

manpower suitably trained in technical as well as in managerial skills.

8. Establish centers of excellence specializing in plant genetic engineering.
9. Establish an information center for biotechnology within the NCRD.
10. Set up a fund for fellowships and for visiting experts in biotechnology.
11. Find effective ways to encourage investment in the biotechnology industry by establishing venture funds and other innovative financial instruments.

These recommendations are currently being implemented by the Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, which is the main funding source for industrial R&D, and by the NCRD of the Ministry of Science and Technology, which is the main funding source for academic applied R&D. A genuine effort is being made to increase financial support as recommended.

Most of the basic and much of the applied biotechnological research, as well as much of the training of scientific manpower, is concentrated in the institutes of higher learning. These include five universities (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv University, The Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Bar-Ilan University, Haifa University), one institute of technology (Technion - Israel Institute of Technology), one research institute (Weizmann Institute of Science) and one agricultural research institute (Agricultural Research Organization).

The budget for biotechnological R&D in 1988 was approximately US\$ 17 million. The funds were provided by the industrial establishment (US\$ 8 million), the Ministry