

# PDA Volunteer Spotlight

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A strong chapter  
requires a strong team

**You've been a chapter leader since the earliest days of the Israel Chapter. Why did you get involved in creating this chapter?**

I felt that Israel's Ministry of Health, which regulates drugs and devices for the country, needed a platform to communicate their expectations for industry. And industry needed a platform to address their concerns to regulators. To that end, I believed (and still believe) that a PDA chapter would fulfill this need.

The Israel Chapter was founded in 1997 with ten members. Since then, the chapter has been quite active, hosting four to five activities each year.

**So then, what can we expect from the Israel Chapter this year?**

We plan to host events covering sterile filling technology, data integrity, and comp air/steam sampling.

**You've also been part of the PDA team that commented on the US FDA's draft data integrity guidance. What was that like?**

It was great to share knowledge with other professionals from different companies. This gave me new and different information to use when working on the comments.

**What did you like about participating on the Combination Products Task Force?**

I learned a lot about new regulatory guidances. I also enjoyed the shared experience of working with other task force members on a topic of common interest.

**What inspires you?**

Learning about new industry trends and regulations, and then discussing them with my colleagues to determine their added value and how to feasibly implement them.

**Do you have any hobbies?**

Yes, I like to run full marathons. Plus, as I am originally from Switzerland, I love skiing as well.