



STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

RESEARCH

Joint Israeli-German Research Team

A joint Israeli-German research team has launched the [‘Eastern Mediterranean Sea Centre – An Early-Warning Model-System for our Future Ocean’](#) project, in collaboration with the GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research Kiel. This initiative focuses on climate change and pollution in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, using it as a ‘living lab’ to develop predictive models. Led by Prof. Ilana Berman-Frank and Prof. Yitzhaq Makovsky from the Charney School of Marine Sciences.

Historic Merger with the Haifa School of Design

The merger between the University of Haifa and the Neri Bloomfield School of Design represents a [significant milestone](#), making it the first university in Israel to establish a dedicated design school. This change is set to take effect at the start of the 2024 Spring Semester. The new School of Design, led by Prof. Leah Peretz, a renowned figure in fashion design, will usher in a new era of education and innovation across



Eastern Mediterranean Sea Centre project (Credit: University of Haifa website).

various design disciplines in Israel.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

New Center of the School of Public Health in Collaboration with WHO

A celebratory meeting was held to mark the opening of the [collaboration center](#) of the School of Public Health with the World Health Organization, in the Field of Occupational Health. Distinguished representatives from the WHO headquarters and the organization’s regional office in Europe attended the meeting.

Raising Awareness in Antarctica

Two marine biologists from the University of Haifa, Prof. Tali Mass and Dr. Tal Luzzatto

Knaan, combined their [Antarctic expedition](#) with the ‘Homeward Bound’ program for women leaders to express a powerful act of solidarity. While raising the Israeli flag on the frozen continent, they seized the opportunity to raise awareness about the Israeli hostages and the broader Israel-Hamas conflict among their fellow expedition members from around the world.

Haifa University Joins the UN Network on Sustainability

The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network ([SDSN](#)), operating under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General, aims to mobilize universities worldwide.

Chair of the Public Health Committee for the Study of the Liver

Prof. Shira Zalber-Shegi, Head of the School of Public Health, has been [appointed Chair](#) of the Public Health Committee at the European Association for the Study of the Liver.

LEARNING AND STUDENTS

Specialization Track in Sustainable Development

A [new program](#) seeks to understand and analyze the interconnected relationship between geography and the environment. By integrating sustainable development with environmental studies, it helps decision-makers find a balance

between conservation and development, urban and rural areas, as well as urban planning and open spaces. This approach ultimately fosters economic growth and human development while promoting environmental responsibility.

Sustainability & Architecture

The Department of Architecture at the School of Design held a series of lectures titled: SUSTAINABILITY & ARCHITECTURE, by various international lecturers connecting architecture and design to sustainability and the environment. [This lecture](#) focused on climate-responsive design.

Journey into the Depths of Submarine Systems and Technologies

An [Exhibition has opened](#) simultaneously at the University of Haifa and the ‘Tesla’ Museum in Zagreb, Croatia. The exhibition highlights technological innovations and advanced research in robotics and underwater technologies. It features recording and transmission devices for underwater studies, as well as an interactive screen showcasing captivating content. Visitors can explore cutting-edge marine technology research, including computer learning for decoding whale communication, algorithms for detecting dolphins and sea turtles, signal processing for sonar target detection, and underwater acoustic communication studies.

OPERATIONS

Honoring Mahsa Amini and the Hijab Protests

A [giant image in memory](#) of Mahsa Amini, who was killed by Iranian authorities for not wearing a hijab and became a symbol of the ‘hijab protests’, has been displayed at the Hecht Museum. Measuring six by three meters, it consists of 1,000 small photos of victims of the Iranian regime over the past year. Hooman Khalili, who created the mosaic using AI technology, stated, ‘This moment reminds us of the widespread injustice that Iranians face daily. I want to stand in solidarity with them’.

Filling the Gap

The Younes and Soraya Nazarian Library takes another important step in its support of the open information vision and contributes its [Index to Hebrew Periodicals](#) (IHP) thesaurus to all Alma Users Community. The move enriches the Community Zone and establishes the extensive Israeli librarian activity in Hebrew and Arabic, in the international arena.

Our Champions!

The women’s volleyball team [won the final match](#) in the Friendship League, a national level competition. The Friendship League for volleyball is a social sports league with a vision of empowering women and fostering dialogue for a better and more tolerant society.