

Prof. Yoseph Mekori – Short Profile

Professor Yoseph Mekori is the newly elected Chair of the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Israeli Council for Higher Education. In this role, he leads the policy-making and development of the Israeli higher education system, including the advancement of national initiatives such as flagship projects on sustainability and on advanced bio-medical research, and projects aimed at increasing the inclusion of sub-represented populations in higher education, the promotion of academia-industry relations, and the internationalization of the Israeli higher education system, to name a few.

Professor Yoseph Mekori is an alumnus of the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, where he earned his M.D. degree magna cum laude in 1975. After completing residency in internal medicine with honors in 1981 at the TAU-affiliated Meir Medical Center, he moved to the USA where he completed clinical and research fellowships in allergy and immunology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and at the Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Professor Mekori's main research interests include pathogenesis of the allergic inflammation, inflammatory markers in atherosclerotic cardio-vascular diseases, and mast cell physiology/mast cell T-cell interaction, with special focus on mast cell function in non-allergic inflammatory processes. In 1986, he established and headed the Division of Allergy and Clinical immunology at Meir Hospital, and in 1990 was appointed Chairman of Medicine in that hospital. Until recently served as Head of the mast cell disorders center at Meir, a center of excellence recognized by the World Allergy Organization.

A fellow of the American Academy of Asthma Allergy and Immunology, Prof. Mekori maintains membership in numerous professional organizations, including the European Academy of Allergy and Immunology and the Collegium Internationale Allergologicum. He also served as the President of the Israeli Society of Allergy and Immunology. In 2006 Prof. Mekori was appointed Dean of the Sackler Faculty of Medicine, a position he held until 2014. Also served as a Visiting Scientist in the Laboratory of Allergic Diseases, NIH, and as Visiting Professor at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, and at Stanford University Medical School. From 2015 and up to his nomination as Chairperson of the Planning and Budgeting Committee he served as the President of Tel Hai Academic College.