

ILAN CHET



Prof. Ilan Chet was born in Haifa. He completed his doctoral work in microbiology at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Faculty of Agriculture in Rehovot. Prof. Chet's research deals with the biological control of plant disease, focusing on the use of environmentally friendly micro-organisms to decrease the need for pesticides. In addition to other past positions, Prof. Chet served as Vice President for Research and Development of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem from 1991 to 2001 and, subsequently, as President of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot until 2006. He has been a visiting professor at leading US and European universities and as a member of the scientific advisory committees of both the EU and NATO. Prof. Chet's national and international renown is exemplified by his academic appointments, prizes and awards. Among others, they include the Rothschild Prize in Agriculture (1990); the Israel Prize (1996); the Wolf Prize (1998); and other international honors. Ilan and Ruthie have five children: Gal, Guy, Dana, Tal and Tom.