High Performance and Science Policy in a Small Country: The Case of Israel

Thursday, February 2nd, 2017
12:00pm to 1:00pm
Lunch to Follow

Academic Innovation Studio
Dwinelle 117
UC Berkeley

Please join us for this stimulating presentation (with complimentary lunch to follow), by Dr. Meir Zadok, who holds a doctorate in Economics and Policy studies from Lancaster University in the UK, with a particular early interest in the financing of higher education.

Israel is widely known as a country of science and technology and is among the world leaders in both the quality and volume of its activities in research and development. There are various modes of operation that have evolved to maintain its high performance. This seminar will highlight and explore Israel's success in these areas.

Dr. Meir Zadok has been Executive Director of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities since 1987. In that capacity, he has been instrumental in promoting science and technology in Israel and, in particular, connecting that distinguished body of scholars and scientists with similar communities worldwide, such as the European Science Foundation. Before assuming his current post, he served as a management and financial adviser to the Israel Ministry of Education. He was also head of the Department for Planning and Research and head of the Department of Budgeting and Finance at the Israel Council for Higher Education. Visiting appointments abroad include Berkeley and Harvard.

Dr. Zadok has been awarded a special fellowship at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study at Uppsala which he will assume in the spring of this year. In 2011 he became a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He holds a B.A. from the Hebrew University and a Ph.D from Lancaster University in the U.K.