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Title:

Chief, Neurotology Branch, NIDCD
Adjunct Clinical Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (OTO-HNS), University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Baltimore

Education/Training:

B.Sc. Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (1998)
Ph.D. Department of Human Molecular Genetics and Biochemistry, School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (2005)
M.D. School of Medicine, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel (2006)
Residency in OTO-HNS, Department of OTO-HNS, UMSOM, Baltimore, MD, USA (2006-2011)
Fellowship in Otology and Neurotology, Department of OTO-HNS, UMSOM, Baltimore, MD, USA (2011-2012)

Prior service to ARO:

2010-2013	ARO Travel Award Committee – member
2013-2017	ARO Travel Award Committee – chair
2015-2018	ARO Program Committee – member
2017,2019, 2023	ARO Nominating Committee – member
2018-2020	ARO External Relations Committee – member
2017-2023	ARO gEAR workshops organizer – lead organizer

Research Interests:

Inner ear development, Genetics of hearing loss, Transcriptional regulation, Age Related Hearing Loss, Sex differences in hearing, Otoprotection, Multi-omic data visualization sharing and analysis, Clinical data sharing

Clinical Interests:

Middle and inner ear disease, Hearing restoration

Clinical Society Service:

American Neurotology Society – Research Committee Chair (2017-2024), Education Committee Member;
American Otological Society – Research committee member (2021-present)

Personal Interests:

My family and friends, Rummikub (board game), Running, Cycling, Travel, languages and cultures

Statement of Goals:

My association with ARO began in 1999. Over the years, I've actively participated in ARO meetings and contributed significantly to the organization. ARO has consistently been the highlight of my year, shaping my career from graduate school to my current role as a group leader and branch chief. As a member I benefitted from exposure to cutting edge science, mentorship, leadership opportunities, collaboration, and a sense of belonging. If elected as ARO President, I aim to preserve and strengthen our unique community. I'll tirelessly work to maintain ARO's nurturing environment, ensuring growth and leadership opportunities for all members. I'll also focus on sustaining the excellence and friendliness of our MidWinter meeting and support continuous clinician-scientists' integration into our vibrant community. Finally, I will work to protect the time dedicated for the poster session and networking, as this is how we meet, greet and grow together.