

8400 BioLead – Biotech CEO Forum

Background:

Approximately 200 biotech companies (i.e. therapeutics) are currently active in Israel. Despite prolific innovation and vibrant academic institutions, the Israeli biotech industry has been facing continuous challenges and hurdles in its route to grow and become an economic engine. Among the major challenges are the limited capital, insufficient infrastructure, limited talent, managerial knowledge and skills.

Over the last few years some challenges have been partially alleviated with the increase of venture capital funding which in turn enabled companies to establish infrastructure. Yet because of this growth on one hand and the limited number of mature companies to date on the other hand, the leadership and talent challenge only escalated and became a major bottleneck for growth and success of this industry. The “talent challenge” is a multi-faceted problem accounting for the lack of experienced, globally educated C-level resources and a lack of sufficiently experienced human resources throughout the drug development and marketing disciplines at all levels.

Mission:

BioLead will narrow the talent gap throughout the Israeli biotherapeutic sector.

Strategy:

I) (Top-bottom approach, whereby supporting and nurturing the existing C-level talent to overcome the gaps with focused programs supporting peer and subject matter expert learning.

The program is a series of monthly meetings of an intimate group (up to 12 participants per group), aimed to establish a platform for the Bio C-level leaders and to equip participants with tools and knowledge to implement a successful peer and external learning process. Each meeting will host one global KOL focused on discussing challenges defined by the group

II) (Bottom-up approach (TBD) - establishing a wide-reaching professional network of prominent Israelis employed in the US biotherapeutic and pharma industry who will become a “go-to” resource and potentially a reservoir for talent and knowhow for the Israeli industry;

The Program is co-founded and led by Drs. Shmulik Hess, Yuval Cabilly, Roni Mamluk, and the 8400 Health Network.

Opportunity for partners of the 8400 BioLead :

- Connect with top healthcare leaders in Israel (8400 Network, see below) gaining access to cross-silo and cross-sector network of ecosystem leaders

Our ask:

- Access and introductions to subject matter experts in the US and globally that would engage in C-level educational sessions focused on relevant subjects, including leadership, management, financial markets, asset management, design to value, go to market, etc.
- Become our program strategic partner contributing for content and funding

About 8400

8400 The Health Network joined the Israeli HealthTech ecosystem in 2017 to create national-level impact: (a) drive an economic growth engine in Health-Tech and (b) accelerate cure and wellbeing to people in Israel and worldwide.

To achieve this robust mission, we launched the 8400 Leadership Program in December 2017, in partnership with Harvard Business School Executive Education. Phase #1 of the program is an annual fellowship, which brings together cohorts of senior Israeli HealthTech ecosystem leaders from across sectors and silos, to Network, Learn and Create gap-closing projects that will propel a thriving HealthTech industry in Israel. Upon completing the Fellowship, cohort members join the active 8400 Network, which shares a common professional and mission-focused language and advances the ecosystem growth projects. Within 8 years, 400 of Israel's most senior HealthTech leaders from academia, industry, payers & providers, public sector and NGOs will have gone through the 8400 fellowship and joined the Network. To date, the 8400 Network comprises 181 members from cohorts #1, #2 and #3