



The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation  
The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research



The French Associates Institute for  
Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands

## The 25<sup>th</sup> Michael Evenari Symposium

# Annual plants – from individuals to populations and communities in arid to mesic environments: What have we learned in the last four decades?

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

George Evens Family Auditorium

The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, Sede Boqer Campus

### PROGRAM

#### Greetings

**10:00 Pedro Berliner**, Director, Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research

**10:05 Sammy Boussiba**, Head, The French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands

**10:10 Yitzchak Gutterman**, The French Associates Institute for Agriculture and Biotechnology of Drylands

#### Lectures

**10:20 Claus Holzapfel**, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, USA

*Novel plant communities in arid lands: the role of climate change and annual plant invasion*

**11:05 Jaime Kigel**, Hebrew University, Rehovot

*Incidence-abundance relationships in annual plants across a rainfall gradient*

**11:35 Yitzchak Gutterman**, Ben-Gurion University, Sede Boqer

*Survival strategies of annual desert plants*

**12:05 Lunch**

**13:30 Dan Cohen**, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

*Annual plants in changing extreme environments*

**14:00 Carly Golodets**, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv

*Annual plant diversity and ecosystem function in grazed Mediterranean grassland*

**14:30 Shimon Rachmilevitch**, Ben-Gurion University, Sede Boqer

*Photochemical adaptations to high light intensity in annual desert species*

**15:00 Coffee break**

**15:15 Bertrand Boeken**, Ben-Gurion University, Sede Boqer

*Germination traits, population responses to rainfall and community dynamics of semi-arid annual plants*

**15:45 Itamar Giladi**, Ben-Gurion University, Sede Boqer

*Spatial patterns in seed rain, seed dispersal and seed predation of annuals in semiarid landscapes*

**16:15 Concluding remarks**

Transportation will be provided from Beer Sheva (University train station) to Sede Boqer (8:50) and back (16:50).

For further information and confirmation of your participation, please contact Ruthi Kopel, phone 08-6596-759, email [ruthal@bgu.ac.il](mailto:ruthal@bgu.ac.il)



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