

IATI Q1 2015 Activity Report



NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome our **47 NEW IATI members** in Q1 2015 and proudly celebrate in breaking our record of the highest amount of members ever!

With over 500 members, IATI maintains its firm position as the [largest umbrella organization for the High-Tech & Life Science industries in Israel](#). The following activities are just a fraction of our accumulating achievements.

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As part of our continuous effort in supporting early stage startups, we were thrilled to announce [PLYmedia's sponsorship for startups](#) to receive a free, 1 year membership in the IATI! We are happy to [welcome all these new startups](#) into the IATI ecosystem!

We would especially like to express our gratitude to PLYmedia for their generous sponsorship and support in providing these young startups a unique opportunity.

For a IATI membership click [here](#)



OUR EVENTS

We initiated and were involved in **58 IATI related industry events** in Q1 2015:

17 for the Life Science Industry

33 for High-Tech Industry

8 geared towards both Industries

For the third time, we were proud to organize the [IATI 3rd MNC Weekathon](#), a globally unique IATI tradition which [took place in March 2015](#). Seven Israeli R&D centers collaborated on joint projects for one week and presented their mindful co-inventions at the Weekathon Demo Day. The results were remarkable!

Click here for the 3rd [Weekathon innovations](#) page. Photos from the event can be seen [here](#). For the Weekathon press coverage click [here](#).

Save the date: the [IATI Biomed 2015 Conference](#) is to be held May 12-14, 2015 in Tel-Aviv, with an impressive [list of speakers](#). Check out the [Start-Up Pavilion](#) that will include this year a special 3D Medical Device Pavilion. We'll keep updating on the Conference.

Here are just a few examples of our other Q1 2015 main events:

[Special IATI Gathering for the foreign Ambassadors](#)

[Marketing Managers Forum - 3th Meeting for VCs](#)

Speed dating & Business matching events with [Broadcom](#), selective meetings with NEA

[Public Biotech Companies on TASE: Challenges and Possibilities](#)

For the full IATI events list visit [our events page](#).



OUR COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

-In January, IATI Board members were honored to host Chairman of the Labor Party, **Mr. Yitzhak Herzog**, at [a special meeting](#) prior to the elections. Herzog and the Board were discussing critical issues facing the Israeli High-Tech industry. [A Globes news item](#) summed up Herzog's main points of this meeting.

- [IATI's ICT Industry Review 2015](#), an insightful and comprehensive report of the local High-Tech Industry, was released in February. IATI heads met with the Minister of the Economy, **Naftali Bennett**, to present him with the report. Check out the news items on [pc.co.il](#) and other [tech news sites](#).

-The MNC Forum published the "[Israel High Tech Industry Data](#)", a one of a kind report consisting of statistics and other information about the Israeli high-tech industry. We would like to especially thank GE for taking the lead on this important project.

-The IATI [Accelerators Committee](#) is continuing its hard work, bringing together top accelerators in order to enable cooperative influence on the local and global startup community.

-The [Legal & Accounting Committee](#) in cooperation with the MNC Forum is involved with the new policy of the ITA to force all companies working on cost plus to add the value of options to their income. All issues of the committee are discussed as part of the 5 working groups: IP & Service inventions, Crowdfunding, Model legal documents, Deal Terms and Capital Investments Encouragement Law. The Model Legal Documents work group is about to complete two new documents that will be available for free on the IATI website: Term sheet and Legal opinion.

-As part of its activity, the [IP Transfer Committee](#) is involved with setting new regulation on Service inventions.

- The **IATI MNC HR Work Group** is cooperating with the different divisions of the Ministry of Economy in order to improve their use in its services and benefits.

- **IATI [Marketing Forum](#)** was gathered once again, this time focusing on VC marketing managers.

- IATI is continuing to work on the change in regulation that will lead to the amendment of **working visas for specialists** in the field of law.

- **Work and Rest Hours' Law:** The law has been overviewed for the past few years in order to improve its relevancy to current labor market. The IATI is working hard on making sure all amendments will support the growth of the Israeli technology industries.

- **Government Committee:** Although the government authorities changed dramatically in the past year, IATI continues to strengthen our close and steady daily work relations with governmental bodies on all levels. We continue to work very closely with all relevant governmental ministries and Knesset committees as well as partnering with them on all levels as to promote beneficial legislation and regulation on issues concerning the Israeli advanced technology industry.

- Under this extensive activity, the IATI has been intensively involved in setting the planned changes of the [OCS under the Ministry of Economy](#) and establishing a new independent national authority for Research, Development and Innovation.

- The [Life Science Committee](#) is concentrating on the IATI Biomed Conference these days, making sure Israeli Biomed industry will be well presented.



OUR MEDIA & NEW MEDIA PRESENCE

There are some important new features on our website:

-[Job Opportunities by IATI Members](#) is a one-stop job listings page. IATI members now have the opportunity to share their companies' current high-tech and life science Job Openings, while job seekers can easily follow all open positions. We invite more companies to [send us](#) the relevant link for open positions, and wish all the job seekers a fruitful search!

-Our [IATI Companies Database](#), where full access is exclusively granted to IATI members only, is being updated on a daily basis.

- Our website's [homepage](#) has undergone a slight design improvement, intended to give you a better user experience.
- On social media, we've been active on the [IATI Biomed page](#) as well – check it out before you leave for the actual IATI Biomed 2015 Conference!
- [IATI in the Press](#) page collects all the media appearances of IATI in local and global media.

We invite you to: "LIKE" our [Facebook page](#) | Follow our new [Twitter account](#) | Join our [LinkedIn group](#) | Check out our [MeetUp group](#).

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