

Open Medical Institute



2019

Annual Report

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Foreword



2019 marked another successful year for the Open Medical Institute (OMI). A total of 1,285 doctors from 67 countries attended our medical seminars at Schloss Arenberg in Salzburg, expanding the OMI network to 23,197 physicians worldwide.

Encouraged by the overwhelmingly positive feedback, we continued to develop the program and created new tools for OMI fellows and alumni. We added seminar topics to the OMI Leadership curriculum, which was initially developed by the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, in collaboration with Maastricht University and the Institut Pasteur.

We launched a new application platform, the OMI Portal, and redesigned the OMI E-Learning Platform, making it more user-friendly. We also increased the number of hands-on training sessions during the OMI Seminars in Salzburg, thereby enabling seminar participants to learn new surgical techniques and experience the latest technology.

We started a new initiative with the Open Society Foundations to further stem the medical brain drain from Central and Eastern Europe. By establishing local Centers of Excellence in Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia and strengthening the network of medical experts West to East and East to West, we expect to foster lasting brain gain.



WOLFGANG AULITZKY, M.D.
CEO, Open Medical Institute

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Why the world needs us

As I write this letter in April 2020, the world stands united in the battle against COVID-19, while events unfold with a speed and on a scale not seen in our lifetime. After much hesitation, leaders in every country are moving aggressively to slow the pace of virus transmission and address the enormous health and economic challenges facing individuals, families, communities and organizations. Billions of people are practicing social distancing in order to contain the virus and lay the groundwork for recovery. This unprecedented health crisis has upended our sense of security and exposed the vulnerability of societies and medical systems worldwide. COVID-19 is an assault on the very fiber of who we are: social creatures who depend on relationships with each other. The crisis has also exposed a number of shortcomings in both the developed and the developing countries in which the Open Medical Institute (OMI) operates, including a lack of pandemic preparedness, a delay in recognizing the threat, a failure to react quickly, insufficient medical infrastructure,

a shortage of trained healthcare professionals, and, above all, insufficient coordination between world governments. Through it all, the world has been looking to medical professionals, public health institutions and scientists for reassurance and answers. OMI's mission to improve the human condition by addressing the shortage of trained healthcare professionals is more relevant today than ever before. It does so by providing advanced training and teaching new skills to medical professionals enabling them to provide better health care to people in need. It is this mission that inspired my wife Almudena and me to launch Alianza Médica para la Salud in Mexico in 2010 with the goal of improving the quality of healthcare in our native Mexico. I am deeply grateful to Wolfgang, OMI and its academic partners, who have welcomed the participation of Mexican and Latin American doctors in OMI's programs. To date, 2,329 Mexican doctors have participated in OMI Salzburg Seminars, Observerships and Satellite Symposia.

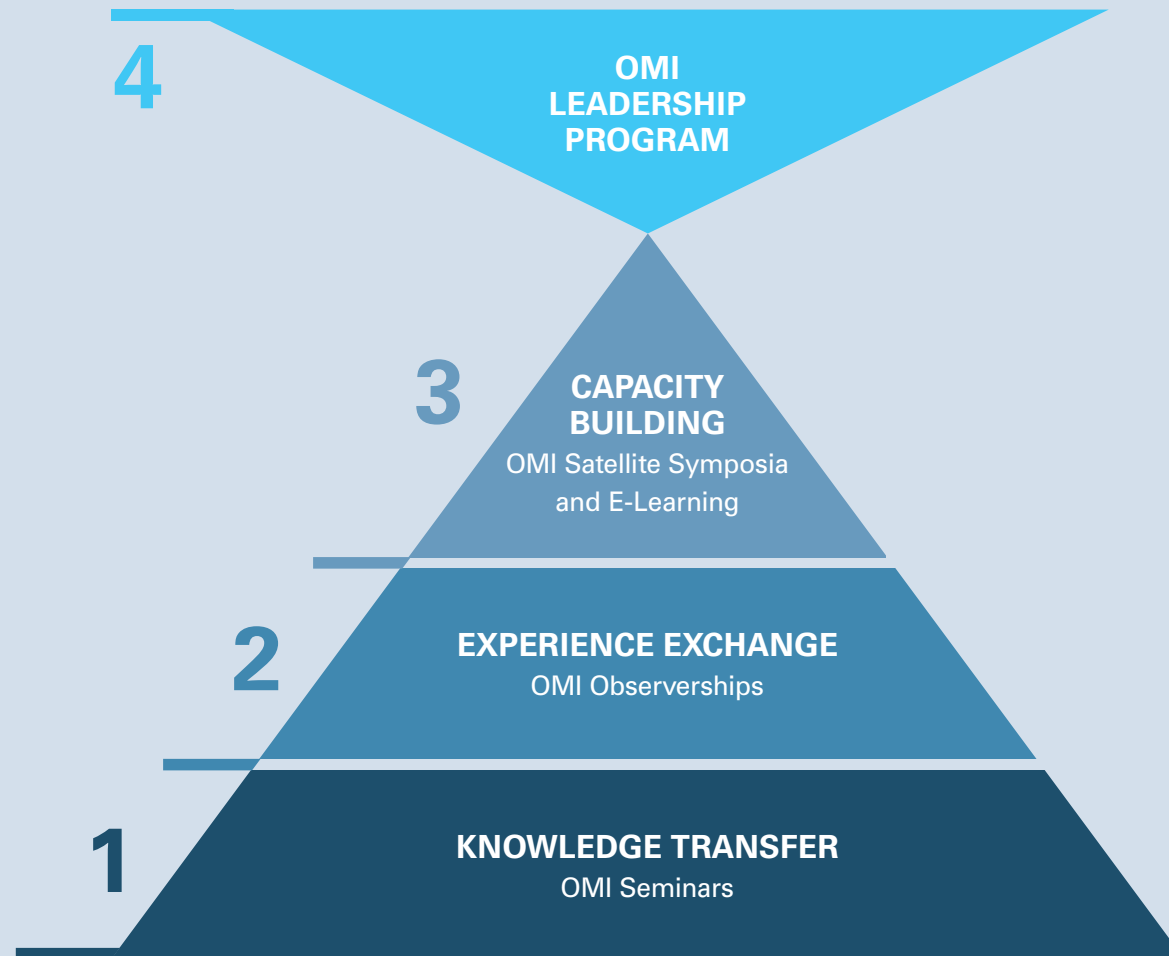
In 2017, OMI showed extraordinary foresight when, in partnership with France's Institut Pasteur, one of the foremost research centers dedicated to the study of biology, micro-organisms, diseases, and vaccines, it launched a series of Salzburg seminars to train healthcare professionals on pandemic preparedness and response. As a result of this partnership, over 60 public health professionals and doctors have had the opportunity to receive advanced training on how to address the challenges brought upon us by the global coronavirus outbreak. Pasteur and OMI remain committed to this important initiative. OMI's proven ability to share medical knowledge through seminars, observerships and e-learning programs is uniquely suited to the needs of physicians from countries in transition – a significant unmet need. Improving the quality of healthcare in these countries requires leadership and the kind of coordination between resources and unmet needs that OMI specializes in. But OMI would not be able to advance its mission without the generous support and participation of many leading US and Austrian academic centers and the dedication and generosity of the many faculty members who serve pro-bono – they are the very backbone of the OMI's programs. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I wish to thank all past, present and future course

directors and faculty members who share their unique knowledge and expertise with thousands of young doctors that participate every year in OMI's programs. We have enormous respect and deep gratitude for all of your efforts. Thank you for your commitment to OMI's vision, and your tremendous sacrifice and hard work. You truly make a difference! As we look to the future, I am confident that the American Austrian Foundation and the Open Medical Institute will emerge from this crisis as better, stronger and even more resilient organizations.



PABLO LEGORRETA
CEO, Royalty Pharma | Honorary President and Founder,
Alianza Médica para la Salud

OMI 4-Step Approach



Open Medical Institute

What we do

The Open Medical Institute (OMI) is a medical educational program, whose aim is to promote brain gain and improve health care in countries in transition. The OMI was founded in 1993 by the American Austrian Foundation and the Open Society Foundations (OSF) in close collaboration with physicians from Weill Cornell Medical College and the Salzburg General Hospital. In the past 25 years, many other prestigious medical institutions in the US and Europe have joined this initiative providing academic leadership and expertise pro bono. The OMI follows a 4-step approach offering access to state-of-the-art medical knowledge through one-

week seminars in different medical specialties; experience exchange through one-month observerships at Austrian and American medical institutions and capacity building through local symposia, visiting professorships and e-learning. To complement the clinical education and enable OMI alumni to take on leadership positions, the OMI offers a fourth step: a multi-disciplinary leadership program, which includes medical education and leadership, hospital management, public health law and biomedical research. The OMI fosters medical alliances, enabling physicians to improve their daily practice and deliver the best possible care to their patients.

OMI MISSION STATEMENT

I mprove Health Globally
M inimize Brain Drain
P romote Brain Gain
A ccess to State-of-the-Art Medicine
C ontinuous Mentorship
T each Future Healthcare Leaders

"Medical outreach programs like the OMI are so important. The quality of this program was really impressive and I am confident that the participants benefited from it. You should be very proud of your work!"

Daniel Gorovets, M.D.
 Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
 OMI Seminar in Uro-Oncology

Facts & Figures 1993–2019

OMI SALZBURG SEMINARS – Knowledge Transfer		
	2019	1993–2019
Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars	21	389
Salzburg CHOP Seminars	8	131
Salzburg Duke Seminars	1	21
Salzburg Columbia Seminars	2	41
Salzburg Cleveland Seminars	2	29
OMI Public Health Seminars	7	74
WHO Seminars	0	9
OMI Coordinator Meetings	0	14
Total Seminars	41	709
Faculty Members	332	2,186
Fellowships	1,285	23,197
Countries	67	127
OMI OBSERVERSHIPS – Experience Exchange		
	2019	1998–2019
Observerships	116	3,533
Research Observerships	3	18
Countries	27	41
OMI SATELLITE SYMPOSIA AND E-LEARNING – Capacity Building		
	2019	2000–2019
CD-Roms/USB	41	637
Lectures	820	12,740
Satellite Symposia	15	267
Countries	13	31

CZECH REPUBLIC

1,945 or 2%

of Czech doctors
have attended
OMI Seminars.

MONGOLIA

566 or 7%

of Mongolian doctors
have participated
in the OMI Seminars.

BALTIC STATES

94%

of OMI Alumni
from the Baltic States
have remained in their
home countries.

MEXICO

1,812

Mexican doctors
have participated in local
OMI Symposia.

ARMENIA

13.85%

of Armenian doctors
are OMI Alumni.

RUSSIAN
FEDERATION

2,053

Russian doctors
have attended
OMI Seminars.



**Weill Cornell
Medicine**



**Children's Hospital
of Philadelphia**



**MEDIZINISCHE
UNIVERSITÄT WIEN**



**Maastricht
University**



Institut Pasteur

**HOSPITAL
FOR
SPECIAL
SURGERY**



**Duke University
Medical Center**



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Medical University of Graz



**Memorial Sloan Kettering
Cancer Center**



SALZBURGER LANDESKLINIKEN



**MEDIZINISCHE
UNIVERSITÄT
INNSBRUCK**



**INTERNATIONAL
ATHEROSCLEROSIS
SOCIETY**



Cleveland Clinic



**NewYork-Presbyterian
The University Hospital of Columbia and Cornell**

OMI ACADEMIC PARTNERS



Faculty and Fellows of the 2019 Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminar in Anesthesiology and Intensive Care

OMI Seminars Knowledge Transfer

The first step in OMI's educational program consists of knowledge transfer through the OMI Seminars, which are offered in many different medical specialties. Highly qualified, mid-career level, English-speaking physicians, who undergo a rigorous selection process, are selected for up to three one-week seminars in their medical specialty. Fellowships are awarded based on merit. The majority of participants

(fellows) come from countries with poor medical infrastructure in Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, Africa and Mexico. Each seminar is limited to a maximum of 36 participants, allowing for intense interaction and knowledge transfer through lectures, discussions, case presentations, hands-on training, simulations, and grand rounds via videoconferencing.



OMI Seminars 1993–2019



Anesthesiology
851 Fellows • 24 Seminars



Bone and Joint Surgery
811 Fellows • 25 Seminars



Cardiac & Thoracic Surgery
356 Fellows • 12 Seminars



Cardiac Imaging
293 Fellows • 9 Seminars



Cardiology
985 Fellows • 25 Seminars



**Chronic Inflammatory
Skin Diseases**
118 Fellows • 4 Seminars



Coordinators' Meeting
244 Fellows • 13 Seminars



Dermatology
325 Fellows • 11 Seminars



Diabetes
192 Fellows • 6 Seminars



Diagnostic Imaging
811 Fellows • 25 Seminars



ESU Master Class in Urology
859 Fellows • 25 Seminars



Family Medicine
687 Fellows • 20 Seminars



General Surgery
157 Fellows • 5 Seminars



Global Health – Inst. Pasteur
61 Fellows • 2 Seminars



Infectious Diseases
683 Fellows • 20 Seminars



Internal Medicine
640 Fellows • 19 Seminars



Lipid Metabolism
235 Fellows • 8 Seminars



Maternal & Infant Health
671 Fellows • 19 Seminars



Medical Leadership
559 Fellows • 18 Seminars



Neurology
960 Fellows • 26 Seminars



Neurosurgery
655 Fellows • 21 Seminars



Obstetrics and Gynecology
831 Fellows • 23 Seminars



Oncology
1,109 Fellows • 35 Seminars



Ophthalmology
507 Fellows • 15 Seminars



Otolaryngology
775 Fellows • 23 Seminars



Palliative Care
733 Fellows • 22 Seminars



Pathology
371 Fellows • 13 Seminars



Pediatrics
3,936 Fellows • 122 Seminars



Psychiatry
815 Fellows • 25 Seminars



Public Health
2,002 Fellows • 58 Seminars



Pulmonology
61 Fellows • 2 Seminars



Rehabilitation Medicine
426 Fellows • 14 Seminars



Temporal Bone Surgery
196 Fellows • 6 Seminars



Trauma and Emergency Surgery
283 Fellows • 9 Seminars



Temporal Bone Laboratory during the OMI Seminar in Otology and Temporal Bone Surgery 2019



Seminar Highlights

HANDS-ON TRAINING

Modern teaching methods and hands-on training have become an important part of the OMI Seminars, exposing fellows to the newest surgical techniques and best practices. In 2019, 20 OMI Seminars provided hands-on workshops, the Cardiac Surgery and Temporal Bone Surgery Seminars included cadaver labs, the Neurosurgery Seminar offered a research laboratory for microsurgical neuroanatomy and the ESU Masterclass in Urology provided laparoscopic training.

“The complex temporal bone anatomy was explained in 3D by using a special software with 3D-glasses. I have never experienced such an efficient way of learning anatomy.”

Alice Auinger, M.D.
Austria, OMI Fellow of the Salzburg Weill Cornell Temporal Bone Surgery Seminar 2019



Faculty and Fellows of the Salzburg Institut Pasteur Seminar 2019: Global Health: Vector Borne Diseases



GLOBAL HEALTH – INSTITUT PASTEUR

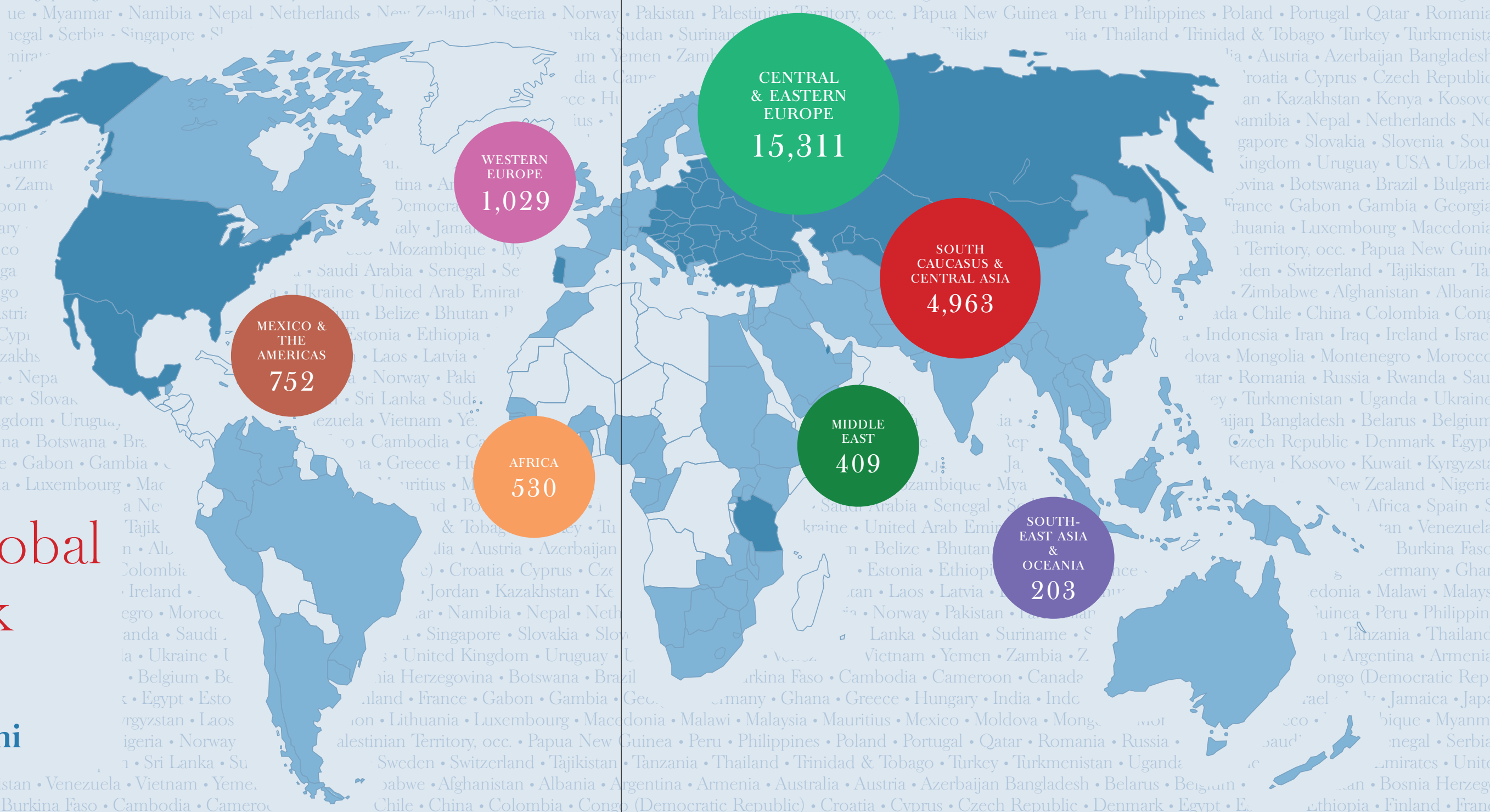
Following a successful joint seminar in Pandemics in 2017, the OMI and the Institut Pasteur, Paris continued the Global Health seminar series with a course on Vector-Borne Diseases in 2019.

34 fellows from 30 different countries attended the seminar’s lectures, conferences and round table discussions and broadened their knowledge on medical entomology and preparedness for pandemics.

“I appreciate the mentality, the spirit and the enthusiasm of young researchers and that they share it with us. I will never forget this experience. I gained new knowledge and made new friends!”

Fatma Khrouf, M.D.
Tunisia, OMI Fellow of the Salzburg Institut Pasteur Seminar on Global Health: Vector Borne Disease 2019

OMI fellows per country



OMI Global Network (1993–2019)

23,197 Alumni

360
MENTORS

3,533
CLINICAL
OBSERVER-
SHIPS

34
JOINT
PUBLICATIONS

OMI OBSERVERSHIPS

41
COUNTRIES

INDIVIDUAL
MENTORING

18
RESEARCH
OBSERVER-
SHIPS

37
CLINICAL
PARTNER-
SHIPS



Andrei Peciul, M.D. (Moldova) during his Observership at the Neurosurgery Department at the Medical University in Vienna

“The Observership was a great opportunity for me to compare my way of doing with Austrian colleagues. I noticed which parts of my every day job can be improved and in which way.”

Zeljko Stanojlovic, M.D.
OMI Observer from Serbia
Observership in Reconstructive Surgery with
Christine Radtke, M.D., Medical University of Vienna

OMI Observerships Experience Exchange

The second step in OMI's educational program consists of clinical training in Austrian and US hospitals. All successful OMI Seminar participants are eligible for up to three one-month observerships to improve their clinical skills, learn new techniques, treatment protocols and experience modern hospital and healthcare management.

CLINICAL OBSERVERSHIPS

Observers inform us what they want to learn, rotate through departments of their interest and are mentored by world renowned experts. At the end of their observerships, fellows must submit a comprehensive report and a case study, prepared in cooperation with their mentor. They are able to

establish long-term relationships and research collaborations with their Austrian colleagues and their respective institutions.

RESEARCH OBSERVERSHIPS

OMI also offers research observerships, which provide basic biomedical and clinical research skills training. OMI Seminar alumni have the opportunity to spend three months in leading research institutions, where they can participate in research projects and further develop their research skills. This program is designed to foster the professional development of clinicians, interested in science and research, and help them build a professional network for future research collaborations.

OMI
HANDBOOK
ONLINE

E-LEARNING

OMI
SATELLITE
SYMPOSIA

OMI
CAPACITY
BUILDING

CHOP OPEN

OMI
VISITING
PROFESSORS

OMI
ONLINE CASE
LIBRARY



Welcome Reception at the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital in Dodoma, Tanzania

OMI Satellite Symposia

The third step of OMI's educational program is dedicated to building local capacity. OMI alumni organize satellite symposia and visiting professorships by inviting OMI faculty to their home institutions, reaching a larger audience of local physicians and fostering relationships between senior physicians from the region and OMI faculty. All registered participants receive an official certificate issued by the participating international academic institutions. Since 2000, 252 satellite symposia and visiting professorships have taken place in 30 different countries.

Overview Satellites/Country in 2019

Azerbaijan	1	Moldova	1
Belarus	1	Mongolia	1
Georgia	1	Montenegro	1
Hungary	1	Qatar	1
Kazakhstan	1	Slovakia	1
Lithuania	1	Tanzania	1
Mexico	3	Total	15



Aleksandar Mugosa, M.D. (President of the Medical Chamber of Montenegro), Branka Zizic, M.D. (Director of the Directorate for Innovation and Technological Development at the Ministry of Science Montenegro), Wolfgang Aulitzky, M.D. (Medical Director, OMI) Kenan Hrapovic (Minister of Health of Montenegro), Elvir Zvirko, M.D. (OMI Coordinator Montenegro), Mubera Kurpejovic (Director General for Higher Education at the Ministry of Education), Filip Vukmirovic, M.D. (Director of Clinical center of Montenegro), Nebojsa Kavaric, M.D. (CEO at Primary Health Care Center Podgorica), Amer Ramusovic (Health Insurance Fund of Montenegro)

OMI Satellite Symposium
in Tanzania

OMI faculty members Mesut Remzi, M.D. and Cornelia Radon, M.D. from the Medical University of Vienna visited the Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, the new university hospital in Dodoma, Tanzania. During their 10-day visit, they held lectures and hands-on training workshops in laparoscopic surgery and consulted on how to conduct clinical research and publish scientific papers. 24 participants including general surgeons, urologists, residents and operating theatre nurses joined the symposium.

OMI Satellite Symposium
in Montenegro

Elvir Zvirko, M.D., OMI alumnus and local coordinator in Montenegro, organized an international symposium in Otolaryngology with OMI faculty member Gerd Rasp, M.D. from the General Hospital in Salzburg as well as other faculty members from Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The OMI event was the highlight of 2019 for the medical community in Montenegro.



OMI E-Learning Platform



CHOP Open Website



E-Learning

The OMI provides numerous distance learning opportunities to promote capacity building in the home countries of our alumni, including:

The OMI Handbook Online – an educational resource containing all the scientific content of the OMI Seminars. OMI alumni have free access to this online platform and the content is updated regularly.

The OMI Case Library – a medical database, which includes clinical cases presented by fellows during the OMI Seminars.

CHOP OPEN – an online platform, which provides free up-to-date pediatric medical education. The modules are dedicated to a specific pediatric subspecialty consisting of lectures and cases presented during the weeklong OMI CHOP Seminars in Salzburg. The platform is supported by a generous grant from the Leir Foundation and is a joint initiative of the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and the OMI.

www.chop.edu/centers-programs/chop-open-access-medical-education

CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL OF
PHILADELPHIA

20
SEMINARS

MAASTRICHT
UNIVERSITY

OMI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

ASPHER

64
COUNTRIES

INSTITUT
PASTEUR
PARIS

620
FELLOWS



Faculty and fellows of the OMI Leadership Seminar in Systematic Reviews

OMI Leadership Program

The OMI Leadership Program provides public health, clinical research and medical leadership education and offers cross-specialty seminars designed to complement OMI's clinical education.

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), the Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region (ASPHER), Maastricht University and the Institut Pasteur, Paris provide faculty for these valuable and very popular seminars.

Academic Partners:

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- ASPHER & Maastricht University
- Institut Pasteur, Paris

Topics: Applied Clinical Research • Clinical Research Methods • Global Health • Medical Education • Medical Informatics • Medical Leadership • Medical Quality and Safety • New Public Health Education • Public Health Law



Fellows at the OMI-MEX Behavioral Pediatrics Seminar April 2019

Becky Aguilar-Alvarez de Saenz (Executive Director, AMSA), OMI Fellow Rosbel Toledo, M.D. and Stephanie Faschang (Executive Director, Salzburg Stiftung of the AAF) at the 2019 OMI Family Medicine Seminar in Salzburg



Alianza Médica para la Salud (AMSA)

Alianza Médica para la Salud A.C. (AMSA) is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization dedicated to training young Mexican physicians. AMSA began operations in Mexico partnering with OMI in 2010. This educational model has been very successful and will expand in Latin America very soon.

Achievements	2010–2019
Doctors trained in OMI Seminars in Salzburg	490
Doctors trained in Seminars in Mexico	1,812
Observerships at	
Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia	22
Medical Observerships (Austria & USA)	5
Total doctors trained	2,329



Success Stories and Testimonials



Victor Hugo Borja Aburto, M.D.
OMI Seminar: Pandemics 2017

Victor Hugo Borja Aburto, a fellow of the OMI Seminar in Pandemics became Director of Medical Benefits of the Mexican Institute for Social Security (IMSS), responsible for the healthcare of more than 70 million Mexicans. He is also a member of the National Academy of Medicine in Mexico and the National Council of Public Health.



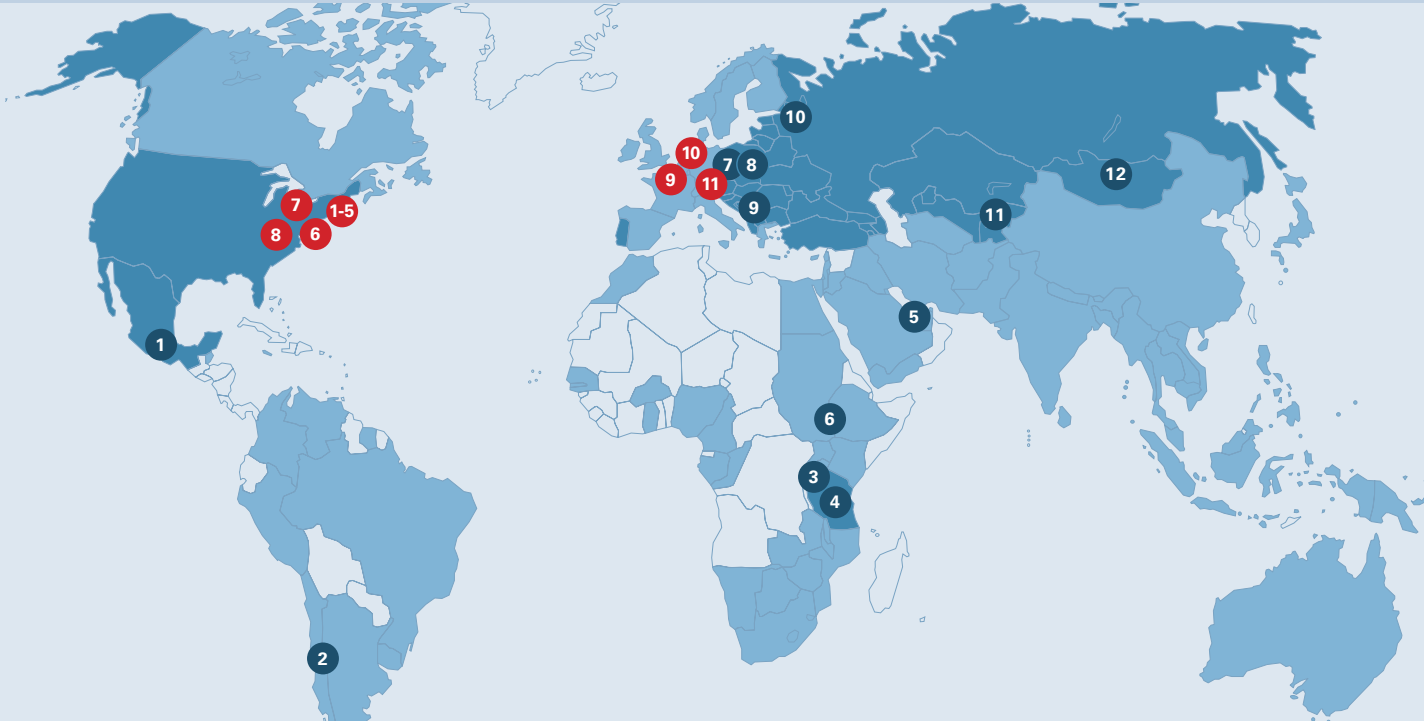
Ana Laura Arenas Díaz, M.D.
OMI Seminar: Pediatric Orthopedics 2019

“I’m sure that the skills that I’ve gained from this seminar and workshop will help me in my future work. This program provides young doctors with the great opportunity to gain tons of knowledge from world class experts, and at the same time meet colleagues from across the globe.”



José Alfonso Gutiérrez Frusch, M.D.
OMI Seminar: Reproductive Medicine 2019

“I would like to thank everyone who attended this OMI Seminar! We established good friendships, but we also realized that medicine is a real effort where problems and achievements are similar throughout the world. Thanks to the whole team of professors who donated their time to share with us some of their knowledge, to Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, his Weill Cornell team and the team of the University of Austria.”



OMI ACADEMIC PARTNERS

- 1 Weill Cornell Medicine, New York City, USA
- 2 NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, USA
- 3 Hospital for Special Surgery, New York City, USA
- 4 Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York City, USA
- 5 Columbia University, New York City, USA
- 6 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, USA
- 7 Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, USA
- 8 Duke University Medical Center, Durham, USA
- 9 Institut Pasteur, Paris, France
- 10 Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands
- 11 Medical University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

OMI INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 Alianza Médica para la Salud (AMSA), Mexico City, Mexico
- 2 Clinica Alemana, Santiago de Chile, Chile
- 3 Bugando Medical Center, Mwanza, Tanzania
- 4 Benjamin Mkapa Hospital, Dodoma, Tanzania
- 5 Hamad Medical Corporation, Doha, Qatar
- 6 Bushulo Health Center, Awassa, Ethiopia
- 7 Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 8 Olga Havel Foundation, Prague, Czech Republic
- 9 Medical University Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
- 10 First Pavlov State Medical University, St. Petersburg, Russia
- 11 Open Medical Club, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 12 Open Medical Club, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



OMI-OSF INITIATIVE: CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- 1 Dept. of Urology, Semmelweis University, Budapest, Hungary
- 2 "Carol Davila" University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Bucharest, Romania
- 3 University of Belgrade, Faculty of Medicine, Serbia
- 4 Dept. of Ped. Cardiology, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia



Webinars in Mongolia, www.cme.mn/#/webinar

OMI International Partners

Webinars in Mongolia

In 2019, OMI alumni and the Open Medical Club in Mongolia presented their new knowledge and experiences gained at the OMI Seminars to colleagues throughout Mongolia through online videos. 13 videos have been published to date, including lectures from fellows of the 2019 OMI Seminars in Infectious Diseases, Pathology and Maternal & Infant Health.

OMI-OSF Initiative Against Brain Drain: Centers of Excellence

In 2019, the OMI and OSF held an expert meeting with medical professionals from Central and Eastern Europe to design a program to reduce brain drain in Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia. The action plan includes creating Centers of Excellence, facilitating conferences in the target countries and providing more slots for physicians from those countries to participate in OMI activities.



Reception at the Austrian Embassy in Prague, Czech Republic



OMI alumni Nurbek Monolov, M.D., Salamat Murzabaeva, M.D., Kunduza Karbozova, M.D. and Asel Jusupova, M.D.

Olga Havel Foundation

On May 22, 2019 the Austrian Embassy in Prague hosted a reception to celebrate the fruitful collaboration between the Olga Havel Foundation and the Open Medical Institute.

Alexander Grubmayr, Ambassador of Austria to the Czech Republic, Monika Granja, Director of the Committee of Good Will – Olga Havel Foundation as well as 27 OMI alumni joined the celebrations.

Tenth Anniversary of the OMC Kyrgyzstan

2019 marked not only the 10th anniversary of the Open Medical Club (OMC) Kyrgyzstan, but also a very successful year: With the Debating Club and the “Sunday Lunch with...” two networking platforms were launched and OMI alumni Nurbek Monolov, M.D. (Urology), Kunduza Karbozova, M.D. (Neurology) and Nurgul Moldobaeva, M.D. (Anesthesiology) were awarded with the “National Medicine Awards” for their contribution to the development of medicine in Kyrgyzstan.



Catharina Müller, M.D. during her Andlinger Fellowship at NewYork Presbyterian Hospital

Bilateral Exchange Programs

Andlinger Residency Exchange Program

The Andlinger Residency Exchange Program supports training for Austrian and American medical residents at OMI partner institutions. Medical residents are encouraged to do rotations in American and Austrian hospitals to supplement their education and to broaden their experiences through exposure to a foreign healthcare system. Since 1992, more than 185 medical residents from Austria and the U.S.A. successfully participated in this bilateral exchange.

“The way of actively training and supporting residents and fellows has changed my thinking and will have an impact on my personal approach at work back in Austria.”

Sebastian Roesch, M.D.
Andlinger Fellow in ENT at the New York Presbyterian Hospital, U.S.A.



Max Kade Fellows in Austria in April 2019

Max Kade Clinical Clerkships Program

The Max Kade Clinical Clerkships Program offers one-month clinical clerkships to American and Austrian medical students from partner institutions of the OMI.

To date, this program, jointly funded by the Max Kade Foundation and the American Austrian Foundation, has awarded 513 fellowships to American medical students for clinical rotations in Austria and 143 fellowships to Austrian medical students for clinical rotations in the U.S.A.

“The Fellowship has been extremely educational! I believe due to this experience I will actively seek out more opportunities in my professional life to be exposed to foreign medical systems to continue learning.”

James Cook
Max Kade Fellow
in Anesthesia at the Medical University of Vienna



Hugh C. Hemmings, Jr., M.D.



Klaus Markstaller, M.D.

Humes Visiting Professorships

The Humes Visiting Professorship program was established to strengthen the relationship between Weill Cornell Medicine and Austrian academic institutions, whose faculty jointly conduct the Open Medical Institute’s seminar program. The visiting professorships are a bequest by the estate of the late AAF trustee and Cornell Medical University graduate, Jean Humes, M.D., in memory of her husband, John P. Humes, a

former US Ambassador to Austria and the first president of the American Austrian Foundation.

OMI course directors of the Anesthesiology Seminars, Hugh C. Hemmings, Jr., M.D., Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, USA, and Klaus Markstaller, M.D., Medical University of Vienna, Austria, were awarded the Humes Professorships for an exchange in 2020.

OMI Builds Careers

Veronika Skvortsova, M.D.
Russia

Veronika Skvortsova, M.D. attended one of the first OMI Seminars in Neurology. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Fight Against Stroke and Director of the Research Institute for Stroke in the Russian National Research Medical University before she was appointed Minister of Health of the Russian Federation from 2012 until January 2020.



Enrique Soto, M.D.
Mexico

Enrique Soto, M.D., a geriatric oncologist and researcher in the Department of Geriatrics at the Instituto Nacional de Ciencias Médicas y Nutrición Salvador Zubirán in Mexico City and OMI alumnus in Oncology was elected to the Board of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.



Ernst Kuchar, M.D.
Poland

Ernst Kuchar, M.D. has attended five OMI Seminars and one OMI Observership in Pediatrics. He is now Head of the Pediatric Department of the Medical University in Warsaw, Poland and encourages young doctors to take part in the OMI programs.



Dmitry Nitkin, M.D.
Belarus

Dmitry Nitkin, M.D. has attended three OMI Seminars in Urology and Medical Education and completed a one-month OMI Observership. He was Head of Department of Urology of the Belarusian Medical Academy for Postgraduate Education (BelMAPE) and has recently been appointed Rector of BelMAPE.



Rahima Gabulova, M.D.
Azerbaijan

Rahima Gabulova, M.D. who is one of the most active OMI fellows from Azerbaijan has attended three OMI Seminars in Cardiology as well as four OMI Leadership Seminars. She has completed two OMI Observerships and organized several Satellite Symposia in Baku, Azerbaijan. In 2019, she was appointed Medical Director of the Institute of Sport and Rehabilitation Medicine.



Judith Paice, M.D. and OMI Seminar Fellows from Albania during the OMI Palliative Care Seminar 2019

Quality of Life of Family Caregivers of Patients with Cancer in Korçe, Albania

Jonathon Judkins,
Irena Laska, Judith Paice,
Priya Kumthekar
Journal of Palliative Care 2019,
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OMI Joint Publications

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The 2019 Music for Medicine Benefit Concert took place on December 12. The outstanding brass ensemble of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra (Trombone: Johannes Ettlinger, Johann Ströcker, Enzo Turriziani, Trumpets: Stefan Haimel, Jürgen Pöchhacker, Hans Peter Schuh, Tuba: Paul Halwax) performed at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City. The evening raised a total of \$670,410 and will support the OMI Seminars in Salzburg. We would like to thank the musicians, faculty members, our academic partners and the AAF board for their support.

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Vienna School of Medicine Gala

The 2019 Vienna School of Medicine Gala took place on November 11th at the Van Swieten Saal of the Medical University of Vienna. This year’s program was dedicated to Obstetrics, Gynecological Oncology and Reproductive Medicine. Drs. Peter Husslein, Herbert Kiss, Christian Singer and Michael Feichtinger, who are leading experts in these fields, gave the audience valuable insights. A record number of 285 guests celebrated the achievements and honored past and current scientific contributions of Viennese physicians. The money raised will

support OMI fellowships for physicians from countries in transition and OMI Satellite Symposia with faculty and mentors from Vienna. Wolfgang Aulitzky, M.D. and Rector Markus Müller, M.D. presented the OMI Outstanding Faculty Member Award to Wolfgang Graninger, M.D. and Franz Kainberger, M.D. Peter Husslein, M.D. received the OMI Honorary Award for his exceptional contributions to the Open Medical Institute and Wolfgang Aulitzky, M.D., Medical Director of the OMI, was awarded the Badge of Honor of the Medical University of Vienna.

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Income	
Donations & Grants	\$ 1,745.992
Public Subsidies	\$ 1,139.040
Other Income	\$ 570.958
Total OMI Seminar Income	\$ 3,455.990
Expenses	
Overhead & Staff	\$ 313.169
Seminar Expenses (Faculty & Fellows)	\$ 2,774.772
Administrative Expenditure	\$ 256.777
Total OMI Seminar Expenses	\$ 3,344.718
OMI OBSERVERSHIPS – Association of Friends of the AAF	
Income	
Donations & Grants	\$ 240.058
Public Subsidies	\$ 249.872
Other Income	\$ 143.913
Total OMI Observership Income	\$ 633.843
Expenses	
Overhead & Staff	\$ 108.178
Observership and Travel Expenses	\$ 218.076
Administrative Expenditure	\$ 110.714
Statutory Funding	\$ 191.964
Total OMI Observership Expenses	\$ 628.932

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