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International Year of Planet Earth – Earth Science for Society

Israel National Committee - Letter of Confirmation

This letter is so confirm that an IYPE National Committee has been established for the State of Israel. The Committee takes upon itself to implement the goals of the International Year of Planet Earth in the State of Israel. The Committee will initiate and coordinate a wide variety of events and activities aimed at raising awareness to Earth Sciences among the public and among decision makers.

The Israeli National Committee consists of the following members:

- Dr. Begin Zeev Binyamin- Director of the Geological Survey of Israel.
- Prof. Jiwvchar Ganor- President of Israel Geological Society; Geological & Environmental Sciences Depaetment, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.
- Dr. Ariel Heimann- Vice President of Israel Geological Society; Director in the Davidson Institute of Science Education, Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Prof. Nir Orion- Department of science Teaching, Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Dr. Shmuel Marko- Department of Geophysics and Planetary Sciences, Tel Aviv University.
- Prof. Yehoshua Kolodny- The Institute of Earth Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Hanan Ginat- The Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.
- Uri Frieslander- Director of the Geophysical Institute of Israel.
- Prof. Yigal Erel- Head of the Institute of Earth Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Prof. Barak Herut , Director General of Israel Oceanographic & Limnological Research Institute.

- Dr. Ari Matmon, the Institute of Earth Sciences, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
- Prof. Moshe Inbar, Department of Geography, University of Haifa.
- Prof. Shimon Fiensten, Head of the Geological & Environmental Sciences Department, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.
- Dr. Zohar Gvirtzman, The Geological Survey of Israel.
- Prof. Emanuel Mazor, Environmental Sciences and Energy Research, Weizmann Institute of Science.
- Shachar Bookman, IYPE Coordinator of activities in Israel.

The Committee looks forward towards fruitful cooperation with the The Corporation of the Year of Planet Earth.

Sincerely,

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