

Born in Tel-Aviv in 1947, Dov Zipori received the M.Sc. degree in Microbiology from Tel Aviv University in 1971, and a Ph.D. in Cell Biology from the Weizmann Institute of Science in 1976. His postdoctoral research was performed at the Radiobiological Institute, the National Institute of Health (TNO) in Rijswijk, Holland, after which he returned to the Weizmann. He was appointed Associate Professor in 1987. Prof. Zipori was the incumbent of the Joe and Celia Weinstein Professorial Chair. He served for about a decade as the first Director of the Helen and Martin Kimmel Stem Cell Research Institute, at the Weizmann Institute of Science. In 2006 Zipori lead an initiative to create an Israeli stem cell society which is currently active. In 2007 he initiated a series of international meetings on stem cell research in conjunction with the Israeli BioMed. The first meeting in the series was held in Tel Aviv in 2007. Prof. Zipori has published over 200 original research articles, reviews, book chapters, and a complete book on stem cell biology. His publications relate to stroma dependent hematopoiesis, regulation of growth and differentiation of normal stem cells, particularly mesenchymal stem cells, and studies on novel therapeutic approaches to multiple myeloma. In 2004 he proposed the Stem State theory that foresaw the capacity of mammalian cells to undergo dedifferentiation and reprogramming. Prof. Zipori is currently an adviser professor at the Department of Molecular Cell Biology, Weizmann Institute of Science. In addition, he became a master life coach certified by the Israeli Coaching Bureau.