Report Ambassador Activity – Poster Prizes at the Israel Society for Microbiology meeting.

As part of my ISME ambassador activity, I requested to allocate funds for student poster and short talks at the Israeli society of microbiology, in my view it is an amazing platform to expose the Israeli microbiology scene to our society.

About the Israel Society for Microbiology (ISM)

The Israel Society for Microbiology was established in 1967, and is a non-profit organization that is legally registered in the Registrar of Associations. There are currently about 650 members in this Society, including scientists, graduate students from a variety of educational institutions in Israel, microbiologists from the fields of food and medicine, and from different sectors in industry, high school teachers, and more.

The main purpose of the Israel Society for Microbiology is the cultivation and representation of the community engaged in basic and applied microbiology at the national and international level. The Association strives to encourage and promote scientific progress, alongside awakening the public at large to the contribution and importance of the Microbiology community to society and to the country.

The Association is managed by a governing council that is composed of the microbiology unit in academic institutions, members involved in industry and teaching, and a designated president, secretary (**Myself**) and treasurer. The featured topics are decided on by all members of the association every 2 years for a period of 2 years. The general assembly meeting of all members of the society is held once a year

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The Annual Meeting of the Israel Society of Microbiology:

The highlight of the society's activities is the occurrence of an annual conference that was held in **March 6-7, 2019**. The conference is considered to be the most important meeting held in the field of microbiology in Israel.

This year approximately 450 microbiologists attended this conference, amongst them top Israeli scientists as well as international scientists invited from abroad.

ISME was recognized as part of the sponsoring societies for the meeting in the official website (see pictures). Out of 85 posters and hundred or so short talks, we selected 3 poster and 2 short talks winners (total of five). Before the announcement of the prizes I gave a short presentation on ISME activity and goals that exposed the Israeli microbiology science to ISME activities.

Overall we got very good feedback for this initiative and I hope to recapitulate it next year.

All the best

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