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Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD is the Medical Director of the American Austrian Foundation. He is Associate Dean for International Medicine and Distance Learning, Adjunct Prof. of Clinical Urology and Adjunct Prof. of Clinical Reproductive Medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University/New York Presbyterian Hospital. In 2016, he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics in the Associated Faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is also Associate Prof. of Urology at the Medical University of Innsbruck and Visiting Professor at the Medical University of Vienna. Amongst others he is a member of the American, German and Austrian Societies of Urology and was awarded the Zuckerkandlpreis of the Austrian Society of Urology in 1989. In 1995 he received the Silver Medal, in 2007 the Golden Medal for Merits to the Republic of Austria and in 2014 the cross of honor of the Land Salzburg. As Director of the Medical Program of the American Austrian Foundation he has initiated the Open Medical Institute, a scientific and educational collaboration of Weill Cornell and the New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Children Hospital of Philadelphia, Duke University, Columbia University, the Cleveland Clinic and leading hospitals in Austria. Dr. Aulitzky earned his medical degree at the University of Innsbruck in 1977, was a research associate at the University of Uppsala, Sweden and the Rockefeller University, New York. He received his training as an urologist at the University of Innsbruck and the General Hospital of Salzburg. He is the author of more than 140 publications on Urology, Andrology and Health Care issues and is co-author of books on basic and clinical urology/andrology.
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Kristin M. Burkart, MD, MSc is a Pulmonary and Critical Care Physician and a Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center. She is the Director of the Pulmonary and Critical Care Fellowship Training Program and the Medical Director of the Chest Clinic. Dr. Burkart graduated AOA from Albany Medical College, completed her residency and chief residency at the University of Colorado and completed her fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Boston University School of Medicine. She has a Master of Science in Epidemiology from Boston University School of Public Health. Dr. Burkart cares for a diverse population of patients including medically underserved patients from the surrounding Washington Heights neighborhood as well as tertiary and quaternary referrals for critical care management. She attends in the medical intensive care unit, the pulmonary consultative service, the critical care consultative service, and the chronic ventilator management service and is an active member on the Ethics Committee. Dr. Burkart’s clinical interests include hypoxic respiratory failure including the use of Extra-Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO), sepsis and medical ethics. Dr. Burkart is a leader in fellowship training and medical education with several current and past national leadership positions. She is a Past President and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine Program Directors (APCCMPD), an organization whose mission is to provide leadership and support for fellowship training programs across the country. Dr. Burkart is the Chair of the American Thoracic Society (ATS) Training Committee, Chair of the APCCMPD Education Committee and a Deputy Editor for ATS Scholar, a new online medical education journal. Dr. Burkart is dedicated to providing an educational and research environment for her fellows that fosters their development into compassionate and exceptional clinical physicians, clinician-educators, and physician-investigators.
Guenter Weiss, MD studied medicine at the University of Innsbruck, Austria and performed a thesis at the Institute for Medical Chemistry and Biochemistry. He then worked as a post–doctoral fellow at the Department of Medical Chemistry and Biochemistry before starting as a resident at the Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Innsbruck, where he did his medical training in internal medicine. He became a specialist for internal medicine in 1998, for intensive care medicine in 2001 and for infectious diseases in 2006. His clinical training was interrupted by another post-doctoral fellowship at the EMBL in Heidelberg where he was working on translational gene regulation (until 1996). Thereafter he built up his own research group supported by grants from the Austrian Research Funds, the European Union and the National Institute of Health. Dr. Weiss successfully completed two habilitations (Medical Biochemistry in 1995, Internal Medicine in 1999) and still tries to combine his daily clinical work and duties with scientific laboratory and clinically based projects. Guenter Weiss has published more than 340 papers in peer reviewed journals. His research focuses on multiple aspects of cellular and systemic iron homeostasis and their dysregulation in specific pathological conditions including anemia of chronic diseases and iron overload. Further, he studies the regulatory network between iron homeostasis, immune function and infection with a specific emphasis to the role of macrophages in host-pathogen interaction and the impact of natural resistance genes and metabolic alterations in the host-pathogen micro-environment on disease outcome. Since 2012, Guenter Weiss is full professor of medicine at the Medical University of Innsbruck (§98) and director of the Division of Internal Medicine II (infectious diseases, immunology, rheumatology, pneumology). In 2015 he was elected into the Austrian Academy of Science.
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Christina Duftner, MD, PhD focuses on large vessel vasculitis, polymyalgia rheumatica, spondyloarthritis (including psoriatic arthritis) and ultrasound in chronic inflammatory rheumatic diseases. Her publications have been cited 1,926 times to date. Most recent publications in the field of imaging and large vessel vasculitis have relevant messages for the management of patients suffering from large vessel vasculitis. She performed the SLR informing the “EULAR recommendations for the use of imaging in large vessel vasculitis in clinical practice” that were published in the Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases and RMD open in 2018. A specific focus of her scientific work is the implementation of ultrasound in the diagnostic work-up of chronic inflammatory rheumatic diseases with the development of definitions of disease-specific ultrasound key lesions. Recently, she contributed as a task force member for the “EULAR recommendations for the use of imaging to guide interventional procedures in patients with Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMD)” and “2022 EULAR points to consider for remote care in rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases”. Christina Duftner acts currently as the executive director of the Austrian Society of Rheumatology and Rehabilitation (ÖGR) and heads the ÖGR Task force for “Female Advancement in rheumatology - FAIR”. As mother of 4 children (Jakob, Andreas, Philipp, Judith) she is aware of the daily challenges of female doctors and the impact when highly trained (female) doctors leak out of the profession or stay in jobs beneath their potential (leaky pipeline). Thus, she is working on several initiatives overcoming the leaky pipeline, e.g. mentoring/buddy system, prizes facilitating female careers in rheumatology.
Teja Kapoor, MD is a rheumatologist with a clinical and research interest in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. She grew up in New Jersey and completed her undergraduate studies at Rutgers College in the Honors Program. She graduated from New York Medical College and completed her internal medicine residency at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. She completed her rheumatology fellowship at Columbia University-NY Presbyterian Hospital, where she joined the faculty after graduation. As a "Lupologist" in the Columbia University Lupus Center, she has published in the field of infections in Lupus (including Covid-19), serological biomarkers in SLE and Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Disease, and the LFA-REAL disease activity scoring instrument that allows for simple and efficient measurement of Lupus activity for use in clinical trials and clinical practices, under the mentorship of Dr. Anca Askanase. She has presented her findings at national American College of Rheumatology meetings. She is also the sub-investigator of multiple lupus clinical trials, including Belimumab, Obinutuzumab, ACTHAR, and Tyk inhibitors to name a few. Dr. Kapoor also has an interest in medical education and is the Associate Program Director for the Rheumatology Fellowship. She has been the rheumatology course director for medical students, internal medicine residents, and family medicine residents. She was awarded the Ewig clinical scholar award and Henry Lodge Primary care education grant. She lives in New Jersey with her transplant cardiologist husband Saurabh and two energetic sons Krish and Shivum.
Andrew H. Lipsky, MD is an oncologist who specializes in caring for adult patients with hematologic malignancies, including chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and lymphoma. He is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Columbia University Medical Center. Dr. Lipsky's research focuses on cancer genomics and new treatments for CLL. He has a special interest in using the latest bioinformatics techniques to study how cancer cells change and adapt during treatment. Utilizing these genomic insights, he hopes to better inform clinical trials and hasten the development of innovative therapies for patients with hematologic malignancies. Dr. Lipsky holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He earned a medical degree from Rutgers - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He completed internship and residency in internal medicine at Montefiore - Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He completed fellowship training in Hematology and Medical Oncology at New York Presbyterian Hospital – Weill Cornell Medical College, with an additional sub-fellowship at Weill Cornell in the clinical care of patients with CLL and lymphoma. He also completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in lymphoma genomics and bioinformatics as part of the Molecular and Translation Oncology Research (MTOR) training program. He is a peer reviewer for multiple oncology journals and has presented his research on multiple occasions at the American Society of Hematology Meeting. Dr. Lipsky lives in New York City.
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Judith Loeffler-Ragg, MD is an associate professor in Internal Medicine at the Medical University of Innsbruck, Austria. She grew up and completed her undergraduate studies in Tyrol (Western Austria). She graduated from the Medical University of Innsbruck and completed here clinical residencies in Internal Medicine and Pneumology at the University Hospital of Innsbruck and the regional hospital Natters. Dr. Loeffler-Ragg is currently senior consultant in charge of the pneumology outpatient clinic of the University Hospital Innsbruck. Beside pulmonary care issues of the clinic that must be covered, her focus is on rare lung diseases. Activities as principal- and subinvestigator in various academic initiated or industry sponsored clinical research studies with focus on rare lung disease (e.g. pulmonary arterial hypertension, systemic sclerosis, hypereosinophilia, sarcoidosis) are ongoing. She is a peer reviewer for multiple major respiratory journals. Furthermore, there are teaching activities for students and supervision of diploma theses. She is General Secretary of the Austrian Society for Pneumology. The ongoing corona pandemic has led to the initiation of an interdisciplinary team at the pulmonary outpatient clinic providing follow-up care for patients after severe COVID-19 disease. First results of this prospective trial (CovILD trial, NCT 04416100) have recently been published. Privately Dr. Loeffler-Ragg lives in the mountainous region of Tyrol with her husband Ernst and their three daughters.
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Max O'Donnell MD, MPH is an academic pulmonary critical care doctor with a clinical and research focus on respiratory infections including tuberculosis (TB), pulmonary complications of HIV, and severe viral respiratory infections. Dr. O'Donnell grew up in Massachusetts in the United States and completed his undergraduate studies at St. John’s College in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center and fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at Boston University Medical Center. He completed a NIH career development award (K23) in the Bill Jacobs mycobacterial genetics lab group at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and has been faculty at Columbia University Irving Medical Center since 2014. Dr. O'Donnell has co-appointments in the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health Department of Epidemiology, the Centre for AIDS Programme of Research in South Africa (CAPRISA), and the Columbia University Center for Infection and Immunity (CII). His current research is funded by the National Institutes for Health (NIH) as well as private foundations and is centered in South Africa, Uganda, and the United States with training/education and capacity building work in Ethiopia and Rwanda. Important collaborators include the CAPRISA, CII, the Africa Health Research Institute (AHRI), the Jacobs’ and Larsen labs at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and the Uganda Virus Research Institute (UVRI). He is a peer reviewer for multiple major medical journals and is an associate editor at Annals of the American Thoracic Society (AnnalsATS). Dr. O'Donnell's research efforts have earned him grants from the NIH, Doris Duke Clinical Foundation, Gerstner Foundation, and others. Dr. O'Donnell is currently faculty at Columbia University Irving Medical Center and New York Presbyterian Hospital as Associate Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Medicine. He lives in Brooklyn with his wife Jennifer and children Luisa, Maeve, and Liam.
Andreas Pircher, MD, PhD is a hematologist and oncologist at the Medical University Innsbruck/Austria. Andreas completed his studies in medicine and his PhD at the Medical University of Innsbruck/Austria, where he is currently consultant and vice-chair of the Thoracic Oncology Program as well as lead of the Translational Research Program at the Department for Hematology and Oncology. He is particularly focusing on basic-oriented research with translational aspects going alongside clinical care and trials. Andreas is strongly interested in the biology of tumor endothelial cells and pathological tumor angiogenesis, especially in non-small cell lung cancer. As Post-Doc in Peter Carmeliet’s he further developed his research focus and interest. At the moment Andreas tries to coordinate clinical studies incorporating single cell RNA sequencing studies to deeper characterize the tumor microenvironment and understand therapeutic resistance mechanisms in NSCLC.
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Ewald Woell, MD is a medical oncologist who specializes in gastrointestinal cancer. Dr. Woell grew up in the Tyrol, the western part of Austria, and graduated from Leopold-Franzens-University of Innsbruck in 1990. In 1989 he run through a Visiting Medical Student Clerkship in cardiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, USA. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Department of Internal Medicine at the University Clinic in Innsbruck, Austria where he also finished his fellowship in medical oncology and hematology. In 1998 he worked as a visiting physician at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, University of Texas, Houston, TX, USA at the Department of Melanoma/Sarcoma, Medical Oncology with Prof. Bob Benjamin and Prof. Sewa Legha. After his position as Chief of Medical Oncology at the Department of General Internal Medicine at the University of Innsbruck, he was appointed in 2004 Head of the Department of Internal Medicine at the St. Vinzenz Krankenhaus Zams, Austria. This accredited teaching hospital has a main focus on oncology, where he also serves as the Executive Medical Director since 2013. Dr. Woell's research interests include gastric cancer, colon cancer, lung cancer as well as COVID-19. Recent publications include the treatment algorithm for patients with gastric adenocarcinoma, an Austrian consensus on systemic therapy. He is a peer reviewer and member of the editorial board for multiple journals. Dr. Woell is member of the executive board of several oncological societies. Currently he is first vice-president of the Austrian Society of Hematology and Oncology (OeGHO). Dr. Woell lives in Innsbruck, Austria with his wife Lucia and children Theresa and Raphaela.
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Saturday, June 18, 2022

My trip to Salzburg did not have the best of starts. Starting with being stuck in front of the emergency exit on the plane, which basically guaranteed an uncomfortable plane ride, and ending with lost luggage, which would only be found two days later, I felt the challenges were more than they should have been. But once I stepped outside the Salzburg airport and was met by the beautiful scenery and weather, the challenges I encountered quickly became a distant memory. In that moment, I felt like things were going to be great and I would later be proven right. I would soon arrive at Schloss Arenberg where I was welcomed by the most kind and friendly receptionist.

Sunday, June 19, 2022

I spent Sunday exploring the city, buying the few things I needed to get me by until I got my luggage and visiting some sites. Later in the evening, we were introduced to the faculty, who made us feel at home and gave us useful tips on how to make the best out of the week. This was followed by a great dinner and further introductions amongst fellows, the same group of people I would later call friends.
Monday, June 20, 2022

The first day of the seminar was exciting. We kicked off the seminar with a pretest which helped us reflect on our baseline knowledge and also helped pick our interests on the topics we were about to learn. It was packed with lectures from amazing educators, starting from Mycobacterial Infections by Dr. O'Donnell, and continuing with Acute Leukemias by Dr. Lipsky and several rheumatologic disorders including Giant Cell Arteritis and Spondyloarthritis by Dr. Duftner. Each topic reminded me of one or even several patients back home and as a result all talks were very much relatable. The final icing on the cake was a short but vital lecture on how to present cases.

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

The second day of the seminar continued with another set of great topics which included Gastric and Colon Cancer by Dr. Woell, a vital highlight of immunodiagnosics by Dr. Kapoor and a session on environmental lung diseases by Dr. O'Donnell. All talks were of paramount importance in either helping me recognize diseases early on or helping me to diagnose and treat them. The interesting set of cases presented by fellows in the afternoon were also so informative and unique in their own way that the wealth of knowledge I gained from them will probably help me out for the rest of my practice.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

On Wednesday the lectures continued with a mix of hematology, oncology and rheumatology. Excellent talks on Aggressive Lymphomas, Rheumatologic Emergencies, Lung Cancer and Molecular Oncodiagnostics by Drs. Lipsky, Kapoor and Pircher respectively, once again enhanced my internal medicine knowledge robustly.

Thursday, June 23, 2022

The talks on Thursday were a series of pulmonary diseases with close links to systemic and immune mediated diseases. As a clinician who encounters sarcoidosis, interstitial lung disease and pulmonary hypertension, I took to heart all the insight experiences that Drs O'Donnell and Loeffler-Ragg were kind enough to share with us. A particularly excellent talk was the lecture on CLL and indolent lymphomas; it made a topic that was complicated particularly straightforward and easy to understand. The continued case presentations by fellows in the afternoon further enhanced my knowledge of different rare as well as common diseases. My first time ever attending an amazing live classic music concert in the evening was magical.

Friday, June 24, 2022

The morning started with a great lecture on SLE which is a disease I see frequently. This was followed by a talk on pulmonary embolism which is something I also deal with on a day-to-day basis. The next talk on Extra-Articular Manifestation of Rheumatic Diseases gave a nice diagnostic and clinical summary of the common manifestations of rheumatologic diseases. The concluding talk was about the advancement in management of cancer in the form of immunotherapies showing us how far we have come in managing malignancies.
As the lectures concluded, I was faced with the realization that the amazing week was coming to an end, which was inevitable but harder to accept than I expected, as there was just so much I was gained during the week. And just like all things good, I wanted more. But as I head back home, I go with a lot more than I came with: more knowledge, more enthusiasm and more friends and colleagues. Overall, it was a week that I have learned a lot in, and I am forever thankful for being part of this program.
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Sunday, June 19, 2022

I have been excited for this event since I received the invitation, my plane left at midnight so the weird feelings of night shift on-calls started to sneak into my heart, unfortunately it was a sleepless night, after a six hour long flight to Frankfurt, I was told that I will not be able to make it to Salzburg due to technical reasons, I was disappointed to miss the welcome reception, hours were passing and my anxiety reached the peak; then I decided to find solutions and I was able to make it to Salzburg the same day. Once I reached Schloss Arenberg, I felt relieved. Meeting different internists from various cultures and medical backgrounds, in addition to the warm welcome made me forget all of the exhaustion and my sleepless night.

Monday, June 20, 2022

We started our day with a pre-seminar test that covered the different topics that we would discuss throughout the week. Dr. O’Donnell started the lectures with a knowledgeable overview of Tuberculosis/Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacterial infection, which included the most recent diagnostics, lines of treatments from recent studies. I could relate a lot to this topic considering that I face such disease on a daily basis at my institution. Then Dr. Lipsky enlightened us with Acute Leukaemia in a very informative way. Dr. Duftner talked about Giant Cell Arteritis, Polymyalgia Rheumatica & Spondylarthritis in an enjoyable interactive session with very evidence-based approaches. The day was completed with Faculty case presentations and an introduction by Dr. Burkart and Dr. Weiss who were really supportive.
Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Our second day of lectures started with Dr. Woell, who discussed Gastric & Colon Cancer which included a systematic approach of such malignancies. Our lecture series continued with a very interesting Guide to Autoantibodies and Immunodiagnostics in Rheumatology that sent me back to medical school days and made sense of immunology classes. Then Dr. O’Donnell discussed one of the underestimated topics in medicine, namely an Approach to Environmental Lung Disease, which emphasized on the impact of environment pollution and occupation on our patient’s wellbeing. We ended the day with fellows’ case presentations that included my own presentation along other interesting cases from different parts of the world and resulted in fruitful discussions. Then we visited the old city of Salzburg and enjoyed the memorable view of Salzburg city from the peak of Hohensalzburg Fortress.

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

The third day of lectures started with Dr. Lipsky talking about Aggressive Lymphomas in a very illustrative and informative way, Dr. Kapoor lectured about Emergencies in Rheumatology, which was an eye opener to very rare entities, however serious and essential to be aware of as internists. Dr. Pircher continued with Lung Carcinoma and ended the day with Molecular Diagnostics and its Practical Applications.

Thursday, June 23, 2022

During this day Sarcoidosis was presented by Dr. O’Donnell, Interstitial Lung Disease & Pulmonary Hypertension were introduced in a very interesting way by the expert Dr. Loeffler-Ragg, then it was interesting to be aware about different kinds of rare diseases through the second round of fellows’ presentations, the night was completed with a magnificent chamber concert that was performed by extraordinary young musicians (violin & piano harmony).

Friday, June 24, 2022

On the last day the seminar ended with very exciting topics, such as venous Thromboembolism, SLE, Extra Articular Manifestation of Rheumatic Heart Diseases, and New Immunotherapy CAR- T. This seminar was a very fruitful experience, it emphasized on evidence-based medicine and provided us with updated knowledge. This seminar definitely enriched our journey towards better patient care.