The German-Israeli Cooperation in Cancer Research was founded in 1976 and is the longest lasting scientific cooperation between Germany and Israel. To date 159 projects have been funded. Beyond this, the cooperation has led to friendships between scientists of both countries and other partners (www.dkfz.de/israel).

The 6th German-Israeli Cancer Research School is supported by the Joint Scientific Program Committee of the Cooperation and is jointly organized by Prof. Helmut Augustin and Prof. Eli Pikarsky. The aim of this school is to offer a platform for intense interactions between PhD students, young postdocs and principal investigators of the program from both, Israel and Germany.

The first school was held in Pichl (Austria) in 2008 and was such a great success that immediately afterwards the PhD students requested that the school be held every year, alternating between Pichl and Israel.

In 2013, the next school will take place in the Negev Desert in Israel. The focus will be on mouse models of human cancer: Prominent Israeli and German scientists will present their latest advances in cancer research.

Advanced preclinical tumor models have emerged as a critical bottleneck for both, the advancement of basic tumor biology as well as for translational research. Aimed at overcoming this bottleneck, the speakers will highlight recent developments in the field of mouse cancer models that better mimic the pathogenesis, the course and the response to therapy of human tumors.

The format of the school will include lectures in the morning and in the late afternoon, framed by social activities. During the poster sessions, the participants are expected to give short presentations (10 min), highlighting their research projects. The best three posters will be awarded a prize.

Participation is restricted to 24 students (12 from each country), who will be selected by the Scientific Committee. Application forms are posted on our homepage (www.dkfz.de/israel) or can be obtained directly from Elfriede Mang (e-mail: e.mang@dkfz.de) or Nurit Topaz (e-mail: Nurit@most.gov.il). Applicants are requested to submit a letter of motivation and a CV including a passport photograph.

Board and lodging (double room for participating PhD students and postdocs) are covered. Participants from Germany have to cover their traveling costs by travel stipends or institutional funds.

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Mouse Models of Human Cancer
Negev Desert/Israel
November 9th - 13th, 2013
Saturday, November 9th, 2013
Arrival in the afternoon
19:00 Dinner

Sunday, November 10th, 2013
06:30 Early breakfast
07:00 Local Tour
10:30 Welcome Addresses
Ahmi Ben-Yehudah, Ministry of Science, Technology and Space (MOST), Jerusalem
Peter Angel, DKFZ, Heidelberg

Models of Human Cancer
11:00 Mouse models of high-grade brain tumors and their preclinical applications
Hai-Kun Liu, DKFZ, Heidelberg

Keynote Lecture
20:00 Title to be announced
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Monday, November 11th, 2013
06:30 Early breakfast
07:00 Local Tour/Social Activity
11:00 The tumorigenesis aspect of mouse models of longevity
Haim Cohen, Bar Ilan-University, Ramat Gan

Tuesday, November 12th, 2013
06:30 Early breakfast
07:00 Local Tour/Social Activity
10:30 Host response to cancer therapy: the assessment of treatment efficacy in different animal models of cancer
Yuval Shaked, Technion, Haifa