

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Congressman Chaka Fattah (PA-02) will travel to Israel this Sunday, October 13, where he will deliver a keynote address at Brain Tech Israel 2013, the country's first ever international brain technology conference. Fattah's keynote speech, "Neurotechnology—The Time is Now," will address his work as the architect of the Fattah Neuroscience Initiative (FNI) and provide an update on President Obama's BRAIN Initiative.

Congressman Fattah is the only U.S. elected official invited to address the conference. During the visit—his first to the country—he will also meet with Israeli President Shimon Peres, U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro, Avi Hasson, Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy, and a group of young Israeli entrepreneurs that have business interests in the Philadelphia area.

Fattah has been instrumental in enhancing the US-Israel collaboration in neuroscience and neurotechnology, and the visit is an extension of his effort to increase partnerships between the two countries. The visit will build on Philadelphia and Israel's strong economic ties, as Fattah explores new opportunities for investment and cooperation, especially among his district's hospitals, research universities, and science centers.

To date, he's supported several joint projects between the Philadelphia region and Israel, including the clinical trial of ReWalk (designed in

Israel

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Philadelphia's

Einstein Medical Center. Since founding FNI in 2011, Fattah has traveled the country engaging stakeholders in dialogue around neuroscience research and funding, highlighting the opportunities for public-private sector collaboration both within the U.S. and worldwide.

Brain Tech Israel brings together government officials, Nobel Prize winners, investors, scientists, entrepreneurs, and leading multinationals to discuss cutting-edge brain technologies from Israel and around the world. Dr. Philip Low, Founder and CEO of NeuroVigil, a San Diego-based company, will deliver the conference's closing keynote. The conference will also award the inaugural

\$1 million

Global B.R.A.I.N. Prize to one of 10 finalists, which include several American researchers and companies. A full conference schedule and details can be found at:

<http://conference.israelbrain.org/program/>

For additional information on the Fattah Neuroscience Initiative, please visit: http://fattah.house.gov/uploads/Fattah%20Neuroscience%20Initiative_Press%20Kit.pdf

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Fattah Visit to Israel will include:

- **Keynote Speech at Brain Tech Israel 2013**

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- **Diplomatic meetings** with Israeli President Shimon Peres and U.S. Ambassador Daniel Sha
- **Policy meetings with** Avi Hasson, Chief Scientist of the Ministry of Economy and young Isra

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Sunday, October 13 – Tuesday, October 15, 2013

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