Director of the DTL at BGU Prof. Yuval Elovici, in 2010 the

Laboratories expanded and intensified the longstanding partnership with DT. “Our focus is on helping them face the new challenges of developing technologies in areas such as prevention of customer data leakage and more secure mobile devices.”

The Laboratories filed 11 patents last year and advanced a number of new ideas, or “spin-off initiatives,” which researchers hope will improve social interaction through mobile devices.

BGU was the only Israeli university to participate in the Israeli-German Innovation Day last December in Berlin. Organized by the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor and the German Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, the event brought together industrialists and entrepreneurs from both countries to maximize future collaboration. The Laboratories exhibited three new products in development.

At the same time, the Laboratories

are involved in ground-breaking research that is mapping the new realities of cyberspace. A recent study identified a new generation of malware (software written for malicious purposes, such as identity theft) that collects data on human behavior patterns, which is more dangerous than traditional, detectable attacks.

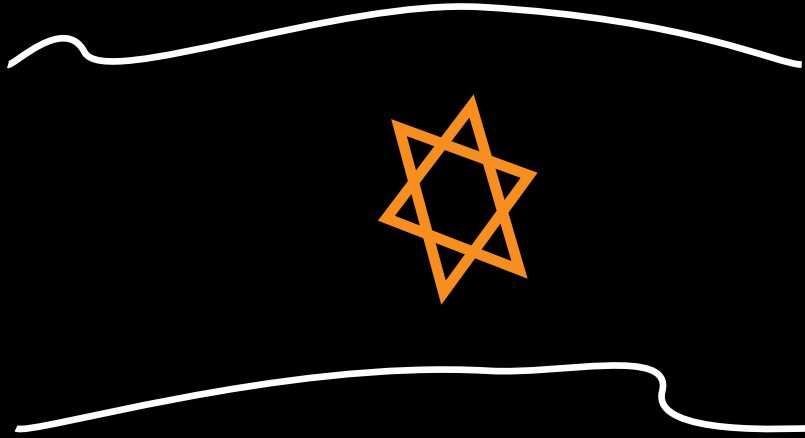
The group “used mathematical models based on actual mobile network data to demonstrate that malware attacks could be adapted to follow human behavior on social networks,” Elovici said. Having identified the problem, researchers are now looking for ways to protect users before they even know there may be a problem.

Masters student Lina Shlangman and Dr. Rami Puzis from the Department of Information Systems Engineering display a BGU project to CEO of Deutsche Telekom Rene Obermann at the Israeli-German Innovation Day (Deutsche Telekom)

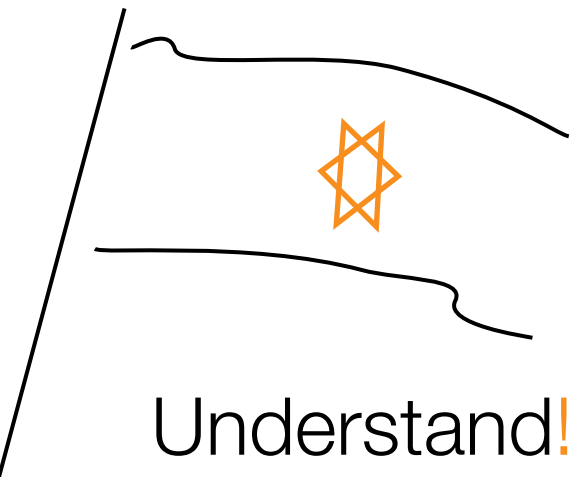
A **65** billion euro company works with **1** Israeli university



Impact on Universal Values



Israel is a young state with a rich heritage and an ancient culture. The imperative to engage the past with the present is all the more important for a country that is forging a new national identity in a re-born language. Home to extensive resources, such as the Ben-Gurion Archives, the archives of Heksherim – The Research Institute for Jewish and Israeli Literature and Culture, and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev is uniquely positioned to lead the way in studying and understanding the history of the Zionist movement, the creation of the State of Israel and the heart of Israeli culture.



Understanding the People of the Book

With its myriad interdisciplinary programs in Hebrew literature, Yiddish language and culture, and Israel studies, BGU has transformed itself into an academic center for scholars who are exploring the very essence of this “new” Israeli identity.

This year the University received accreditation for its new English-language Israel Studies International Program, organized by the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, that builds upon its very popular Hebrew language track. According to Director of the program, Prof. Paula Kabalo from the Institute, “Israel attracts worldwide attention, but this interest remains at the headline level. We hope to provide students with the necessary tools for understanding the many layers of Israeli experience, including its history, culture, ideology, society and politics.” Access to the extensive Ben-Gurion archives and library, she adds, “provides the optimal environment for a critical, independent, research-oriented graduate program.”

Three significant gifts of Yiddish books were donated to the University’s new

Yiddish Resource Room, the largest of which came from the 10,000-book library of the late Prof. Shmuel Werses, including what Prof. David Roskies, Director of the University’s Center for Yiddish Studies, described as “probably the finest collection of 19th-century Hebrew and Yiddish literature in private hands.”

The Department of Hebrew Literature doubled the number of first year undergraduate students to over 110 – a huge achievement reflecting the quality of teaching, excellence in research and opportunity to learn firsthand from Israel’s most prominent authors, including Amos Oz and Etgar Keret. A visiting scholar from the University of Granada in Spain enriched the spring semester with a course on Jewish literature from Medieval Spain. A new Masters program focused on professional editing and the publication industry was launched with 20 students, many of whom are already working in the field.

This year the “First Israelis” Hebrew literature archives at the Heksherim Institute were enriched with the addition of the archives of poet and

commentator Uri Zvi Greenberg and author Shulamith Hareven; a set of S. Yizhar’s letters; and a rare set of the poet Zelda’s letters from the 1930s and 1940s; along with the ongoing additions to the archives of Prof. Amos Oz, Prof. Aharon Appelfeld and poet Yehuda Amichai.

With the support of the Edmond Benjamin de Rothschild-Caesarea Foundation, the Institute has undertaken the task of adapting their archival center into an audio-visual museum. The comprehensive program includes producing short movies, providing easy access to particular authors and their archives and training guides to work with groups of all ages.

“We have created a truly dynamic environment that brings together the highest level of creativity with insightful literary criticism,” explains Prof. Yigal Schwartz, head of the Heksherim Institute.

Prof. Paula Kabalo from the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism with students in the Ben-Gurion Archives (Wolfgang Motzafi-Haller)

13,000,000 Jews worldwide; **1** Jewish homeland



Milestones

BGU was voted the #1 choice of Israeli undergraduate students in a survey commissioned by the National Union of Israeli Students that rated student satisfaction in student services, academics and overall social experience in 2010.

The Guilford Glazer School of Business and Management was upgraded to the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management, becoming the University's fifth Faculty.

New and Noteworthy

Physical Development

The newly-refurbished [Guzik Family Auditorium Building](#) and the adjacent [Guzik Family Antiquities Pathway](#) were completed.

The [Yosef Ben David Ohayon Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Auditorium](#) will be named in the Abraham Ben David Ohayon Behavioral Sciences Complex in May.

The cornerstone will be laid for the [American Associates Village at Sede Boqer](#) in May to significantly increase the available student housing there.

The American Institute of Architects presented Raquel Vert Designs, in collaboration with Axel Grobman, a 2010 [Design Merit Award for the Deichmann Building for Community Action and the Spitzer-Salant Building for the Department of Social Work](#).

New Academic Chairs

The [Elaine S. and Alvin W. Wene Career Development Chair](#) in Biotechnology Engineering was created, and Dr. Lital Alfonta from the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering was appointed its first incumbent.

Dr. Sharon Pardo, Director of the BGU Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society (CSEPS) and a member of the Department of Politics and Government, was awarded a

[Jean Monnet Chair](#) for the years 2010-2013, making BGU only the second university in Israel to have ever been awarded this distinction from the European Union.

New Academic Programs, Centers and Research Activities

With the generous seed support of the [Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation](#), the Faculty of Health Sciences will establish an extremely sophisticated and much needed Medical Simulation Center.

Project Jacob, an innovative foundation model that will provide funding to help commercialize BGU research with proceeds and royalties reverting back to the University to underwrite additional projects, was created with the support of [Dariush Fakheri of the USA](#).

An Honors MBA program in Social Leadership was created with the support of the [Mandel Foundation of the USA](#) as part of a greater three-stage program to develop this emerging field and train professional managers in the public and third sector.

A program to create elective courses in Jewish studies specifically for students from across the academic disciplines was created by the Goldstein-Goren Department of Jewish Thought with support from [Elie Horn from Brazil](#).

A research fund was created by [Samuel Josefowitz from Switzerland](#) to design, install, optimize and test a pilot-scale agricultural facility aimed at the environmentally sustainable production of staple crops in arid environments to be implemented by researchers from the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

The Moshal Scholarship Program, founded by [Martin Moshal of the UK](#), provided 18 substantial scholarships supporting first-year undergraduate students studying in specific areas with the hope of improving the students' economic situation and family situation.

A mutual ecohydrology research project between the Zuckerman Institute for Water Research at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, the Department of Applied Earth & Environmental Sciences, Hydrology & Water Chemistry Group at Al-Quds University and Heidelberg University was established with the support of [Richard Menschel of the USA](#) to explore the biochemical evolution of contaminants along polluted streams in the area.

Merage Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Students at the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology were created by the [Merage Foundation of Israel](#) to encourage exceptional students to study in the Negev.

The Israeli Center for Qualitative Research of People and Societies

New and Noteworthy

established the BGU-DIPEx Israel in cooperation with the Health Experiences Group at the University of Oxford, introducing experiences of patients into public discourse on a range of illnesses.

Honors Bestowed

Chief Rabbi Lord Sacks of Great Britain received the Ladislaus Laszki International Ecumenical and Social Concern Award.

Dr. Lars Hänsel, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Israel, received the Ben-Gurion Medal from the Centre for the Study of European Politics and Society.

Antonina Rosa Naveh received the Spitzer Prize for Excellence and Innovation in the Field of Social Welfare 2010 for her innovative work with the Parent-Child Center in the town of Sderot.

The fourth Goldstein-Goren International Prize for Most Important Book in Jewish Thought 2007-2009 was awarded to Prof. Eliezer Schweid from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for his work "Criticism of Modern Secular Culture."

Prize Winning Books

Dr. Michael Feige of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism was awarded the Annual Shapiro Award for Best Book in Israeli Studies 2009 for his book *Settling in the Hearts: Jewish Fundamentalism in the Occupied Territories*.

Dr. Kobi Peled of the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism received the 2010 Bahat Award for Best Original Scholarly Book Manuscript for his work "The Shepherd's Dwellings: Ethnography at the Distance of Time."

Excellence Recognized

BGU President Prof. Rivka Carmi, incumbent of the Kreitman Foundation Chair in Pediatric Genetics, was awarded an Honorary Fellowship by the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya for her significant contribution in the academic world, in the fields of medicine and genetics and in advancing the health and welfare of children and adults in Israel through social projects.

Prof. (Emeritus) Arie S. Issar of the Department of Environmental Hydrology and Microbiology in the Zuckerman Institute for Water Research of the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research received the Ben-Gurion Prize 2010-2011 for Lifetime Achievement, as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Israel Water Association.

Prof. Ron N. Apte, incumbent of the Irving Isaac Sklar Chair in Endocrinology and a member of the Shraga Segal Department of Microbiology and Immunology, received the 2010 Samuel and Paula Elkeles Prize for Outstanding Scientist in Medicine.

Prof. (Emeritus) Herzl Aharoni of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering received the 2010 International Network for

Engineering Education and Research (INEER) Achievement Award.

Prof. Smadar Cohen, incumbent of the Claire and Harold Oshry Chair in Biotechnology, and member of the Avram and Stella Goldstein-Goren Department of Biotechnology Engineering, was awarded the 2010 ICRS Award for Outstanding Achievements in Controlled Release.

Prof. Ron Folman of the Department of Physics and a member of the Ilse Katz Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology received the 2011 Willis E. Lamb Award for Laser Science and Quantum Optics.

BGU's Negev Center for Regional Development received the Israeli Geographical Society Prize 2010 for its many activities in developing the Negev and raising awareness on the subject.

Prof. Boris Krasnov, a member of the Swiss Institute for Dryland Environmental Research at the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, was awarded the Minister of Immigrant Absorption's Prize for Outstanding Scientists.

Prof. Zvi Bentwich, Director of the Center for Emerging Tropical Diseases and AIDS (CEMTA) and a member of the Department of Virology and Developmental Genetics at BGU received the 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Volunteering Unit of the Ministry of Health.

Prof. Yitzhak Hen of the Department of General History and incumbent of the Anna and Sam Lopin Chair in



The Guzik Family Antiquities Pathway

History has been elected as a senior fellow of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows in the Humanities at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Regional and International Impact

“From Idea to Enterprise – BGU Business Plan Competition for Negev Regional Development” was created through the generosity of the Koshland family, USA.

The 2010 updated Bedouin statistical yearbook was published by the Robert H. Arnow Center for Bedouin Studies and Development, aimed at raising awareness among the public of essential issues in Bedouin society, improving policy-making and encouraging research on the community.

The Governor of Colorado signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research “to

encourage voluntary interaction and cooperation and to promote friendship between the two parties for their mutual benefit.”

BGU and the Eilat-Eilat municipality won a tender from the Israel Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor to establish and operate a technology center for renewable energy in the south of the country. The Arava Center for Renewable Energy includes industrial leaders such as Elbit Systems, Rafael and Ormat; leading investment companies, including Proseed Venture Capital Fund, Direct Insurance Group and the Consensus Business Group; academic and research groups from BGU and the IKI, and the Eilat-Eilat Renewable Energy Authority; private management groups and regional municipalities.

BGU is part of an initiative to create a new research center focusing on energy efficiency in Singapore under the National Research Foundation’s Campus for Research Excellence and Technological Enterprise program.

A UK-Israel Life Sciences Council, including four Nobel Prize laureates, was launched this year and will be chaired by British Ambassador to Israel Matthew Gould, and co-chaired by Prof. Raymond Dwek of Oxford University and Prof. Rivka Carmi.

With the support of the European Community’s Seventh Framework Programme, members of the Department of Communications wrote the “Emergency Communications Guide for Public Entities,” which examined media deployment in emergency situations and presented it at two forums of Israeli spokespersons for national and local authorities. Working as part of a consortium of five universities, the project includes a new website that provides comprehensive support for crisis communication managers in public organizations before, during and after major crises such as natural disasters and major accidents that involve life saving intervention.

Communit!ty Outreach

Community Action Unit

Under the banner, "With You, Society is Worth More," the Community Action Unit continues to grow. Created over 30 years ago, the Unit runs a variety of programs that reach almost 5,000 people each year. These interactions enhance the lives of both those who give and those who receive and in many cases is life changing. This year the number of students actively involved with the Unit increased by 33 percent from previous years to some four hundred.

In addition to the traditional activities of the Unit such as the Open Apartments and the Keren Moshe Leadership program, the "Rothschild Ambassadors Organization" was launched with the support of the Caesarea Foundation of Israel. The program aims to train 20 student leaders annually who have outstanding personal qualities and who excel in their studies.

The Caesarea Foundation has also committed to the development of a unique multi-media center for teenagers and others to develop their social awareness to be located in the Deichmann Building for Community Action.

The "Access for All" program was launched in which students receive credits in return for teaching adults and youth in their own fields of study.

Generously supported by the Ministry of Education, the Rashi Foundation, Atidim, the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

and the Leumi Aharai Organization, the Promoting Accessibility to Higher Education in the Negev program marked a decade since its establishment with a 15 percent increase in the number of participating high school students, bringing the number up to 1,300.

The Unit launched *Ben-Gurion Involvement*, a journal in Hebrew, to provide a tool for staff and students to comment on social issues and receive updates on related news.

The Sparks of Science program opened a second class with 20 new students from the Ethiopian community. Made possible through the support of the Branco Weiss Institute for the Development of Thinking, Atidim and the Jewish Agency, the program prepares 10th grade students for university studies.

In cooperation with the Student Association, an appeal was launched to support students who are active in the community. In this framework seven student representatives were rewarded for their activities in social involvement.

This year a new program was launched to provide legal knowledge and practical tools to disadvantaged women in cooperation with "Women Lawyers for Social Justice."

More than 500 University students participated in a citywide program to paint homes of the needy and elderly for Passover.

Perach

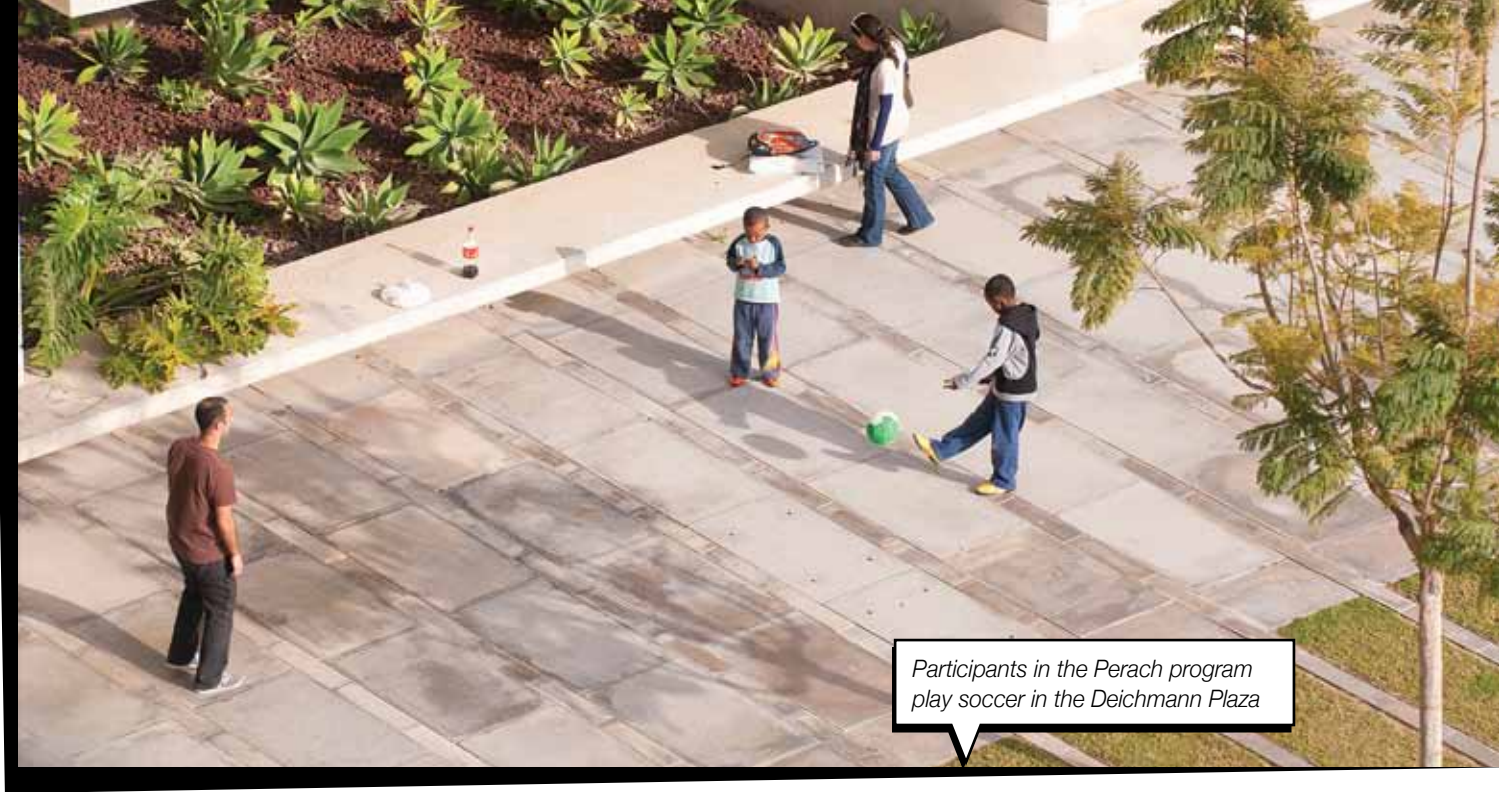
From humble beginnings with a handful of students many years ago, the nationwide Perach Big Brother/Sister program received the Israel Prize this year, reflecting its importance and influence in Israeli society. The Perach unit in the south of Israel (Perach South) is based at BGU and comprises some 3,670 mentors in 151 schools and projects.

In recent years, significant contributions were received that were used for scholarships and transportation for those students who are willing to travel from Beer-Sheva to the periphery. Over the last year, activities have begun in the Bedouin town Kuseife, and the development town of Mitzpe Ramon.

A new program was launched this year to improve mathematical skills among third graders. Priority is given to the absorption of immigrant children from Ethiopia, Caucasus and the Muslim countries of the former USSR. A large number of mentors work in single-parent families in which they serve as a role model for the children.

Working closely with the Ministry of Education, there is an increase in the number of mentors tutoring high school students, which has led to an impressive increase in matriculation results.

The Nachshon Project continues, in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, stressing virtual learning



Participants in the Perach program play soccer in the Deichmann Plaza

for high school students in Bible, math and physics. There is also a virtual mentoring program for disabled children by disabled students, who would otherwise be unable to mentor because of mobility issues.

A large contribution from Partner Communications Company allows Perach to run a Community Communications Center in the Dalet neighborhood in Beer-Sheva with another one in the plans in Eilat.

Academic Preparatory Courses

The Pre-Academic Studies Center works to make higher education accessible to those who may not have had the opportunity to explore such a path. In addition to its traditional preparatory courses, the Center offers specially tailored projects for specific population groups, who benefit from personal mentoring, tutoring and financial support.

There are currently 14 students of Ethiopian origin participating in the regular preparatory tracks thanks to the support of the UJA Federation of New York, the Unit for Guidance for

Discharged Soldiers of the Ministry of Defense and Marmanet Organization & Projects Management Int. Ltd.

The Hi-Tech Horizons project was created to encourage students from the social and geographic periphery to study in the Faculties of Engineering and Natural Sciences. The project is funded by Mr. Yehuda Zisapel, the Unit for Guidance for Discharged Soldiers of the Ministry of Defense, the Rashi Foundation and Marmanet.

A range of more targeted projects for the Bedouin population has been developed thanks to the support of the Landa Foundation for Equal Opportunity through Education, the Unit for Guidance for Discharged Soldiers of the Ministry of Defense and Marmanet, which builds upon small groups and includes empowerment and enrichment classes.

Alumni Association

Thanks to the vision and generosity of Chairman of the Board of Governors Roy J. Zuckerberg of the USA, a new matching fund was launched to encourage alumni giving. A growing number of Israeli graduates have

accepted the challenge and made significant gifts.

Working together with the Israeli Friends of BGU, efforts have been made to raise the University's profile in the center of the country. Events such as the "Science over Coffee" meetings have brought together upwards of 80 guests with BGU researchers on a monthly basis at the Journalists' House in Tel Aviv.

The Alumni Association also works to improve networking and encourage reunions of different programs and departments. The Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management has taken up the challenge and budgeted resources to create alumni groups. The Honors MBA program held its annual event this year, attracting an ever growing group of graduates. The Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences and the Recanati School for Community Health Professions have also established active alumni groups. For more information about the Alumni Association, visit our site at www.bgu.ac.il/alumni

Student Life

Dean of Students

The Office of the Dean of Students continued with its ongoing activities providing assistance to students in the financial, social welfare, academic, personal, social and cultural fields.

Among this year's strategic projects, the Office increased its focus on assisting students in job placement and career development. A new computer system was launched to manage postings for job candidates. Free online job listings resulted in more positions being made available to alumni. The number of workshops for students, including seminars in fields such as career management and business entrepreneurship, were also expanded. A careers week was held which included an employment fair and lectures by experts on workers' rights, career management, self-presentation and other related topics.

Over the summer, specially tailored orientation programs were organized for students from population groups with special needs, including members of the Ethiopian community, Arabic speaking students and students with learning disabilities.

As part of the Green Campus initiative, a state-of-the-art solar water heating system was installed at the Zlotowski Dormitory Complex; plans are under way to install a similar system at the AABGU Student Dormitory Complex this summer.

Student Association

The Student Association is committed to improving student life by providing a variety of services and a range of programs including cultural, academic and community-oriented activities.

Among its ongoing activities, the Association organizes a number of social events to bring the student community together: art fairs, live concerts, lectures, holiday events and the annual Student Day.

This year the Association took upon itself the added dimension of encouraging students to integrate into the larger society of the Negev and initiate outreach projects with the local population. In November, the Association, together with the University administration, selected seven student-organized social projects and put both resources and energy into expanding their impact. The projects included outreach to Beer-Sheva's elderly; preserving the rights of workers and the physically challenged in the food business in the city; support for social workers in the Negev; the establishment of support clubs for gay youth; musical activities for at-risk youth; support for activities for children of minority populations; and help for African asylum seekers living in the Negev.

The Association also dedicates its efforts to creating a cultural environment that encourages students to expand their horizons. During the past academic year, the Association organized a series of free lectures and performances under the banner, "Tuesday at Six," that invited cultural figures from various fields such as sculpture, music and journalism, to speak about the interface between Israeli society and art.

The Association also helps students to improve their academic achievements and cope with some of the obstacles they might experience and serves

as an advocate for student rights in academic affairs. Meetings between student representatives and faculty are held regularly to ensure that the students' needs and concerns are heard.

In addition to representation services, the Student Association offers other elements of academic aid throughout the year, including a long-term lending library and an exam bank service. The lending library has been expanded through the generosity of donors and the number of loans has increased dramatically. The examination bank has also been expanded.

Financial assistance to reserve soldiers was expanded. This is in addition to the extensive support that is already provided to help them compensate for missed classes.

The Center of International Academic Affairs

The Center of International Academic Affairs launched a reorganization process this year with the ambitious goal of branding the University in the international arena. Despite the international climate regarding Israel, the Office intends to establish BGU's reputation within specific spheres of excellence.

The ongoing reorganization has yielded its first fruits. Thanks to a special grant from the State of Israel through the Jewish Agency for Israel, joint programs will be established with Arizona State University (ASU) and the College of New Jersey (CNJ). The program with ASU will focus on environmental studies and sustainability, while the program



The annual Purim Carnival always attracts a colorful crowd

Student Life (Cont.)

with the CNJ will focus on Israel studies. The programs are aimed to provide BGU with a unique academic curriculum to attract more students to spend a semester or a full year under the framework of the Ginsburg-Ingberman Overseas Student Program.

In addition, Brandeis University and Middlebury College will establish a study abroad program at BGU to begin in the spring of 2012. The Brandeis and Middlebury program will be taught entirely in Hebrew and adhere to the Middlebury College Language Pledge – a promise to speak no language other than the one being studied.

The three programs highlight the Office's intention to play to the University's strengths – environmental studies, Israel studies and Hebrew language and literature.

Computation

The Division of Computing and Information Systems continues to

implement new applications and technologies to improve user services and functionality for the entire University community. Inter campus networks were improved and faster wireless access points were installed.

An improved University internet web site has been developed, based on SharePoint 2010, including a "My BGU" option for personalized homepages. A new web based "tender management system" has been developed internally. The email for new students has been shifted to Google apps. Exchange 2007 has been upgraded to Exchange 2010.

Online course instruction using tablet-pc's continues to expand. Students on the Eilat campus and the Marcus Family Campus in Beer-Sheva now share the same synchronous classrooms, using video conference rooms at both campuses.

A new comprehensive Employee Time and Attendance system has been

introduced in the Division of Human Resources, as has a comprehensive new system for the Finance and Budget Management Division.

Zalman Aranne Central Library

The Zalman Aranne Central Library continues to redefine itself in light of changing technologies, expanding beyond its traditional role while transforming itself into a multi-media center that meets the changing needs of students and researchers.

The planning of the new wing for engineering and natural sciences has begun. In the interim, plans are underway to renovate the lobby of the existing building.

Some 8,083 books were added to the Library's general collection from purchases and gifts, including textbooks and electronic journals. In conjunction with the Israeli Foreign Ministry, the Library is donating paper copies of journals that the University now subscribes to electronically to developing countries, primarily in Africa.

A mapping process was carried out to identify the needs of the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management and the Faculties of Natural and Engineering Sciences. The findings will be used as a basis for future growth.

A program based on improving service was implemented, expanding group study areas and work stations. Guidance services have been expanded, with an emphasis on advertising and informing the public about library activities and news.



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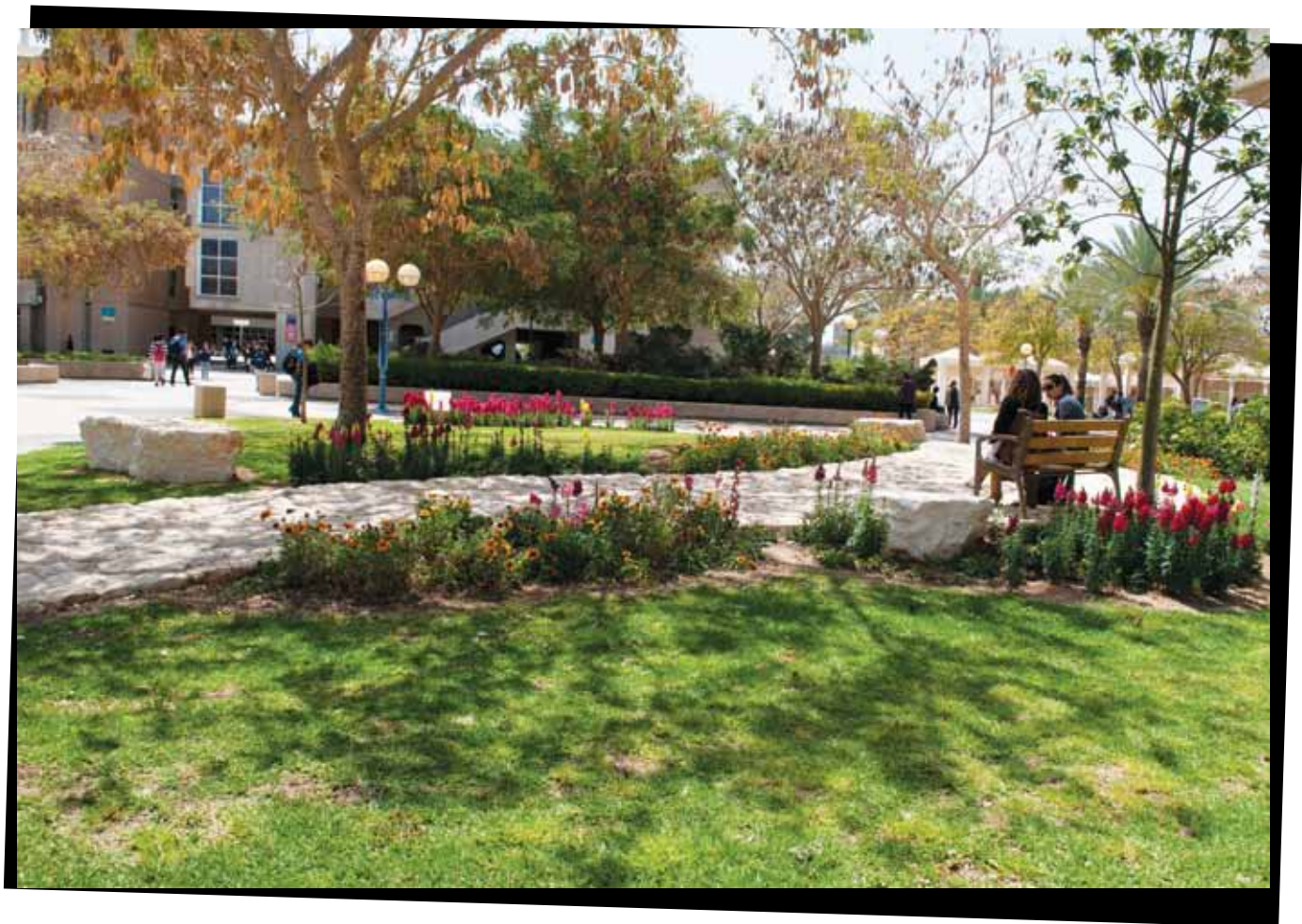
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