

30th Annual Meeting of the Israeli Atherosclerosis Society

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

15:00-16:25	Registration, light lunch, and visit the exhibition
16:25-16:30	Welcome <i>Dov Gavish</i>
16:30-18:20	Session 1: Atherosclerosis: Basic Science
Chairpersons	Noam Zelcer & Andrea Szuchman-Sapir
16:30-16:45	Bioactive PUFA-Lactones as Endogenous Metabolic Regulators of Microvascular Dysfunction <i>Andrea Szuchman-Sapir, Tel-Hai University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, Israel</i>
16:45-17:00	Serendipitous Discovery of a Plant-Derived HMG-CoA Modulator Through Functional Genomics of Pathogenic Fungi <i>Ofri Levi, Tel-Hai University of Kiryat Shmona in the Galilee, Israel</i>
17:00-17:15	Glycine Supplementation Improves Liver Steatosis and Cellular Lipids Through Regulation of the Methionine Cycle <i>Inbal Mor, Ariel University, Israel</i>
17:15-17:30	A Methylation Switch for PPARγ-Driven Lipid Accumulation <i>Dan Levy, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel</i>
17:30-18:05	Keynote: Genetic dissection of APOB regulation <i>Noam Zelcer, Department of Medical Biochemistry, Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands</i>
19:00-19:20	Lifetime Achievement Award - Bianca Fuhrman, Introduced by Hilla Knobler
19:20	Private Dinner for Families and Participants

Thursday, October 22, 2026

08:30-08:35	Welcome <i>Ronen Durst</i>
08:35-10:30	Session 2: Emerging Risk Factors
Chairpersons	Judy De Haan & Hilla Knobler
08:35-09:10	Keynote: Golgi Dynamics in Health and Disease <i>Zemin Yao, University of Ottawa, Canada</i>
09:10-09:25	Fib-4 Index Predicts Chronic Kidney Disease <i>Hilla Knobler, Lipid & Metabolism Section, Meuhedet HMO, Israel</i>
09:25-9:40	Imaging and Risk Assessment <i>Ronen Durst, Hadassah Medical Center, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Sanofi</i>

09:40-09:55	CHIP: the Hidden Driver of Atherosclerosis? <i>Batya Green, Hadassah Medical Center, Israel</i>
9:55-10:30	<u>Keynote:</u> Targeting Immunometabolic and Innate Immune Pathways to Prevent Heart Failure and Vascular Complications <i>Judy De Haan, Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, Australia</i>
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:40	Session 3: New Targets for Therapy
Chairpersons	Jeffrey S. Berger & Dov Gavish
11:00-11:15	New Israeli Guidelines <i>Yaakov Henkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel</i>
11:15-11:40	<u>Keynote:</u> Triglycerides: How to Manage Clinically? And What About Pancreatitis? <i>Leon Fogelfeld, OceanView Medical Specialists, USA</i>
11:40-11:55	Optimizing Lipid-Lowering Therapy in Older Adults: The Role of Statin Persistence, Intensity, and Lipid Stability <i>Itamar Getzler, Maccabi Healthcare Services, Israel</i>
11:55-12:10	GLP1 and Cardiovascular Risk: A Journey from Diabetes through Atherosclerosis and Heart Failure <i>Dov Gavish, Shaare Zedek Medical Center, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Novo Nordisk</i>
12:10-12:35	More than a clot: the multifaceted role of platelets across disease” NYU Langone Health <i>Jeffrey S. Berger, Charles Aden Poindexter, Associate Professor of Medicine and Surgery; Director, Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, The Leon H. Charney Division of Cardiology, New York, USA</i>
12:40-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:40	Session 4: Lipoproteins and Beyond
Chairpersons	Ed Fisher & Eran Leitersdorf
13:30-13:45	<u>FOR:</u> Earlier and Lower LDL-C for Everyone: The Case for "Earlier, Lower, Longer" <i>Gideon Paul, Shamir Medical Center, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Medison</i>
13:45-14:00	<u>AGAINST:</u> A More Selective, Risk-Tailored Approach to LDL-C Lowering <i>Avishay Elis, Beilinson Hospital, Rabin Medical Center, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Medison</i>
14:00-14:15	Pediatric HoFH: A Clinical Perspective <i>Ron Shaoul, Ruth Rappaport Children's Hospital, Rambam Health Care Campus, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by TrueMed</i>
14:15-14:40	<u>Keynote:</u> The Resolution of Atherosclerosis: Beyond LDL Lowering <i>Edward A. Fisher, Leon H. Charney Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, Director, Marc and Ruti Bell Vascular Biology Program; Director of Translational Research, The Center for the Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease; Member, Cardiovascular Research Center, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, USA</i>
14:40-15:00	Coffee Break

15:00-16:55	Session 5: New Frontiers in Atherosclerosis: Residual Risk, Culinary Medicine, and Molecular Mechanisms of Overnutrition
Chairpersons	Kevin Williams & Rom Keshet
15:00-15:15	Residual Cardiovascular Risk Markers and Long-Term Outcomes Following Percutaneous Coronary Intervention <i>Yonatan Moshkovits, Rabin Medical Center, Petah Tikva, Israel</i>
15:15-15:30	A Modified-Delphi Study to Define Culinary Medicine and Recommend Patient Competencies <i>Rani Polak, Sheba Medical Center, Israel</i>
15:30-15:55	<u>Keynote:</u> Molecular responses to overnutrition via the NSAPP oxide transport chain: Physiology and pathophysiology. <i>Kevin Jon Williams, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, USA</i>
16:10-18:10	Visit to Tel-Hai College, Kiryat Shmona
19:00-21:00	Dinner
21:00	Special Event: 30th Society Anniversary – Dani Robas Show

Friday, October 23, 2026

08:00-08:05	Welcome <i>Elena Izkhakov</i>
08:05-09:00	Session 6: Posters and Research Grants Session
Chairpersons	Elena Izkhakov & Bianca Fuhrman
08:05-08:10	Effects of Daily Butter Intake on Lipid Parameters and Body Composition in Patients Receiving Lipid-Lowering Therapy (E-Poster) <i>Brurya Tal, Tel Aviv Sourasky University Medical Center (Ichilov), Tel Aviv, Israel</i>
08:10-08:15	EPA-L (5,6-Dihete Lactone) Attenuates Endothelial Dysfunction in a Human Pulmonary Hypertension In-Vitro Model (E-Poster) <i>Ilana Kreyenin, MIGAL Galilee Research Institute, Israel</i>
08:15-08:20	Butter Consumption and Its Effects on HDL Function, Oxidative Stress, and Metabolic Markers in Statin-Treated Patients (E-Poster) <i>Achinoam Lion, MIGAL Galilee Research Institute, Israel</i>
08:20-08:25	Exploring the Potential of Hericium erinaceus in Preventing Oxidative Stress-Induced Atherosclerosis (E-Poster) <i>Shama Marhj, MIGAL Galilee Research Institute, Israel</i>
08:25-08:30	Severe Paraneoplastic Hypertriglyceridemia and Acute Pancreatitis as the Initial Manifestation of Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (E-Poster) <i>Reut Doga, Tel Aviv Sourasky University Medical Center (Ichilov), Tel Aviv, Israel</i>
08:30-08:35	Sex-Dependent Genetic Predisposition of Essential Hypertension: Insights from the PWAS Hub (E-Poster) <i>Guy Kelman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel</i>

08:35-08:40	Determinants of Atherosclerotic Risk in Individuals with Elevated Lipoprotein(a) (Research Grant) <i>Yonatan Moshkovits, Rabin Medical Center, Petah Tikva, Israel</i>
08:40-08:45	Comparison of the effect of novel GLP-1 receptor agonists and dual GLP 1/GIP agonists on circulating endothelial progenitor cells and platelets activation in patients with obesity (Research Grant) <i>Yonatan Moshkovits, Rabin Medical Center, Petah Tikva, Israel</i>
08:45-08:50	Does Serum Ferritin Add Cardiovascular Risk Information Beyond hsCRP? (Research Grant) <i>Tali Epstein Weiss, Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov), Tel Aviv University, Israel</i>
08:50-08:55	The Association Between Gut Microbiome Composition and Spontaneous Coronary Artery Dissection (SCAD) (Research Grant) <i>Shani Amitay, Hadassah Ein Kerem Medical Center, Israel</i>
08:55-09:00	Determining the role of glycine-induced modification of steatotic hepatocyte lipid profile in mitigating MASLD-driven atherosclerosis (Research Grant) <i>Inbal Mor, Ariel University, Israel</i>
09:15-10:30	Session 7: Addressing Special Populations
Chairpersons	Alexandros Tselepis & Avishay Elis
09:15-09:30	Obesity-Related Complications in Childhood and Adolescence <i>Liya Kerem, Pediatric Endocrinology Unit, Head of the Multidisciplinary Clinic for Childhood and Adolescent Obesity, Hadassah Medical Center, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel</i>
09:30-09:45	The First ESC Guidelines on Cardiac Rehabilitation: Expanding Indications and New Modes of Delivery <i>Itzhak Gabizon, Soroka Medical Center, Israel</i> Sponsored by Novartis
09:45-10:00	Addressing HoFH Patients: Options for Therapy and Philosophy <i>Joseph Khair, Clalit Health Services, Haifa and Western Galilee District, Israel</i> Sponsored by Medison
10:00-10:15	Elevated Lipoprotein(a) Levels Are Strongly Associated with Carotid Atherosclerosis Occurrence in Middle-Aged Individuals <i>Rom Keshet, Sheba Medical Center, Israel</i>
10:15-10:45	<u>Keynote: Is Lp(a) an Important Therapeutic Target for the Effective Reduction of the Residual Cardiovascular Risk? Results of Recent Clinical Trials</u> <i>Alexandros Tselepis, MD, PhD., Emeritus Professor of Clinical Biochemistry, Chair of the Atherothrombosis Research Center, University of Ioannina, Greece</i>
10:45-11:10	Coffee Break
11:10-12:45	Session 8: Residual Risk and Future Directions (Closing Session)
Chairpersons	Barak Zafrir & Ronen Durst
11:10-11:25	‘Event-Free’ Is Not ‘Low Risk’ <i>Hagai Tavori, Sanofi, France</i>

11:25-11:37	<u>FOR:</u> Anti-Inflammatory Therapy Should Become Routine in Atherosclerosis Care <i>Judy De Haan, Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute, Australia</i>
11:37-11:50	<u>AGAINST:</u> Anti-Inflammatory Therapy Should Remain Selective and Biomarker-Guided <i>Kevin Jon Williams M.D., Professor of Cardiovascular Sciences, Professor of Medicine, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, USA</i>
11:50-12:05	Adherence in Preventive Cardiology: The Elephant in the Room <i>Chen Gurevitz, Rabin Medical Center, Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Neopharm</i>
12:05-12:20	Israeli Position Statement on the Management of Obesity and Cardiometabolic Risk in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease <i>Elena Izkhakov, Tel Aviv Sourasky University Medical Center (Ichilov), Israel</i> <i>Sponsored by Eli Lilly</i>
12:20-12:30	Best Abstract Award – In Memory of Rafi Bitzur
12:30-12:40	Research Award <i>Ronen Durst</i> <i>Elena Izkhakov</i>
12:40-12:45	Closing Remarks <i>Dov Gavish</i>
13:00	Lunch