

PROF. MICHAEL BAR-ELI

RESUMÉ

Michael Bar-Eli is an Emeritus Professor from the Guilford Glazer Faculty of Business and Management (GGFBM) at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, Israel. He held the Nat Holman Chair in Sports Research, and served as Chair of the Business Administration Department, Acting Deputy to the Dean of the GGFBM, representative of the GGFBM in the Supreme Appointments (Tenure and Promotion) Committee of the university (four terms), representative of the GGFBM in the University's Senate, Head of the Behavioral Sciences section of the Department of Business Administration, Chairperson of the Teaching Committee in the School of Business and Management, Head of the Management Studies programs and the Sport Management area of the Eilat Campus of the University, and representative of the Senate in the Subcommittee for Appointments of the Faculty of Health Sciences.

At the Academic College at Wingate, Netanya, Israel, Prof. Bar-Eli is presently the Chairperson of both the Supreme Academic Council and the Supreme Appointments (Promotion) Committee, as well as the head of the Sport Management Program. He served for approximately 20 years as Senior Researcher and Director of the Behavioral Sciences Department at the Ribstein Center for Research and Sport Medicine Sciences, Wingate Institute.

Prof. Bar-Eli earned his B.A. in Behavioral Sciences (Psychology and Sociology, with Distinction) from the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva, his M.A. in Psychology (social and organizational, with Distinction) from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and his Doctorate in Sport Psychology and Sociology (Magna Cum Laude) from the German Sport University, Cologne, Germany. He is a certified psychologist, licensed by the Israel Ministry of Health.

Prof. Bar-Eli's publications in English include about 220 refereed journal articles, book chapters, edited volumes, and articles in congress proceedings, on the topics of sport/exercise psychology and sport management, as well as concerning the more general behavioral foundations of human performance and management. He is also co-author of two innovative books: *Judgment, Decision-Making and Success in Sport* (Bar-Eli, Plessner, & Raab, 2011), published by Wiley, and *Complexity and Control in Team Sports: Dialectics in Contesting Human Systems* (Lebed & Bar-Eli, 2013), published by Routledge. More recently, he authored a book entitled: *BOOST! How the Psychology of Sports can Enhance your Performance in Management and Work*, published by Oxford University Press (Bar-Eli, 2018) and translated into four languages (German, Korean, Russian, and Hebrew).

Prof. Bar-Eli has about 90 publications in Hebrew, including refereed journal articles, book chapters, and edited volumes; he has also co-authored several books, including two textbooks: *Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity* (Vols. 1 and 2) and *Statistics for Physical Education and Sport*, both unique in their respective areas in the Hebrew language.

Prof. Bar-Eli has presented numerous works at scientific conferences in Israel and abroad, including several keynote speeches. He has also provided editorial services to a number of top international and national journals in his various domains of expertise.

Prof. Bar-Eli's study on penalty kicks in soccer was chosen by *The New York Times Magazine* as one of the significant highlights/most innovative research breakthroughs of the year 2008. It has been cited worldwide; for example, it is the only scientific study mentioned by Sir Alex Ferguson's 2015 book *Leading* (with Sequoia Capital Chair, Sir Michael Moritz).

In 2009 Bar-Eli was chosen to be the sixth G. Lawrence Rarick Memorial Lecturer at the 17<sup>th</sup> International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity (ISAPA), held in Gävle, Sweden. In 2011 he was selected by the "Radio South" station as one of the influential persons in Southern Israel. In 2012 he became the first non-German scientist to be awarded a DFG Mercator Guest Professorship at a German university (Tübingen) by the German Research Foundation (DFG – Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft), on the basis of his achievements in sports sciences. In 2014 he was appointed by the German government as a Distinguished Invited Professor at the University of Heidelberg.

Prof. Bar-Eli has been intensively engaged in applied work throughout his professional career. Before joining the staff of the Wingate Institute in 1987, he served in senior positions in the psychological organs of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF; e.g., chief psychologist of the Artillery Corps), working on selection and placement of manpower, as well as on organizational development and consultation. Prof. Bar-Eli was also involved in the pilot instruction program of the Israel Air Force and, more recently, in the "Talpiot" Program of the IDF (an excellence-based training course for outstanding young recruits); he was also briefly involved with NASA. Bar-Eli served as academic consultant to "ORT – Israel Sci-Tech Schools Network", and is currently working with the "Maimonides" Fund (for the promotion of gifted future scientists), where he mentors and supervises the psychological services provided to the Israeli participants in the different "Scientific Youth Olympics" (in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, and Computer Sciences; who earned a total of 6 gold, 15 silver, and 14 bronze medals in 2018 and 2019).

Prof. Bar-Eli has served as psychological consultant to top athletes, primarily in team sports (e.g., male and female elite basketball and football/soccer teams, as well as the Israeli national basketball and water polo teams). For example, he was the head of performance psychology education and development of the Israel Football (Soccer) Association. He was also the head psychologist of the Israel Basketball Association, including mentoring and supervising the psychological services provided (A) in July-August, 2019 to the national "under 20" team while winning the European Championship "back to back", and to the national "under 18" team while winning the European B-Championship, thereby ascending to the A-division operated by FIBA (the International Basketball Federation); and (B) in August, 2021 to the national "under 18" team while winning the European Challenger Cup. He has given lectures and conducted numerous workshops, mainly in the area of applied sport and exercise psychology, as well as in the field of organizational development and personnel management. Prof. Bar-Eli is a research fellow of PAI – the Israeli Community for

Change and Development (formerly the Israeli Association for Organization Development).

From 1989 to 1997 Prof. Bar-Eli served as President of the Israel Society for Sport Psychology and Sociology. Between 1991 and 2001 he represented Israel in the European Federation of Sport Psychology (FEPSAC). In 1994, he was included in a list of ten prominent European sport psychologists, published by FEPSAC for its 25th anniversary. Between 1995 and 1999 he served as a member of the Managing Council of FEPSAC and Chairperson of its Scientific Affairs Group. In 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2007 he was elected to serve as senior vice president of the Asian-South Pacific Association of Sport Psychology (ASPASP), of which he was a Founding Member in 1989; in 1997 he was appointed as a member of its Scientific Committee, and in 2000 as Chairperson of its Programs and Organizations Committee. In 2011 he retired from his activities in ASPASP. In 2018, on the occasion of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he was awarded the ASPASP Fellowship in recognition of his contributions to its establishment and development.

Prof. Bar-Eli has taught in a number of universities and colleges in Israel and abroad. In 1995 he served as Guest Professor at the Norwegian Sport University, Oslo. In 2003/4 he became the first non-German scientist to serve as Guest Professor at the German Sport University, Cologne. In 2009 he served as Guest Professor at the University of Paris, France. In 2012/13 he served as Mercator Guest Professor at the Eberhard-Karls-University, Tuebingen, Germany (the only Mercator-Professorship ever awarded by the DFG on the basis of achievements in sports sciences). In 2013 he served as Guest Professor at the Technical University in Muenchen, Germany and at the Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen, Germany. From 2014-2017 he served as a Distinguished Invited Professor at the Ruprecht-Karls University, Heidelberg (an International Guest Professorship, awarded within the Excellence Initiative of the German government).

Prof. Bar-Eli is fluent in Hebrew, English, and German, and speaks basic French. He lives in the city of Beer-Sheva, Israel, and can be contacted at [mbareli@bgu.ac.il](mailto:mbareli@bgu.ac.il).

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