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Re: The 4th Mpountain to Valley race

Dear ICS Members,

In May 19-20, 2011 the Israel Chemical Society was respectfully represented in the M2V relay race by two teams, 8 runners each. This photo shows only 10 of them after the finish line. About half the runners were faculty members and the other half graduate students. You can read more about this unique event in the *IJC* (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ijch.201100061/pdf>) and on the web (<http://www.mountain2valley.org/>).



We are preparing now for the 2012 race and I am sure that we can increase significantly our representation. This is much more than just fun, it demonstrates to the general public that chemistry students and professors are not nerds who reside in their ivory towers, detached from the real life, etc. On the contrary, we are all interested in variety of fields in addition to chemistry, including sports, music, literature, etc.

Since the window of registration is very narrow and the demand is very high we must prepare in advance and register all at once as soon as the registration starts. Several chemical companies have already promised me to send their teams of runners and I think that we can have one team from each university and almost every technological college. Please contact Dr. Alex Szpilman in the Technion for more details (szpilman@tx.technion.ac.il).

Best regards and Hag Sameach,

Ehud Keinan