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SALZBURG WEILL CORNELL SEMINAR IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY

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40 fellows from 24 different countries

9 faculty members from the United States of America, Austria and Turkey

20 lectures given by faculty

38 interesting case presentations by fellows

8 excellent case presentations by fellows

Group Photo of Faculty and Fellows





Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminar in Otolaryngology Sunday, February 13 – Saturday, February 19, 2022



		Sunday 13.02.2022	Monday 14.02.2022	Tuesday 15.02.2022	Wednesday 16.02.2022	Thursday 17.02.2022	Friday 18.02.2022	Saturday 19.02.2022	
07:00	08:00		BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	DEPARTURES	
08:00	09:00		Introductions Pre-Seminar Test	Surgical Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Maria V. Suurna, MD, FACS	Chronic Rhinosinusitis – Anatomy and Pathophysiology Michael G. Stewart MD, MPH	Evaluation of the Adult Neck Mass Maria V. Suurna, MD, FACS	Staging and Conservative Treatment of Neck Malignancies Dietmar Thurnher, MD		
09:00	10:00		Outcomes Research and Quality of Life Assessment in ORL Michael G. Stewart MD, MPH	Pediatric Airway Stenosis Steven D. Rosenblatt, MD	Surgery in Chronic Rhinosinusitis Gerhard Rasp, MD, PhD	Neck Dissection Dietmar Thurnher, MD	Larynx Cancer Including Transoral Approaches Victoria Banuchi, MD		
10:00	10:30		COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK	COFFEE BREAK		
10:30	11:30		Adenotonsillar Disease Steven D. Rosenblatt, MD	Basics in Ear Surgery Gerhard Rasp, MD, PhD	Trauma of the Lateral Skull Base Christoph Arnoldner, MD, MBA	Oropharynx Cancer Victoria Banuchi, MD	Pediatric Head and Neck Masses Steven D. Rosenblatt, MD		
11:30	12:30		Overview on Sleep Apnea and Diagnosis Maria V. Suurna, MD, FACS	Dizziness Management Sebastian Roesch, MD	Skin Cancers and Sentinel Node Biopsy Victoria Banuchi, MD	Imaging in Otology Sebastian Roesch, MD	Navigation and Skull Base Surgery Cem Meco, MD, FEBORL-HNS		
12:30	13:30		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH		
13:30	14:30		Workshop How to Present a Case Michael G. Stewart MD, MPH	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	Free Afternoon	Workshop Fellows' Case Presentations	Post-Seminar Test Evaluation & Discussion		
14:30	15:00	<u>14:30 - 14:45</u> OMI Presentation							
16:00	17:00								
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	DINNER	DINNER	GRADUATION DINNER Certificates Awarded		
20:00	21:00					<u>20:30 - 21:30</u> CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT			



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Sunday, February 13, 2022

I arrived to Salzburg by train on Sunday evening. I came from Vienna, where I had spent the weekend and had the best two days exploring local culture and enjoying magnificent architecture. The train ride itself was impressive, with beautiful panoramic scenery of the Alps. My journey from Salzburg's main train station to Schloss Arenberg did not get off to a good start, as I somehow managed to take a bus going in the opposite direction. Luckily, I was able to reach Schloss Arenberg just in time for the welcome reception and dinner, during which we were greeted by faculty members, and I finally had the chance to meet colleagues from around the world. This was long-awaited and very exciting, especially during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Monday, February 14, 2022

We started our Otolaryngology course by taking a pre-seminar test, and you know what people say - "no pain, no gain". The test was followed by Dr. Stewart's lecture about outcomes research and quality of life assessment. To be frank, this topic was very new to me. Later on, Dr. Rosenblatt gave us a lecture about adenotonsillar disease and Dr. Suurna presented an introduction to sleep apnea and its diagnosis. Since it was a wonderful sunny day outside, after the lectures a group of us decided to visit the Hohensalzburg Fortress. The panorama of the city and the Alps was breathtaking! We spent the rest of the evening exploring historical streets of Salzburg and enjoying each other's company.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Although it was gloomy and raining outside all day, we did not even have time to grieve about it, as we listened to an excellent lecture given by Dr. Suurna about sleep apnea's surgical treatment and a presentation about airway stenosis in children from Dr. Rosenblatt. After the break, Prof. Rasp showed us excellent and informative videos of some ear surgeries during his lecture. Last but not least, Dr. Roesch taught us how to manage a dizzy patient. In the afternoon, the first group of fellows presented their clinical cases. I was really amazed by the complexity of their cases and how well they were managed.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

It was another exciting day with comprehensive lectures about rhinosinusitis from Dr. Stewart and Prof. Rasp, and trauma of the lateral skull base from Prof. Arnoldner. I especially enjoyed Dr. Banuchi's lecture about skin cancers since I deal with such patients during my everyday practice. After this, I will definitely make some changes in my clinical routine. Since we had the rest of the afternoon free, we decided to take a hike near the Salzach river, and were enchanted by the beautiful views of the city and the Alps.

Thursday, February 17, 2022

Salzburg is still covered by clouds. Nevertheless, we continued to explore topics of neck masses in adults, neck dissection, oropharyngeal cancer, and imaging in otology. These lectures definitely answered my questions about proper diagnosis and treatment of a neck mass, especially if it is a non-locus carcinoma. Later in the afternoon, the second group (including myself) presented their clinical cases. Even though I was very anxious at first, I can honestly say after my presentation that it was like ripping off a band aid - quick and painless. In the evening, we listened to a wonderful chamber music concert, and the day was over before we knew it.

Friday, February 18, 2022

It is hard to believe how time flies and today is the last day of the OMI seminar. We received a few final lectures about staging neck malignancies, larynx cancer, pediatric head and neck masses, and navigation in skull base surgery. We took the post-seminar test before lunch and had a wonderful farewell reception with a graduation dinner in the evening. Looking back at the week, everything was beyond perfect. The administrative team and faculty did an amazing job putting this seminar together, not only in providing education which we will bring back to our countries with us, but especially for a restored opportunity to travel, communicate, and get to know each other in person, just like before the COVID-19 outbreak. Even though our smiles are still covered with masks as we leave Schloss Arenberg, this week brought hope that those dark times are behind us and we will be able to overcome it. Thank you!

DIARY



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Sunday, February 13, 2022

My colleague and I traveled from Sofia to Vienna by plane and took the first train to Salzburg. The trip took us all night, so after we were welcomed by a friendly receptionist at the beautiful Schloss Arenberg, we decided to rest. Later in the afternoon, I went to the reception for a coffee, where I met one of the Faculty members, Dr. Banuchi. I was delighted by how good-natured she was. In the evening before dinner, the Faculty gave us a welcome speech. It was my first time as a fellow at an OMI seminar and it was a great privilege to meet such accomplished people. Afterwards, dinner was served, and it was a pleasant time spent with everyone.

Monday, February 14, 2022

The morning started pretty well, a plentiful breakfast was waiting for us. The fellows and I took the pre-seminar test. To be honest, some of the questions were challenging. The first lecturer, Dr. Stewart, officially started the seminar. Next, Dr. Rosenblatt and Dr. Suurna both covered topics which I am really interested in. In the afternoon, my colleague and I went for a walk in the old town. He was once in Salzburg before, so he was a great guide for me.

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Today was the first day of the fellows' case presentations. We had been separated into two groups – one presenting on Tuesday and another on Thursday. Fortunately, my turn was today, allowing me to relax for the rest of the seminar. All my colleagues presented insightful cases. Additionally, the faculty led another series of fantastic lectures. Being relieved after my presentation, I spent the rest of the day in the city center.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

The usual start of the morning was followed by great rhinology presentations by Dr. Stewart and Prof. Rasp. After we took our coffee break, Prof. Arnoldner and Dr. Banuchi explored the topics of lateral skull base trauma, skin cancer, and sentinel lymph node biopsy, respectively. Later in the afternoon, some of the colleagues and I went to the mall where we did some shopping for ourselves and for our family and friends back in our home countries. The evening ended with a good conversation in great company in the lobby.

Thursday, February 17, 2022

After a delicious breakfast, our lectures continued with otolaryngological topics that I am really interested in. Dr. Suurna, Prof. Thurnher, and Dr. Banuchi focused on head and neck surgery. Later, after the lunch break, the second round of fellows' case presentations took place. It was enjoyable to see interesting cases from across four continents. In the evening, we went for a walk downtown where we drank mulled wine and ate a traditional Apfelstrudel. After dinner, we were fortunate to attend a chamber music concert at Schloss Arenberg. Later, both fellows and faculty gathered in the lobby where we had an open and friendly conversation.

Friday, February 18, 2022

Today is the last day. We had a good time last night, but now plenty of work is waiting for us. The post-seminar test will be before lunch, but first we must attend the last lectures. Prof. Thurnher, Dr. Banuchi, and Dr. Rosenblatt focused on head and neck diseases, one of my favorite topics in Otolaryngology. Prof. Meco introduced me to the world of navigation-based FESS. Unfortunately, I have no practical experience with such a complex setup, but I hope it is a step forward for my future practice. I also hope that I did well on the post-seminar test. As a first time fellow, I had a great time this past week. I cannot phantom the experience that I have had yet, but I am confident that I would like to participate in more OMI seminars in the future. The people you meet here are outstanding. If we think of the famous Forest Gump quote, we could easily say that the week at Schloss Arenberg was like a box of chocolates - full of different but exceptional, motivated people from all around the world.