

## News

### Changes within the Cooperation Program:

Since its foundation in 1976 the program has undergone a number of amendments and changes:

Since 2005: Both project partners present their subprojects every year to the program committee, rather than every three years at a workshop

Since 2005: Applicants submit short pre-proposals from which full proposals are invited

Since 2007: Both partner organisations use the same forms

As of 2008: Winter schools shall be organized every other year in Pichl, Austria

Calls for new projects will be issued in 2008 and 2009 without priority topics (on a trial basis)

Starting 2009: Summer schools shall be held at the Dead Sea every other year

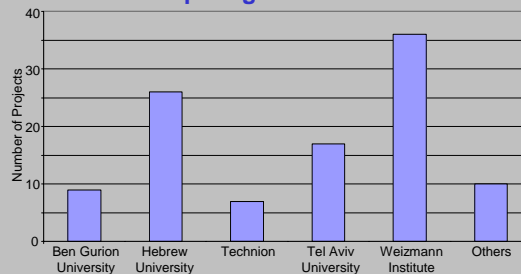
Starting 2009: Increase from 14 to 15 projects

### Masterplan

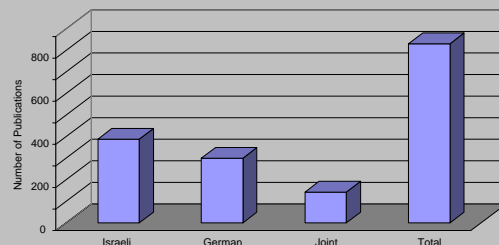
Year	Project groups	PC Meeting Time	PC Meeting Location	Work shop	Call for Joint Proj.
2004		←	IL (TU)*	-	+
2005		←	IL (TU)*	-	+
2006		←	IL (W&TU)	+	-
2007		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+
2008		←	IL (TU)	+	+
2009		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+
2010		←	IL	+	+
2011		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+
2012		←	IL	+	+
2013		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+
2014		←	IL	+	+
2015		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+
2016		←	IL	+	+
2017		←	DE (DKFZ)	+	+

## Organization

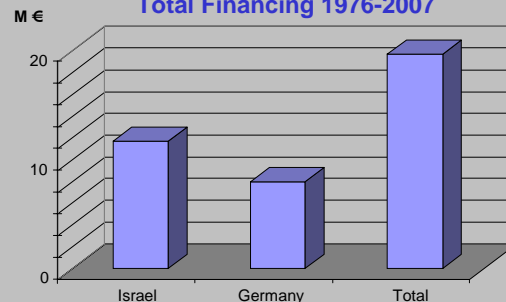
### Participating Israeli Institutes



### Publications



### Total Financing 1976-2007



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## The Cancer Cooperation Program

## Goals, Achievements, Future Prospects



MOST

## Cooperation Program

In 2006, the 30th Anniversary of the DKFZ-MOST cooperation in cancer research was celebrated with a ceremonial act and a German-Israeli Symposium (at the Weizmann Institute of Science and Tel Aviv University).

The program was originally founded for the establishment and enhancement of scientific collaboration in cancer research between Israeli and German scientists. This could be reached by

- ❖ Collaborative work in the laboratories of both partners
- ❖ Exchange of know-how and expertise
- ❖ Exchange of experimental material
- ❖ Joint Workshops and Publications.

The joint scientific projects, running for three years, consist of an Israeli and a German subproject. The principal German investigator is generally from the DKFZ; the Israeli PI is from the following Israeli research institutions and universities: The Weizmann Institute of Science, Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Ben Gurion University, Bar Ilan University, Technion and others (graph 1). Topics of the cooperation program cover the entire research spectrum of the DKFZ, however each year three or four priority topics were selected to focus the cooperation.

## Cooperation Program

In 2004 one of the principal investigators of a cooperation project, Aaron Ciechanover, received the Nobel Prize. From 1998-2000 he had a DKFZ-MOST project on ubiquitin dependent proteolytic pathways.

Up to 2007, a total of 127 projects have been funded by the cooperation program. Their results have been published in more than 1000 papers (graph 2). The total grant for the Israeli and German subprojects amounted to 23,1 Mio Euro (to the end of 2007) (graph 3). Because of the very successful performance, an international evaluation committee suggested recently to increase the number of ongoing projects from 14 to 15. This will be realized in the new funding periods and financed by the DKFZ.



Participants and lecturers of the winter school 2008 in Pichl/Austria

## Winter School 2008

### Science and Skiing

The First Winter School of the German-Israeli Cooperation in Cancer Research took place in Pichl, Austria, March 4-7, 2008

The idea to arrange a winter school was born in 2006, the 30th Anniversary of the DKFZ MOST Cooperation in Cancer Research. The main reasons to organize such an event were to:

- ❖ Enlarge the cooperation program in cancer research
- ❖ Create an opportunity for German and Israeli young scientists (up to 38 years) to meet
- ❖ Organize lectures and scientific discussions on current topics of cancer research
- ❖ Identify common fields for future cooperation projects.

### The First Winter School

The first winter school was held with 17 speakers and 19 participants, listening to lectures in the fields of Cancer Molecular Imaging, Molecular Biology of Cancer, Microenvironment, Genomics and Epigenetics.

Five participants came from Israel, 14 from Germany. Several attending students were from current projects of the cooperation program, others from the DKFZ PhD-program. Among them were 10 female and 9 male participants.

The lectures of about 30 minutes were followed by lively discussions in which many questions were posed by the attending students. Despite the different scientific backgrounds everybody gained many new insights and enlarged his/her horizon in different fields of cancer research.

The first winter school was jointly organized by the German-Israeli Cooperation in Cancer Research and the Helmholtz Graduate School for Cancer Research of the DKFZ. We thank the Helmholtz Graduate School for funding this event.