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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, founded in 1918 and opened officially in 1925, is Israel's premier university, as well as its leading research institution. The Hebrew University is ranked among the 100 leading universities in the world and first among Israeli universities. The University stresses offers a wide array of study opportunities in the humanities, social sciences, exact sciences and medicine. The Hebrew University has set its goals in training the public, providing scientific, educational, and professional leadership; the preservation of and research into Jewish, cultural, spiritual, and intellectual traditions; and the expansion of the boundaries of knowledge for the benefit of all humanity.



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2022 Goals

- To enhance collaborations with other EIM National Centers in Europe
 - To continue offering EIM courses to physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, and nutritionists
 - To offer training courses for our medical students at Hebrew University and thereafter extend it to other Medical Schools throughout Israel
 - To develop and offer EIM courses to occupational therapists
 - To translate the Exercise Rx (prescription) series on medical conditions to Hebrew and widely disseminate them
 - To find a volunteer to serve as the “EIM Manager” to oversee daily EIM National Center activities
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Accomplishments to Date

- Officially established the EIM Israel National Center in 2015
 - Welcomed leaders from the Ministry of Health and the National Council for Public Health on the EIM Advisory Board (2018)
 - Hosted annual EIM conferences on “Exercise is Medicine for the Brain” (2016), “EIM in Pediatric Populations” (2018), and Exercise is Medicine for Women” (2019)
 - Published a position statement of physical activity for children and youth in partnership with several medical associations (2019)
 - Translated the EIM recommendations for physical activity during coronavirus pandemic (for children and adults) into Hebrew (2020)
 - Translating additional EIM Rx for Health series into Hebrew for broader dissemination (2021-22)
 - Joined the Jerusalem municipality to run a physical activity program for the elderly. The program is conducted by first year medical students
 - Promoting physical activity within Clalit Health Services (the largest HMO in Israel) to patients and staff
 - Conducted physical activity programs for cancer patients through a project called “Steps for Quality of Life” in most Israeli hospitals
 - Over 600 public health nurses working in ‘mother and child’ clinics began providing physical activity counseling to their clients
 - Conducted physical activity training courses that have reached over 300 health professionals, such as medical students, physicians, nurses, sports dietitians, and physiotherapists – many of them in partnership with the Ministry of Health
 - Began offering a special 400-hour EIM training for nurses who will become physical activity advisors for their local communities (2021-2022)
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