

Dr. Raphael (Rafi) Hofstein

President & CEO at MaRS Innovation

Toronto, ON, CA

Turning academic ideas into commercial realities

Description

Dr. Raphael (Rafi) Hofstein joined MaRS Innovation as President and CEO in June 2009.

During the 1980s, Dr Hofstein held the roles of scientific director of Biotechnological Applications Ltd., and manager R&D and chief of Immunochemistry at the International Genetic Scientific Partnership, organizations that were pivotal in developing Israel's world-leading biotechnology sector.

Dr. Hofstein was scientific director of the Israeli office of Ecogen Inc., a subsidiary of Monsanto, for over six years before assuming the role of vice-president, Business Development for Ecogen in Langhorne, Pa.

From 1997 to 1999 Dr. Hofstein was president of Mindsense Biosystems Ltd., an Israeli company that develops neuropsychiatric immune assays. From 1999 to the present, he has held the position of president and CEO of Hadasit Ltd., the technology transfer and commercialization company of the Hadassah Medical Organization in Jerusalem. Later on, Dr. Hofstein joined Medica Ventures, a lead VC in Israel and served for 10 years as the president and CEO of Hadasit.

Dr. Hofstein was the founder and served as chair of Hadasit BioHolding Ltd., a publicly-traded holding company (10 start-ups under management) on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) since 2005. Other directorships held on TASE publicly-traded companies include: Bioline RX (drug development); Exalenz (medical devices); and Evogene (agri-bio).

He has also served as chairman of BIOMED, Israel's annual biomedical conference, from 2005 to 2007. In addition, Dr. Hofstein is a co-founder and board member of ILSI, the Israeli Life Science Industry Organization, and a co-founder and executive in Israel's Tech Transfer Network (ITTN).

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop

Industry Expertise

Biotechnology, Non-Profit/Charitable, Medical Devices, Government Relations, VC and Private Equity, Corporate Leadership, Research, Capital Markets, Pharmaceuticals

Topics

Corporate & Business Strategy, Early-Stage Investing, Life Sciences and Healthcare, Technology Transfer, Commercialization of Innovation

Affiliations

Past Talks

Cracking the innovation code – Creating Canadian value in the global market
Toronto CFO Executive Summit

Strengthening the interface between industry and technology transfer offices
AACT Canada Conference

Shaping our future in the changing global biopharma R&D economy
CQDM Global BioPharma event

Education

Neurobiology Department, Harvard Medical School
Post-Doctoral Training Molecular Biology and Physiology

Weizmann Institute of Science
PhD Life Science and Chemistry

Weizmann Institute of Science
Master of Science Life Sciences and Chemistry

Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Bachelor of Science Chemistry and Physics

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