TAU-SYMPOSIUM:
"PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY: RETROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE VIEWS"
A one day Seminar
Hosted by
The Manna Institute for Plant Biosciences
The Joan and Jaime Constanteiner Institute of Molecular Genetics
The Zahir Eyal Memorial Fund
The symposium will be held at Tel Aviv University, Britannia Bldg. room 014
on Thursday October 27, 2005.

09:45-10:00 Opening remarks:
Professor Itamar Rabinovich, President of Tel Aviv University.
Professor Yoel Kloog, Dean of Faculty of Life Sciences
Professor Bernard Epel, Head of the Manna Institute for Plant Biosciences

Session I: Chaired by Professor Adina Breiman
10:00-10:45 Professor Paul Christou,
University of Lleida, Spain.
Title: "Recent advances in applied plant biotechnology in transgenic insect pest; control and molecular pharming."

10:45-10:55 Open discussion

10:55-11:40 Professor Robert Haselkorn
University of Chicago. USA
Title: "Acetyl-CoA Carboxylase from wheat, parasites and people: herbicides for all."

11:40-11:50 Open discussion
11:50-12:30 Lunch break

Session II In memory of Professor Zahir Eyal
Chaired by Professor Aviah Zilberstein
12:30-12:40 Remarks in remembrance of Zahir
12:40-13:25 Professor Jonathan Gressel
The Weizmann Institute of Science, Israel
Title: “Biotechnology is needed more in the developing world than in the developed”
13:25-13:35 Open discussion
13:35-14:20 Doctor Clive James
Chairman of ISAAA (International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications), Cayman Islands
Title: "Global overview of biotech/GM crops, their adoption, performance and future prospects".

14:20-14:30 Open discussion
14:30-14:50 Coffee break

Session III Chaired by Shaul Yalovsky
14:50-15:35 Doctor Ken Shirasu
John Innes Institute, UK
Title: “Learning from natural resistance: towards sustainable bioagriculture to combat pathogens”

15:35-15:45 Open discussion
15:45-16:30 Professor Wilhelm Gruissem
Institute of Plant Science and Functional Genomics Center Zurich
Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Switzerland.
Title: "Plant biotechnology: beyond Bt-corn and Round-up-ready soya"

16:30-16:40 Open discussion

Organizing committee:
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