The Herczeg Institute’s Award for PhD students

On November 22, 2020, the Herczeg Institute on Aging presented six awardees of the annual award for PhD students conducting research on age and ageing at Tel Aviv University: three awardees for year 2019 and three for year 2020. The awardees presented their research online in light of the restrictions in effect due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Year 2020 awardees:

Ms. Melody Kasher (Department of Anatomy and Anthropology, Faculty of Medicine), for her study entitled “The genetic epidemiology of the association between arthritic diseases and Osteoporosis”. Supervisor: Prof. Gregory Livshits.

Mr. Shahar Taiber (Department of Human Molecular Genetics & Biochemistry, Faculty of Medicine), for his study entitled “VEGF as a potential treatment for age-related hearing loss”. Supervisor: Prof. Karen B. Avraham.

Mr. Guy Farhi (School of Cultural Sciences, Faculty of Humanities) received an incentive award for his study entitled “The person who is about to come: Posthumanism in contemporary French literature and thought”. Supervisor: Prof. Eran Dorfman.

Year 2019 awardees:

Mr. Omer Sharon (Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, Faculty of Medicine) for his study entitled “The effects of sleep on memory consolidation in healthy and demented elderly”. Supervisor: Prof. Yuval Nir. This award commemorated the late Shmuel Friedberg.

Ms. Moria Degan (The Center study of Movement, Cognition, and Mobility. Department of Neurology Sourasky Medical Center, Faculty of Medicine) for her study entitled “Mechanisms contributing to freezing of gait in patients with Parkinson’s disease”. Supervisors: Prof. Jeffrey Hausdorff and Prof. Nir Giladi.

Mr. Asaf Buch (Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Faculty of Medicine) received an incentive award for his study entitled “The effect of circuit resistance training, empagliflozin or “Vegiterranean diet” on the physical and metabolic function in older subjects with type 2 diabetes (The CEV-65 trial)”. Supervisor: Prof. Naftali Stern.

The event was moderated by Prof. Silvia Koton, Head of Herczeg Institute on Aging. The Herczeg Institute sees a great importance in supporting researchers in the early stages of their careers. As part of it, we were happy to highlight exceptional PhD studies on various aspects of aging, conducted in Tel Aviv University.