
Open Medical Institute



2015

Annual Report

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Foreword

WHY WE NEED OMI

Billions of dollars in foreign aid have been donated to developing countries to improve medical services. Yet health systems continue to deteriorate and many health care professionals leave their countries. According to international literature, three of the main reasons for this negative development are the lack of trained healthcare professionals due to brain drain, outdated educational facilities and poor medical infrastructure.

Many international aid programs inadvertently contribute to brain drain by offering long-term scholarships to physicians from developing countries. The longer they stay abroad, the less likely it is that they will ever return home.

The Open Medical Institute (OMI) does exactly the opposite: We offer multiple, short term fellowships to mid-career-level, English speaking physicians, chosen based on merit. Through seminars, observerships and outreach programs in the target regions, the program can be tailored to the needs of the physicians in the region. The faculty of experts from leading US and Austrian academic centers serve pro

bono and continue to mentor their students as long as it is necessary.

OMI offers a proven way forward to achieving lasting brain gain. More than 18,000 physicians have participated in the OMI programs, the majority of whom remain in their countries. In order to improve infrastructure, the OMI has also installed medical units in several participating hospitals. Via the OMI Handbook Online physicians can access state of the art information directly from the internet, allowing them to treat patients more expeditiously.

We thank our academic partners, our dedicated faculty, and our supporters and donors for enabling the Open Medical Institute to provide medical education beyond borders, transforming health care around the globe.

WOLFGANG AULITZKY, MD

Director of the Open Medical Institute
July 2016

OPEN MEDICAL INSTITUTE 
Medical Education Beyond Borders

Open Medical Institute

The Open Medical Institute (OMI) is a global educational initiative founded in 1993 by The American Austrian Foundation and physicians from Weill Cornell Medical College to share medical knowledge with colleagues from newly independent states and developing countries to foster their professional growth and prevent brain drain. Leading American and European institutions including Weill Cornell Medical College and its affiliated hospitals (NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Methodist Hospital Houston), The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Duke University Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and the Medical Universities of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck and Salzburg provide the academic leadership for the seminars. All faculty members serve pro bono.

The enthusiasm and expertise of outstanding faculty is the key to the Open Medical Institute's

success. OMI is funded by generous donors and direct grants from several foundations and corporations. Core funding is provided by the Austrian Federal Government and the Open Society Foundations. OMI shares knowledge and experience, and fosters friendships and alliances across borders, enabling physicians to improve their skills and build capacity in order to deliver the best possible care to their patients.

OPEN ACCESS TO

- KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER
OMI SEMINARS
- EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE
OMI CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIPS
OMI RESEARCH OBSERVERSHIPS
- CAPACITY BUILDING
OMI DISTANCE LEARNING
OMI SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

MEDICAL EDUCATION BEYOND BORDERS

Facts & Figures 2015

OPEN MEDICAL INSTITUTE

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER – OMI SEMINARS

	2015	1993 - 2015
Seminar Totals	38	549
Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars	19	309
Salzburg CHOP Seminars	8	103
Salzburg Duke Seminars	1	17
Salzburg Columbia Seminars	3	29
Salzburg Cleveland Seminars	2	20
OMI-Public Health Seminars	4	51
WHO-Seminars	0	9
OMI-Coordinator Meetings	1	11

Faculty Members	264	3.497
OMI Fellows	1.166	18.026
Countries	60	119

EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE – OMI OBSERVERSHIP PROGRAM

OMI Clinical Observerships	95	3.049
OMI Research Observerships	4	5
Countries	26	40

CAPACITY BUILDING – OMI DISTANCE LEARNING – OMI SATELLITE SYMPOSIA

CD-Roms	37	455
Satellite Symposia	22	184

OMI FACULTY TESTIMONIALS:

My faculty and I have greatly enjoyed working with brilliant young minds from Eastern Europe and throughout the world. It is wonderful to see some of them rising to positions of leadership in their respective countries.

Frank A. Chervenak, MD
Given Foundation Professor and Chairman
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
New York Weill Cornell Medical Center

For my part, I would tell you that it is the most gratifying teaching experience of my career. I have lectured all over the United States at medical conferences and other universities. Yet by far, my teaching at the Open Medical Institute is the work of which I am most proud. The participants are hungry for the knowledge and the format is a benefit to their learning. The ability of the faculty to interact with the participants and for them to interact with each other on a day to day basis during the course and after hours at the conference center is invaluable.

I still keep in touch with former students who attended the seminars in Salzburg. I know for a fact that the program is very effective and raises the level of medical knowledge in the countries where the attendees are from. I also know that the attendees form bonds with each other and continue their interactions beyond the time at the conference center.

Steven D. Billings, MD
Professor of Pathology
Cleveland Clinics

The Duke Seminars in Family Medicine with AAF began in 1995, and have remained enormously popular and valuable to all attendees and faculty. Over the past 20 years, these seminars have helped shape the training of about 800 primary care doctors – guiding, teaching, and motivating with educational models and practices that they can use in their home countries. These experiences have also helped us appreciate the value of the work of our colleagues across Europe, and helped us, and them, see the value and importance of their work. Of the many professional activities in which I have been engaged over the last three decades, the medical seminars of the American Austrian Foundation have been the most forward thinking and influential.

Lloyd Michener, MD
Professor and Chairman
Department of Community & Family Medicine
Duke University Medical Center

We at CHOP have a deep appreciation for the need for global health. It is a term based on our belief that the health of children across the world is critical to improving the continued existence of our world as we know it. Therefore, this outcome is the responsibility of every pediatrician, department of pediatrics and pediatric governing body. We take this responsibility very seriously and the AAF-OMI has allowed us a venue to act on our beliefs.

Stephen Ludwig, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
Medical Director of International Medical Education
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



Schloss Arenberg & The Milton and Roslyn Wolf Park, Home of the OMI Seminars

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OMI Seminars

KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER

The first step in OMI's educational program consists of knowledge transfer through the OMI Seminars. From 1993-2015, under the leadership of our academic partner institutions, and implementing Anglo-Saxon didactics, OMI organized 549 seminars in all medical disciplines. All faculty members serve pro bono and spend one week sharing knowledge, experience and best practices with colleagues from around the world, thereby fostering brain gain and preventing brain drain.

The program is funded by grants from numerous individuals, foundations, corporations, hospitals, international associations and public institutions.

OMI LEADERSHIP

Director: Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD

Co-Directors: Michael Stewart, MD,
Nancy Wolf, MD and Stephen Ludwig, MD

FELLOWS BY COUNTRY

	2015	1993 - 2015		2015	1993 - 2015
Afghanistan	0	2	Macedonia	42	460
Albania	26	482	Malawi	1	2
Argentina	0	6	Malaysia	0	17
Armenia	45	901	Mauritius	0	2
Australia	0	14	Mexico	51	201
Austria	58	230	Moldova	22	495
Azerbaijan	31	434	Mongolia	26	427
Bangladesh	0	3	Montenegro	19	205
Belarus	31	290	Morocco	0	4
Belgium	3	13	Mozambique	0	1
Belize	0	2	Myanmar	0	2
Bhutan	0	1	Namibia	0	2
Bosnia Herzegovina	22	320	Nepal	0	9
Botswana	0	1	Netherlands	2	15
Brazil	1	7	New Zealand	0	3
Bulgaria	30	437	Nigeria	4	37
Burkina Faso	0	1	Norway	0	7
Cambodia	0	7	Pakistan	0	5
Cameroon	0	2	Palestinian Territory, occ.	1	1
Canada	0	7	Papua New Guinea	0	2
Chile	0	4	Peru	0	10
China	0	32	Philippines	0	7
Colombia	0	2	Poland	17	489
Congo	0	2	Portugal	8	65
Croatia	39	613	Qatar	28	57
Cyprus	0	3	Romania	38	679
Czech Republic	65	775	Russia	46	1.834
Denmark	0	4	Rwanda	1	2
Egypt	0	11	Saudi Arabia	0	2
Estonia	29	471	Senegal	1	3
Ethiopia	3	6	Serbia	44	684
Finland	1	8	Singapore	0	3
France	0	11	Slovakia	30	677
Gabon	0	1	Slovenia	15	361
Gambia	0	1	South Africa	4	28
Georgia	30	488	Spain	5	28
Germany	3	44	Sri Lanka	0	2
Ghana	0	3	Sudan	1	15
Greece	2	22	Suriname	0	2
Hungary	35	553	Sweden	0	9
India	1	21	Switzerland	1	37
Indonesia	0	18	Tajikistan	12	270
Iran	1	12	Tanzania	18	137
Iraq	0	18	Thailand	0	11
Ireland	1	5	Trinidad & Tobago	0	1
Israel	1	3	Turkey	44	103
Italy	2	48	Turkmenistan	0	4
Jamaica	0	3	Uganda	2	18
Japan	0	3	Ukraine	43	1.285
Jordan	0	2	United Arab Emirates	0	9
Kazakhstan	37	588	United Kingdom	2	43
Kenya	2	23	Uruguay	0	1
Kosovo	36	326	USA	11	114
Kuwait	0	1	Uzbekistan	18	392
Kyrgyzstan	19	356	Venezuela	0	2
Laos	0	4	Vietnam	0	12
Latvia	21	401	Yemen	0	5
Lebanon	0	1	Zambia	0	3
Lithuania	34	674	Zimbabwe	0	3
Luxembourg	0	1	Total	1.166	18.026

BRAIN GAIN VERSUS BRAIN DRAIN

Highly qualified, English-speaking physicians from Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, Africa, Mexico and many other places, who undergo a rigorous application process, are invited to Salzburg for one-week seminars in their medical specialty. Each seminar is limited to a maximum of 36 participants, allowing for intense interaction and knowledge transfer through lectures, discussions, case presentations, hands-on training, simulations, and grand rounds via video-conferencing.

All applicants participate in an open competition and must apply through the OMI coordinator, based in their home country. Fellowships are awarded according to a non-discriminatory selection process and based on merit. From 1993 to December 2015, more than 18,000 doctors from 119 countries attended 549 seminars.

COLLEAGUES HELP COLLEAGUES



Temporal Bone Surgery Seminar

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OMI Hands-On Seminars and Workshops

Over the last few years course-directors and faculty have included more and more hands-on trainings and workshops to the seminar schedules.

In 2015, OMI organized hands-on trainings and wetlabs at the General Hospital Salzburg's teaching facilities for Temporal Bone Surgery, Otolaryngology, Neurosurgery, Obstetrics & Gynecology and Urology.



Our fellows now have the opportunity to learn how to handle equipment, and implement new technology and procedures.

*Michael Stewart, MD
Vice Dean & Professor of
Otolaryngology
New York Weill Cornell
Medical Center*



NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital and The Hospital for Special Surgery

Academic Partners

SALZBURG WEILL CORNELL SEMINARS



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**

Weill Medical College of Cornell University and its affiliated hospitals – NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Methodist Hospital Houston – are ranked among the top ten clinical and medical research centers in the United States. Not only

are the physicians who work at these hospitals experts in their respective fields, they are also philanthropically minded and willing to share their knowledge and expertise through the OMI Seminar Program.

The first OMI Seminars in the early 1990s focused on the major killers – cardiac infarction, stroke and infectious diseases. Over the years, the number of OMI Seminar topics has increased, based on the needs of the participating countries and fellows.

NewYork-Presbyterian
The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell



Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is the oldest orthopedic hospital in the United States and is ranked number one in orthopedics by *U.S. News and World Report*. HSS is the world-leader in joint replacement surgery, pioneering total knee replacement and minimally invasive spinal surgical techniques. Thomas P. Sculco, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief Emeritus, conducted the first OMI Seminar in Bone and Joint Surgery in 1994.



**Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center**

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) is the leading oncology center in the world. Each year, doctors from MSKCC treat more cancer patients annually than most physicians treat in their entire career. Thomas J. Fahey, MD, Senior Vice President, Clinical Development Program Emeritus and David G. Pfister, MD, Chief, Head and Neck Oncology Service, coordinate faculty from MSKCC to conduct two oncology seminars annually. The first MSKCC Seminar took place in 1997.



Methodist Hospital Houston's focus on groundbreaking translational and clinical research makes them an excellent partner.

OMI SEMINAR TOPICS 2015

Anesthesiology
Applied Clinical Research
Behavioral Pediatrics & Child Development
Bone and Joint Surgery
Cardiac Surgery
Cardiology
Dermatology
Diabetes
Diagnostic Imaging
Family Medicine
General Pediatrics
Infectious Diseases
Internal Medicine
Lipid Metabolism and Cardiovascular Risk
Maternal & Infant Health
Medical Education
Neonatology
Neurology
Neurosurgery
OB/GYN
Oncology
Ophthalmology
Otolaryngology
Pathology
Pediatric Cardiology
Pediatric Radiology
Pediatric Urology
Psychiatry
Rehabilitation Medicine
Temporal Bone Surgery
Trauma & Emergency Surgery
Urology



The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

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SALZBURG CHOP SEMINARS

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Founded in 1855, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is the oldest hospital in the United States dedicated exclusively to pediatrics.

Children are the most vulnerable members of society and millions die each day in the developing world due to poor environmental conditions and lack of adequate medical treatment.

In 1995, the AAF recognized the need to include pediatrics in the OMI Seminars and CHOP agreed to provide academic leadership for this seminar series. CHOP conducts six pediatric seminars per year, covering all the pediatric subspecialties over a three-year period.

CHOP also conducts annual seminars in Medical Education, Leadership and Applied Clinical Research.

AUSTRIAN FACULTY



Physicians from leading Austrian medical institutions including the university hospitals of Vienna, Graz and Innsbruck and the general hospitals of Salzburg and Linz serve as co-course directors and faculty members of the OMI Seminars. The Medical University of Vienna (MUW) and the Vienna Open Medical Institute (Vienna OMI) provide substantial academic and financial support. Since the beginning, the Salzburg General Hospital and the Christian-Doppler-Klinik were great supporters and provided faculty and hospital facilities for workshops and training.

SALZBURG DUKE SEMINARS



In 1995, OMI approached Duke University Medical Center to cover public health and healthcare management issues. Duke’s Department of Community Health Sciences is a leader in healthcare management and hospital networks. Lloyd Michener, MD, and his faculty conduct a seminar in Family Medicine and Healthcare Management every year.

SALZBURG CLEVELAND SEMINARS



The Cleveland Clinic, ranked # 1 by *U.S. News and World Report* in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, joined the OMI faculty in 2006 and conducts Cardiac/Cardiothoracic Surgery and Pathology seminars each year.

SALZBURG COLUMBIA SEMINARS



In 1998, through the merger of the New York and Columbia Presbyterian Hospitals, the College of Physicians and Surgeons joined the OMI faculty and conducts annual seminars in Maternal and Infant Health and Internal Medicine.

FACTS AND FIGURES (1993 – 2015)

- 309** Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars
- 103** Salzburg CHOP Seminars
- 17** Salzburg Duke Seminars
- 29** Salzburg Columbia Seminars
- 20** Salzburg Cleveland Seminars
- 51** OMI-Public Health Seminars
- 9** WHO Seminars
- 11** OMI Coordinator Seminars
- 549 SEMINAR TOTALS**
- 3,497** Faculty Members
- 18,026** Fellowships
- 119** Countries



The University Hospital of Vienna (Allgemeines Krankenhaus), Vienna, Austria

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OMI Clinical Observerships

EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE

The second step in OMI's educational program consists of clinical training in Austrian and US hospitals. All seminar participants are eligible for up to three one-month observerships, in order to update their clinical skills, learn new techniques, treatment protocols and modern hospital and healthcare management.

Observers rotate through departments of their interest and are mentored by world renowned experts.

In 2008, the City of Vienna opened all its municipal hospitals for OMI Observerships and provides an almost unlimited number of slots. In 2015, 95 doctors were awarded clinical observerships in Austria and the US.

At the conclusion of their observership, fellows must submit a comprehensive report and case presentation, prepared in conjunction with their mentor.

Several observerships have led to joint research projects and collaborative studies between the host institutions and the fellows' home institutions.

I can say that the knowledge and experiences gained during the Seminars & Observerships made me a better doctor and also a better person. I am so happy for this unique chance.

Daciana-Nicoleta Dascalu, MD, Romania

After this Observership month I became more confident as a specialist. I saw a lot of new technologies, read a lot of articles about pathologies, so now I can make lectures and case presentations for our doctors and students who have never seen it. It is very important because the quality and knowledge increase when we exchange our experiences with colleagues.

Marina Aloyan, MD, Armenia

TRAIN THE TRAINERS

OBSERVERS BY COUNTRY

	2015	1993 - 2015		2015	1993 - 2015
Afghanistan	0	2	Mexico	0	4
Albania	3	70	Moldova	3	78
Armenia	11	219	Mongolia	3	72
Azerbaijan	2	83	Montenegro	2	13
Belarus	3	14	Nigeria	0	4
Bosnia Herzegovina	1	39	Papua New Guinea	0	1
Bulgaria	5	81	Poland	1	34
Congo	0	1	Romania	3	108
Croatia	1	47	Russia	14	307
Czech Republic	6	60	Serbia	4	83
Estonia	0	34	Slovakia	1	75
Ethiopia	0	1	Slovenia	2	17
Georgia	1	104	Spain	0	1
Hungary	1	33	Tajikistan	0	38
Iraq	0	3	Tanzania	0	29
Kazakhstan	3	67	Uganda	0	1
Kosovo	1	27	Ukraine	7	196
Kyrgyzstan	2	37	United Kingdom	0	1
Latvia	0	37	Uzbekistan	6	57
Lithuania	3	66			
Macedonia	6	82	Total	95	2.226

2,226 doctors completed 3,049 observership months in Austria and the US.



Lyubomyr Lytvynchuk, MD, Ukraine and Goran Petrovski, MD, Hungary

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OMI Research Observerships

The aim of the OMI Research Observership Program is to provide OMI alumni with basic biomedical and clinical research skills. Former seminar participants have the opportunity to spend three months in one of the leading international research institutions, where they can participate in research projects and acquire essential research tools. This program is designed to help clinicians who are interested in science and research build a professional network for future cooperation with leading

Austrian research institutions. In 2015, 4 doctors attended OMI Research Observerships in Vienna. In one such Observership, Lyubomyr Lytvynchuk, MD, collaborated with Susanne Binder, MD, at the Department of Ophthalmology at Rudolfstiftung hospital in Vienna. Their joint research included implementation of intraoperative spectral domain, optic coherent tomography (iSD-OCT) and new surgical techniques in eye surgery.



OMI Distance Learning

**CAPACITY BUILDING • CD-ROMS • ONLINE CASE LIBRARY
• MEDICAL HANDBOOK ONLINE**

During each OMI Seminar, all lectures are recorded and together with the related PowerPoint presentations, transferred to CD-ROMs, which are given to each seminar fellow at the conclusion of his/her seminar. This enables fellows to share their newfound knowledge with colleagues as soon as they return home. Since 2000, 455 CD-ROMs, including 9,100 state-of-the-art lectures, have

been produced and published electronically on the AAF website in the OMI Handbook Online. During the seminar, each fellow is invited to present a rare case from his clinical practice. The most interesting cases are selected by the faculty for publication in the OMI Online Case Library. To date more than 1,500 cases have been published and are available online.

CHOP OPEN

FREE GLOBAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

In 2015, Stephen Ludwig, MD from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD (OMI) launched an online educational platform called CHOP OPEN. The content is comprised of modules, each dedicated to a specific topic and consists of lectures and cases presented during the weeklong Salzburg CHOP Seminars. CHOP OPEN is supported by a generous grant from the Leir Foundation.

We intend to create a Pediatric Handbook, which will be available online, as a free source, to pediatricians from around the globe, updated regularly by faculty of the Salzburg CHOP Seminars. With the help of distance learning technology, we are able to reach out to a much wider audience and intensify local capacity building.



Stephen Ludwig, MD, is the medical director of International Medical Education at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.



THE LEIR CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS

<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/chop-open-access-medical-education>



Pediatric Orthopedics Satellite Symposium in St. Petersburg, Russia

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OMI Satellite Symposia

OMI Satellite Symposia are an opportunity for fellows to host international faculty in their country. They are held in the region with the aim of reaching a larger audience of physicians and health care workers. At the same time, they are an important opportunity to learn about local conditions and foster relationships between senior physicians in the region and US and Austrian faculty members. Satellite Symposia typically include six lectures, a hospital visit and a round-table discussion on a topic agreed upon by local and international faculty.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS BY COUNTRY

	2015	1993–2015		2015	1993–2015
Albania	0	2	Macedonia	1	4
Armenia	2	12	Mexico	3	9
Austria	1	2	Moldova	3	9
Azerbaijan	2	8	Mongolia	0	2
Bulgaria	1	1	Montenegro	0	1
Croatia	0	4	Poland	0	4
Czech Republic	2	8	Qatar	0	2
Estonia	0	2	Romania	0	12
Georgia	2	7	Russia	2	34
Hungary	0	4	Serbia	1	7
Kazakhstan	0	4	Slovakia	1	9
Kosovo	0	2	Slovenia	0	3
Kyrgyzstan	0	5	Ukraine	0	11
Latvia	0	5	Uzbekistan	0	3
Lithuania	1	8	Total	22	184



95th Salzburg CHOP Seminar 2015: Pediatric Cardiology Seminar participants

Milestones

300th SALZBURG WEILL CORNELL SEMINAR

The OMI Oncology Seminar “Hematologic Malignancies” marked the 300th Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminar (see cover picture) and the 25th Oncology Seminar conducted by faculty from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Renowned and longtime course directors Thomas Fahey, MD, and David Pfister, MD, organized a week of lectures and workshops that maximized the opportunities for knowledge transfer and experience exchange. The faculty

covered a wide range of topics including “Follicular Lymphoma,” “Myelofibrosis: Diagnosis, Management, and New Therapeutic Insights,” “Hematologic Emergencies in Acute Leukemias,” and “New and Emerging Therapeutic Options in CLL”. 30 fellows from 21 countries participated in the seminar and presented interesting and rare cases.



Faculty of the 20th Salzburg Cleveland Clinic Seminar 2015

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95th SALZBURG CHOP SEMINAR

The cooperation between OMI and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) started in 1994 with a Seminar on "Acute Care in Pediatrics". The OMI Seminar schedule now includes six pediatric seminars per year, as well as two cross-specialty seminars jointly organized by OMI and CHOP. The Pediatric Cardiology Seminar 2015 was the 95th Salzburg CHOP Seminar held in Salzburg. 28 out of 32 doctors who participated in the seminar presented their own clinical cases to get feedback on their decision-making from faculty members including course-director Shoha Natarajan, MD. In the last 11 years, more than 2,600 doctors attended Salzburg CHOP Seminars, and 20% of them have attended more than one Salzburg CHOP Seminar over the years.

20th SALZBURG CLEVELAND CLINIC SEMINAR

The cooperation between OMI and Cleveland Clinic began in 2007 and covers seminars on Cardiac Surgery, Cardiac Imaging and Pathology. In the past eight years a total of 425 doctors from around the world attended a Salzburg Cleveland Clinic Seminar. In this year's Cardiac Surgery Seminar, course-directors Edward Soltesz, MD, from Cleveland Clinic and Günther Laufer, MD, from the Medical University in Vienna focused on Aortic and Coronary Diseases and conducted a Satellite Symposium at Charles University in Prague.



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Left: Amb. William C. Eacho III, Board Member of the American Austrian Foundation accepts the IMP Award;
Right: Jeffrey S. Akman, MD, Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences; The George Washington University

Awards

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY AWARD FOR MEDICAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

George Washington University's International Medical Programs (IMP) honored the AAF for the Max Kade Clinical Clerkship Program, at its annual dinner in Washington, DC. Ambassador William Eacho, former US Ambassador to Austria and AAF Board member, accepted the

award on behalf of the American Austrian Foundation. This program, which fosters knowledge and experience exchange between 4th year American and Austrian medical students through clinical rotations, began in 1996 and has provided a total of 463 one-month clinical clerkships. We aim to supplement the students' education and broaden their horizons by exposing them to a foreign health care system and culture.



Bella Grigoryan, MD

MEDAL OF HONOR FOR OMI ALUMNA FROM ARMENIA

OMI alumna and former OMI local coordinator in Armenia, Bella Grigoryan, MD, received a medal of honor from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia for her contributions to medical education and training for doctors from rural areas in Armenia. Using OMI as a model, Dr. Grigoryan enlisted the support of Armenian OMI alumni and began a program to bring Armenian doctors from rural hospitals to Yerevan for a one-month training period. During their training, these doctors also attended English classes, in order to help them qualify for an OMI Seminar in Salzburg. To date more than 650 Armenian physicians have benefitted from this local program.



Humes Visiting Professors 2015: Eugen Trink, MD and Matthew Fink, MD

HUMES VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

The Humes Visiting Professorship program was established to strengthen the relationship between the faculty of US and Austrian academic institutions, who participate in the Open Medical Institute's seminars. The Visiting Professorships are a bequest by the estate of late AAF Trustee and Cornell Medical University graduate, Jean Humes, MD in memory of her husband, John P. Humes, a US Ambassador to Austria and the first president of The American Austrian Foundation. In 2015, Eugen Trink, MD from the Christian-Doppler-Klinik in Salzburg, and Matthew Fink, MD from New York Presbyterian Hospital, received Humes Professorships for Neurology.



Josef Penninger, MD

New Developments

VIENNA CITY OF SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

In 2015, OMI and Weill Cornell Medical College began a series of annual symposia in New York entitled “Vienna City of Science” as part of the “Dean’s Distinguished Lectures” to promote Vienna as a leading center in biomedical research and promote scientific exchange between Weill Cornell Medical College and Austrian research institutions. The first symposium was hosted by Laurie H. Glimcher, MD, Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean of the Weill Cornell Medical College and featured lectures on “New Approaches to Cancer

Treatment”. Douglas T. Fearon, MD, Professor of Pancreatic Cancer Research at the Weill Cornell Medical College spoke about “Immune Privilege by T cell Exclusion: the Definitive T cell Checkpoint” and Josef Penninger, MD, Founding Director of the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (IMBA) presented his research on “Rankl, from Bone Loss to Breast Cancer”.



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**





From left: Pamela Rendi-Wagner, MD; Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD; Kevin Rudd, Chair, Independent Commission on Multilateralism; and Barbara Gibson, IPI Senior Adviser.

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IPI CONFERENCE AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA

The International Peace Institute (IPI) invited OMI to coordinate a high-level, international conference on “Preparing for Pandemics: Lessons Learned for More Effective Responses” at the WHO Headquarters at Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Attendees included Margaret Chan, Director General of the WHO, Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia, and representatives from the International Red Cross, Institut Pasteur and Médecins sans Frontières. The attendees discussed challenges and lessons learned from

the Ebola crisis, as well as actionable solutions and their implementation. Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD, presented the OMI program, which was lauded as a successful model on how to build capacity, prevent brain drain and therefore make countries better prepared for pandemics.

PREPAREDNESS FOR PANDEMICS





Daniela Efremova, MD, Stroke Prevention Unit, Moldova

AUSTRIAN DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ADA)



In 2011 OMI and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) launched the “Capacity Development in Healthcare Project” which provides both training and equipment to doctors in the South-Caucasus & Black-Sea Region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova).

Over the course of the project, a total of 610 seminar fellows and 163 observers from the region received fellowships. 18 OMI

Satellite Symposia were organized in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova as part of the Capacity Development in Healthcare Project. Doctors from the region came to the Christian-Doppler-Klinik, Salzburg to learn stroke prevention. Stroke prevention units were installed in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova where we will conduct an international multi-center study on stroke prevention with the neurologists in Salzburg.



L-R: Petr Marusic, MD, Harald Sitte, MD, Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD, Dean Vladimir Komarek, MD, Vojtech Havlas, MD, Shahrokh Shariat, MD

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MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

The Open Medical Institute enjoys strong ties with numerous academic centers throughout Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the former Soviet Union. These ties resulted in Memoranda of Understanding between OMI and 35 institutions in:

Albania	Czech Republic	Macedonia
Armenia	Georgia	Moldova
Austria	Kazakhstan	Montenegro
Azerbaijan	Kosovo	Russia
Belarus	Kyrgyzstan	Serbia
Bulgaria	Latvia	Ukraine
Croatia	Lithuania	Uzbekistan

Most recently, OMI signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Charles University in Prague, one of the oldest (founded in 1348) and largest universities in Europe. To foster cooperation between OMI, the Medical University of Vienna and Charles University in Prague, their representatives met in Prague and discussed the next joint activities, including OMI Satellite Symposia in Prague.



Weill Bugando Hospital, Mwanza, Tanzania

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OMI International Partners

WEILL BUGANDO, TANZANIA

Based on our success in stemming the brain drain tide in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, we began inviting physicians from Weill Bugando in Mwanza, Tanzania, to participate in the OMI Seminars and Observerships. To date, 137 doctors from Tanzania have attended OMI Seminars and all of them still practice in Tanzania, confirming the program's success in preventing brain drain.

ALIANZA MÉDICA PARA LA SALUD (AMSA), MEXICO

AAF Trustee, Pablo Legorreta, established AMSA to facilitate Mexican physicians' participation in the OMI Seminar and Observership program. From 2010 to 2015, 201 physicians from Mexico attended an OMI Seminar and 9 OMI Satellite Symposia have been conducted in Mexico.



HAMAD MEDICAL CORPORATION, QATAR

From 2008 to 2015, 57 physicians from Qatar attended a seminar in Salzburg. OMI faculty has conducted two satellite symposia in Doha.





Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra

Fundraising

Special thanks to the musicians of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, who, since 1997, have donated their time and talent to OMI's annual fundraiser, Music for Medicine.

The nineteenth annual Music for Medicine benefit took place on December 2, 2015 at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra performed unique arrangements for harp and strings by Beethoven, Smetana and Debussy. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and Mrs. Ban were honored guests.

The concert was followed by dinner and a live auction, raising a total of \$ 600,000.



Music for Medicine 2015



1. Deborah Harnik and Ashley von Perfall
2. Lawrence and Barbara Doyle, Carl Cirino, Eliza Sherman, and Donna Eacho
3. Nikolaos Skubas, MD, Evangelia Skubas (aka Romoudi), Vidya and Vinod Malhotra, MD
4. Darren and Pam Russell, Nancy G. Wolf, MD, PhD
5. Amb. William J. vanden Heuvel

6. Eugen Trink, MD, Michael Stewart, MD and Matthew Fink, MD
7. Michael Koch and Gerhard Andlinger
8. Antonio Gotto, MD, Dr. Rudolf Aichinger
Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Amb. William Eacho,
Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD



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9. Ms. Conchita Creel de Legorreta, Pablo Legorreta, Philip Band, MD, Almudena Legorreta, and Laura Koch
10. Donald Fox and Daisy Soros
11. Rebecca Lambert-Bent, Edward (Ted) Bent, Robert Wessely and Rev. Susan McCone
12. Harald Krumpoeck, Mrs. Ban, Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, Andreas Grossbauer

13. Karen Hsu, Tom McGrath and Cynthia Sculco
14. Katharine Eltz-Aulitzky with Gerhard and Jeanne Andlinger
15. Michele Delio, Brian Premo, Ed Lai, MD, Sarju Patel, MD, Benjamin Levine, MD, Gary Lelli, MD and Ashley Campbell



OMI Awards: Udo Janßen, MD and Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD awarded outstanding OMI Observership Mentor Walter Klimscha, MD.

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Vienna Open Medical Institute

The Vienna Open Medical Institute (Vienna OMI) is a joint initiative of the Vienna Hospital Association, The American Austrian Foundation, The Medical University of Vienna, The Viennese Society of Physicians, The Vienna Chamber of Doctors and The Austrian Academy of Sciences providing state-of-the-art scientific and clinical rotations in Viennese hospitals. These rotations follow a specific curriculum depending upon the medical specialty, but all include a series of workshops on the Austrian and Viennese Healthcare System, Clinical Research and

Biomedical Fundamental Research and the History of the Vienna School of Medicine.

Observers become members of the Viennese Society of Physicians for the duration of their observership, which includes free use of the facilities and access to a large selection of medical publications and journals. It is thanks to the support of Sonja Wehsely, City Councilor for Health and Social Services in Vienna and Udo Janßen, MD, CEO of the Vienna Hospital Association, that in the last 8 years, a total of 888 OMI Observerships have been organized in Vienna.

VIENNA OMI: ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARD CEREMONY

On November 30th, 2015 the fourth annual meeting of the Vienna OMI took place at Billrothhaus, home of the prestigious Society of Physicians in Vienna. Devoted mentors, members of the hospitals' leadership, as well as other interested visitors gathered to discuss the heritage and future of the Vienna School of Medicine and the Vienna OMI's achievements. Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD and Udo Janßen, MD (CEO of the Vienna Hospital Association) both shared their thoughts on the Vienna OMI and hospital management in Austria. During the award ceremony, Walter Klimscha, MD, Head of the Department of Anesthesiology and Intensive Care Medicine at the Vienna Danube Hospital as well as Marek Ehrlich, MD and Alfred Kocher, MD, mentorteam at the Medical University of Vienna's Division of Cardiac Surgery, were honored for outstanding mentorship. Keynote speaker Julie Hall, MD, Senior Representative of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, presented The Red Cross' work during the current migration crisis and indicated that the Vienna OMI, through capacity building, is key to helping local physicians manage and prevent pandemics.



Guest of Honor: Julie Hall, MD, Senior Representative of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement



Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD and OMI Observership Mentors Marek Ehrlich, MD and Alfred Kocher, MD



Max Kade Medical Students from the US in Vienna

OMI Student Exchange

MAX KADE CLINICAL CLERKSHIPS

This program is open to 4th year American and Austrian medical students from our academic partner institutions and provides a one month clinical clerkship in the department of their choice. The program aims to supplement the students' education and broaden their experience by exposing them to a foreign culture and health care system.

For Austrian medical students the Max Kade Clerkships offer the possibility to experience first-hand how medicine is taught and practiced

at the leading American medical universities. Anglo-American didactics significantly differs from the teaching methods at Austrian universities, thus providing Austrian students with a new perspective on medical education.

FACTS AND FIGURES 2015

27 students from USA to Austria
13 students from Austria to USA



Alexander Glaser, MD with his colleagues on the roof of the General Hospital in Vienna

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ANDLINGER RESIDENCY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

For more than 20 years, The American Austrian Foundation has been awarding fellowships to outstanding American and Austrian medical residents to participate in the Andlinger Residency Exchange Fellowship Program.

The Andlinger Residency Exchange supports training for Austrian medical residents in the United States and for American medical residents in Austria at one of our partner institutions.

FACTS AND FIGURES 2015

6 Doctors from USA to Austria
3 Doctors from Austria to USA



OMI Financial Report

Income and Expenses 2015

OMI Seminars	
Income	
Donations & Grants	1.402.939,55 €
Public Subsidies	1.171.510,34 €
Other Income	101.887,90 €
Total OMI Seminar Income	2.676.337,79 €
Expenses	
Overhead and Staff	152.338,03 €
Seminar Expenses (Faculty & Fellows)	2.282.176,16 €
Administrative Expenditure	105.915,49 €
Total OMI Seminar Expenses	2.540.429,68 €
OMI Observerships	
Income	
Donations & Grants	156.397,00 €
Public Subsidies	265.308,62 €
Other Income	5.287,55 €
Total OMI Observership Income	426.993,17 €
Expenses	
Overhead and Staff	135.768,21 €
Observership and Travel Expenses	173.732,83 €
Administrative Expenditure	89.793,29 €
Total OMI Observership Expenses	399.294,33 €

The OMI Seminars and Observerships are organized by the Salzburg Stiftung of the American Austrian Foundation and the Association of Friends of the American Austrian Foundation.
This financial report does not include value faculty time and other in kind donations.

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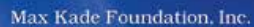
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