David Fuhrer, the Israeli businessman who owns the flourishing Neopharm Group, is among the most influential leaders in Israeli trade and industry in general and in the Israeli health products market in particular. Fuhrer is renowned for his distinctive philanthropic initiatives to advance research in the disciplines of medicine and life sciences, to develop innovative cleantech technologies, and to provide solutions for weak sectors of Israeli society.

David Fuhrer is the owner, executive director, and president of Neopharm, a group of Israeli companies that specialize in importing, marketing, producing, and distributing medications, essential health products, medical equipment, and equipment for the life sciences industry. He joined the group in 1980, first heading its chemical and veterinary divisions, which gained momentum and became leaders in their fields. Under his management, Neopharm became the second largest supplier of health products in Israel, with some 600 employees and annual sales exceeding $300 million. The group even serves as a gateway for multinational corporations seeking to enter or expand their activities in the Israeli health market.

Highly esteemed for his activities in Israeli industry and trade, David Fuhrer served as chairman of the pharmaceutical sector of the Ministry of Trade for over a decade. In 2009, Bar-Ilan University awarded him an honorary doctorate in recognition of his contribution to the medical and health industry in Israel. In addition, he has a law degree from Tel Aviv University and is a member of the bar association.

Over the years, David Fuhrer has consistently supported research that aims to strengthen the life sciences industry and develop the pharmaceuticals and health products market in Israel. The overall goal of these activities is to improve the quality of life and provide the optimal solution for the Israeli health consumer. In addition, David Fuhrer is a long-time, dedicated supporter of the IDC Herzliya and a member of its Israel Friends association. Furthermore, he grants scholarships to students with limited financial means.

David Fuhrer has earned appreciation and recognition for his involvement in innovative social and community service initiatives. Particularly noteworthy is his exceptional initiative, in cooperation with AKIM Israel – the National Association for the Habilitation of the Mentally Handicapped in Israel, to employ individuals with mental handicaps. The initiative received the President’s Award from President of Israel Shimon Peres. David Fuhrer also is involved in promoting coexistence between minorities employed at Neopharm. In addition, he supports organizations that are concerned with providing for the medical needs of underprivileged populations and acts to advance cleantech projects.

In recognition of his central role and vital activities in the field of Israeli trade and industry, his contribution to developing the pharmaceutical and health products market in Israel, his dedication to social initiatives to improve the quality of life, and for his contribution to IDC Herzliya, David Fuhrer is hereby named an Honorary Fellow of the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya.