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SALZBURG OMI CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY SKIN DISEASES SEMINAR

December 1 - 7, 2019

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| • 26 fellows from 17 different countries and regions |
| • 9 faculty members from the United States, Switzerland and Austria |
| • 21 lectures, 1 case presentation session given by faculty |
| • 26 interesting case presentations by fellows |
| • 4 excellent case presentations selected by faculty |

Faculty Photo (L-R)

James G. Krueger, MD, PhD (Co-Course Director); Georg Stingl, MD (Course Director);
Nikolaus Romani, PhD and Georg Stary, MD

not pictured: Christine Bangert, MD; Wolfgang Bauer, MD; Marie-Charlotte Brueggen, MD, PhD;
Emma Guttman-Yassky, MD, PhD and Stefan Woehrl, MD, MSc



Group Photo of Faculty and Fellows



2019 Salzburg OMI Seminar in Chronic Inflammatory Skin Diseases
Sunday, December 1 - Saturday, December 7, 2019



		Sunday 01.12.2019	Monday 02.12.2019	Tuesday 03.12.2019	Wednesday 04.12.2019	Thursday 05.12.2019	Friday 06.12.2019	Saturday 07.12.2019	
07:00	08:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURES	
08:00	09:00		Introductions Pre-Seminar Test	Laboratory Investigations I Wolfgang Bauer, MD	Allergy/ Urticaria & Angioedema/ Anaphylaxis Stefan Woehrl, MD, MSc	Cutaneous Signs of HIV Infection Georg Stary, MD	Innate Immunity Marie-Charlotte Brueggen, MD, PhD		
09:00	10:00		Skin Immune System Georg Stingl, MD	Laboratory Investigations II Nikolaus Romani, PhD	<u>09:00 - 10:30</u> Adverse Drug Reactions Stefan Woehrl, MD, MSc	Humoral Immunity Georg Stingl, MD	Vitiligo Marie-Charlotte Brueggen, MD, PhD		
10:00	10:30		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	<u>10:30 - 11:00</u> COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30	11:30		Dendritic Cells Nikolaus Romani, PhD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	<u>11:00 - 12:00</u> Lichenoid Eruptions, GVHD, Morphea Georg Stary, MD	Connective Tissue Diseases Georg Stingl, MD	Auto-Immune Bullous Diseases Georg Stingl, MD		
11:30	12:30		Contact Dermatitis Christine Bangert, MD		<u>12:00 - 13:00</u> Cutaneous Microbiome Georg Stary, MD	Psoriasis James Krueger, MD, PhD	Post-Seminar Test Evaluation & Discussion		
12:30	14:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	<u>13:00 - 14:00</u> LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
14:00	15:00		T-Cells James Krueger, MD, PhD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	Free Afternoon	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations			
15:00	16:00		Hidradenitis Suppurativa James Krueger, MD, PhD Rosacea Georg Stingl, MD	Atopic Dermatitis Emma Guttman-Yassky, MD, PhD					
16:00	17:00		<u>16:00 - 16:15</u> OMI/AAF PRESENTATION	Alopecia Areata Emma Guttman-Yassky, MD, PhD					
17:00	18:00								
18:00	19:00	FACULTY MEETING TO REVIEW THE WEEK					FAREWELL RECEPTION		
19:00	20:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER	DINNER	DINNER FACULTY DINNER IN PRIVATE HOME	DINNER	DINNER	GRADUATION DINNER Certificates Awarded		
20:00	21:00					<u>20:30 - 21:30</u> CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT			

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Christine Bangert, MD is a dermatologist who specializes predominantly in allergic and inflammatory skin diseases. Dr Bangert was born and grew up in Southern Germany in the state of Baden-Württemberg, where she completed her undergraduate studies. She graduated from Medical University of Lübeck in Northern Germany and moved to Vienna, completing her residency at the Department of Dermatology at the Medical University of Vienna. Her fellowship training specializing in allergic and inflammatory skin diseases was with Dr. Tamara Kopp and Dr. Georg Stingl. Dr. Bangert's research interests include the pathogenic analysis of the cellular and molecular components of several inflammatory skin diseases such as allergic contact dermatitis, atopic eczema or psoriasis. Of special interest to her are clinical and immunological changes after treatment with biologic agents thereby learning more about disease-specific mechanisms. Recent publications include a report on the improvement of psoriasis after anti-IL-23p19 therapy in *Nature* and a detailed analysis of the cellular and molecular changes in atopic dermatitis after ustekinumab treatment in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. Dr. Bangert is a member of the steering committee of the Austrian task force of allergology and of various international and national dermatological societies. Dr. Bangert works as senior clinical specialist in dermatology at the Medical University of Vienna where she is currently head of the allergy outpatient clinic and the clinical trial unit. She lives in Vienna with her family.

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Wolfgang Bauer, MD is a dermatologist from Vienna with a keen interest in the skin immune system. Dr. Bauer grew up in Germany and Austria, graduated from Vienna Medical University and completed his dermatology residency at the Division of Immunology, Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the Department of Dermatology of the Medical University of Vienna. His main research interests include cellular and molecular immunology of the skin with a focus on work relying on ex vivo isolated cell populations. In addition, he has been working on cutaneous lymphomas and myeloproliferative skin diseases. Recent publications include a microscopic evaluation of innate lymphoid cells in human skin as well as works on rare subtypes of cutaneous lymphomas. Dr. Bauer currently serves as a senior physician at the Department of Dermatology. He lives in Vienna with his wife Verena and their children Pauline and Levi.

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Marie-Charlotte Brueggen, MD, PhD is a dermatologist and Assistant Professor with special interest in inflammatory skin diseases. Dr. Brueggen grew up in Basel, Switzerland, and graduated from Geneva Medical School (Geneva, Switzerland). Following a research fellowship during medical school, she joined Professor Georg Stingl's group at the Department of Dermatology, Medical University of Vienna for a PhD in immunology. Dr. Brueggen has pursued her interest in inflammatory skin diseases as well as the role of subcutaneous adipose tissue on skin immune homeostasis at the Department of Dermatology of the University Hospital Zurich, where she completed her dermatology residency. Her work has been published in high-impact journals such as *Blood* the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*. Dr. Brueggen's research efforts have earned her various awards, such as the Heinrich Auspitz Award, the Roche Young Investigator Award and the ESDR/SID Collegiality Award and she currently holds several research grants. Dr. Brueggen lives with her husband in Zurich and works at the Department of Dermatology of Zurich University Hospital and the Allergy Campus in Davos.

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Nikolaus Romani, PhD is an immunologist who studies antigen-presenting cells of the skin, in particular dendritic cells with a focus on Langerhans cells, the dendritic cell variant of the epidermis. He is interested in dissecting their roles in the generation of immunity and tolerance in cancer and infection models in vivo and the ultimate translation of this knowledge to human medicine. Dr. Romani obtained his PhD in biology at the University of Innsbruck, Austria, in 1983. He did his post-doctoral training at Rockefeller University, New York, USA, in the lab of 2011 Nobel laureate Dr. Ralph Steinman, discoverer of dendritic cells. He became associate professor in 1990 and professor in 2012. Dr. Romani and his colleague Dr. Gerold Schuler helped make Innsbruck one of the first "dendritic cell strongholds" outside the United States in the 1990s. The *Experimental Dermatology Unit* at the Department of Dermatology at the Medical University of Innsbruck is focusing on immunization approaches that target defined subsets of skin dendritic cells by means of antibodies against antigen uptake receptors. The ultimate goal is to induce robust immunity, e.g. against cancer antigens, which will help to augment patients' responses to modern immune checkpoint therapies of cancer. He is a co-editor of *Handbook of Dendritic Cells: Biology, Diseases and Therapies* and is a recipient of several awards. He initiated and promoted the development of a strong dendritic cell research group and the establishment of the Laboratory for Langerhans Cell Research under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Patrizia Stoitzner at the Innsbruck Dermatology Department.

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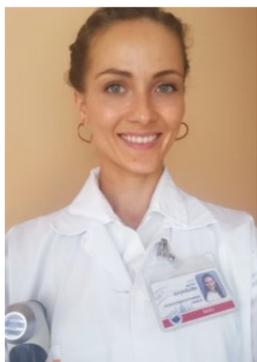
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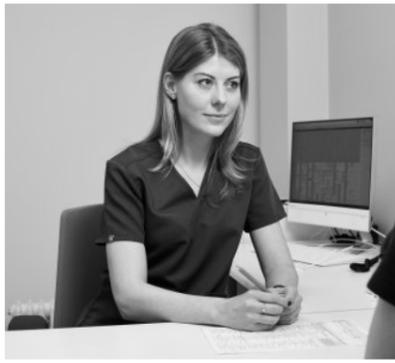
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SEMINAR DIARY FROM FELLOW

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December 1, Sunday. I arrived to Salzburg by train, before noon. It's my second time attending an OMI seminar this year and this time I came with a friend and colleague of mine from University. After a quick bus ride from the airport. I have checked in and arrived in my cosy room, but not for long. I took a bus to St. Gilgen, a fairy-tale small town just a few kilometers away from Salzburg. I have spent a couple of hours at the Christmas market. After eating roasted chestnuts and drinking "Gluehwein" I hurried to get back to Schloss Arenberg to be prepared for the welcome reception and dinner. Me and Anastasia were wearing some traditional hand decorated shirts as it was the Romanian National Day. The atmosphere in the lobby was very nice. I met the professors and it was nice to see Dr. Aulitzky again. I have met the fellows and I enjoyed every moment speaking to them. One of them was a girl from Latvia. I first met her in Bucharest, a couple of years ago, while attending a course. It was nice to see her again. What a small world...

December 2, Monday. I woke up very early, fresh and enthusiastic about the seminar. After a short walk, enjoying the fresh air and watching the dancing snowflakes I had a tasty breakfast while talking and talking with the others. The pre-seminar test seemed endless to me... so many things I had no idea about. Suddenly topics became scary but Dr. Stingl started to clarify things about immunology. What a relief. Dr. Romani continued the explanations and after that Dr. Bangert discussed how immunology works in contact dermatitis. I was getting more and more confident, because things were getting closer to clinical practice. We moved forward to Hidradenitis suppurativa and Rosacea. It rained all day long but it was a good weather for science. At the end of the presentations, Ms. Faschang made a short but full of information presentation about the American Austrian Foundation and about the OMI seminars. After some free hours, we all returned to have dinner. After that I had nice quality time, talking about experiences and cultural issues with fellows from Mexico, Turkey and Czech Republic, while enjoying a cup of hot tea.

December 3, Tuesday. The second day begun with two amazing presentations about Laboratory investigations held by Dr Bauer and Dr Romani. After the coffee break there was a very nice session with the fellows' case presentations. I was grateful to hear about so many interesting cases. After lunch, two other nice presentations followed- atopic dermatitis and alopecia areata, with insights about biologic treatment. A lot of questions and answers followed. It was very nice to hear that Dr Guttman-Yassky was born in Romania and that she also speaks Romanian.

December 4, Wednesday. First sunny day. This was very convenient as the afternoon was free. After two fabulous presentations held by Dr Woehrl, we had the coffee break. Everybody was talking about their plans of spending time and visiting Salzburg. The last presentation of the day belonged to Dr. Stary and they were also very interesting. I have spent the free afternoon walking along the streets of Salzburg, enjoying the panorama of the city and the castle. I have also enjoyed walking in the streets by night as the town was nicely decorated for Christmas.

December 5, Thursday. In the morning we heard Dr Stary talking about Cutaneous Signs of HIV Infection. I gained a lot of information about improving my daily practice while treating skin lesions in HIV patients. The lectures about Immunity, Vitiligo and Psoriasis held by Dr Krueger were so complex and I was impressed how easily he transmitted such complex information about pathophysiological mechanisms of the diseases. After that we had the group picture in front of Schloss Arenberg. After lunch we have listened to other case presentations. In the evening we were all gathering in the Grand Hall for a nice and relaxing Chamber Music Concert held by three talented young men, students attending Mozarteum University in Salzburg. Both Professors and Fellows enjoyed the concert a lot and after we had a nice talk with the musicians while enjoying a glass of champagne.

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Rather than sharing my full itinerary and list of everyday activities, I would like to highlight things that have been resonating in me each and every night as I come back to my room and have some time to digest my day at Schloss Arenberg. This past week has taught me a lot, not just about skin immunology, but about how the actual dermatology world works in countries other than mine or the US. It has been really enriching to have the opportunity to share a forum, experiences and engage in conversations with people so different, yet so similar to me, if this makes any sense...

November 30, Saturday. The taxi driver from the airport was a VERY nice guy. As soon as he asked where we were going, he couldn't help smiling and asked if we were physicians. He is from Afghanistan but moved to Austria 20 years ago after having his first child. He had been living in Afghanistan after completing medical school in Russia. Also, his wife was an Ob Gyn back home. He came here with his life savings and a heart full of hope. Welcome to Salzburg, Michelle.

December 1, Sunday. I took the train to Vienna at 6 am and booked my ticket to be back for the welcome reception. I made it to the Upper Belvedere Castle and knew this week was going to be a once in a lifetime experience. I came back to Salzburg and as soon as I entered the school's lobby, I started meeting people from all around Europe and Asia. Professor Wolfgang Aulitzky expressed his concern about brain drain in certain countries. I can't remember his exact words, but every day as I met my co-fellows and got to talk to them about the situation in their countries Dr. Aulitzky's message constantly crossed my mind.

December 2, Monday. What was meant to be a "basic immunology" introduction felt like a deep and intense immunology morning to me. We got to meet Professor Romani, whose mentor was awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine in 2011 for the discovery of dendritic cells and their role in adaptive immunity. He made my day when he showed us his own Langerhans cells on a tissue section. Professor Stingl had very good comments for other's presentations, what a distinctive human being. He's understanding of clinical dermatology comes from understanding the immunological mechanism of every single disease. Immunology is everything.

December 3, Tuesday. I was glad Dr. Guttman-Yassky finally made it to Salzburg. It was great to reconnect with her and I was really excited to listen to all of her lectures, they're always pristine. I can't wait for JAK inhibitors to be widely available (and affordable) in my country. At some point of the day

Dr. Krueger asked the fellows if all these drugs they had been talking about for the last couple of hours (JAK inhibitors, biologics, cyclosporine etc.) were being used in their countries. I'm pretty certain the vast majority of us said no. I guess for some people it is hard to understand how limited some countries are in the medical field, it's even sometimes hard for me to try to explain. At the same time, it's refreshing how the faculty members are here engaging in a bilateral, empathetic bi-directional learning process with us. At the end of the day, all these limitations have exploded our problem-solving skills and we are creative and smart doctors.

December 4, Wednesday. Dr. Georg Stary appeared with great lectures. For the past couple of months, I have read a bunch of articles about skin microbiome and its role in tons of inflammatory and neoplastic skin diseases to the point where unconsciously (or not) I have (erroneously) started simplifying everything to "oh it's probably the microbiome" whenever I don't have the answer to some dermatologic (and even philosophical) questions. Thank you Dr. Krueger for reminding me that this isn't by any means true. Apart from treating the dysbiosis you have to treat the actual immune problem, otherwise you will return to the same point every single time.

December 5, Thursday. I was constantly thinking that Professor Stingl has a privileged memory, because he remembers the name of every single author, of every single published article in the field of dermatology. During my night recall of the day I realized he probably knows all these people. I still thought his memory is one of a kind, because remembering their names isn't actually enough, but he somehow remembers their names and the whole content of their work. That chamber music concert was amazing. I had my presentation today, Professor Stingl asked if I knew who Dr. Schnitzler was, I had been reading about her last night, so I was relieved as I was able to answer his question. To be honest, I knew he would ask.

December 6, Friday. Too bad it's over. After spending all these days with all of these amazing physicians from all around the world, I can't help but think how lucky I was when I was selected to assist to this amazing and unique seminar. Sharing knowledge and experiences has been more than special. I'm looking forward to meet again.

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