Open Medical Institute

2016 Annual Report
The OMI is a spectaculatrly successful program that impresses, surprises, and rewards me each time.

OMI Faculty Member
OMI Weill Cornell Seminar 2016
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. We thank all our supporters, especially our faculty members who volunteer their time and efforts to create a better future. We applaud the awardees for their outstanding 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.

Music for Medicine is helping to raise the next generation of specialists in family health, infectious diseases, maternal and infant care, and much more. Their spirit of global citizenship is one. 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 world, no country can rise to the challenges on its own. 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. 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 is why I carry one simple message: Be a global citizen. Seid Weltbürger und Weltbürgersinnen. 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.

Excellencies, Ladies and gentlemen, I lived for years in Vienna, so much more. 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 Weltbürgersinnen. 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.
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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:

1. **OMI MEDICAL SEMINARS**
   - **KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**

2. **OMI OBSERVER-SHIPS**
   - **EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE**

3. **OMI DISTANCE LEARNING**
   - **CAPACITY BUILDING**

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

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

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

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

HUNGARY 85% of OMI Alumni from Hungary 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

OMI OBSERVERSHIPS – Experience Exchange

- Countries: 27 (1993–2016: 40)

OMI CAPACITY BUILDING – OMI DISTANCE LEARNING

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


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

Duke University organized 1 OMI Seminar in 2016.

Seminars 2016 • Family Medicine

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

Seminars 2016 • Cardiac Surgery • Pathology

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

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

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

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JOINT INITIATIVES RESULTING FROM OMI SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

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

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

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. 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

OMI Seminar Alumni
Success Stories & Highlights 2016
OMI Observerships Experience Exchange

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.

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.

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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:

**Ectopic Pregnancy Following IVF-ET: a Review of Incidence, Localization, and Risk Factors**
**Observer:** Irena Digs, 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 journal

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

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

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OMI Observerships Open Medical Institute
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The third step in OMI’s educational program is building capacity locally through:

- OMI Satellite Symposia
- OMI Leadership Seminars
- OMI Distance Learning

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OMI Satellite Symposia

SATELLITE SYMPOSIUM IN YEREVAN

In October 2016, OMI Alumna Gayane Amaryan, M.D., organized a Satellite Symposium in Pediatrics and Pediatric Gastroenterology 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
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 healthcare 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.

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.
The Vienna Open Medical Institute (Vienna OMI) is a joint initiative of 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.

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 Alpasha Vaziri, Ph.D. (Center for Molecular Biology & Institute of Molecular Pathology, Vienna).
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 18th century, new medical technology available in eye surgery today, and breakthrough findings in medical research. Overall, the evening raised €110,000.
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.

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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.

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.

Weill Bugando Tanzania, Africa

Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar

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 Bu-gando. 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
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.

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.

Max Kade Clinical Clerkship Program

20th Anniversary

At the beginning of 2016, the OMI celebrated the 20th 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 US.

Statistics 2016

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

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

US Max Kade Students in Vienna, Austria

David Trost, M.D.

Franz Kainberger, 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. Laffer Professor of Medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University, New York, USA

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
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.

**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

Music for Medicine 2016

1. Margaret Crotty, Jackie Davis
2. Drs. Wolfgang Aulitzky, Mary E. Choi, Dean Augustine Choi
3. Michael Koch, Chris Burkholder, David Fink, Laura Koch
4. Thomas J. McGrath
5. Daniela and Pablo Lagomarsa
6. Angelika Seebacher, Casey Moore, Gerhard Seebacher
7. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon
8. Amb. William C. Eacho III
9. Mickey Stewart, M.D., Sarju Patel, M.D.
10. Gunter Greiner, Debbie Hamik
11. Myung Hi Kim, Katharine Etz-Aulitzky
12. Dean Augustine Choi, Daisy Senosi, Mary E. Choi
13. Vinod Malhotra, M.D., Mrs. & Mr. Neil Bandier, 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

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<th>OMI SEMINARS</th>
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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.

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