



# ILAIS

## Israel Association for Information Systems

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Dear ILAIS Members,

It is now a little over a year since ILAIS was founded and it is time to report on the state of the organization, what has been accomplished, and what are our plans for the future.

But first I would like to remind you who our officers are and to note that you can address any of them with questions or suggestions. They are, in alphabetical order:

Nitza Geri: Vice-chair for Communications  
Nava Pliskin: Vice-chair for External Relations  
Daphne Raban: Vice-chair for Events  
Sheizaf Rafaeli: Vice-chair for Doctoral Students  
Peretz Shoval: Vice-chair for Education  
Dov Te'eni: Secretary and Treasurer

As for what has been accomplished to date:

1. We have enrolled 33 members – quite a respectable number given the size of the IS community in Israel. However, I believe the potential membership is at least twice as large and I urge all of you to encourage your friends and colleagues to join also. The larger the membership, the more services we will be able to provide. You may direct interested colleagues to our "[Join Us](#)" page.
2. We held elections that resulted in the slate of excellent officers listed above.
3. Two committees have been formed – the Conference Committee consisting of Daphne Raban and Sheizaf Rafaeli and the Elections Committee comprising Ruti Gafni, Arik Ragowski and myself.
4. We held a general meeting of members to discuss how to move forward. A second meeting was organized at ICIS 2005 which was well attended, by over 20 colleagues from both Israel and the US. Many thanks to Nava Pliskin for organizing the successful ICIS meeting.
5. Thanks to the efforts of Nitza Geri and Gilad Ravid and the generosity of the Open University we now have a web site (<http://ilais.openu.ac.il>) and are in the process of adding content to make it a useful source for members and anyone else interested in the chapter.

More importantly, our plans for the future include:

1. Our next major upcoming event will be a conference to be held at Haifa University on October 15 and 16. The first day will be devoted to the doctoral consortium and the second to various topics such as the state of IS research in Israel, research funding, and publishing in research journals. The formats will be varied to include keynote speeches, panel discussions, and presentations. We look

- forward to a rewarding first conference thanks to the sterling efforts of Daphne Raban and Sheizaf Rafaeli. This will also be an opportunity to hold our annual meeting. You will be kept informed as plans are finalized.
2. The meeting at ICIS in Las Vegas was a great success and we hope to repeat it in Milwaukee. It is a great opportunity to meet our Israeli colleagues from other countries.
  3. To provide much information and many links on our web site in order to make it a useful tool for members.
  4. To increase the number of members – a most important goal for the continuing growth of our Chapter.

I will be very glad to receive any comments, ideas, or suggestions from members.

Cordially

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Chair, ILAIS