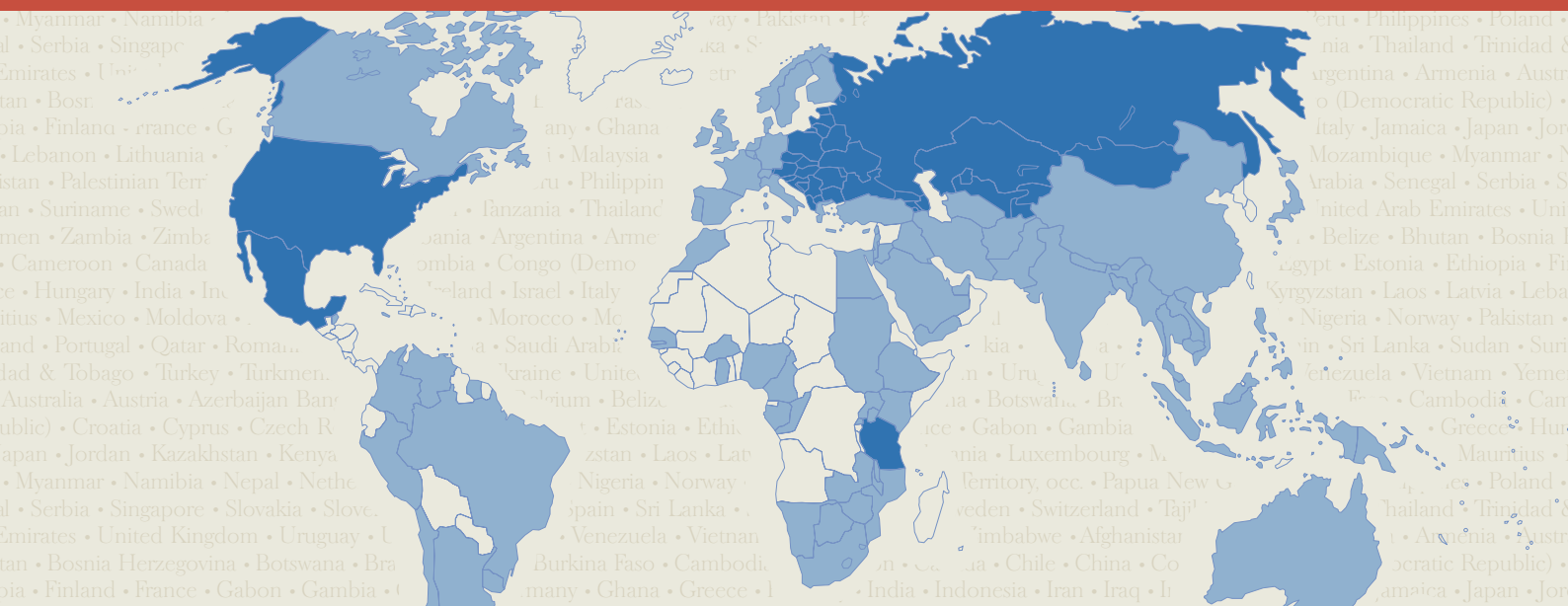


# Open Medical Institute



# 2016

## Annual Report

The OMI is a  
spectacularly successful  
program that impresses,  
surprises, and rewards  
me each time.

OMI Faculty Member  
OMI Weill Cornell Seminar 2016

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# Be a Global Citizen

I am deeply honoured to be here. This wonderful gathering comes at an uncertain time. People around the world are worried about their future. The carnage in Syria haunts our conscience. Migrants and refugees are unjustly attacked. Violent extremists slaughter innocent people. Diseases are spreading – and developing countries, especially, struggle to cope. Young people want to build a better future – but they can't even get a decent job. Tonight's event may seem far from these challenges – but the American-Austrian Foundation is using this beautiful concert to raise funds for a response.

The world-renowned Wiener Philharmoniker, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, shows the power of unity in diversity. Each instrument contributes its own beautiful sound. They combine to play a symphony. The countries and the peoples of the world are the same. When we combine our different strengths, we can achieve more than we ever would alone. This is my message to Member States of the United Nations. I tell them that in our globalized world, no country can rise to the challenges on its own.

Music for Medicine is helping to strengthen the talent within countries. This is in line with the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, our plan to create a life of dignity for all. It focuses on people – because we believe that when we invest in individuals, they will create a new future. By supporting training for medical professionals from around the world, Music for Medicine is helping to raise the next generation of specialists in family health, infectious diseases, maternal and infant care, and so much more.

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen, I lived for years in Vienna, and I still consider that city my second home. I have visited many

times. When I went back last week, I said, I feel like an “echter Wiener”. (A genuine Viennese.)

It may seem unusual for a Korean to have such a strong place for Vienna in my heart. But we are all connected. We are connected to our friends in Austria and we are connected to the suffering civilians in Aleppo. Our planet is smaller and our human family is one. That is why I carry one simple message: **Be a global citizen. Seid Weltbürger und Weltbürgerinnen.** I applaud the American Austrian Foundation and Music for Medicine for their spirit of global citizenship. I applaud the awardees for their impressive contributions. Let us build a better future for all, where everyone lives with the human rights and human dignity they deserve. Thank you for your leadership and commitment.



**BAN KI MOON** Secretary General, United Nations, 2008–2016  
Remarks delivered at the Music for Medicine Benefit in New York City on December 14, 2016.

# Think Globally

Despite some progress in improving healthcare and reducing child mortality worldwide, physicians and their patients in resource-poor countries still face major challenges, primarily as a result of persistent brain drain. The Open Medical Institute's mission – to prevent brain drain and **foster brain gain – based on life-long mentoring** of young and mid-career physicians offers an innovative solution.

Through the three-step educational model, comprised of seminars in Salzburg, clinical observerships in Austrian and American hospitals and outreach through electronic publishing, OMI has successfully fostered the professional growth of more than 19,000 physicians from 119 countries; providing them with the medical knowledge and experience to improve the quality of healthcare delivery in their countries. Multiple opportunities for continuing medical education, coupled with ongoing mentorship have proven successful in **stemming the brain drain tide**. A recent survey of OMI alumni has shown that, for example, more than 90% of all Latvian, Georgian and Czech physicians trained by the OMI are still in their countries and, all but 1 Tanzanian physicians are still practicing in Tanzania.

The migration and refugee crisis in Europe in 2016 overwhelmed governments, societies and healthcare systems. OMI responded immediately by organizing seminars dealing with migrant and minority health issues. Public health experts and clinicians shared their experiences in order to improve services for desperate patients with different cultural and social background, often suffering from unknown diseases.

Medicine and healthcare are major budgetary concerns. Healthcare leaders should possess both clinical and management skills to best serve their communities and patients. Therefore, OMI started a series of leadership seminars for OMI alumni to build their capacity in business and management in addition to their clinical skills.

OMI continues to tailor its programs in response to global changes, in order to foster our physicians' professional growth and improve healthcare for all. We thank all our supporters, especially our faculty members who volunteer their time and make OMI possible.

**WOLFGANG AULITZKY, M.D.**  
Director of the Open Medical Institute, March 2017

# OMI Mission Statement

**I** MPROVE  
HEALTHCARE IN COUNTRIES  
IN TRANSITION

**M** INIMIZE  
BRAIN DRAIN

**P** ROMOTE  
BRAIN GAIN

**A** CCESS  
TO STATE-OF-THE-ART MEDICAL  
EDUCATION AND TRAINING

**C** ONTINUOUS  
MENTORSHIP

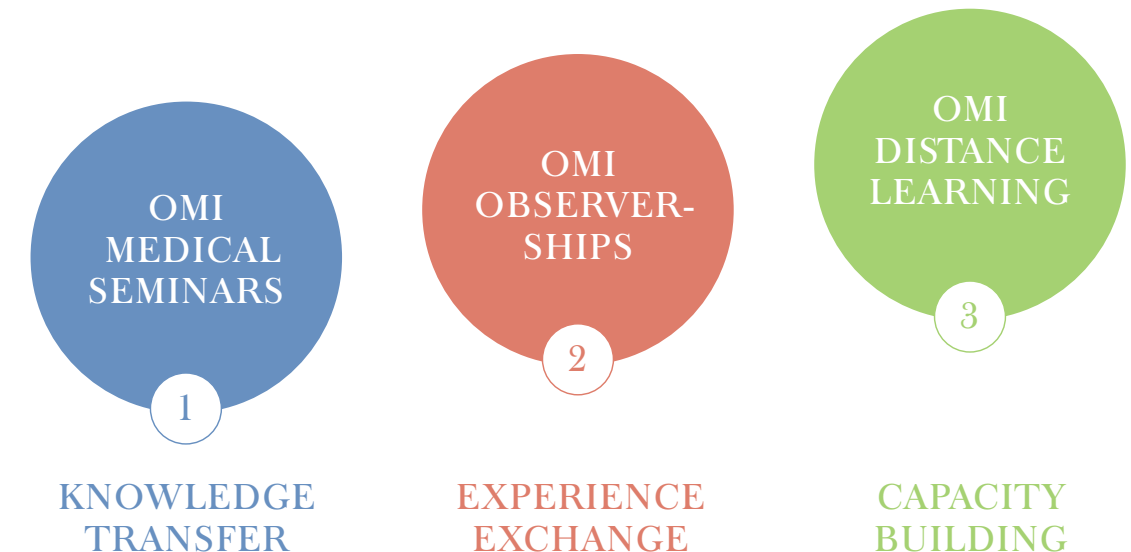
**T** RANS-  
FORMING  
THE HEALTHCARE  
PYRAMID

## Open Medical Institute

The Open Medical Institute (OMI) is a global educational initiative, founded in 1993 by The American Austrian Foundation, the OSF and physicians from Weill Cornell Medical College to improve health care and build capacity in countries in transition. Since that date, a number of other prestigious medical institutions have joined our faculty. OMI shares medical knowledge

and experience, fostering transnational medical alliances, which enable physicians to improve their skills and deliver the best possible care to their patients. Leading American and European institutions provide the academic leadership for this program and all faculty members serve *pro bono*. Their gift of time, enthusiasm and expertise is the key to the Open Medical Institute's success.

THE IMPACT OF OMI IS ACHIEVED VIA A THREE-STEP APPROACH:





## OMI Statistics 1993–2016

OMI SEMINARS – Knowledge Transfer		
	2016	1993–2016
OMI Weill Cornell Seminars	20	329
OMI CHOP Seminars	6	109
OMI Duke Seminars	1	18
OMI Columbia Seminars	3	32
OMI Cleveland Seminars	2	22
OMI Leadership Seminars	6	57
WHO-Seminars	0	9
OMI Coordinator Meetings	1	12
<b>Seminar Totals</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>588</b>
<b>Faculty Members</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>3.799</b>
<b>OMI Fellows</b>	<b>1.229</b>	<b>19.255</b>
<b>Countries</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>119</b>
OMI OBSERVERSHIPS – Experience Exchange		
OMI Clinical Observerships	122	3.171
OMI Research Observerships	2	7
Countries	27	40
OMI CAPACITY BUILDING – OMI DISTANCE LEARNING		
CD-Roms	37	492
OMI Satellite Symposia	21	205

ESTONIA

11,5%  
of all doctors in Estonia  
have attended the  
OMI Seminars

CZECH REPUBLIC

844  
or 2,2%  
of all doctors from Czech  
Republic have attended  
OMI Seminars

ARMENIA

11,6%  
of all Armenian physicians  
have attended the  
OMI Seminars

HUNGARY

85%  
of OMI Alumni  
from Hungary are still  
in their home  
country

TANZANIA

Except for 1 doctor,  
all Tanzanian OMI  
alumni are still in their  
home country

ALBANIA

13,9%  
of all physicians in Albania  
have attended the  
OMI Seminars

UKRAINE

1,330  
doctors from Ukraine  
are OMI Alumni

588  
OMI SEMINARS  
SINCE 1993

# OMI MEDICAL SEMINARS

19,255  
OMI FELLOWS

FROM  
119  
COUNTRIES



Neurosurgery Spine Seminar 2016

## OMI Medical Seminars Knowledge Transfer

The first step in OMI's educational program consists of knowledge transfer through the OMI Seminars, which are offered in many medical disciplines. Highly qualified, mid-career level, English-speaking physicians, who undergo a rigorous selection process, are invited to Salzburg for one-week seminars in their medical specialty.

All applicants participate in an open competition and must apply through the OMI Coordinator based in their home country. Fellowships are awarded based on merit. The majority of participants (fellows) come from countries with


limited medical infrastructure in Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, Africa and Mexico. Each seminar is limited to a maximum of 36 participants. The faculty from our academic partners serve pro bono and spend the entire week with the fellows allowing for intense interaction and knowledge transfer through lectures, discussions, case presentations, hands-on training, simulations, and grand rounds via videoconferencing.

The test scores at the beginning and at the end of each seminar show the impressive improvement of knowledge and skills throughout the seminar week.


# Academic Partners

Weill Cornell Medical College and its affiliated hospitals conducted a total of 20 OMI Seminars in 2016.


- 17 OMI Seminars conducted by NewYork Presbyterian Hospital
- 2 OMI Seminars conducted by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
- 1 OMI Seminar conducted by The Hospital for Special Surgery
- Hands-on training in Anesthesiology, Neurosurgery, Otolaryngology, Temporal Bone Surgery, Urology, and Bone & Joint Surgery




**Seminars 2016** • Anesthesiology • Bone & Joint Surgery • Breast and Gynecologic Cancers • Cardiology • Dermatology • Diagnostic Imaging • ESU/Weill Cornell Master Class in Urology • Infectious Diseases • Inflammatory Skin Diseases • Lipid Metabolism • Neurology • Neurosurgery (Spine) • OB/GYN Reproductive Medicine • Ophthalmology • Otolaryngology • Psychiatry • Rehabilitation Medicine • Surgery • Temporal Bone Surgery • Uro-Oncology



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center



**NewYork-Presbyterian**  
The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell



HOSPITAL FOR SPECIAL SURGERY


The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) conducted 8 OMI CHOP seminars in 2016.

- OMI CHOP Seminars in 18 pediatric subspecialties over a 3-year-period
- Free access to OMI CHOP Seminars available online through **CHOP OPEN**
- 2 Leadership Seminars



**The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia®**

**Seminars 2016** • Pediatric Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine • Pediatric Emergency Medicine • Pediatric Gastroenterology • Pediatric Neurology • Pediatric Orthopedics • Pediatric Pulmonology • Medical Education • Medical Informatics



**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University organized 3 OMI Seminars in 2016.

**Seminars 2016** • Diabetes • Internal Medicine • Maternal & Infant Health



**Duke University Medical Center**

Duke University organized 1 OMI Seminar in 2016.

**Seminars 2016** • Family Medicine



**Cleveland Clinic**

Cleveland Clinics conducted 2 Seminars in 2016. 2016 marked the 10th anniversary as academic partner of the OMI.

**Seminars 2016** • Cardiac Surgery • Pathology



**MEDIZINISCHE UNIVERSITÄT WIEN**

The Medical University of Vienna is OMI’s official Austrian academic partner and represents the European perspective of each scientific area.

Additional Austrian faculty is provided by:

- Salzburger Landeskliniken
- Medical University of Graz
- Vienna Hospital Association

- Medical University of Innsbruck
- Children’s Hospital of Feldkirch
- Orthopedic Hospital Speising
- Hospital of Barmherzigen Schwestern Linz



Medical University of Graz



MEDIZINISCHE UNIVERSITÄT INNSBRUCK



SALZBURGER LANDESKLINIKEN



kav  
krankenanstalten  
verbund  
Unternehmen Gesundheit



# OMI Seminar Alumni

## Success Stories & Highlights 2016

### JOINT INITIATIVES RESULTING FROM OMI SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

Dr. Windsor was invited by Dr. Makarov to perform live surgery in Dnepopetrovsk, Ukraine.

**OMI Alumnus:** Vasyl Makarov, M.D., Dnepropetrovsk Special City Hospital No. 6, Ukraine

**OMI Faculty:** Russell E. Windsor, M.D., Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, NY, USA



Vasyl Makarov, M.D.



Abdusalom Abdurakhmanov, M.D.

Dr. Ehrlich and Dr. Abdurakhmanov started a regular exchange and intensive collaboration between the newly established Cardiac Surgery Department of the Republican Research Center for Emergency Medicine in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, and the Cardiac Surgery Department at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria.

**OMI Alumnus:** Abdusalom Abdurakhmanov, M.D., Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**OMI Faculty:** Marek Ehrlich, M.D., Medical University of Vienna, Austria

Dr. Balwicki is working with the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (OMI academic partner at the Migrant and Minority Health Seminar) on a study entitled "Organization and Financing of Public Health Services in Europe".

**OMI Alumnus:** Lukasz Balwicki, M.D., Ph.D., Medical University of Gdansk, Poland

**OMI Faculty:** Bernd Rechel, M.D., European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, London, UK



Lukasz Balwicki, M.D., Ph.D.



Tamar Macharadze, M.D.

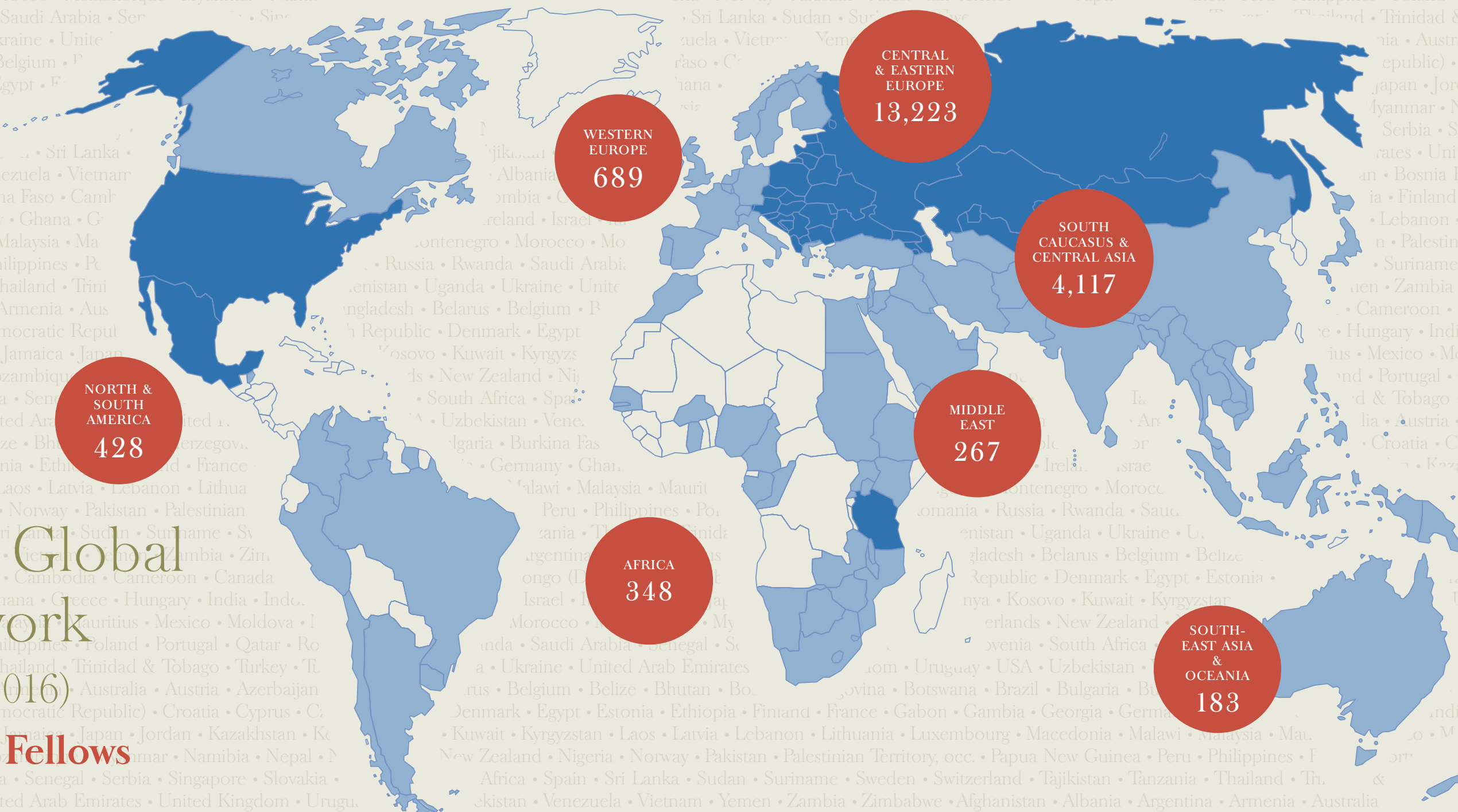
Dr. Macharadze and Dr. Hemmings have a joint publication on "Isoflurane modulates NaChBac gating". It will be published in the Journal of General Physiology.

**OMI Alumna:** Tamar Macharadze, M.D., Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia

**OMI Faculty:** Hugh C. Hemmings, M.D., Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY, USA



Participants/  
Country



# OMI Global Network (1993-2016)

19,255 Fellows

3,171  
CLINICAL  
OBSERVERSHIPS

# OMI OBSERVERSHIPS

7  
RESEARCH  
OBSERVERSHIPS

40  
COUNTRIES



Daiva Makaraviciene, M.D., from Lithuania & Radovan Zec, M.D., from Serbia with their mentor Michael Gschwantler, M.D., from the Department of Gastroenterology at Wilhelminenspital in Vienna, Austria

## OMI Observerships Experience Exchange

### CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIPS

The second step in OMI's educational program consists of clinical training. All seminar participants are eligible for up to three one-month observerships in Austrian and US hospitals to update their clinical skills, learn new techniques, treatment protocols and modern hospital and healthcare management. In 2016, OMI organized 122 observerships. Observers rotate through departments of their interest and are mentored by world renowned experts. At the conclusion of their observership, fellows must submit a comprehensive report including a case presentation, prepared in cooperation with their mentor.

### RESEARCH OBSERVERSHIPS

In addition to clinical training OMI also offers Research Observerships, which provide basic biomedical and clinical research skills training. OMI Seminar Alumni have the opportunity to spend three months in one of the leading Austrian research institutions, where they can participate in research projects and acquire essential research tools. This program is designed to help clinicians interested in science and research to build a professional network for future cooperations with leading Austrian research institutions.

OMI Observerships	1993–2016	2016
Clinical Observerships	3,171	122
Research Observerships	7	2
Countries	40	27





Marat Kutluev, M.D., from Russia with his Mentor Sharhokh Shariat, M.D. at the Department of Urology, Medical University of Vienna, Austria



Nadia Demikova, M.D., from Ukraine and her Mentor Kurt Huber, M.D., from the Department of Cardiology at Wilhelminenspital in Vienna, Austria

# OMI Observers

## Success Stories & Highlights 2016

Several OMI Observers were able to engage in joint research activities with OMI Faculty, which led to joint publications and promotions.

### PROMOTION 2016:

Abdusalom Abdurakhmanov, M.D., was named head of the Department of Cardiac Surgery at the Republican Research Centre for Emergency Medicine, Tashkent in Uzbekistan after his Research Observership in the Cardiac Surgery Department at the Medical University of Vienna in May 2016.

### JOINT PUBLICATIONS 2016:

*Long-term Consequences of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis: Organ and Hormonal Disorders*  
**Research Observer:** Oksana Khyzhnyak, M.D., Ukraine • **Mentor:** Milen Minkov, M.D., Krankenhaus Rudolfstiftung, Vienna, Austria • **Published in:** Ukraine Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology

*Ectopic Pregnancy Following IVF-ET: a Review of Incidence, Localization, and Risk Factors*  
**Observer:** Irena Digol, M.D., Moldova • **Mentor:** Kazem Nouri, M.D., Department of OB/GYN at the Medical University of Vienna • **Published in:** Current Trends in Endocrinology

*The Association Between Interleukin-10 (IL-10) 2592C/A, 2819T/C, 21082G/A promoter Polymorphisms and Endometriosis*  
**Observer:** Andrei Mihai Malutan, M.D., Romania (1st author) • **Mentor:** Katharina Walch, M.D., Medical University of Vienna • **Published in:** Archives of Gynecology & Obstetrics

*Perforation of an Aneurism in the Ascending Aorta*  
**Observer:** Egan Kalmykov, M.D., Tajikistan • **Mentor:** Marek Ehrlich, M.D., Medical University of Vienna • **Published in:** Avicenna Tajik State Medical University Jorunal

*Early Manifestation of Restrictive Cardiomyopathy in Young Patient with Light Chain Deposition Disease*  
**Observer:** Sofiya Lypovetska, M.D., Ukraine • **Mentor:** Kurt Huber, M.D., Wilhelminenspital, Vienna, Austria • **Published in:** European Journal of Heart Failure

OMI  
ONLINE  
CASE  
LIBRARY

OMI  
SATELLITE  
SYMPOSIA

OMI  
CAPACITY  
BUILDING &  
E-LEARNING

CHOP  
OPEN

OMI MEDICAL  
HANDBOOK  
ONLINE

OMI  
LEADERSHIP  
SEMINARS



Satellite Symposium in Rehabilitation  
Medicine at the Azerbaijan State Medical  
University in Baku, Azerbaijan

## Capacity Building

The third step in OMI's educational program is building capacity locally through:  
OMI Satellite Symposia, OMI Leadership Seminars & OMI Distance Learning

### OMI Satellite Symposia and Visiting Professorships

OMI Alumni invite OMI Faculty to their institutions for 2–3 days medical symposia. These symposia reach a larger audience of local physicians and foster relationships between senior physicians from the region and OMI Faculty. All registered participants receive an official certificate issued by the international academic institutions.

#### OMI Satellite Symposia & Visiting Professorships 2016

Armenia	4	Mexico	4
Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	1
Croatia	1	Romania	1
Georgia	1	Russia	3
Kosovo	1	Serbia	1
Latvia	1	Uzbekistan	1
Lithuania	1	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>





Videoconferencing Project at the Pediatric Cardiac Center in Bratislava, Slovakia



OMI Fellows at the Computer Lab at Schloss Arenberg, Salzburg, Austria

## OMI Satellite Symposia

### SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM IN YEREVAN

In October 2016, OMI Alumna Gayane Amaryan, M.D., organized a Satellite Symposium in Yerevan, Armenia and invited OMI Faculty members Reinhold Kerbl, M.D., head of Department of Pediatrics at the Hospital of Leoben, Austria, and Almuthe Hauer, M.D., from the Department of Pediatrics at the Medical University of Graz, Austria. During their visit they met with the Armenian Minister of Health, who is also the head of the Pediatric Surgery Department at the University Hospital in Yerevan, and discussed collaborations in the area of celiac disease.

### VIDEOCONFERENCING PROJECT BETWEEN BRATISLAVA & CHOP

OMI Faculty from the Department of Cardiology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) have been collaborating with the Pediatric Cardiac Center at the National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases in Bratislava, Slovakia, for over ten years. By means of videoconferencing, they regularly discuss difficult medical cases. Cardiologists from CHOP visited the institution in September 2016 consulting on difficult pediatric cases.

## OMI Leadership Seminars

The OMI Leadership Seminars provide complementary education in the fields of public health and medical leadership. They are designed to enhance OMI Alumni's clinical education and to enable them to take on leading positions in their home countries. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER) provide the academic leadership to these seminars. Usually, we receive more than 200 applications for 36 slots, which underlines the popularity and necessity of such seminars.

In 2016 Medical Informatics was added to the OMI Leadership Curriculum.

### OMI Leadership Seminars (incl. 2016):

Applied Clinical Research • Hospital Quality and Patient Safety • Medical Education • Medical Informatics • Medical Leadership • Developing Community Mental Health • Migrant & Minority Health • New Public Health Education • Palliative Care in Neurology & Neurooncology



Medical Education Seminar 2016



## OMI Distance Learning

In order to promote capacity building in our alumni’s home countries, OMI provides numerous distance learning opportunities including CHOP OPEN, OMI Medical Handbook Online, OMI Online Case Library.

### CHOP OPEN

The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the Open Medical Institute have launched an online educational platform called CHOP OPEN. The platform provides free up-to-date pediatric medical education for health care professionals from around the world. The content is divided into modules, each dedicated to a specific pediatric subspecialty consisting of lectures and cases presented during the week-long OMI CHOP Seminars. CHOP OPEN is supported by a generous grant from the Leir Foundation.



[www.chop.edu/centers-programs/chop-open-access-medical-education](http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/chop-open-access-medical-education)

## OMI Medical Handbook Online

The OMI Medical Handbook Online is an educational resource containing all the scientific content of the OMI Seminars. OMI Alumni have free access to this online platform.

The OMI Medical Handbook Online received 245,684 hits in 2016, which proves that distance-learning technology enables us to reach a much wider audience and promote capacity building around the world.

## OMI Online Case Library

Due to lack of resources in many countries, OMI Fellows see rare and advanced diseases. It is therefore an invaluable opportunity to share these cases with their colleagues during the OMI Seminars. We publish these interesting cases electronically. Today the OMI Case Library contains 1,600 rare clinical cases that are accessed by physicians worldwide, thus underlining their value as an educational tool.





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# Vienna Open Medical Institute

The Vienna Open Medical Institute (Vienna OMI) is a joint initiative of the The American Austrian Foundation, the Vienna Hospital Association, the Medical University of Vienna, the Viennese Society of Physicians, the Vienna Chamber of Doctors and the Austrian Academy of Sciences, coordinating 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. Thanks to the support of the city of Vienna and the Vienna Hospital Association, we were able to organize 910 OMI Observerships in Vienna over the past nine years.



Weill Auditorium (C-200), 1300 York Avenue, New York

# Vienna City of Science Annual Symposium in New York City

This year's symposium took place on February 19, 2016 featuring the topic "Neuroscience: At the Cutting Edge of Discovery and Translation". The lecture series was hosted by Dean Laurie Glimcher of Weill Cornell Medicine and Josef Penninger, M.D., director of the Institute of Molecular Biotechnology (IMBA) in Vienna. This symposium included talks by Nobel Prize laureate Eric Kandel, M.D. (Columbia University), Howard Fine, M.D., and Conor Liston, M.D. (both Weill Cornell Medicine), and Alipasha Vaziri, Ph.D. (Center for Molecular Biology & Institute of Molecular Pathology, Vienna).



Wolfgang Aulitzky M.D., Eric Kandel, M.D., Josef Penninger, M.D.





Shahrokh Shariat, M.D.,  
Dr. Michael Stampfer,  
Maximilian Marhold, M.D.



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Vienna  
School  
of Medicine

# Vienna School of Medicine

## Gala Event 2016

On Monday, November 21, 2016, the Vienna Open Medical Institute, the Josephinum Museum, and the Vienna Science and Technology Fund, hosted the first Vienna School of Medicine Gala honoring the past, present and future of medicine and medical research in Vienna. The goal was to highlight Vienna's achievements in medicine and raise funds for future innovations in research and education.

The Gala took place at the historic Van Swieten Hall at the Medical University of Vienna and featured highlights in Ophthalmology and Neuroscience with presentations on the development of medicine in Vienna since the 18<sup>th</sup> century, new medical technology available in eye surgery today, and break through findings in medical research. Overall, the evening raised € 110.000.



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1. Heimo Scheuch, Aline Eibel, Moritz Stipsic
2. Albert Birkner, Ursula Kwizda
3. Wolfgang Deutschmann, Michael Eipeldauer
4. Christiane Druml, Arik Brauer
5. Roland Schwärzler, Markus Swittalek
6. Andrea Stacher, Gerlinde & Ewald Thurner, Regina Dreschkai
7. Rektor Markus Müller

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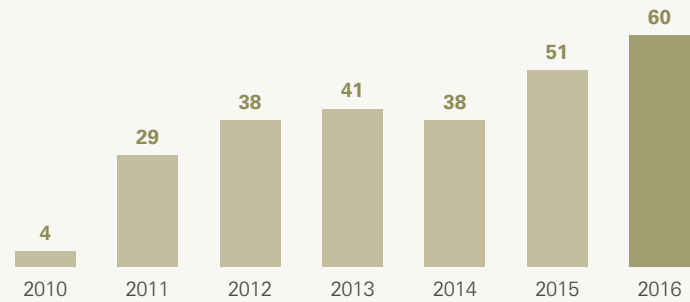
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Satellite Symposium in General Pediatrics at the Hospital del Nino y el Adolescente Morelense in Cuarnavaca, Mexico

NUMBER OF OMI MEX FELLOWS



# OMI International Partners

## OMI MEX

OMI MEX is a joint initiative between the Open Medical Institute and Alianza Médica para la Salud (AMSA). Its mission is to improve the quality of health services in Mexico by offering state-of-the-art medical education to Mexican physicians through the participation of Mexican doctors in the OMI Seminar and OMI Observership program.

Since its founding in 2010, OMI MEX has successfully contributed to improving Mexico’s health care system. 261 doctors have attended

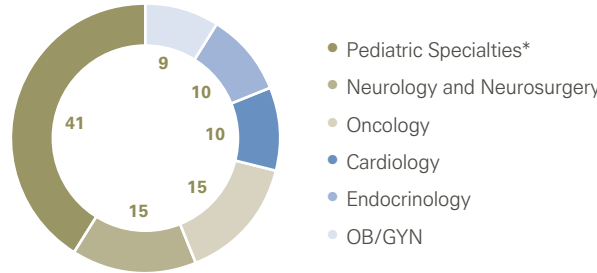
OMI Seminars in various specialties. 911 physicians from different Mexican states attended 13 Satellite Symposia in Mexico.

Four outstanding young Mexican doctors, who participated in the OMI MEX, were awarded fellowships at academic institutions in the USA. In addition, 24 residents from the most distinguished public and private Mexican health care institutions were trained at the Department of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Alumni of OMI MEX share their newly acquired knowledge with doctors from primary care hospitals in Mexico to enhance the quality of health services for marginalized populations.

In 2017, OMI MEX plans to send more than 60 Mexican doctors to Salzburg to attend OMI Seminars, organize nine Satellite Symposia in Mexico to train 900 young physicians, and start to host and mentor doctors from Central and South America.

% OF MEXICAN OMI SEMINAR FELLOWS PER SPECIALITY



\* Ped. Emergency Medicine (15%), Ped. Cardiology (9%), Ped. Pulmonology (9%), Ped. Urology (8%), Ped. Anesthesiology (8%), Ped. Gastroenterology (8%)



Würth Sculpture Garden at Schloss Arenberg provides an ideal environment for intercultural communication and relaxation during the OMI Seminars.

## Weill Bugando Tanzania, Africa

Africa is that part of the world where brain drain and lack of resources has had the most devastating effect on people’s health. 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, 163 doctors from Tanzania have attended OMI Seminars and all but one of them still work in Africa. Encouraged by the program’s success, we have intensified our efforts to expand the reach of our program in Africa with a special focus on Ethiopia, Nigeria, Uganda, Botswana and Ghana. In 2016, we increased the number of African participants substantially, awarding a total of 40 fellowships.

## Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar

Since 2008, OMI has been in a successful collaboration with Hamad Medical Corporation (HMC) in Qatar, the main teaching hospital of Weill Cornell Qatar. More than 80 physicians from (HMC) attended the OMI Seminars in Salzburg.

Their participation has led to numerous collegial contacts within the OMI network of physicians and 3 OMI Satellite Symposia were organized in Doha, Qatar.

The OMI Weill Cornell Seminars held at Schloss Arenberg in Salzburg offer an excellent opportunity to foster the professional relationships between doctors from Qatar and their peers from their Alma Mater in New York City.



Petra Pateisky, M.D., Antohony Massinde, M.D. and Stefanie Aust, M.D., at Weill Bugando Medical Center, Mwanza, Tanzania

# Exchange Programs of the AAF

## Andlinger Residency Exchange Program

The Andlinger Residency Exchange Program supports training for Austrian and American medical residents in the United States, Austria and at other partner institutions.

Stefanie Aust, M.D., and Petra Pateisky, M.D., from the OB/GYN Department at the Medical University of Vienna received an Andlinger Fellowship to spend 3 months at Weill Bugando Medical Center in Tanzania, where they trained local doctors in laparoscopic interventions. Thanks to their commitment, they were able

to establish and equip a new laparoscopic unit at Weill Bugando. OMI Alumnus Anthony Massinde, M.D., will lead the team that will operate the unit.

### Statistics 2016

- 4 Residents from the US in Vienna
- 3 Residents from Austria in the US
- 2 Residents from Austria in Tanzania





US Max Kade Students in Vienna, Austria

“This program empowered our group to become culturally aware and competent future physicians.”



David Trost, M.D.



Franz Kainberger, M.D.

## Max Kade Clinical Clerkship Program 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

At the beginning of 2016, the OMI celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Max Kade Clinical Clerkship Program. The program offers one-month clinical clerkships to American and Austrian medical students from our partner medical schools. This program supplements the students’ education and broadens their experience by exposing them to a foreign culture and health care system. To date, this program, jointly funded by the Max Kade Foundation and the American Austrian

Foundation, has awarded 444 fellowships to American medical students for clinical rotations in Austria and 97 fellowships to Austrian medical students visiting the U.S.

**Statistics 2016**

26 students from USA to Austria  
15 students from Austria to USA

## Humes Visiting Professorship

The Humes Visiting Professorship program was established to strengthen the relationship between Weill Cornell Medicine and Austrian academic institutions, whose faculty conduct jointly the Open Medical Institute’s seminar program.

The Visiting Professorships are a bequest by the estate of the late AAF trustee and Cornell Medical University graduate, Jean Humes, M.D., in memory of her husband, John P.

Humes, a former US Ambassador to Austria and the first president of the American Austrian Foundation.

In 2016, the 2 Course Directors of the OMI Diagnostic Imaging Seminar, David Trost, M.D., Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, USA, and Franz Kainberger, M.D., Medical University of Vienna, Austria, were awarded the Humes Professorships.



I-r: Consul General Georg Heindl, Amb. Wolfgang Waldner, Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, Lloyd Michener, M.D., Joseph Tenenbaum, M.D., Stephen Ludwig, M.D., Mathias Bostrom, M.D., Wolfgang Aulitzky, M.D.

# Awards

## Austrian Cross of Merit

On December 14, 2016, at the annual Music for Medicine Benefit in New York City, 4 distinguished OMI Seminar Course Directors, were awarded with the Austrian Cross of Merit by Ambassador Wolfgang Waldner and Consul General Georg Heindl.

This prestigious Austrian decoration is given to individuals who provide outstanding service to Austria and illustrates the Austrian Government’s regard for the work of the Open Medical Institute.

- Mathias Bostrom, M.D.**  
OMI Course Director of the Bone and Joint Surgery Seminar | Specialist in Hip and Knee Surgery at The Hospital for Special Surgery, New York, USA
- Stephen Ludwig, M.D.**  
OMI Course Director of the Medical Education Seminar | Director of International Medical Education at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, USA
- Lloyd Michener, M.D.,**  
OMI Course Director of the Family Medicine Seminar | Chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina
- Joseph Tenenbaum, M.D.**  
OMI Course Director of the Internal Medicine Seminar | Edgar M. Leifer Professor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, New York, USA



I-r: Drs. Wolfgang Aulitzky, Reinhard Windhager, Stefanie Aust, Elisabeth Preisinger, Petra Pateisky, Udo Janßen  
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## Vienna OMI Awards

The OMI Medical Director Wolfgang Aulitzky, M.D., and the CEO of the Vienna Hospital Association, Udo Janßen, M.D. awarded the OMI Prize for Outstanding Mentorship to Stefanie Aust, M.D., Petra Pateisky, M.D., Elisabeth Preisinger, M.D., and Reinhard Windhager, M.D. at this year’s Vienna School of Medicine Gala.

Their support and continuous mentorship is the key to motivating and successfully educating young physicians.

- Stefanie Aust, M.D.,**  
Resident at the OB/GYN department at the General Hospital Vienna, Austria
- Petra Pateisky, M.D.**  
Resident at the OB/GYN department at the General Hospital Vienna, Austria
- Elisabeth Preisinger, M.D.**  
Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Krankenhaus Hietzing Rosenhügel, Vienna, Austria
- Reinhard Windhager, M.D.**  
Head of the Orthopedics Department at the General Hospital Vienna, Austria





Drs. Wolfgang Schüssel and Clemens Hellsberg at Schloss Arenberg, Salzburg, Austria

## Friends Organization & Benefit in Salzburg

In April 2016, the Salzburg Stiftung of the AAF created the “Freundeskreis der Salzburg Stiftung der American Austrian Foundation”. This fundraising initiative should attract new supporters and strengthen ties with existing benefactors. In 2016, a total of € 32,900 were raised by the Friends of the Salzburg Stiftung of the AAF.

### BENEFIT IN SALZBURG

The Salzburg Stiftung of the AAF organized a benefit on August 24, 2016 at Schloss Arenberg.

Guests were invited to a panel discussion entitled “Europe under Pressure – Where are the Solutions?” conducted by Dr. Wolfgang Schüssel, former Chancellor of Austria, and Dr. Clemens Hellsberg, past President of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Dr. Schüssel and Dr. Hellsberg discussed current issues in Europe including the refugee crisis, Brexit and Austria’s and Salzburg’s role in international politics, recounting examples from their own experience and making a case for optimism.



Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at the Music for Medicine Benefit in New York, USA

## Music for Medicine Benefit in New York City

The annual “Music for Medicine” Benefit took place at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. We were honored to welcome Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and Mrs. Ban. The Secretary General gave a compelling speech about the power of unity in times of uncertainty (see page 4).

Members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra performed Brahms’s Piano Quintet. The concert was followed by dinner and a live auction conducted by Peter Costanzo of Doyle New York.

Overall, the evening raised a record-breaking \$ 630,000.





Benefit  
in New York  
Alice Tully  
Hall



- 1. Margaret Crotty, Jackie Davis
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- 11. Myung Hi Kim, Katharine Eltz-Aulitzky
- 12. Dean Augustine Choi, Daisy Soros, Mary E. Choi
- 13. Vinod Malhotra, M.D., Mrs. & Mr. Neil Bander, M.D., Vidya Malhotra, M.D.
- 14. Cocktail Reception at Alice Tully Hall





The OMI Seminar  
was truly unique. It is  
amazingly well structured  
and organized by people  
who truly care.

OMI Faculty Member,  
OMI Cleveland Clinic Seminar in Cardiac Surgery 2016

## OMI Financial Report

### Income and Expenses 2016

OMI SEMINARS	
Income	
Donations & Grants	\$ 1.704.520
Public Subsidies	\$ 1.067.850
Other Income	\$ 70.516
<b>Total OMI Seminar Income</b>	<b>\$ 2.842.886</b>
Expenses	
Overhead & Staff	\$ 181.295
Seminar Expenses (Faculty & Fellows)	\$ 2.419.005
Administrative Expenditure	\$ 122.106
<b>Total OMI Seminar Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2.722.405</b>
OMI OBSERVERSHIPS	
Income	
Donations & Grants	\$ 240.357
Public Subsidies	\$ 258.402
<b>Total OMI Observership Income</b>	<b>\$ 498.758</b>
Expenses	
Overhead & Staff	\$ 162.566
Observership and Travel Expenses	\$ 192.962
Administrative Expenditure	\$ 118.274
<b>Total OMI Observership Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 473.802</b>

This financial report represents income and expenses per December 31, 2016 (exchange rate: 1 EUR = 1,05 USD per December 31, 2016). The OMI Seminars and Observerships are organized by the American Austrian Foundation in

cooperation with the Salzburg Stiftung of the American Austrian Foundation and the Association of Friends of the American Austrian Foundation. This financial report does not include the value of faculty time and other in-kind donations.



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

# OMI Governing Board

The Open Medical Institute (OMI) is a program of the American Austrian Foundation (AAF). Due to the complex nature of OMI with its multiple academic and funding partners, it was necessary to create the OMI Governing Board, which oversees the management and future growth of the OMI.

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The OMI was a stimulus for further professional growth and gave me confidence to improve patient management and treatment even more.

S.M., M.D., Armenia, OMI Fellow and Observer in Ophthalmology 2016



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