

**Prof. Aaron Ciechanover -
Nobel Prize Laureate - Honorary President of
the Israel Cancer Association**

**The appointment was announced on Thursday March 4, 2010
at a ceremony held for ICA volunteers.**

Thursday, March 4, 2010 saw the announcement of the appointment of Prof. Ciechanover as Honorary President of the Israel Cancer Association during the summary of the Annual Doorknock Fundraising Campaign and 2009 ICA activities summary meeting - a thank you and appreciation ceremony for thousands of ICA volunteers of all ages.

Research fellowships were distributed during the ceremony, as were certificates of appreciation. Additionally, schools that excelled in the last campaign were also mentioned. ICA Doorknock Fundraising Campaign Chairman 2009/10, Sugat CEO, Mr. David Franklin, delivered greetings during the ceremony. Mr. Franklin raised a donation of one million shekels and continues to endeavor to achieve the fundraising campaign target and even beyond.

Prof. Ciechanover, 2004 Nobel Prize laureate in Chemistry addressed the Association volunteers: "I shall do all in my power to assist in promoting, developing, and expanding the Association, and to inculcate the awareness of its objectives among the Israeli public, as well as to dissipate the fears of the disease and open it up for discussion among the general population, and promote research which offers the potential for prevention; if, nonetheless, the disease is contracted, we must find a way to cure it and lend a hand to those who suffer from the disease and their families. I will put my modest experience to use in order to achieve this end, as well as my reputation and status insofar as they possess any inherent value, and together we shall promote this issue that touches every one of us, as well as the ICA, which has assumed the task of attending to each and every one of the ensuing complications, starting with the patient and his family, and extending all the way to the labs and test tubes of investigators".

Prof. Ciechanover also mentioned his predecessor, **Mr. Benny Gaon of blessed memory**, who faithfully served as ICA President over the course of a decade, until his demise two years ago. "Feeling a sense of onerous responsibility coupled with great trepidation, I agreed to assume the position of Honorary President of the Israel Cancer Association...I feared that the shoes of the President are too big to fill, and that my predecessors, Mr. Benny Gaon, of blessed memory, and the founding President, may she live a long and healthy life, who conceived the idea, Founding President Ms. Suzy Eban, set certain standards for executing their task which are virtually impossible to achieve".

Prof. Ciechanover trained many students, received research fellowships from prestigious foundations, was invited to lecture at dozens of international conferences, and quickly climbed the academic ladder. His work garnered widespread national and international recognition.

Additionally, he became a member of reputed scientific academia and won many prizes, inter alia, the Wachter Prize from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, and Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical Sciences, the EMET (Art Sciences and Culture Prize) awarded by the AMN Foundation for the Advancement of Science Art and Culture in Israel, under the auspices of and in cooperation with the Prime Minister, the Israel Prize, and the prestigious Nobel Prize in Chemistry, which he was awarded in 2004. His impressive and outstanding achievements over the years granted him a position of honor not only in the Israeli scientific world, but also in the international scientific community. By virtue of his intensive research work, it has been proven that more may be learned about deciphering mechanisms of various cancer diseases which in turn may spur the development of additional anti-cancer drugs.

As a young scientist and physician, Prof. Ciechanover received research fellowships from the ICA and served as a member of its Research Committee for a decade, when he got an up close look at its activity to promote research, prevention, early detection and to enhance patients' treatment conditions.

The ICA has accompanied Aaron Ciechanover's scientific path with great admiration and pride; his unique personality is held in high regard; he is not only a distinguished researcher and physician, but also a human being with a huge and sensitive heart, and a venerable educator. His collaboration with the ICA as a spearhead will assist us all in advancing the fight against all cancer diseases and will reinforce the belief that it is in our capacity to achieve a better future, with the potential for better solutions for prevention, early detection and treatment of cancer diseases, to enable a cure and give hope to cancer patients and their families.