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Education

2002 - 2005 Postdoctoral fellowship, NASA - Goddard Space Flight Center, Climate and Radiation Branch
1998 - 2002 Ph.D., Tel-Aviv University, Geophysics and Planetary Sciences. Atmospheric Physics

Current and Previous Positions

2017 - Present Professor, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science
2011 – 2016 Associate Professor, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science
2009 Short Sabbatical in NOAA Boulder, Colorado. Fellowship from the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES)
2005 - 2011 Senior Scientist, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Weizmann Institute of Science

Selected Awards and Recognitions

2016 Milestone article – Koren et al 2006, was selected to be one of the 10 papers that were Environment Research Letters - ERL's most significant breakthrough articles from the last 10 years
2009 Krill Prize for outstanding young researchers of the Wolf Foundation
2008 International Radiation Commission – Young Scientist Award: given to a future-promising scientist who made an important contribution

Selected list of Memberships in Committees and Boards

2017 - Present World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a member on expert team on weather modification
2017 - Present Member of the executive committee of the Surface Ocean - Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS) project
2013 - Present Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the International Surface Ocean - Lower Atmosphere Study (SOLAS) project
2012 - Present Member of the Commission of the International Commission on Clouds and Precipitation (ICCP)
2015 – Present Board of Directors of the Interuniversity Institute for Marine Sciences in Eilat, Israel (IUI)

Selected publications (since 2010)

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