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June 26 – July 2, 2022

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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 Zuckerkanalpreis 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 NewYork 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.
Glenn L. Schattman, MD is an Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at The Ronald O. Perelman and Claudia Cohen Center for Reproductive Medicine (CRM) at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Schattman is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. He is a noted specialist in in vitro fertilization (IVF), fertility preservation, minimally invasive reproductive surgery, and problems of sexual development in girls and young women. Fertility Preservation at CRM: Dr. Schattman has an expertise in caring for patients who are considering preserving or extending their fertility by freezing oocytes (eggs) or embryos. Tissue freezing is an option for women in a wide range of circumstances, including those who may have difficulty getting pregnant after cancer treatment. In addition to his clinical work and research in fertility preservation, Dr. Schattman is a leading minimally invasive surgeon. He was one of the first gynecologic surgeons to perform robotic surgery for reversal of tubal ligation and excision of uterine fibroids. Dr. Schattman is particularly experienced in the use of advanced surgical methods to treat common causes of infertility such as blocked fallopian tubes, intrauterine adhesions, endometriosis, and ovarian cysts. He also uses minimally invasive surgical techniques to treat gynecologic conditions including abnormal uterine bleeding and uterine malformations. Dr. Schattman earned a Bachelor of Science from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, in 1983 and his medical degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, in Brooklyn, New York, in 1987. He completed his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at The George Washington University Medical Center in 1991. He finished his training with a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the Center for Reproductive Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and became a CRM faculty member in 1993. Dr. Schattman is the 2011-2012 President of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART), a world-leading reproductive medicine society. He was the Chair of SART’s Practice Committee from 2004 to 2009 and is a member or Fellow of numerous medical associations, including the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists. Dr. Schattman has authored numerous articles and textbook chapters and lectures both nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics in reproductive medicine.
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Andrea Weghofer, MD, PhD, MSc, MBA works as a senior consultant at the Department of Gynecological Endocrinology and Reproductive Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna, Austria and serves as the head of the department’s outpatient unit for fertility treatment. Dr. Weghofer was born and raised in Vienna and graduated from the Medical University of Vienna, where she obtained her PhD as the first graduate of the university’s reproductive endocrinology program. Dr. Weghofer completed her residency training at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Medical University of Vienna and her fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Genetics at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. She is board-certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology (including reproductive endocrinology and infertility) and in Human Genetics. During international research collaborations, Dr. Weghofer concentrates her research efforts on in vitro fertilization, ovarian senescence and reproductive genetics. She has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles and has won several national and international awards for her scientific work. Currently, Dr. Weghofer serves as section editor for Reproductive Biomedicine Online. She was appointed vice president of Austria’s Society of Reproductive Medicine and of Austria’s Medical Chamber’s Board Certificate Committee for Obstetrics & Gynecology.
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Stefanie Aust, MD, PhD is a gynecologist specialized in gynecological oncology. Stefanie grew up in Vienna, Austria, studied at the Medical University of Vienna, and completed a PhD program after graduation focusing particularly on epithelial ovarian cancer. After completing a gynecology and obstetrics residency at the Medical University of Vienna, she started her ESGO fellowship training in gynecologic oncology. Thanks to the Salzburg Weill Cornell seminar, where she met Dr. Anthony Massinde from Mwanza, Tanzania (also a seminar participant), an international collaboration was started, and together with Dr. Petra Pateisky, she stayed for three months at Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania in 2016. In 2019, Dr. Aust had the chance to work together with Prof. Isabelle Ray-Coquard for six months at the Centre Léon Bérard in Lyon, France (ESGO fellowship) to further train in clinical oncology. Recent publications include research papers on tumour microenvironment, proteomics, and cancer exhaustion.
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Christian Dadak, MD is a native of Austria and studied Medicine at the Medical University of Vienna. In 1975, he obtained his medical degree. From 1974-1975, Christian Dadak was an assistant at the Institute for Blood Groups and Transfusion Medicine and held internships in internal medicine and surgery and transfusion medicine. From 1977 to 1982, he was a resident at the 2nd Department of OBGYN, where he became the Director of Senology in 1978. Currently Dr. Dadak is emeritus Associate Professor at the Medical University of Vienna. He is an OB/GYN specialist and is President of the Austrian Society of Prae- and Perinatal Medicine, President of the Austrian Society of Sexual Medicine, a board member of the European Association of Perinatal Medicine, as well as a board member of numerous Austrian Medical Societies. He has been a Visiting Professor at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York since 2009, an Honored Member of the Russian Association of Perinatal Medicine since 2011, an Honored Professor of Siberian Medical University Tomsk since 2013, as well as is a Visiting Professor of Kazan State Medical University, Russia and of the Mongolian University in Ulaanbaatar.
Rony Elias, MD is an associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Medicine at The Ronald O. Perelman and Claudia Cohen Center for Reproductive Medicine (CRM) of Weill Cornell Medicine. He is board certified in both Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. Dr. Elias’ surgical skills and clinical results make him a star in his field. Graduating with his medical degree from the American University of Beirut in 2002, Dr. Elias completed his residency at The George Washington University (GWU) in 2007. While at GWU, he received several awards for his scores on the annual national Obstetrics and Gynecology resident exam (CREOG). Dr. Elias is also the recipient of the BERLEX Award for his significant contribution to medical education and the GWU Resident Award for consistent excellence during residency. Dr. Elias completed a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at GWU in 2008. This experience honed his surgical expertise, as he performed over 600 procedures in one year. Afterwards, he joined Weill Cornell Medical College and completed a second fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at CRM in 2011. Dr. Elias accepted a faculty appointment at CRM in 2011 upon completion of his fellowship. His clinical expertise includes in vitro fertilization (IVF) and intrauterine insemination (IUI) as well as the latest in surgical infertility interventions. Dr. Elias has a special interest in minimally invasive gynecologic and infertility surgery using robotic, laparoscopy and hysteroscopy, advanced surgical treatment of severe endometriosis and uterine abnormalities. Dr. Elias has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed articles published in leading scientific journals. The focal points of his research are the effects of uterine factors on infertility, as well as novel stimulation protocol to improve egg maturity and normal fertilization rates. In addition, it is his priority to identify the possible etiologies of infertility prior to proceeding with infertility and advanced IVF treatment. Dr. Elias has published on the management of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, optimal stimulation protocols with dual trigger, and fertility preservation options in patients undergoing cancer treatment. He has been involved in several presentations at national and international meetings regarding unique techniques in performing major gynecologic surgeries such as laparoscopy, ovarian cyst resection, and fibroid removal. He is a member of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Society of Reproductive Surgeons and a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Dr. Elias’ mission is to provide each patient with a holistic experience by combining innovative clinical expertise with a compassionate understanding of patients’ desires and expectations. He believes that while most patients might fit in the 95th percentile, he aims to treat the inclusive 100%. His unwritten rule is that the goal is to identify the 5% who need their special treatment protocol to help achieve their goal of building a family. He is fluent in English, French, Arabic, and proficient in Spanish.
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Sunday, June 26, 2022

To have such an honor to be part of the Salzburg Weill Cornell seminar in Obstetrics and Gynecology and to have the opportunity to enrich my experience, both on a professional and personal level, by listening to experts in their fields, encouraged me to embark on this journey. The journey itself was quite challenging, considering that I drove my car the entire way, but my fatigue disappeared during the welcome reception and dinner when I met so many smart, young, successful people from all around the world with a range of different cultures. The feeling was great.

Monday, June 27, 2022

Walking the corridors of the beautiful Schloss Arenberg, full of rich history, made me feel very special. As far as the first day was concerned, Dr. Elias’ three very interesting lectures left the strongest impression on me. His lecture about uterine fibroids and discussion on which types and when to operate was very useful for my everyday practice. He even gave me an idea for a study which I can conduct in my clinic. Dr. Weghofer gave us a very interesting lecture on a controversial topic, add-ons in assisted reproduction. Furthermore, Dr. Montanari showed us how to diagnose and operate on deep endometriosis and left a positive impression on me with her knowledge and experience.
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

As the days passed by, the excitement did not fade. Dr. Ott shared with us his practical thoughts on how to diagnose and manage functional hypothalamic amenorrhea. An update on PCOS, a lecture by Dr. Kligman, was very interesting and instructive because of all the things he advised us on. I particularly liked those about the management of patients with resilient types of syndromes. Together with Dr. Holzer, we had a fruitful discussion about ovulation induction in these patients. The afternoon was full of rare cases presented by fellows.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

The day started with a lecture which was a review of endocrinological disorders in children and adolescents, carefully and professionally introduced to us by Dr. Kohlberger. The most interesting part and highlight of the day was a lecture about transgender by the brilliant Dr. Kaufmann. She held my attention and intrigued me about a topic I had not yet had the opportunity to encounter in my practice. After a coffee break, we had an overview about the outcome of children conceived by ART. Together with Dr. Binder, we agreed that more time is needed to draw out the conclusions, but a lot of data indicates that there is no significant difference or risk for morbidity compared to children from natural births. Last but not least, a lecture on the ever-current topic of hormones and cancer risk was presented. Dr. Aust drew our attention to what to look and pay attention for when interpreting studies. We had a free afternoon and decided to go sightseeing. The downpour of rain slightly spoiled the experience of seeing the beautiful city of Salzburg.

Thursday, June 30, 2022

Thursday was perhaps the most interesting day for me, probably because of the topics that I was very intrigued by. Dr. Zaninovic gave us a great lecture about embryologists and their performance in the laboratory. This was very interesting considering that the Cornell laboratory is one of the best in the world with a high success rate. It continued with an amazing lecture by Dr. Schattman regarding the up-to-date data concerning PGD. I was especially delighted by how he simplified very complicated topics and brought them closer to us. That's why he is such a great teacher. After a coffee break, we had two lectures regarding the preservation of oocytes and fertility in oncology patients. Those topics are becoming more and more important, bearing in mind that nowadays the trend is to postpone childbirth for latter years, as well as the increase in oncological patients who want and need to preserve their fertility. The afternoon was reserved for the rest of the fellows to present their cases, including me. I was quite nervous but having Dr. Schattman as a moderator for this session was very pleasant and managed to relax the atmosphere and led us in discussion after each presentation. As a final highlight, the day ended with an exquisite chamber music concert that demonstrated Mozart's work.

Friday, July 1, 2022

The end of this fantastic week is slowly approaching. Topics from yesterday continued and were further clarified, as well as very useful tips and tricks about ovarian stimulation and triggers were given. This will more than certainly help my patients in the future. In the evening, we had a graduation dinner where certificates were distributed. Thank you for this amazing opportunity, to learn from distinguish experts and meet and connect with colleagues from all
around the world. Are you sure that OMI doesn't stand for Outstanding Marvelous and Interesting?
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Sunday, June 26, 2022

I landed in Salzburg on a nice Sunday evening with warm, summer sunshine. It was such a nice feeling as I drove in a cab to Schloss Arenberg for the second time, bringing back the memories of the place I visited five years ago. I was happy to be back again at this beautiful place and ready to meet and share ideas and experiences with great OB/GYN fellows from various backgrounds. In the evening, we had dinner during which we already started making connections and sharing our different experiences.

Monday, June 27, 2022

The first day of the seminar started very well and I was happy to be introduced to the faculty who are gynecologist and endocrinologist gurus from the USA and Austria. I was also impressed with the fellows' introduction that comprised of doctors from various countries in the world, everywhere from Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. We had wonderful lectures which covered the evaluation of the infertile couple, stimulation protocols in patient with decreased ovarian reserve, and Add-ons in ART. I was so impressed to learn the experience from these expert professors in ART and to compare it to my small experience in endocrinology as a first-year subspecialty fellow in reproductive medicine. The day also included lectures on sonography and surgeries in endometriosis and endoscopic treatments in gynecology and infertility. It was so impressive to learn the new evidence-based treatment approaches to common conditions in gynecologic endocrinology such as endometriosis, which I believe will be helpful to me and my colleagues when we get back to our clinics.
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

The morning session was filled with in-depth lectures on broad topics of amenorrhoea and a common condition in each gynecology clinic, polycystic ovarian syndrome. During the lectures, there was a lot of interaction with knowledge and personal experience shared from the professors and fellows. I was happy to learn some new tips and tricks on ovarian stimulation and ovulation induction which will guide me in my practice as a reproductive medicine fellow. After the coffee break, the rest of the day was dedicated to fellows’ cases presentations. It was amazing to see how much everyone is doing out there. Fellows had a variety of interesting cases in their clinical practices, and it was impressive to hear the comments and input from the professors and fellows. I was privileged to present my case on diagnostic and management challenges of uterine anomalies among recurrent miscarriages, and I was grateful for the invaluable input and insights from the fellows and faculty members.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

Our third day included many interesting sessions once again, but more fascinating to me was Dr. Kaufmann’s lecture on transgender. It was enlightening to me to understand the fertility need and hormonal treatment in this population which is very rarely presented in the clinics in my home country. We also had the opportunity to learn updates on the endocrinology among adolescents, which is yet another special group in gynecology. Lastly, the day was culminated with wonderful lectures about data on outcome of children conceived from IVF. The afternoon session was reserved for recreational and social activities. Fellows had the opportunity to explore the beauty of the magnificent Salzburg city. I had the opportunity to visit the city again, but this time I visited the Salzburg Fortress and enjoyed the beautiful view.

Thursday, June 30, 2022

The lectures continued, this time we heard updates from Dr. Zaninovic on the embryology laboratory in IVF clinics. The day was enriched with lectures from experts in Preimplantation Genetics Testing and fertility preservation, especially in oncology patients. This was so fascinating to me personally, as I am interested in onco-fertility and am looking forward to spending more of my future time as a reproductive medicine specialist in this area. The afternoon session was again dedicated to fellows’ presentation, where a lot of interesting cases were presented by fellows and there was a lot of interaction and positive comments from the faculty.

Friday, July 1, 2022

The last day of the seminar was hit by lectures on advances in embryology laboratory and ovarian stimulation in hormonal sensitive diseases. It was amazing how advanced in technology such as artificial intelligence could be integrated into fertility treatment. I was moved with the lectures on the future of IFV. The day was culminated with the farewell reception and a graduation dinner. It was really a wonderful, fruitful week, and as I go back to my work, I have carried with me the knowledge, experience, and broad networking with colleagues and experts in reproductive endocrinology which will not only end here but will last for many years. My sincere gratitude to the OMI organizers, lecturers, and fellows for their willingness to share their time and experiences. Thank you all!