

THE ISRAEL HEALTH PHYSICS SOCIETY

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Objectives

The objectives of the Israel Health Physics Society (IHPS) are to promote and improve radiation protection and health physics as a profession, to improve dissemination of information and knowledge between the public and the professionals engaged in Health Physics and related fields, to promote research and development and educational programs in Health Physics and related scientific disciplines and to cooperate with national and international associations which have similar objectives.

History, and Membership and Activities

The Israel Health Physics Society was founded in 1963, following the initiative of the late Prof. Yehuda Feige, a member of the temporary Executive Council of IRPA and one of IRPA's founding members. A delegation representing the Israel Health Physics Society, then 32 members participated in the first General Assembly of IRPA in Rome in September 1966. In the second International Congress of IRPA in Brighton, England, in May 1970, Dr. Feige, the president of the Israel Health Physics Society, was elected to be a member of IRPA's second Executive Council.

The IHPS developed since then and became an established member of Israel's Scientific Associations. Its membership in 1983 is close to 70 and includes Physicists, Engineers, Physicians and Technicians engaged in various fields of professional activities related to the use of radiation and nuclear technologies in medicine, industry, research and education.

Among the major activities of the IHPS in recent years are:

1. Organization of the regional congress on radiation protection in Jerusalem in 1973 (with 300 participants).
2. Organization of the 5th International Congress of IRPA in Jerusalem in 1980 (with 600 participants from about 30 countries).
3. Publication of a newsletter of the IHPS about 3-4 times a year.
4. Participation in the organization of the Annual Meeting of the Israel Nuclear Societies with a special session on Health Physics and Radiation Protection.
5. Financial help to its members in subscription to the Health Physics Journal.
6. Contacts with the IRPA and sending delegations to IRPA's International Congresses and IRPA's General Assemblies.