

Call for Papers

The Second International Scholars Workshop
Medicine in the Holocaust and Beyond
May 7–11, 2017, Western Galilee, Israel



Physician and patient at the
Berson and Bauman Children's
Hospital, Warsaw Ghetto,
Poland, 1942. Courtesy of The
Ghetto Fighters' House Museum
Archives

The Second International Scholars Workshop “Medicine in the Holocaust and Beyond” will take place on May 7–11, 2017 in the Galilee, Israel. The conference will be held at various venues including the Western Galilee College as the main venue, Galilee Medical Center for a one-day symposium, Bar-Ilan Faculty of Medicine in Safed for an education-focused day, and the Ghetto Fighters’ House Museum.

Following the First International Scholars Workshop at the Center for Medicine after the Holocaust in Houston, in March 2015, there has been substantial collaboration and international cooperation for the development of the field.

The workshop organizers believe that the medical activity during the Nazi period poses a multidisciplinary challenge, which may contribute to a deeper understanding of core aspects of the Nazi period and the Holocaust as well as of its postwar implications right up to the present day.

The aim of the conference is to present new, up-to-date research on all aspects of medicine in the Holocaust and beyond, to discuss the research and education agenda in this field, and to promote international collaboration for advancing research, teaching, and the public discourse.

Researchers in the field are invited to present their studies on the conference topics.

1. Research Methodology and Historiography

2. Medical and Scientific Activity during the Interwar, Third Reich, and Holocaust Periods

- Trends in worldwide science and medicine during the interwar period and the implications for medicine during the Nazi regime
- The scientific community, the health system and their workers before and during the Holocaust: institutions, scientific and medical organizations
- The sterilization and euthanasia campaigns, the criminal medical and scientific experiments
- German medical policy in the Nazi-occupied areas
- Medical activity in ghettos and camps
- Biographical studies of physicians in the Holocaust: perpetrators and victims.
- Ethical dilemmas facing medical staff in ghettos and camps
- Involvement of local non-Jewish medical personnel and institutions in medical persecution or rescue activities



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3. Medicine after the Holocaust

- Morbidity in the displaced survivors' camps
- Health and unique morbidity among survivors, treatment systems and methods tailored to survivors, second and third generations
- Coping with and disregard of the medical crimes among health and science institutions after the war and up to the present day
- Health systems in extreme conditions and conditions of genocide
- Resilience and post-trauma, testimonies, perpetrators asking forgiveness

4. Bioethics after the Holocaust

- Ethical codes after the Holocaust and to the present day
- Modern bioethics and the role of Holocaust insights in decision making
- Sociological and psychological aspects of medical crimes and altruistic medicine

5. Health Professions Education about Medicine in the Holocaust and Beyond

- Curricula in health professions education and in Holocaust and genocide research, text books, auxiliary teaching material, exhibitions.
- Conferences and projects, academic journals, trips to sites in Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Poland, etc. focused on medicine and the Holocaust

Types of presentation:

1. Lectures in plenary or parallel sessions (20 minutes per lecture)
2. Poster: Graphic presentation of work on conference topics.

Please send a one-page abstract, in English, including lecture title, name of presenter, description of the research topic and innovation, summary of findings, and sources. In addition, please send a bio of up to one page to the following email address: holocaustmed@wgalil.ac.il

Abstract submission deadline: 1.7.2016. Notification of acceptance will be sent in September 2016.

Conference Committee Members:

Conference Chairs, Prof. Shmuel Reis (Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Medicine in the Galilee, Safed, Israel) and Dr. Miriam Offer (Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College, Akko, Israel).

Prof. Shaul Shasha (Galilee Medical Center); Dr. Boaz Cohen (The Holocaust Studies Program, Western Galilee College); Prof. Dan Michman; Prof. Dina Porat; Dr. Iael Nidam-Orvieto (Yad Vashem, The International Institute for Holocaust Research); Dr Anat Livne (Ghetto Fighters' House Museum, Lohamei Hagetaot); Prof. Nachman Ash & Prof. Jacob Sosna (IMA), Dr Eytan Lopicard (Ashkelon College and "Korot"); Prof. Nadav Davidovitch (Ben Gurion University); Dr. Tessa Chelouche (Rappaport Faculty of Medicine, Technion); Dr. Esteban González López (School of Medicine, Autonomía University of Madrid, Spain); Dr. Herwig Czech (Documentation Center of Austrian Resistance & Department of Contemporary History, Vienna University, Austria); Dr. Esther Cuerda (Rey Juan Carlos University, Alcorn, Madrid, Spain)



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