



Yigal Erlich

Mr. Yigal Erlich is the founder of the Israel Venture Association and served as its Chairman from 1996 to 2002.

Between 1984 and 1992, Mr. Erlich served as the Chief Scientist of Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. During his eight-year tenure as Chief Scientist, Mr. Erlich primarily directed research and development projects of high-technology companies. In addition, Mr. Erlich initiated the Generic Technology program, which fostered cooperation in long-term R&D by creating consortia of companies, research institutes, and universities worldwide.

Mr. Erlich also launched the Technology Incubator Program, which led to the creation of 24 Incubation Centers throughout Israel. Mr. Erlich was instrumental in establishing several binational industrial and technological R&D cooperation agreements with Canada, France, the Netherlands, Singapore, and Spain.

Mr. Erlich was a Director of the Dead Sea Works, Israel Chemicals, Israel Oil Refineries, Hadassah's commercialization company - Hadassit, and the Technion Research and Development Co. Ltd, as well as on many boards of portfolio companies that Yozma invested in.

Mr. Erlich was the Deputy Chairman of the National Research & Development Council of Israel for two years until 2010 and the Chairman of MATIMOP, a non profit Government Entity for the promotion of industrial R&D; A Board Member (five years) of the Russian Venture Capital Company (RVC), a \$1 billion government fund of funds and was a consultant to several governments including New Zealand, S.Korea, Canada, Portugal

As of today, Erlich and Yozma is a Venture Capital consulting and investments company in Israel and abroad. Mr. Erlich holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry and an MBA from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.