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SALZBURG CHOP SEMINAR IN PEDIATRIC UROLOGY

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29 fellows from 20 different countries
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5 faculty members from the United States of America, Austria and Germany
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21 lectures given by faculty

29 interesting case presentations by fellows
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5 excellent case presentations by fellows

Group Photo of Faculty and Fellows



		Sunday 17.10.2021	Monday 18.10.2021	Tuesday 19.10.2021	Wednesday 20.10.2021	Thursday 21.10.2021	Friday 22.10.2021	Saturday 23.10.2021
07:00	08:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURES
08:00	09:00		Introductions Pre-Seminar Test	Embryology of the GU System Josef Oswald, MD, FEAPU	Differences of Sex Development Thomas F. Kolon, MD	Hypospadias Josef Oswald, MD, FEAPU	Posterior Urethral Valves Christopher J. Long, MD	
09:00	10:00		Pediatric Urologic Emergencies Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Imperforate Anus, Cloaca and Urogenital Sinus Thomas F. Kolon, MD	Vesicoureteral Reflux Josef Oswald, MD, FEAPU Raimund Stein, MD	Pediatric Nephrolithiasis Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Genitourinary Trauma Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	
10:00	10:30		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30	11:30		Cryptorchidism Thomas F. Kolon, MD	Antenatal/Postnatal Hydronephrosis Raimund Stein, MD	Adolescent Varicocele Thomas F. Kolon, MD	Diagnostics in Pediatric Urology Raimund Stein, MD	Prune Belly Syndrome Christopher J. Long, MD	
11:30	12:30		Office-Based Urology Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Bladder & Cloacal Exstrophy Christopher J. Long, MD	Urinary Incontinence Christopher J. Long, MD	Pediatric Laparoscopy Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Pediatric Urologic Oncology Thomas F. Kolon, MD	
12:30	14:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
14:00	15:00		Neuropathic Bladder and Myelomeningocele Christopher J. Long, MD	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations Thomas F. Kolon, MD Josef Oswald, MD, FEAPU Christopher J. Long, MD Raimund Stein, MD Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Free Afternoon	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations Thomas F. Kolon, MD Josef Oswald, MD, FEAPU Raimund Stein, MD Gregory Tasian, MD, MSc, MSCE	Post-Seminar Test Evaluation & Discussion	
15:00	16:00	Workshop How to Present a Case Thomas F. Kolon, MD						
16:00	17:00	Workshop Case Presentations by Faculty to Fellows						
17:00	18:00		<u>17:00 - 17:15</u> OMI Presentation					
18:00	19:00	FACULTY MEETING TO REVIEW THE WEEK					FAREWELL RECEPTION	
19:00	20:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER FACULTY DINNER IN PRIVATE HOME	DINNER	GRADUATION DINNER Certificates Awarded	
20:00	21:00					<u>20:30 – 21:30</u> CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT		

Learning Objectives for Participants

At the conclusion of this seminar, the participant should be better able to:

1. Review common pediatric urologic disorders and trauma.
2. Describe the pathophysiology and treatment of urinary stones in children and adolescents.
3. Discuss frequently utilized diagnostics and therapeutics in pediatric urology.
4. Identify and treat congenital urogenital anomalies such as hypospadias, cryptorchidism, DSD and cloaca.
5. Discuss the differential diagnosis, management, and outcomes of pediatric urinary incontinence.
6. Discuss the differential diagnosis, management, and outcomes of pediatric urologic oncology.

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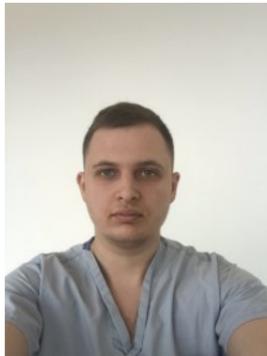
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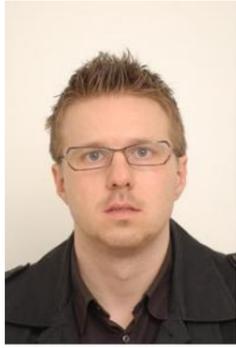
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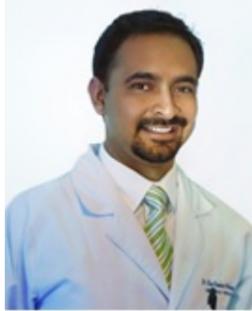
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Saturday, October 16, 2021

I arrived to Salzburg in the evening after a 15 hour journey via plane, train, and bus from Dar es Salaam, Istanbul, and Munich. The journey wasn't boring since two of us were traveling together from Tanzania. We enjoyed the scenery along the way to Salzburg.

Sunday, October 17, 2021

I woke up at 5:30 am and headed to the gym one hour to prepare for the day. This is one of my favorite things to do, and I am pleased there is a gym here at Schloss Arenberg. After a well-prepared breakfast, we went for a walk along the riverbank to the city center. We also spent time at the cathedral and enjoyed the city. In the evening, we had a welcome reception and the Medical Director of the OMI, Professor Wolfgang Aulitzky, welcomed us. He introduced us to Dr. Thomas F Kolon (course director) and the rest of the faculty, Dr. Josef Oswald (co-course director), Dr. Christopher Long, Dr. Gregory Tasian, and and Dr. Raimund Stein. There are 30 fellows from 21 countries, which provided an exciting mix of culture and brought a big, professional family from many continents together, all in search of knowledge.

Monday, October 18, 2021

After breakfast, we went to class and had a welcome introduction from Stephanie Faschang. We started with the pre-test, which was relevant to topics which were going to be taught throughout the week. Afterwards, we had lectures about pediatric urology topics such as pediatric urology emergencies, cryptorchidism, office based urology, nephropathic bladder, and myelomeningocele. After lunch, Dr. Kolon informed us about how to present a case, and several case presentations were done by faculty. The day ended with Stephanie Faschang giving a talk about the Open Medical Institute (OMI) and its updates as well as opportunities available for fellows. I really enjoyed the day.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

We started class at 8:00 am as usual and covered topics on genitourinary embryology and its congenital anomalies including imperforated anus, cloaca and urogenital sinus, antenatal/postnatal hydronephrosis, and bladder extrophy. We also received pediatric urologic oncology updates. After lunch, a group of 14 fellows presented their case reports. It was exciting and an eye opener to have an experience from other countries, especially since some cases were challenging.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

I started the day with exercise in the gym, breakfast at 8:00am, then we continued with lectures on congenital anomalies, differences of sex development, vesicoureteral reflux, adolescent varicocele, and urinary incontinence. During the afternoon we had free time, which we used to walk around the city and enjoy the scenery. It was a sunny day, and I really enjoyed the walk until the evening. I was able to speak with different faculty members on their experiences with different approaches with various pediatric urological cases. They were helpful and I was able to welcome each one to Tanzania. They really appreciated this and are looking forward to this possibility whenever they get a chance.

Thursday, October 21, 2021

After sleeping very well, I was thankful to see the day. I started with my routine and at 08:00 am sharp, I was in the lecture hall. More than the other days, the topics presented were of great interest to my routine in pediatric urology. We started with hypospadias repair, in which I got an update from Dr. Joseph Oswald and other faculty with tips and tricks on operations. He also shared his experience on the timing of an operation (from six to fifteen months). The topic of pediatric nephrolithiasis from Dr. Gregory Tasian was interesting to me (I must declare that I like endourology the most) and its updates were very exciting. I have seen a good number of children in my hospital of practice with urinary stones, and it was of no surprise to see the trend is the same in the USA. Therefore, the management of urololithiasis was crucial for fellows to grasp. We had the chance to hear about diagnostics in pediatrics from Dr. Raimund Stein. He explained which diagnostic equipment is available and suitable for pediatric urology, its sensitivity and specificity. We also got an update on pediatric laparoscopy. In the afternoon, I presented my case on Circumcision Injuries. The evening was eventful with a chamber music concert from very talented artists. It was so relaxing; I was happy to listen to the soothing music which calmed my head.

Friday, October 22, 2021

Friday came in the blink of an eye, and I could not believe it's the last day of the seminar. I had my usual morning routine, then we had a lecture on posterior urethral valve, genitourinary trauma, and prune belly syndrome. We had a post-seminar test at the end. In the evening, we had a farewell reception and graduation dinner, in which we were awarded certificates. It was a very productive week with exciting events. I would suggest the OMI seminar to all medical professionals, as it is a game changer for your practice. You learn and experience so much in one week within a suitable learning environment. This was my second time attending a pediatric urology seminar, and I enjoyed almost everything. The environment, food, music, and pediatric urology updates from well renowned faculty members from Germany, the USA, and Austria. I would suggest the OMI seminar to all medical professionals, as it is a game changer for your practice. You learn and experience so much in one week within a suitable learning environment.

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Sunday, October 17, 2021

I am a pediatric urologist from Vilnius, Lithuania. I have been working in the pediatric urology subdepartment for three years now. Since the flight from Frankfurt to Salzburg was delayed twice, I arrived to the city late in the evening and barely managed to attend the welcome reception and dinner. The trip from the airport to Schloss Arenberg took a while, but I managed to see how beautiful the city of Salzburg is in the evening light. At 7:00 pm at Schloss Arenberg, the welcome speech was given by the Medical Director of the Open Medical Institute, Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky. He introduced the faculty members, Dr. Thomas F. Kolon (director of the course), Dr. Josef Oswald (co-director of the course), Dr. Christopher J. Long, Dr. Raimund Stein, and Dr. Gregory Tasian. During dinner the first evening, I already introduced myself to three other participants, Aleksandra from Russia, Laura from Estonia, and Evisa from Albania. They are very nice ladies, and we discussed medical subtleties in our home countries.

Monday, October 18, 2021

The first day of the seminar started early in the morning. At 7:00 am, I hurried to have breakfast and at 8:00 am, I was already sitting in my seat in the seminar hall, preparing to take the pre-seminar test. I was very excited and worried at the same time, as I didn't know what to expect. Prior to taking the test, all the participants were introduced to the

seminar schedule, and then the exams were distributed immediately thereafter. Questions turned out to be difficult and tricky, but I hope I passed the test and did not make many mistakes. Just after the pre-seminar test, we started the courses. At first, we were taught about the acute urologic pediatric conditions. Major clinical cases as well as diagnostic and treatment options were introduced. While listening, I was pleased to learn that the diagnostic and treatment methods used in our hospital are fully in line with global practice. After a short coffee break, we continued the lectures and read two more reports on cryptorchidism and patient treatment in the outpatient clinic. After the afternoon break, another report on neuropathic bladder and myelomeningocele was presented, and we were advised on how to prepare our own clinical cases. The first day was very intense, we received a lot of useful information. The participants had a lot of questions, to which lecturers gave precise answers. After dinner, a few fellows rushed into their rooms to prepare for tomorrow's clinical case presentations.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

In the morning, just after breakfast, all seminar fellows were sitting in their seats and listened attentively to new reports on embryology and its special importance and role in pediatric urology for making diagnostic and treatment decisions and predicting outcomes to our little patients. Very precise and detailed instructions were given on how to come to a diagnostic decision and what tactics to follow in the treatment of hydronephrosis, bladder, and cloacal extrophies. After the afternoon break, it was time for some of the fellows to present their case presentations, including myself. I will admit I am not the best presenter, but I commend my colleagues who presented very interesting clinical cases and therefore sparked many interesting discussions, which answered many questions that fellows had proposed in their cases. After a very intense discussion, we hurried to enjoy the old town of Salzburg. After dinner at Schloss Arenberg, some of us continued the evening in the game room, where we got to know more about each other and our work, as well as having fun playing table football.

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Today was probably the hardest day of the seminar. We were given a lecture about DSD, VUR. The lecturers explained the most important details that help to identify and diagnose these pathologies, and explained the further tactics in taking care of such patients. Many of us come from countries that do not have enough experience with extremely rare sex development pathologies, so sharing each other's experience is a great help for us in addressing the health issues of patients in our hospitals. Later on, we had a free afternoon, so I, like many of my colleagues, went for a walk around the city of Salzburg. I visited Salzburg's castle, standing on the high rocky hill. It was a warm and sunny day, so the surroundings of the city and the Alps looked especially beautiful from above. Later, I took a walk around the oldtown and sat in a traditional coffee house to taste delicious Austrian apple strudel. I then spent the evening socializing with seminar colleagues, sharing the impressions of the day.

Thursday, October 21, 2021

The day started as usual. An early breakfast was followed by four presentations prepared by our great faculty members, after which the remaining fourteen fellows presented very interesting clinical cases. After dinner, we had a musical evening at the Schloss. A very beautiful chamber music concert was organized for all the participants, followed by some drinks in the dining room.

Friday, October 22, 2021

Today is perhaps the saddest day, the last day of the seminar. I am now used to getting up early and rushing to the seminar hall to prepare for an abundance of new information. However, after the presentations of posterior ureteral valves, genitourinary trauma, prune belly syndrome, and pediatric urologic oncology, came time for the post-seminar test. It was interesting to know whether I had improved in a week. I hope so! After a very tasty lunch and a free afternoon, we are awaiting and preparing for a farewell reception and graduation dinner. It was really a pleasure to meet each of the participating fellows and faculty members. Maybe I did not have enough time to talk to everyone, but I will still bring home the memory of the experience I gained during my stay.