



Dear all ,

This is a reminder and updated information for conference participants. Please read it carefully, especially **note all the new updates.**

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the IDSI 2022 conference, to be held in Ein Gedi, Dead Sea, Israel, January 3 – 6, 2022.

### **The first day of the conference/ Location of the halls / check-in**

- 10:00-11:00 - **Registration and welcome** will be held in the Avni Hall (in Kibbutz Ein Gedi) on Monday, January 3
- 11:00 - **Conference sessions** will be held in the Avni Hall (in Kibbutz Ein Gedi).
- 16:00:-16:30 - **Check In** to the accommodation will be conducted in the **Avni Hall** on Monday, January 3 between **16:00 – 16:30** during the coffee break (for all participants who booked a room starting January 3)

Note that on other days, parallel sessions will be held in the Avni Hall and the Amichai Hall (near the hotel lobby).

1 | [Click here](#) for a hotel map

2 | [Click here](#) for a map of the hall's location

### **Tours – Pre-register by 20-12-2021 (so we can confirm with the tour company)**

Tours will be scheduled based only on pre-registration through the conference [website](#).

The tours are also open to spouses and children.

Payments will be required closer to the conference date.

There may be changes depending on the number of registrants for each trip, a notification to registrants will be sent closer to the conference.

Q&A about the trips can be found on the conference [website](#).

For accompanying persons interested in tours at other times, we will be happy to assist.

Please contact the [Conference Secretariat](#)

### **Conference Venue and Accommodation**

**Ein-Gedi Hotel**

Dead Sea, Israel.

Tel: +972-8-3810161

Web Site: <https://ngedi.co.il/>

Official check-in / check-out times at hotels:

1 | Check-in: Sunday-Friday 15:00 | Saturday: 18:00

2 | Check-out: Sunday-Friday 11:00 | Saturday: 14:00

### **If you plan to come to the conference with your family, please note:**

- Accommodation fees do not include extras like lunch (breakfast and dinner only).
- Lunch will be given only to the conference participants.
- In order to get lunch for spouses and children (for an extra fee), please contact the Ein Gedi Hotel.
- The Poster receptions and the Gala dinner are open to spouses and children **for free by pre-registration** (until 26.12.2021).

We also want to bring to your knowledge that Ein Gedi Hotel does not have a private beach at the dead sea, due to sinkholes.

The closest beach is about 25 minutes drive.

### **Conference Transportation - Early registration required (for pre-registered participants only)**

Free transportation will be provided for participants who are pre-registered (If you would like your escorts to join the shuttle as well, please register them ASAP)

[Registration for the shuttle ends on 26.12.21.](#)

It will not be possible to join the shuttle without pre-registration.

For your convenience there are 2 options for transportation:

1 | Shuttle from Haifa to Ein Gedi: The bus will leave the Hof Ha'Carmel train station on Monday, January 3 – at 05:30 AM.

2 | Shuttle from Tel Aviv to Ein Gedi: The bus will leave Tel Aviv University Train Station on Monday, January 3 – at 06:00 AM.

The exact location will be given to registrants close to the conference date.

### **Ein-Gedi Spa**

The hotel Spa is not located on the shores of the Dead Sea, but in the hotel itself and is available for use for an additional payment.

It offers a sauna, hammam, heated Dead Sea pool with healing properties found nowhere else., freshwater pool, treatment rooms.

Make sure to bring your swimsuit to enjoy this extraordinary experience

### **Keynote Speakers**

Please note, all lectures by Keynote Speakers will be held in the Avni Auditorium.

The lecture by the Prof. Yoav Freund will be presented in person as he is coming to Israel especially for the conference.

Keynote Speakers Prof. Trey Ideker, Prof. Bin Yu and Prof. Ming Yuan will present recorded lectures. At the end of each lecture, there will be a live Q&A session with them.

### **Covid19 - Green Pass**

The event will be held under the restrictions of the Green Pass.

To enter the conference you will be required to present your "vaccination certificate" / "certificate of recovery".

At the conference please obey the safety instructions, wear a mask and keep a distance of 2

meters from each other.

Instructions for entering Israel following COVID 19 can be found on the following [website](#).

### **Information for Speakers and Poster Presenters:**

#### **1 | Speakers**

The preferred lecture language is English. [Please notify us if you will be presenting in Hebrew.](#)

Please make sure that you know the schedule of your talk – day, time and location.

It is important that the timetable be strictly adhered to. Do not depart from the announced times.

Please note that your scheduled time already includes 5 minutes for Q&A.

A PC computer and data projection will be available for oral presentations. The PC will run Windows 10 (English only).

If using a PowerPoint presentation, please bring it on a USB flash drive (disk-on-key).

To avoid delays, you are kindly requested to upload presentations before the session or contact assisting staff in advance.

If possible, please send the presentations to [meitalg@technion.ac.il](mailto:meitalg@technion.ac.il) a week before the conference.

In case of special requests, please let us know in advance.

Speakers are requested to coordinate their projection with the A/V technician in the session hall and check it at least 30 minutes prior to their session.

#### **2 | Poster presenters**

Two separate Poster Sessions will begin on the evenings of January 3 and January 4.

They will be displayed in the Avni Hall. Posters can remain on display until lunch time the following day.

Please check for the day your poster is [scheduled](#).

Poster dimensions should be:

Width: 70 cm / 27.5"

Height: 100 cm/ 39.3"

**Please make sure that your posters are within the given dimensions.**

Technical equipment will be available for the hanging of posters.

It is your responsibility to pick up your poster at the end of the Poster session.

**Poster Session I** – 20:45 – 22:00, Monday evening, January 3. (Following Keynote Speaker Prof. Yoav Freund)

**Poster Session II** – 20:45 – 22:00, Tuesday evening, January 4. (Following Keynote Speaker Prof. Bin Yu)

#### **Social Events**

- **Refreshments** – during poster session openings on Monday and Tuesday evenings – **free for spouse and children**
- **Group Photo** – 10:20-11:20, Tuesday, January 4 will be held near the Avni Hall, during coffee break.
- **Tours** – Tuesday afternoon.
- **Gala Dinner** – 20:00, Wednesday Evening, January 5. Location will be determined closer to the conference date depending on the weather - **free for spouse and children**

#### **Airport Arrival Transportation**

**From Ben-Gurion Airport to Ein Gedi and back**

Ben Gurion International Airport is located about 129km/81 miles from Ein Gedi (by car).

To get from the airport to Ein Gedi by public transport, you can take a train to Be'er Sheva-Central Station and then Egged bus number 384 to Ein Gedi.

For more options:

[Car rental companies at the airport](#)

[Taxi Services](#)

[Kavim Buses website](#)

[Egged Buses website](#)

### **Foreign participants**

During check in when you present your **passport and the B2 entrance card** which you receive at the airport (which indicates your exemption for paying VAT), the rate of the accommodation will be reduced accordingly.

### **Internet**

Wireless internet is available free of charge in all hotel rooms & halls.

### **Climate & Clothing**

The weather in Ein-Gedi in January is mostly sunny, warm during the day and cool at night. Temperatures range from 22°C - 11°C (72°F -51.8°F).

It seldom rains. Make sure to bring with you your swimsuit, head cover, sunglasses, sun block, comfortable shoes, etc.

### **Electricity and Phone**

The electrical voltage in Israel is 220 volts 50 Hz.

### **Distances**

- \* Ben-Gurion International Airport – Ein-Gedi: 129km/81 miles
- \* Ben-Gurion International Airport – Tel-Aviv: 17km/11 miles
- \* Ben-Gurion International Airport – Jerusalem: 47km/29 miles
- \* Tel Aviv – Ein-Gedi: 143km/89 miles
- \* Jerusalem – Ein-Gedi: 83km/52miles

### **Production**

E-mail: [meitalg@technion.ac.il](mailto:meitalg@technion.ac.il), 04.829-5153

Emergency telephone (January 3-6): 052-322-0857 (Meital) or 054-811-9189 (Anat)

### **Insurance**

Participants are advised to purchase comprehensive travel insurance coverage. The conference organizers (Technion) shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property that belongs to conference participants nor for personal injuries sustained during or as a result of the Conference, or during tours.

We look forward to seeing you in January

The Organizing Committee  
Paul, Shani, Meital and Anat