

## Letter from the new Chairman of the Israeli Association for Emergency Medicine

*Dear Emergency Physician colleagues from Israel and from around the globe,*

March 2005 I began my term as the new Chairman of the Israeli Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM). In my task I am seconded by a new executive board full of excellent and dedicated colleagues. I am aware of the sheer size of the assignment and responsibility that we have accepted. Over time we have learned that establishing a residency program is simply not enough and in order to claim that we are truly an established specialty in Israel there are many other areas where we still need to make major headways.

The newly elected board has concluded that the priorities for the next four-year development plan are the following items:

- Development of a parallel track for Pediatric Emergency Medicine residency training and national accreditation.
- Creation of an Emergency Medicine dedicated faculty in Israeli universities.
- Update of the bylaws of IAEM.
- Increase in support for academic and research activities in our field.
- Stabilization of the Israeli Journal of Emergency Medicine (IJEM)..
- A start to negotiations with our employers, regarding emergency physicians' professional rights.

- Establishment of active relations with Emergency Associations from other countries.
- Creation of a framework to monitor Israeli emergency medicine residency programs.
- Resume our academic annual assembly as well as our regular regional meetings.
- Write national guidelines for emergency medicine practice.

All the members of the board realize that this is a very ambitious undertaking and we promise to work very hard and give our best effort in order to attain these goals.

I, along with my colleagues will appreciate ongoing input from all to the activities of the board. We need the constant support of our Israeli colleagues and we trust that they understand that the board truly represents the aspirations of the discipline at large and the needs of the rank and file emergency physician in Israel.

As we celebrate the birth of the electronic version of IJEM, we want to wish it long lasting success and we thank the editors for their dedication and tireless work in creating this new tool in the dissemination of developments in emergency medicine in Israel.

To all of us in Israel I wish a productive and successful four year period, and we ask our colleagues, friends and supporters from abroad to join us in our march forward.

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