



Prof. Yehuda Kahane

Dr. Kahane is active in both the academic and business areas. He is a professor of insurance and finance, Faculty of Management, Tel-Aviv University, and Heads the Akirov Institute for Business and the Environment. He founded and served as the dean of the Israel Academic School of Insurance (now a part of Netanya Academic College). At Tel Aviv University he directed the Erhard Insurance Center, the Actuarial studies program, and coordinated the Executives Development Programs. He is a life and non-life actuary.

Dr. Kahane, the author of several books and numerous articles, was ranked among the most prolific researchers in insurance (JRI, June 1990). Over more than 40 years, Dr. Kahane has taught at universities around the Globe, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the University of Florida, the University of Toronto, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Texas at Austin. In addition, he presented a large number of courses around the world (e.g., in IESA Caracas, the Actuarial Summer School at Warsaw University, In Portugal, at the Bosphorus University in Turkey, and many other schools). He has founded, and directed the Israel CLU Program. He organized and lectured in hundreds of seminars and conferences.

Prof Kahane has also a rich entrepreneurial experience. He is a co-founder, director, and major shareholder in Ituran Location and Control, traded on NASDAQ (ITRN) and on the major list of Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. He was a co-initiator of the concept of “new” balanced pension funds, and was the co-founder and co-owner of the managing firm of the first fund (Teshura), that became the fourth largest fund in Israel. He is highly involved in the formation and management of start-up companies in a variety of advanced technologies, specializing in seed money investments. He owns the Weizman Hi-Tech Incubator, and is a co-owner of Capital Point Ltd. (traded on TASE) which owns Ofakim and Kazrin technological incubators. In addition he is involved in many voluntary activities (e.g., Chairman of the Association of Blind People in Sharon District, Or Yarok – an association for prevention of traffic accident victims, The Assoc. for Delaying Age Related Processes, etc.).

He started his business career in a large multinational corporation, and in the management of various businesses. In addition he served as a consultant on risk management, insurance and actuarial and financial topics to the government, large organizations, and major companies both in Israel and internationally. Dr. Kahane has served on the Israeli Insurance Council and on several government committees on a variety of insurance topics.

Dr. Kahane earned a B.A. in Economics and Statistics, 1965, an M.A. in Business Administration, cum laude, 1967 and Ph.D. in Finance, 1973 from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He has served as an associate editor of the leading journals on risk and insurance. He has taught courses in technological forecasting (the first teacher of this subject in Israel), finance, insurance, risk management and actuarial topics. His research focus is on the portfolio implications for insurance, rate-making, automobile insurance, natural hazards, pension and life insurance, reserving, and environmental risks.

He is married to Rivka (maiden name: Trieber), has 3 children and 3 (great) grandchildren.

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