

GIHF-AI CONFERENCE 2022

Speakers & Moderators

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Nitzan Horowitz

Minister of Health, Israel Ministry of Health

Nitzan Horowitz is the Minister of Health (since June 2021), and member of the Security Cabinet of the Israeli government. Minister Horowitz was Chairperson of the Meretz party from 2019 until 2022. He served five terms as a Knesset member (2009-2015, 2019-2021) on the Meretz list. In 2014, he was granted with the Outstanding Parliamentarian Award by the Israeli Institute for Democracy. In 2013, he ran for mayor of Tel Aviv-Jaffa. He is the first openly gay party leader in Israel. Before joining politics, he had a long career in journalism. He is active on environmental issues, and received the "Pratt Prize" for Environmental Journalism.

Horowitz founded the "Israel Hofsheet" (Be Free Israel) NGO to promote pluralism and prevent religious coercion. Born in Rishon-Le Zion, Israel, he graduated the law faculty in Tel-Aviv University, and is member of the Israeli BAR since 1992.



Dr. Asher Salmon

Head, Department of International Relations, Israel Ministry of Health

Asher Salmon is the Head of the Department of International Relations in the Israel Ministry of Health. He has a MA in health administrations from the Ben-Gurion University and a Ph.D. in studies in molecular biology in the Department of Biological Chemistry from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Furthermore he studied multiple subjects in the field of medical sciences and biology. In his previous positions he gained a lot of experience in the medical field, holding the positions of for example Deputy Director of the Hadassah University Hospital Ein-Kerem or Head of the Medical Audit Department in the Israel Ministry of Health.



Esti Shelly

Director Digital Health, Israel Ministry of Health

Esti Shelly is Director of the Digital Health Division of the Israeli Ministry of Health and leads the digital health initiative in the Israeli health care system. In her previous position, she served as Deputy Director of the Medical Technology, Health Information and Research Directorate of the Israeli Ministry of Health. She led projects such as the national programme to increase accessibility and availability of magnetic resonance exams, and was involved in policy-making in various fields, focusing on medical exposure to ionizing radiation and collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency in the field of medical technologies. Ms Shelly holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard Kennedy School, and a Master's in Technology Management and Bachelor's in Medical Sciences from the Hebrew University.

German Federal Ministry of Health



Dr. Susanne Ozegowski

Director General for Digitalization and Innovation, German Federal Ministry of Health

Dr. Susanne Ozegowski is the Director General for Digitalization and Innovation at the German Federal Ministry of Health. Prior to this position she served as Head of Corporate Development and Digitalization at Techniker Krankenkasse, Germany's largest health insurance fund. In previous positions Susanne worked as Managing Director of the German Managed Care Association (BMC) and as a consultant for the Boston Consulting Group (BCG). Susanne holds a Master of Public Health from the Charité and a PhD in Public Health from the Technical University Berlin.



Thomas Renner

Head of the Directorate "Innovation and Digitalization", German Federal Ministry of Health

Since June 2019 Thomas Renner is Head of the Directorate "Innovation and Digitalization" in the German Federal Ministry of Health. Before he was Head of the Division "General Aspects of Health Policy, Financing and Statistics" for several years. Prior to his work at the Federal Ministry of Health Renner worked for the International Labour Organization in Geneva. From 2000-02, Renner worked in the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Renner holds a degree in economics and studied at the University of Regensburg and the University of Bonn.

Additional Speakers and Heads of Tables (Breakout Sessions)



Dr. Iris Adler

Co-Ceo, Comns

Dr. Iris Adler is Lead of the Health Tech Sector at Start-up Nation Central, a non-profit organization that is leading partner in empowering and connecting the Israeli ecosystem to global challenges and business opportunities. She is a medical doctor who graduated from Tel Aviv University, previously an emergency medicine resident, a medical advisor, a public speaker and a leader in several humanitarian aid missions in Africa and Europe.



Prof. Dr. Ran Balicer

CIO, Clalit Public Health Services

Prof. Ran Balicer is a physician, scientist and executive, Chief Innovation Officer for Clalit - Israel's largest healthcare organization. He is also Founding Director of the Clalit Research Institute, the WHO Collaborating Center on Non-Communicable Diseases Research, Prevention and Control, where he is responsible for strategic planning, development and implementation at scale of novel AI and data-driven interventions. Prof. Balicer is Full Professor and Track Director of the MPH program at the Ben-Gurion University School of Public Health, and heads Israel's first Public Health/Data Sciences combined physician residency program, at Clalit. Moreover he serves as Chair of the Israeli Society for Quality in Healthcare since 2013. Since 2020, Prof. Balicer serves as Chairman of Israel's National Experts Team on COVID-19 Response.

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Nicole Formica-Schiller

CEO & Founder, Pamanicor Health

Nicole Formica-Schiller is CEO & Founder of Permcor Health AG, a global boutique advisory firm for transformative technologies and Life Science. She is Board Member GERMAN AI Association, Head Steering Committee „EU AI-Regulation“, book author („AI & Blockchain in Healthcare“), appointed OECD AI expert and selected by Forbes for „most innovative ideas“ in AI & Blockchain. Formica-Schiller advises governments, ministries and industries in digital geopolitics and policy, and managed one of Europe's largest stakeholder consultations. She graduated as an Attorney-at-law with an additional business degree.



Prof. Dr. Ronni Gamzu

CEO, Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center

Prof. Ronni Gamzu is Professor of Gynecology and Associate Professor of Public Health and Health & Business Administration. Following his studies in Human Medicine at Tel Aviv University, he took up employment at Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov), where he has been a member of the hospital management since 2002. From 2010 to 2014, Prof. Gamzu served as Director General of the Israeli Ministry of Health. In 2014, he was appointed Senior Health Policy Analyst at the OECD in Paris. As Israel's first Corona Czar, Ronni Gamzu gained international recognition. Since 2015, Prof. Gamzu has served as CEO of the Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov).



Prof. Dr. David Matusiewicz

Professor of Medical Management, FOM University

David Matusiewicz is a professor of Medical Management at FOM University - the largest private university in Germany. Since 2015, he has been responsible as dean for the university's Health & Social Affairs department and, as director, heads the Research Institute for Health & Social Affairs (ifgs). Prior to his professorship, he worked for several years as a wiss. Jürgen Wasem at the Alfried Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation Chair for Medical Management at the University of Duisburg-Essen. In addition, the multi-founder himself supports technology-driven start-ups in the healthcare sector as a business angel. Matusiewicz is on various advisory boards, supervisory boards and is an investor in companies involved in the digital transformation of healthcare.



Ronya Rubinstein

Co-CEO, Comns

Ronya is the Co-CEO of Comns providing vision, insight and guidance to health tech and digital health companies on their journey to realizing complex new technologies in a multi-stakeholder environment. She has decades of experience in navigating the process of acquiring useful health data, scaling clinical trials and addressing real clinical environment challenges. Ronya received an LLB from the Hebrew University, an LLB and MPH from University of Haifa, focussing on ethics, privacy and regulation of health data sharing. Her work scope includes advising international companies and mentoring startup CEOs. Ronya is also Co-founder of gesund, an early stage AI-in-radiology validation platform.

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Prof. Dr. Sylvia Thun

Director BIH CEI, Charité Berlin

Prof. Dr. Sylvia Thun, a licensed physician and graduate engineer, has been a Charité Visiting Professor since 2018, funded by the Charité Foundation. In addition, she leads the Core Facility Digital Medicine & Interoperability at BIH. In 2021, she was appointed to the University Professorship (W3) for Digital Medicine and Interoperability at Charité. Thun is, among other things, Chair of the Spitzenverband IT-Standards im Gesundheitswesen (SITiG) as well as Vice Chair of HL7 Germany. Prof. Thun accelerates the introduction of international standards in leading positions in major projects of the BMBF, BMG and the EU (e.g. NFDI4Health, Medical Informatics Initiative, NUM).



Dr. Yiannos Tolia

Legal Officer, European Commission DG SANTE

Dr. Yiannos Tolia is the legal lead on AI and AI liability in Healthcare in the European Commission (DG for Health and Food Safety). He is a member of the team that developed the European Health Data Space (EHDS) legislative initiative. He is also a member of the EC teams that contributed to the development of the AI Act and the EU liability frameworks. He was a Senior Emile Noel Fellow at NYU Law School carrying out research on machine learning in medicine and law (particular focus on AI liability). Prior to joining the European Commission he was an Assistant Professor of EU law at the Universities of Edinburgh and Dundee. He holds a Ph.D. in EU Constitutional law from the University of Edinburgh and was a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (Edinburgh University).

Moderators



Raissa Hacoen

Managing Partner, Hur Partners

Raissa Hacoen began her career in the venture capital industry working for Jerusalem Venture Partners. She then moved to the Israeli hi-tech industry working at NDS, a multinational technology company focusing on video security. In 2012, Cisco acquired NDS, and Raissa served as a business operations manager consulting for ~\$150M of Cisco's business across Europe and the Middle East. Raissa established a boutique family office, HUR Partners, that works with private funds and corporations to build tailor-made early-stage portfolios. She was previously the co-founder and Managing Partner of Arc Impact, a private early-stage venture fund with over 20 investments in Israel and abroad. She currently serves as the Chief Investment Officer at Longevity Venture Partners focusing on early stage investing in the Silverttech and Healthtech sectors.



Artur Olesch

Founder and Editor in Chief, about Digital Health

Artur Olesch is a Berlin-based freelance journalist and correspondent for digital health-related topics. He is the founder of [aboutDigitalHealth.com](https://www.aboutdigitalhealth.com) and editor-in-chief of ICT&Health International. Content writer, speaker, conference moderator, influential voice on social media and digital health advocate. He mentors med-tech startups and guides healthcare organizations aiming to develop digital strategies. Artur describes the latest technological and scientific developments in medicine and their impact on the health sector today and in the future. Artur has worked with leading healthcare and health IT organizations like The Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS), the World Health Organization (WHO), the Copenhagen Institute of Future Studies, the World Bank and EIT Health. He is also a member of the SCIANA Healthcare Leaders Network.



Carsten Ovens

Executive Director, ELNET-Germany

Carsten Ovens is the Executive Director of ELNET in Germany since March 2019. With almost two decades of experience in politics, i.e. as a Member of the Hamburg State Parliament, he devoted his work to the German Israeli relations with a focus on digital innovation. Together with ELNET, he founded the German Israeli Network of Startups & Mittelstand (GINSUM) in 2020 as well as the German Israeli Health Forum for Artificial Intelligence (GIHF-AI) in 2021. Beforehand, Carsten worked in business development and management consulting throughout Europe, as a lecturer on marketing and communications at several leading universities, and as a researcher on social media communication effects on politics and society. He studied business administration and international business at Macquarie University (Australia) and at the University of Hamburg (Germany).