

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

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PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

- 1987 B.Sc. in biology, the Hebrew University, Jerusalem: Graduated with excellence
- 1993 Teaching diploma in biology, School of Education, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- 1995 Direct doctorate (Ph.D.) program in the School of Medicine at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem
Thesis: The regulation of human *abl* gene expression in Philadelphia positive leukemic cells in comparison to normal cells.
Supervisor: Prof. Yinon Ben-Neriah
- 1997 Completed the course for leading teachers in the Biology Teachers' Center, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 1985-1988 Assistant research in the lab of Prof. Ruth Gallily, the School of Medicine at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Researched: The killing of cancer cells by activated macrophages (20 % work percentage).
- 1990-1994 Coordinated the youth advocate microbiology courses at the School of Medicine, Hebrew University, Jerusalem (10 % work percentage).
- 2000-2007 Lecturer at the School of Education, Bar-Ilan University, Member of the M.A. Committee and Coordinator of the Science Education Program and the Biology Teaching Program, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University (100% work percentage).
- 2005-2006 Sabbatical fellowship, at the Science and Mathematics Education Centre (SMEC), Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Western Australia (100 % work percentage).

- 2008-2014 Senior Lecturer at the School of Education, Bar-Ilan University, Member of the M.A. Committee and Coordinator of the Science Education Program and the Biology Teaching Program, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University (100% work percentage).
- 2016-2019 Deputy Head, Chair of the Internal Committee of BA and MA degrees, School of Education, Bar-Ilan University (100% work percentage).
- 2014-2023 Associate professor, and the Head of the Science Education Center, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University (100% work percentage).
- 2023-to date Full professor, and the Head of the Science and Biology Education Center, The Faculty of Education, Bar-Ilan University (100% work percentage).

SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

M.A. Students:

In the past:

1. Semadar Cohen (2005) - Characterizing the conception of inquiry of teachers teaching the Biomind curriculum.
2. Martha Porat (2008) - The Contribution of the Course "Teachers' community for educational and environmental leadership" to develop educators' environmental literacy.
3. Ilana Schanin (2009) - Characterization of teachers' understanding the essence of the inquiry process and the nature of science, while experiencing an open inquiry task.
4. Oshra Aloni (2009) – Science and technology mini-museum at high school: an authentic learning environment for development of scientific knowledge, self-efficacy and positive attitudes towards science among students (together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy).
5. Ravit Sarusi (2011) - Explicit instruction of the skill "Reading complex visual representations": The impact on scientific knowledge, the skill's implementation and transfer among high school girls (together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy).
6. Yael Gilat (2012) - The impact of learning with laptops in 1:1 classes on the development of learning skills and information literacy among middle school students (together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy).
7. Miada Daboor (2012) - Implementing the new curriculum in chemistry: achieving goals in developing the skills of reading a scientific text and difficulties of the experimental teachers (together with Dr. Zvia Fund).
8. Ety Rimerman Shemuali (2013) - Dynamic inquiry performance, metacognitive awareness and understanding the nature of science of teachers who experienced open inquiry process.
9. Raaya Israeli (2014) - The effect of system thinking on students' comprehension of the biological fundamental principle - homeostasis.
10. Odelya Hazut (2016) - Contribution of metacognitive awareness and collaborative learning to dynamic inquiry performances and student- teacher interactions as they reflected within online forums.
11. Amos Gueta (2017) - Contribution of metacognitive support and collaborative learning to students' inquiry performances within open inquiry-based learning.

12. Shefa Watted (2017) - The contribution of the 'Intergenerational sustainability leadership' project to the development of environmental literacy of the community.
13. Hagit Isaschar (2018) - Attitudes of high school students who had experienced guided inquiry learning in comparison to students who had experienced the open inquiry learning regarding the nature of science and nature of inquiry process upon graduation and over time as adults.
14. Liron Schwartz (2018) - The effect of metacognitive guidance and collaborative learning on a motivational dialog between teacher and student during environmental studies.
15. Galit Karadi (2018) - Characterization Types of Transitions Between Stages of Open Inquiry Process 'Bioinquiry' and the Causes of Logical Connection Patterns in that Transitions.
16. Moran Shetal (2020) - The contribution of combined Health related Physical Fitness Knowledge (HPFK) training with physical education classes to the physical literacy of middle-aged girls.
17. Itamar Hameeri (2021) – The Contribution of Metacognitive Support and Collaborative Learning to Students' Dynamic Inquiry Performances.
18. Mahagna Amer (2021) - The effect of integrating technology into physics teaching on students' achievements and self-efficacy (together with Dr. Iris Schreiber).
19. Rotem Levi (2023) - The difference between zoom-based online vs. classroom lesson plan.
performances in creativity and metacognition during COVID-19 pandemic.
20. Hagit Ashkenazi (2023) - Different approaches to teaching word problems: The impact of the teaching method on student's achievements, with regard to gender differences (together with Dr. Iris Schreiber).
21. Tal Meltz (2023) - The implications of SMART (Spaced-learning for Memory and Retention Teaching) - based teaching strategy on memory and creative scientific thinking.
22. Arin Halalia - The contribution of collaboration between the laboratory technician and the team of biology teachers to dynamic open inquiry-based teaching as part of high school biology teaching.

Being supervised today:

1. Yaniv Shpitelnick - Open inquiry-based learning in physics in middle school: Dynamic inquiry performance and the development of metacognitive awareness.
2. Natalie Shalev - The contribution of metacognitive guidance to the accuracy level of inquiry process outcomes and the level of metacognitive awareness in open-based environmental inquiry learning process

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Ph.D Students:

In the past:

1. Tova Michalsky (2004) - The Effects of metacognitive guidance within asynchronous learning networks on inquiry learning processes (together with Prof. Zemira Mevarech).
2. Irit Sadeh (2008) - Development of basic and dynamic inquiry skills, and knowledge types, during open-inquiry learning in comparison to guided-inquiry learning.
3. Dorit Bar (2008) - Influence of teaching that integrates dynamic or static visual models on the development of an understanding of the transformation levels in the subject of 'Synthetic Polymers'.
4. Sara Klein (2008) - Characterization of the comprehension of the biological fundamental principal 'homeostasis', learned explicitly with computerized tools.
5. Idit Adler (2015) - Developing metacognitive awareness and environmental literacy through metacognitive instruction embedded within collaborative inquiry learning (together with Prof. Zemira Mevarech).
6. Michal Nisim (2016) - The effects of aquatic activities during early childhood on sensory-motor, language and perceptual development compared to motoric activities in land (together with Prof. Zemira Mevarech).
7. Moriya Mor (2016) - The impact of metacognitive instruction and explicit system thinking teaching on understanding the biological fundamental principle - homeostasis.
8. Pirchi Waxsman (2017) - The correlation between eye movements and cognition in graph comprehension.
9. Hagit Cohen (2018) - The effect of metacognitive awareness and media literacy on the development of drinking oriented nutritional health literacy.
10. Tal Berger (2018) - Learning in a 1:1 classroom with personal laptops - its unique features and effect on students' attitudes, abilities, acquisition of 21st century skills and comparison to different models of computing (together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy).
11. Sigalit Ortal-Ivry (2021) - The relationship between Self-Regulated Learning (SRL) and the promotion of environmental literacy as part of the training of a green leadership group (together with Prof. Nir Madjar).
12. Oshra Aloni (2023) - Accommodating Students' Needs in Science Studies— a Multi-Faceted Holistic Approach and the Students' Voice (together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy).

Being supervised today

13. Guy Grovas – The influence of meta-creativity on open dynamic inquiry-based learning.
14. Miri Levi - Promoting meta-cognition and motivation oriented open inquiry-based teaching in biology education.
15. Masada Heidler - The Contribution of Self-Regulated Learning Pedagogy to Promote Nutrition Literacy and Physical Literacy in Primary Schools.
16. Alex Milman - The contributions of SRL to the relationship between environmental literacy and 21st-century skills in the context of personal waste management in public space.
17. Liron Sagiv - The impact of artificial intelligence technology combined with metacognitive guidance on improving the mathematical problem-solving process among higher education students. (With Dr. Nurit Paz-Baruch)

Post-Doctorates:

1. Dr. Michaela Slezak
2. Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levy
3. Dr. Noa Avriel Avni
4. Dr. Bat Shahar-Dorfman
5. Dr. Zohar Snapir
6. Dr. Dana Sachyani
7. Dr. Nimrod Batzon

PROFESSIONAL FUNCTIONS

Membership in non-scientific committees- Nonpaid activities:

Contribution to the Society

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| 1981-1983 | Military service as a soldier teacher in the 'Har Gilo' field school, the Society of Nature Protection. |
| 2004-2006 | Member of The Elementary School Science and Technology Committee, The Israel Ministry of Education. |
| 2001-2013 | Member of The Steering Committee of The National Biology Teachers' Center, The Science Education Center, Israel. |
| 2015-to date | Head of Intelligence Population Team in the Rescue and Save Unit of the Modi'in-Maccabim-Reut Municipality (on a voluntary basis). |
| 2020-to date | Head of the Israeli National Environmental Initiation "Take the Garbage with You". https://takezevel.co.il/ |

Contribution to the Faculty of Education and the Bar-Ilan University

Faculty of Education

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| 2011-2016 | Academic head of the department internet site, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2012-2015 | Member of the Simulation Center Committee, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2016-2019 | Vice Head, The School of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2014-2021 | Academic Head of Science Education Center, Bar-Ilan University. |

Bar-Ilan University

- 2006-2009 Member of The Steering Committee of Youth Activities, Bar-Ilan University, Israel.
- 2021-to date Member of the Academic Staff Organization Committee, Bar Ilan University. Israel.
- 2023- to date Senat Member.

Key role in the national and international scientific community:
Contribution to the scientific society

International

- 2003-2004 Academic and administrative director of the international MEAL (Mediterranean; Environment; ALN; Learning) educational project.
- 2017-2019 Early Career Research committee member – NARST A worldwide organization for improving science teaching and learning through research.
- 2020-2024 The Outstanding Doctoral Research Award (ODRA) committee member – NARST worldwide organization for improving science teaching and learning through research.
- 2024-2029 Elected academic committee member, ERIDOB - European Researchers in Didactics of Biology organization.

National

- 1994-1996 Biology teacher and educator at the Fifth Municipality High School, Tel-Aviv.
- 1996-1997 Head of the Science teachers' team at the First Municipality High school, Modiin. Coordinated science studies.
- 1996-2000 Head of environmental studies at the Council for a Beautiful Israel.
- 1997-2000 Teacher and educator at the Fifth Municipality High School, Tel Aviv: Coordinated science studies, taught biology.
- 1998-2001 Led the "Young Researchers" Project in collaboration with the youth activities unit at the Weizmann Institute for Science.
- 1998-2003 Participated in designing the Biomind Curriculum, Israel Ministry of Education.

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| 1999-2006 | Member of The Biology Curriculum Committee, The Israel Ministry of Education. |
| 2000-2003 | Coordinated the environmental project and the "Science for Gifted Students" program, at the Second Municipality High School in Modiin. |
| 2016-2019 | Coordinator of the Israeli Forum for Research in Biology Education. |
| 2004-2021 | Member of The Biology High School Committee, The Israel Ministry of Education. |
| 2006-to date | Academic Head of the National Center for Support and Development for High School Biology Laboratories, the Faculty of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2006-to date | Coordinator of the Biology Teaching Program, Bar-Ilan University, The Faculty of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2000-2024 | Academic Head of Science and Technology Education program, The Faculty of Education, Bar-Ilan University. |
| 2024-2026 | Member of the organizing committee of the Israeli Conference on Ecology and Environment |
| 2025 | Head of Science Teaching at the First Israeli Conference on Research in Education. |

International Invited lectures

1. Two plenary lectures and two workshops in the second action of the program "Education and Training 2010" (funded by the European Union as a part of the National Action Plan for the Promotion of the Lisbon Strategy). Nov. 2007.
2. Special seminars for graduate students in the Department of Education, University of Cyprus, Nov. 25-27 2009.
3. A seminar in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Florida State University (FSU), Tallahassee, USA. Sept. 2012.
4. A seminar in the College of Education, University of Georgia, USA. Sept. 2012.
5. A seminar in the Department of Chemistry, University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA. March 2014.
6. A seminar in the CREATE for STEM Institute, Michigan State University, Lansing, USA. March 2014.
7. A seminar in the Department of Biological Sciences, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA. March 2014.

8. A seminar in Science Symposium with the theme of Engagement in Science taking place at the on the 22nd of October 2016 at The Global Centre in The Hague, The Netherlands.
9. Three seminars in the Department of Biology Education, Münster University, Germany. Dec, 2019.
10. A seminar in the Department of Learning & Instruction, University at Buffalo, USA. Feb, 2020.
11. A seminar in the Graduate School of Education, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA. Feb, 2020.

International conference organisation

The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Conference Titled Biology Education for Well-Being: The Role of 21st Century Skills for Informed, Responsible and Active Citizenship, July 2022, Israel.

Academic Affiliations

- EARLY - The European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction
- ERIDOB - European Researchers in Didactics of Biology
- ESERA - The European Science Education Research Association
- IOSTE - The International Organization for Science and Technology Education
- NARST - The National Association for Research in Science Teaching

AWARDS

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| 1984 | Award of Excellence, the Dean of Life Sciences, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem. |
| 1985 | Award of Excellence, the Rector of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. |
| 1987 | Wolfe Award of Excellence, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem. |
| 2000 | Award of Excellence, The Israel Ministry of Education. |
| 2001-2004 | Guastalla Fellowship, Sacta-Rashi Foundation, Israel. Three year scholarship for promising researcher in mathematics and science education (Peer-reviewed external funding). |
| 2017 | The Rector Prize for Scientific Innovation. |

GRANTS

Research Grant

1. *Ecological inquiry under metacognitive guidance* (2002). Funded by The Pedagogical Secretary, The Israel Ministry of Education.
2. *Support group workshops for teachers as a model for pedagogical infrastructure for the teaching/learning of dynamic inquiry* (2003). Funded by The Pedagogical Secretary, The Israel Ministry of Education.
3. *Implementation of ecological and environmental scientific knowledge in the crater region* (2003-2005). The Israel Ministry of Science and Technology. Together with Dr. Noa Avrieli-Avni, R&D Ramon Center.
4. *Inquiry learning project: "Beyond guided inquiry"* (2004-2005). Funded by The Pedagogical Secretary, The Israel Ministry of Education.
5. *Influence of invasive birds on the local bird biodiversity (migrant and resident) in Israel* (2005). The Israel Ministry of Science and Technology. Together with Dr. Salit Kark, Faculty of Life Sciences, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem.
6. *Development of science and ecological literacy by participation in long term climate geographic and ecological monitoring in the crater region* (2008-2010). The Israel Ministry of Science and Technology. Together with Dr. Noa Avrieli-Avni, R&D Ramon Center.
7. *Developing environmental literacy through metacognitive instruction and collaborative inquiry* (2010-2013). Israel Science Foundation.
8. The National Center for Support and Development of Biology School Laboratories (2012-2016). The Israel Ministry of Education.
9. *The National Center for Support and Development of Biology School Laboratories* (2017-2020). The Israel Ministry of Education.
10. *Teaching with the Heart and Mind: An Integrative Whole School Model for Sustainable Socio-Emotional and Cognitive Deep Learning in Elementary Schools* (2017-2022). Israel Science Foundation. Together with Prof. Mayseless Ofra, Prof. Leikin, Roza, Dr. Lavy, Shiri, Haifa University and Prof. Mevarech Zemira, Bar Ilan University.
11. *Accommodating Students' Needs in Science Studies - a Multi-Faceted Holistic Teaching Approach* (2018-2020). Together with Dr. Ornit Spektor-Levi. The Chief Scientist, Israel Ministry of Education.
12. *The National Center for Support and Development of Biology School Laboratories* (2021). The Israel Ministry of Education.

13. The Humanities and Social Sciences Fund Conference Titled Biology Education for Well-Being: *The Role of 21st Century Skills for Informed, Responsible and Active Citizenship* (2022). Foundation for the Advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences Founded by the Israeli National Academy of Sciences. Together with Dr. Adler Idit and Dr. Babai Reuven, Tel Aviv University.
14. *The National Center for Support and Development of High Biology School Laboratories* (2022). The Israel Ministry of Education.
15. *Water Sensitive City: Climate for Cities (C4C) in the Southern Neighbourhood:* European Commission. (2022-2025). Together with Prof Eyal Yaniv, Bar Ilan Center for Smart cities. European Commission.
16. *The National Center for Support and Development of Biology School Laboratories* (2022-2026). The Israel Ministry of Education.
17. A learning contribution that encourages the development of responsibility for personal waste management in the public space to express the students' 21st century skills in an environmental context. (2023-2026). Together with Dr. Rotem Maor and Dr. Nurit Paz Baruch. The Chief Scientist, Israel Ministry of Education.

Development of learning materials- Grants

1. *Homeostasis at the molecular level* (2000-2003). Funded by The Center for Science Education, The Israel Ministry of Education. In this project, computerized interactive tools were constructed for the teaching of a central concept in biology: Homeostasis on the molecular level. The tools incorporated breakthrough scientific discoveries in the field of gene expression control. The interactive tools included: animations, thinking games, a virtual lab, and a library. The learning tools are intended for the use of high school students majoring in biology and support the biology curriculum.
2. *Homeostasis in the human body* (2003-2005). Funded by The Center for Science Education, The Israel Ministry of Education. In this project, computerized interactive tools were constructed for the teaching of a central concept in biology: Homeostasis of the entire organism. The computerized tools emphasize the systemic combination of the human body required for the proper functioning of the organism as a whole.
3. *We only have one Earth* (2011-2013). Updating and rewriting of the learning books intended for the use of high school students majoring in environmental science. The Israel Ministry of Education.
4. *We only have one Earth* (2014-2016). Translation to Arabic of the learning books intended for the use of high school students majoring in environmental science. The Israel Ministry of Education.
5. *Ethics and Environment* (2016-2017). Translation to Arabic of the learning books intended for the use of high school students majoring in environmental science. The Israel Ministry of Education.

6. *Environment and Human* (2016-2017). Translation to Arabic of the learning books intended for the use of high school students majoring in environmental science. The Israel Ministry of Education.
7. Workshop and Initiative for Collaborative Inquiry-Based Learning on Environmental and Sustainability Topics in Scientific Educational Cooperation with Regional Countries (2025). The Ministry of Regional Cooperation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses in the Bar-Ilan M.A 'Science Education', and 'Biology Teaching' Programs, Faculty of Education, Bar Ilan University:

1. Introduction to the research of curricula in science education 77-927 (up to 2006)
2. Issues in science education 77-920 (up to 2006)
3. Teaching by inquiry – theory and practice 77-958 (up to 2013)
4. Summary project in science education 77-994 (up to 2015)
5. Biology teaching pedagogy 79-435
6. Biology teaching pedagogy - laboratory 79-436
7. Cognition and Metacognition - 77783

MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS

1. Inquiry-based learning and teaching
2. Biology education
3. Developing scientific environmental and health literacy
4. Metacognition
5. Homeostasis - a fundamental principle in biology education

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Patent Application. Ben-Neriah, Y., Zion, M., Avraham, A. & Ben-Yehuda, D. Assay for monitoring the progress of CML. Yisum Research Development Company of the Hebrew Uni, Jerusalem No. 108978, 15/3/94.
- Evaluator of papers in the following peer-reviewed journals: *Science Education*, *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, *Journal of Cell Biology Education*, *International Journal of Science & Math Education*, *Sustainability*, *European Journal of Educational Research*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*, *International Journal of Science Education*, *EURASIA Journal of Mathematics*, *Science and Technology Education*, *Computers & Education*, *Journal of Biological Education*.
- Committee member for examining the Science Education M.Ed Program at Oranim College, Council for Higher Education, Israel, 2014-2016.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS

1. Bauskin, A. R., **Zion, M.**, Spzirer, J., Zpirer, C., Islam, M. Q., Levan, G., Klein, G., & Ben-Neriah, Y. (1989). Expression and chromosomal assignment of a novel protein tyrosine gene related to the insulin receptor family. *Hematol Bluttransfus*, 32, 453-460.
2. **Zion, M.**, Ben-Yehuda, D., Avraham, A., Cohen, O., Wetzler, M., Melloul, D., & Ben-Neriah, Y. (1994). Progressive *de novo* methylation at the *bcr/abl* locus in the course of chronic myelogenous leukemia. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 91, 10722-10726.
3. Ben-Yehuda, D., **Zion, M.**, Avraham, A., Krichevsky, S., & Ben-Neriah, Y. (1994). De-novo DNA methylation at the BCR-ABL locus in the course of CML – a possible marker for tumor progression. *Blood*, 84(10), A154-A154 Suppl.
4. Ben-Yehuda, D., Krichevsky, S., Rachmilewitz, E. A., Avraham, A., Palumbo, G. A., Frassoni, F., Sahar, D., Rosenbaum, H., Paltiel, O., **Zion, M.**, & Ben-Neriah, Y. (1997). Molecular follow-up of disease progression and interferon therapy in chronic myelocytic leukemia. *Blood*, 90(12), 4918-4923.
5. Ben-Neriah, Y., **Zion, M.**, Avraham, A., & Ben-Yehuda, D. (15/3/94). Patent Application. Assay for monitoring the progress of CML. Yissum Research Development Company of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem. No. 108978.
6. **Zion, M.**, Shapira D., Slezak, M., Link, E., Bashan, N., Brumer, M., Orian, T., Nussinovitch, R., Agrest, B., & Mendelovici, R. (2004a). Biomind - A new biology curriculum that enables authentic inquiry learning. *Journal of Biological Education*, 38(2), 59-67.
7. **Zion, M.**, Slezak M., Shapira D., Link E., Bashan N., Brumer M., Orian T., Nussinovitch, R., Court D., Agrest B., Mendelovici R., & Valanides, N. (2004b). Dynamic, open inquiry in biology learning. *Science Education*, 88, 728-753.
8. Shedletzky, E., & **Zion, M.** (2005). The essence of open-inquiry teaching. *Science Education International*, 16(1), 23-38.
9. **Zion, M.**, & Stav, O. (2005). The living museum – developing students' appreciation for a nature site and promoting their environmental awareness. *School Science Review*, 86, 317-324.
10. **Zion, M.**, Michalsky, T., & Mevarech, Z. R. (2005). The effects of metacognitive instruction embedded within an asynchronous learning network on scientific inquiry skills. *International Journal of Science Education*, 27(8), 959-983.

11. **Zion, M.**, & Slezak, M. (2005). It takes two to tango: In dynamic inquiry, the self-directed student acts in association with the facilitating teacher. *Teaching and Teacher Education*, 21, 875-894.
12. **Zion, M.**, Ventura, R., Yogev, H., & Stav, O. (2005). The effect of different experiences of environmental education on environmental literacy among junior high school students. *School Science Review*, 87, 53-58.
13. Spektor-Levy, O., Sonnenschein, M., & **Zion, M.** (2005). Technology integration in science studies - obstacles and incentives. *Science Education International*, 18(3), 211-224.
14. **Zion, M.**, Guy, D., Yarom, R., & Slezak, M. (2006). UV radiation damage and bacterial DNA repair systems, *Journal of Biological Education*, 41(1), 30-33.
15. **Zion, M.**, & Shedletzky, E. (2006). Overcoming the challenge of teaching open inquiry. *The Science Education Review*, 5(1), 8-10.
16. Michalsky, T., **Zion, M.**, & Mevarech, Z. R. (2007). Developing students' metacognitive awareness in asynchronous learning networks in comparison to face-to-face discussion groups. *Journal of Educational Computing Research*, 36(4), 421-450.
17. **Zion, M.**, Cohen, S., & Amir, R. (2007). The spectrum of dynamic inquiry teaching practices. *Research in Science Education*, 37(4), 423-447.
18. **Zion, M.** (2008). On-line forums as a 'rescue net' in an open inquiry process. *International Journal of Science & Math Education*, 6, 351-375.
19. **Zion, M.** (2007). Implementation model of an open inquiry curriculum. *Science Education International*, 18(1), 93-112.
20. **Zion, M.**, & Sadeh, I. (2007). Curiosity and open inquiry learning. *Journal of Biological Education*, 41(4), 162-168.
21. Mevarech, Z. R., **Zion, M.**, & Michalsky, T. (2007). Peer assisted learning via face-to-face or a-synchronic learning network embedded with or without metacognitive guidance: The effects on higher and lower achieving students. *Journal of Cognitive Education and Psychology (JCEP)*, 36(4), 395-424.
22. Shamir, A., **Zion, M.**, & Spektor-Levy, O. (2008). Peer tutoring, metacognitive processes and multimedia problem-based learning: The effect of mediation training on critical thinking. *Journal of Science Education and Technology*, 17, 384-398.

23. Sadeh, I., & **Zion, M.** (2009). The development of dynamic inquiry performances within an open inquiry setting: A comparison to guided inquiry setting. *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, 46(10), 1137-1160.
24. **Zion, M.** & Sadeh, I. (2010). Dynamic open inquiry performances of high-school biology students. *Eurasia Journal of Mathematics, Science & Technology*, 6(3), 199-214.
25. Avriel-Avni, N., Spektor-Levy, O., **Zion, M.**, & Rosalind-Levy, N. (2010). Children's sense of place in desert towns: a phenomenographic enquiry. *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*, 19(3), 241-259.
26. Avriel-Avni, N., **Zion, M.**, & Spektor-Levy, O. (2010). Developing a perception of a place as home in children, in a desert and isolated town. *Children, Youth and Environments*, 20(2), 116-149.
27. **Zion, M.**, Spektor-Levy, O., Orchan, Y., Shwartz, A., Sadeh, I., & Kark, S. (2011). Tracking invasive birds - a challenge of open inquiry learning and conservation education. *Journal of Biological Education*, 45(1), 3-12.
28. Sadeh, I., & **Zion, M.** (2012). Which type of inquiry project do high school biology students prefer: Open or guided? *Research in Science Education*, 42(5), 831-848.
29. **Zion, M.**, & Mendelovici R. (2012). Moving from structured to open inquiry – Challenges and limits. *Science Education International*, 23(4), 383-399.
30. Ram-Tsur, R., Nissim, M., **Zion, M.**, Dotan Ben-Soussan T., & Mevarech, Z. R. (2013). Language development: The effects of aquatic and of on-land motor interventions. *Creative Education*, 4, 41-50.
31. **Zion, M.**, Schanin, I., & Rimerman-Shmueli, E. (2013). Teachers' performances during a practical dynamic open inquiry process. *Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice*, 19(6), 695-716.
32. Klein, S., & **Zion, M.** (2015). The characteristics of homeostasis – A new perspective on teaching a fundamental principle in biology. *School Science Review*, 97, 85-93.
33. Nissim, M., Ram-Tsur, R., **Zion, M.**, Mevarech Z. R., & Dotan Ben-Soussan T. (2014). Effects of Aquatic Motor Activities on Early Childhood Cognitive and Motor Development. *Open Journal of Social Sciences*, 2, 24-39.
34. **Zion, M.**, Adler, I., & Mevarech, Z. R. (2015). The effect of individual and social metacognitive instruction on students' metacognitive performances in an online inquiry discussion. *Journal of Educational Computing Research*, 52, 50-87.

35. **Zion, M.**, & Klein, S. (2015). A conceptual understanding of 'homeostasis' by studying its characteristics. *International Journal of Biology Education*, 4(1), 1-27.
36. Adler, I., **Zion, M.**, & Mevarech, Z. R. (2016). The effect of explicit environmentally oriented metacognitive guidance and peer collaboration on students' expressions of environmental literacy. *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, 53(4), 620-663.
37. Spektor-Levy, O., Aloni, O., & **Zion, M.** (2016). Mini science museum in school: development of scientific knowledge, positive attitudes towards science, and self-efficacy among the museum trustees. *International Journal of Environmental and Science Education*, 11(18), 11033-11059.
Journal name has been changed to Interdisciplinary Journal of Environmental and Science Education
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