



Zoom On: Moshe Graif, Honorary President, Israel Radiological Association



Prof. Moshe Graif

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Note: Prof. Graif died on 31 March 2016.

Prof. Moshe Graif is Chairman, Department of Medical Imaging, The Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center, Tel Aviv, Israel. He is Professor of Medical Imaging, Faculty of Medicine, Tel Aviv University.

1. What are your key areas of interest and research?

Clinical areas: Ultrasound and MRI with research into peripheral nerve imaging.

Management: New technologies and their impact on the practice of radiology.

2. What are the major challenges in your field?

Depersonalisation of the clinical practice. The 'faceless' patient and the 'invisible' radiologist.

3. What is your top management tip?

First of all choose the right people to work with and to delegate authority. Keep your door and mind open, listen, try to inspire and encourage maximal transparency within the organisation.

4. What would you single out as a career highlight?

Building from scratch a large academically and clinically advanced department of medical imaging.

5. If you had not chosen this career path you would have become a...?

Architect, painter.

6. What are your personal interests outside of work?

Painting, travelling and reading.

7. Your favourite quote?

“The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom” (Isaac Asimov)

Prof. Graif served as Chairman of the [Israel Radiological Association \(ISRA\)](#) from 1999-2011 and became Honorary President in 2012. He is a member of the National Council of Medical Imaging, Ministry of Health, Israel.

He is co-founder of and co-President of the [French-Israeli Association of Medical Imaging](#) and co-founder and co-president of the East Mediterranean Congress of Magnetic Resonance.

He was awarded Honorary Membership of the European Society of Radiology in 2012, “in recognition of his major contribution to the development of radiology, particularly in the areas of imaging technologies and musculoskeletal imaging, and his devotion to the restructuring of radiological standards of practice.” He was awarded the Gold Medal and Honorary Membership of the French Society of Radiology in 2007. In 2012 he received the Pioneer and Founding Member Award of the [Israel Society of Diagnostic Ultrasound in Medicine \(ISDUM\)](#). In 2013 he was awarded Honorary Fellow of the American College of Radiology.

He has 112 publications and 2200 citations in the medical literature. He is MSK Area Editor of the [Journal of Clinical Ultrasound \(JCU\)](#) and serves on the Editorial Boards of the [Journal of Ultrasound](#) and the [Journal of Radiology Case Reports \(JRCR\)](#).

He is a reviewer for the European Journal of Radiology, Israel Journal of Medical Sciences, Harefuah - Journal of the Israel Medical Association (In Hebrew), Journal of Clinical Ultrasound (JCU), Israel Medical Association Journal (IMAJ).

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