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IMPH Director's Note

Dear Alumni

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you will enjoy the trip down memory lane. This summer finds us fighting mainly with the weather, with temperatures soaring here as well as in other parts of the world. It is a great contrast to the summer of uncertainty and fear that we experienced last year. That being said, I recognize that there is conflict in many of the places where you are living and working and we pray for your safety.

Our IMPH students are furiously working at finishing their theses and papers. It has been a wonderful year for the IMPH with many memorable visits and celebrations. The class will soon be holding their graduation (our 40th!) and it promises to be every bit as colorful and enjoyable as the ceremonies in which you all took part.

The world is also celebrating a giant victory this summer. According to the New York Times, August 11, 2015 marked one year since the last reported case of polio in Africa! This is a remarkable achievement and I salute all IMPH alumni who have been part of this effort in Africa and elsewhere. Our wish is that no more children become paralyzed or die from this devastating illness, and that we move on to prevent untimely death and disability from other preventable causes.

We are close to our New Year so I wish you all a productive and enjoyable year, deriving satisfaction from your work and strength and sustenance from your families and friends.

Shana Tova!

Ora Paltiel, MDCM, MSc, FRCPC

IMPH Director

IMPH Alumni Academic Coordinator's Note

Dear Alumni,

As we come up to this year's graduation in a few weeks, we also welcome this year's class as our newest alumni! Our 40 year anniversary is marked by the experiences and successes of the over 750 alumni who call the Braun School 'home' and the broader community, 'family'. Congratulations to all!!

Just a reminder to our alumni in West Africa that the IMPH West Africa Regional Alumni Conference will be held this coming February 2016 in Nigeria. If you have not heard from me, please do be in touch so that your name and email are added to the list of invitees.

We are also beginning to plan for the 3rd Pears IMPH Alumni Conference to be held in Jerusalem in February 2017. More on both conferences in the next few months.

Have a wonderful summer if you are on break or vacation. Keep us up-to-date with your work and lives, please!

Regards,

Maureen

Editor's Note

It seems like only yesterday we have said our goodbyes to the 2013/2014 batch, and here we are, a month from the 2014/2015 graduation ceremony. This is the perfect time for the third special edition of the IMPH Alumni Newsletter, all about the past: some pictures and documents from the Archive.

A few months ago Edna found two boxes filled with pictures. When she was showing me this "treasure", I thought these materials, alongside the material I "inherited" from Shulamit, would surely be exciting for our Alumni. I think it really is.

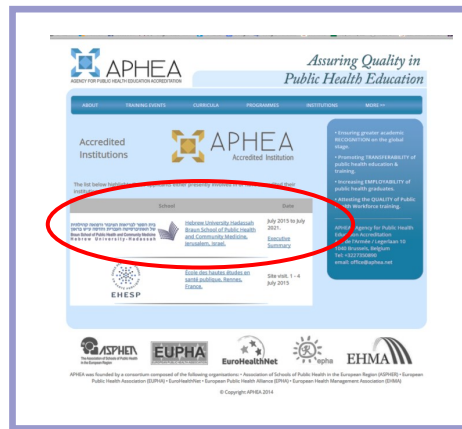
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Yehuda, Maureen, Pam and Edna for taking the time to help me with the Archive materials, information and technology-wise.

We have some other exciting news featured in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy it!

Best,

Reut.

Hebrew-University-Hadassah Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine Awarded APHEA Accreditation



We are very pleased to announce that the Board of Directors of the Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA) has acted to award full accreditation to the Hebrew-University-Hadassah Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine as of July, 2013. The accreditation is for a six year term extending to July 31, 2021.

Alongside this institutional accreditation, our two MPH programs – in English for international students (with over 800 graduates from 90 countries worldwide) and in Hebrew for Israeli students (with some 1200 local graduates) - received APHEA Curriculum Validation.

Accreditation is a rigorous and comprehensive peer-review process to assess and verify the quality of public health schools and programs and to ensure their continuous improvement. Our School conducted a self-evaluation and submitted a lengthy report detailing how we meet each of the formal criteria including curricula, student learning outcomes, resources, student-faculty interaction and more. An on-site visit by peer-reviewers was conducted in April, 2015 to validate the findings of the self-study.

At the Braun School we strive to cultivate and sustain an integrated multidisciplinary environment that facilitates excellence in teaching, research, and creative academic activity. We offer curricula that promote interdisciplinary approaches to public health and prepare the next generation of researchers, practitioners and teachers to identify, quantify and effectively address the complex public health challenges at the community level – be it a village, country, or the global community.

Achievement of accreditation is testimony to the superb work being conducted by our teachers and researchers. As an APHEA-accredited school, our students and potential students can be assured that the Braun School meets the highest standards of public health education and training. Graduating from an accredited-school better positions our alumni to compete successfully for the best career opportunities.

APHEA accreditation encourages continuing self-assessment and we will carefully consider the suggestions of the reviewers toward further improvement of our academic programs and the continued growth of our School.

A Visit to the School

On July 14th we had the privilege of welcoming Dr. Dance Gudeva Nikovska (Macedonia, 2003/2004, dgnikovska@gmail.com) for a short visit. Dance visited Israel for research proposes.



IMPH Alumni Communications Platform

We are very excited to announce that in a few weeks the Braun School will launch a private forum within the Hebrew University Alumni Platform, "HUJIconnect".

This platform will allow Alumni to connect with other Alumni and the IMPH Team. Although HUJIconnect is open to all Hebrew University Alumni, the IMPH will have a closed group forum that only IMPH Alumni will be able to enter. This will allow us to publish job and research opportunities, updates and any kind of information in a password-protected environment. This closed group is currently under construction.

You are most welcome to sign up to the general HUJIconnect at <https://hujiconnect.com/>, and we will inform you as soon as the closed group would be available.

International MPH 40th Anniversary Special Archive Project

INTERNATIONAL MPH CLASS 1996-97



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(PAM)



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IMPH Class of 1996/1997



Former School Secretary, Ms. Sara Albeg

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS H.U., 1986 - 87



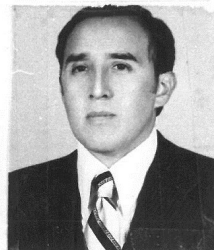
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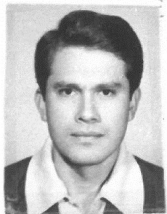
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IMPH Class of 1986/1987

Summery of a meeting held between IMPH Students and The Braun School Staff regarding future relationships between the graduates and the school.



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International MPH Course

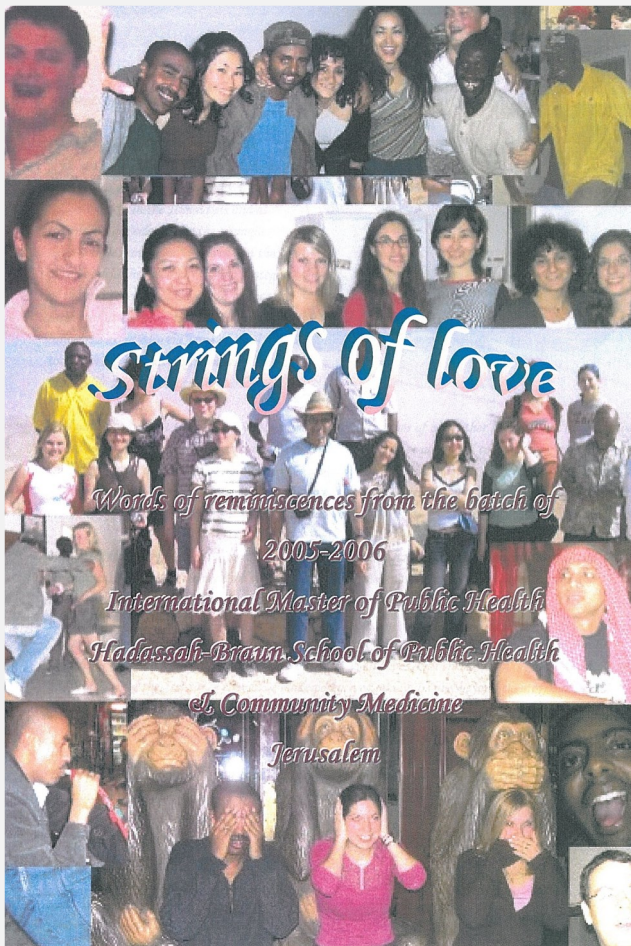
Summary of the meeting of International MPH students, at the Hadassah
School of Public Health and Community Medicine

25.9.90

- 1) The meeting was held during the last week of the Course, with the purpose of exchange of suggestions and ideas about the possibility of future relationships between the students and the School.
- 2) It was agreed that students will prepare during this week, a short description of a possible area of research of their interest, in order to receive preliminary feedback from the Staff. This could eventually serve as a possible basis for collaborative research.
- 3) In six months' time, the students will send to the School a brief summary (about 300-400 words) of their current professional and personal activities and/or a brief report on a topic of interest in their countries. This information will be included in a Newsletter International of the School to be distributed among all graduates, Schools and professionals in Public Health.
- 4) The School offers the possibility of preparing, together with the graduates, a research proposal (see 2) to present to relevant financing agencies. Those graduates who are interested will send to the School, during the next 6 months, a draft of a proposal on a subject relevant to the health problems of their respective countries. A member of the Faculty in the field of interest will collaborate in the research.
- 5) Information was provided on the current process of organization of the Alumni/Graduates Association of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine. Students manifested support for the idea and were willing to become active in this process. Some of them will try to act as coordinators at country level and to promote the activities of the Association. Each student will receive the list of graduates of his country and they will make contact in their respective countries, and report to the Alumni Association in Jerusalem.
- 6) An updated list of addresses of all students will be prepared, and will be distributed among the students.

Attended: Students: Shanta Acharya, Sa'id Hammouz, Emmanuel Kpabitey, Maria Luz Pascual, Angela Benson, In Hyae Kim, Rolando Maddela, Songyos Sanguanpong, Lilian Dominguez Bustillo, Charles Kiptemas, Ernest Opoku-Agyeman, Joe Eyison, Mariano Hernandez-Lopez, Emmanuel Osei-Bonsu

Staff: Hava Palti, Director of School of Public Health
Ms. Anneke Ifrah, Coordinator, International MPH
Dr. Jaime Gofin, representative of Alumni



"Strings of Love" -

Yearbook of the IMPH Class of 2005/2006

Words of Wisdom

Dear 2005/6 MPH Graduates,

"Teaching people skills without giving them a vision for a better future, a vision based on common values - is only training" - Nido Qubein (Business Consultant & Author)



I hope the trust that I / We have succeeded in providing you with a little of both during your year at The Braun Hebrew University of Jerusalem-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine. There were surely times when you were confounded, and times when the pressure of the work and being away from home interacted in a multiplicative synergistic fashion (not necessarily in a positive direction). With all this, I am convinced that you have been modified (hopefully for the better) by the experience.

I hope and trust that you acquired additional skills to help you to identify and prioritize the public health challenges that await you, and knowledge to address those challenges in an effective and efficient manner. And may you be given the patience and perseverance to stay focused on your goals.

Remember: The wings of dreams beat faster than the wings of reality.

So, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Jury, God bless, keep well, remember us fondly, and watch out for spurious associations!

Yehuda Neumark

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p.s. Keep in your wallet for immediate access in the event of a case-control emergency:

		Outcome
Exposure		

Dear Graduates,

Your long journey in the Braun School of Public Health has finally won you those exciting moments of the graduation ceremony, specially when your Master diploma is granted. Congratulations!! As you all know, knowledge itself is a power. Action is the proper fruit of knowledge. Have a safe journey back home and a pleasant reunion with your friends and families.



Good luck and keep in touch

Michal Guttman

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The moments of joy...



Quotes of the Year

- "But do we have to think?" Noyonjeet addressing a question to Dr Amir Schmuell prior to our Health Economics exam.
- "Excuse me, but is April the middle of the year?" Saltanat addressing a question to Ben Moshe in Demography class.
- "But how can you not know who you are having sex with?" Saltanat addressing Dr Varda Soskolne in HIV/AIDS class.
- "You know, some women are trained to put condom on by mouth..." Saltanat addressing Ronny Starkshall after a routine condom demonstration in Family Planning class. He replied: "You don't need to know how to do that!"
- "You mean we have to actually go into the library to find the journal?" anonymous student frustrated with dead-end internet searches, addressing Dr Yehuda Neumark. He replied: "Yes, and you might find some cobwebs and skeletons there..."

Graduation 2002/2003



Graduation 1994/1995



Graduation 2004/2005



Graduation 2001/2002



Graduation 1999/2000



**Pictures of the
Class of 1999/2000.**

Making (NON-) Sense of Data

SPECIAL ISSUE!!!

Exclusive on the world-renowned escaped international convicts!

.. II No. 3

JULY 4, 1991

AT, June, 1991 - As they as-
sailed the world by their inter-
ationally-planned escape last
year, they surprised their chasers
finally deciding to surrender
mass, this month. "THEY" refers
these 15 characters who have spent
just 9 months running around
world, eluding the World Secret
lice (see previous issues of "Making
Sense" for full story).



Picture shows them sur-
rendering to the authorities in a
thing they picked especially for
occasion - the beautiful Red Canyon of Eilat.

The convicts' apparently "inappropriate affects" are not due to "ESCAPISTS' PSYCHOSIS"
(though they have been acting peculiar, at times) - but to the fact that during
their exile, they managed to survive the regime of Saddam Hussein, epidemiology and
statistics exams, thesis proposal presentations under the eagle-eye stares & glare
of Mrs. Friedlander & Hofin, COP projects, "KOSHER" food, and Roberto's corny
jokes (N). Their most important reason for smiling, though, is the confirmation that
the Israeli government has agreed to give them back to their respective countries only
if they have finished the MPH course which every one of them had the
audacity to enroll in last October.

Thesis Proposals

As part of their course, the said convicts have started doing their
researches while still in Israel. Topics include the following.

1. "Effects of the words 'LECH MI MENI' when uttered by a male to a female." - to be studied by Dr. Sepani, F.* (Name too long to pronounce)

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New version of SPSSx (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) Program to be released!

You don't have to
sore in agony over your
print-outs (as the convicts-
turned-students shown in
picture are doing), trying
to decipher what the
WARNINGS on them mean! Our
new version of SPSS is for
people who are now won-
dering why they ever went
into Public Health in the
first place (because they're finding
out how much computers can do!).



Features include:

1. automatic non-processing of non-truths. Our version tells you if the data entered are fake. It will not process commands if data are not real. (see sample printout below.)
2. categorization and computation of words, and not only numbers. (we don't exactly know the mathematical basis for this - but our program does it! who are we to turn our backs on blessings?)
3. a sense of humor (essential to working with SPSS! Otherwise you go crazy & start talking to and arguing with the computer.) (which some people are already starting to do!)

Order your new program
NOW! ACHSHAV! PRONTO!

Students' "Newsletter", Class of
1990/1991.

Edited by Maria Teresa Angeles
Coleman (Martz)

(Philippines, 1990/1991,
martzcoleman@bellsouth.net)

Yearbook of the IMPH Class of 2009/2010

SCHOOL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Class of 09/10

The Mission our School of Public Health is to strive to improve the physical, mental and social welfare of the global community, with a commitment towards excellence in interdisciplinary training and research. As part of fulfilling this mission and sharing the accumulated experiences and expertise with health professionals from developing countries, the IMPH was established 39 years ago. Today you are joining an elite group of more than 700 graduates around the globe - the graduates of the IMPH Program of the Hebrew-University Hadassah Braun School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

During the last 12 months we have supplied you with a comprehensive toolbox of public health knowledge and competencies. I am confident that you will use your new acquired skills together with the professional and personal networks you have built here, in order to fulfill the School's mission.

Dear graduates, good luck in the next stages of your careers. Have a lot of successes and satisfaction in working for the improvement of the health and welfare of your people and the people around the world.

Keep in touch with your alma mater!

Orly Manor

Braun School Director

OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

The Chosen Few



This term has been used for heroic military groups, such as the British heavy cavalry at the Battle of Cambrai in World War I, and adopted more recently to rock and reggae groups in the modern music world.

For me the Chosen Few are the international MPH students who come year after year to learn what we have to teach and from each other. I consider them the Chosen Few because they go back to their countries and help to make the vital changes needed in public health to save lives and improve quality of life.

So to the 2009-10 Chosen Few, I enjoyed working with you and wish you all success in your personal and professional lives. Go home and do good things and do them well.

Ted Tulchinsky

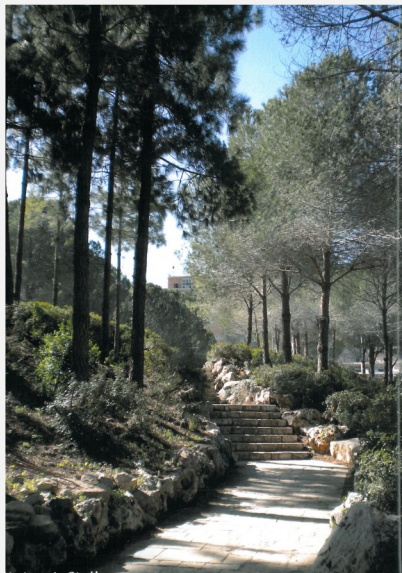


Dear IMPH class of 2009-2010:

To get to know and interact with you inside and outside the classroom during this year was a rewarding experience for me. I feel fortunate.

I wish you success in your professional future. Personal communication: I know that you will succeed - based on the Goodness of Fit.

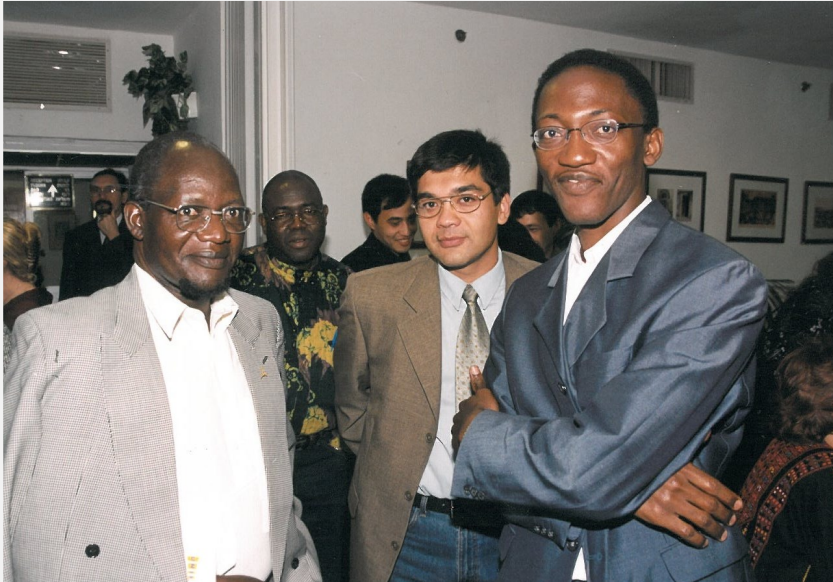
Mario Baras



IMPH Class 2009/2010

Dennis Addo	Malick Kone
Dmitry Gavrichenko	Maria Ibragimova
Gabriella Lawrence	Namita Rokkam
Hagos Aymut	Ole Eldor
Haron Njiru	Rebecca Cowen
Henry Sebuliba	Vivek Yadav
Julia Resnick	Yetunde Afolabi
Kolawole Salami	Cosima Chrubasik





**Conference Held in
Shoresh, Israel.
March 2002.**





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המחזור ה-40 של התכנית הבינלאומית
למוסמך בבריאות הציבור

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9 בספטמבר, 2015
בשעה 15:00



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The Hebrew University-Hadassah
Faculty of Medicine

Invitation

GRADUATION CEREMONY

40th International
Master of Public Health

Wednesday,
September 9, 2015
15:00



We cordially invite you to attend the
Graduation Ceremony of the
International Master of Public Health Program
wherein the degree of

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem
will be conferred.

Keynote Speaker:

Prof. Alex Brown
School of Population Health
University of South Australia
IMPH Graduate 1998-99

**"Bringing the Fringes to the Centre –
Public Health at the Margins of Society"**

Welcome Reception at 14:30
Ceremony 15:00

Botnar Auditorium
Faculty of Medicine, Ein Kerem Campus

A light meal will follow the ceremony

קבלת פנים: 14:30, טקס: 15:00
באולם בוטנר,
הפקולטה לרפואה, קמפוס עין כרם

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Class of 2014-2015

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Vincent Magombo (Malawi)
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Mariama Jeanne Sia Murray (Sierra Leone)
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