A Message from our Chair

I am happy to report that Cyber Week, which took place at TAU in June, was a huge success with more than 8,000 people from all over the world in attendance. Attached below are many videos of the various events for you to peruse.

Also, we at CFTAU are very pleased that the Israel Security Agency, also known as Shin Bet, announced a partnership with Tel Aviv University’s TAU Ventures to establish an early stage accelerator program called The Xcelerator. It promises to be a very exciting, important and intriguing program. You can learn more about this below.

Please watch for news about our upcoming events in the fall including our 3rd annual Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah evening on September 27th, hosted by David and Leanne Matlow. Paul Henderson, former Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, will be in attendance. We will also have a joint event with the Lone Soldier Center at the end of November.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy the summer and are keeping cool on the hot and humid days.

Nathan Disenhouse
Chair, Ontario & Western Canada

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TAU News
Israel Security Agency, Tel Aviv University Venture Arm Announce First Accelerator Cohort

In May, the Israel Security Agency, also known as Shin Bet, announced a partnership with Tel Aviv University's TAU Ventures to establish an early stage accelerator program called The Xcelerator. The first cohort of the program, which will last four months and focus on the domains of artificial intelligence, natural language processing technologies, data science, and robotics, was announced Monday July 2nd.

Cyber Week 2018 Update

Cyber Week is an annual cybersecurity conference held at Tel Aviv University. This year Cyber Week ran from June 17th to June 21st.

Over the past eight years, Cyber Week has become internationally acclaimed as one of the top cybersecurity events in the world.

This year Cyber Week offered a unique gathering of cybersecurity experts, industry leaders, startups, investors, academics, diplomats, and government officials. With more than 8,000 attendees from more than 60 countries, this conference offered a thought-provoking exchange of knowledge, methods, and ideas.
Click on the link below to watch live videos of presentations at the conference.

WATCH

The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History opens for trial-runs on July 2nd

Construction is complete on the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Israel National Center for Biodiversity Studies, a key project that houses and preserves TAU's natural history collection of over five million specimens. The 8,000 square meter building includes laboratories and an auditorium and will be used by hundreds of researchers from Israel and abroad.

The museum forms the centerpiece of the largest and most comprehensive center in Israel for biodiversity research, education and conservation. Operating under the auspices of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, it will serve as an important resource for thousands of Israeli and international visitors and researchers each year.
The Steinhardt Museum will incorporate four existing units at Tel Aviv University: the Zoological Museum, the Biological Anthropology Museum, the National Herbarium and the public education program.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Steak and Scotch in the Sukkah - September 27, 2018**

Join us for our 3rd annual evening in the sukkah hosted by David and Leanne Matlow. We are excited because Paul Henderson, former Toronto Maple Leaf left winger, will be in attendance. It promises to be a fun and enjoyable experience. Space is limited to 50 people so please watch for details and register early!

**CFTAU Montreal Gala - August 26, 2018**
It gives us great pleasure to announce that Tel Aviv University President, Professor Joseph Klafter, will bestow the degree of Doctor Philosophiae Honoris Causa, on this year’s Honourary Gala Co-Chair, Professor Irwin Cotler. The ceremony will take place in Montreal, on 26 August, 2018, during CFTAU’s 45th Anniversary Gala, honouring Maxwell Smart for his extraordinary life accomplishments. Funds raised at the Gala will support the Kantor Center’s and the University’s ongoing mission to fight the scourges of Antisemitism, Racism, and Genocide.
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