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location and inviting young, English-speaking physicians to participate in seminars conducted by doctors from then New York Hospital – Cornell Medical College.

Initially, seminars targeted the “major killers” – heart disease, stroke and infectious diseases. Each year new topics were added and today AAF and its academic partners conduct 38 seminars in Salzburg annually, covering all important areas of adult and pediatric medicine, as well as medical education, quality management and patient safety.

Seminar alumni have moved into leadership positions and are designing their national healthcare systems based on the models introduced during their seminars. Faculty travel to the region to visit hospitals and meet with physicians to determine how best to tailor the seminars to support local needs.

We believe that “medical diplomacy” will play a major role in promoting health and prosperity in the region. The American Austrian Foundation is honored to have a significant role in the success of this program.

AMBASSADOR WILLIAM VANDEN HEUVEL
Chairman, AAF; former United States Ambassador to the United Nations
A Marshall Plan for Medicine

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Vienna School of Medicine was renowned throughout the world, attracting students from Western, Central and Eastern Europe – even the United States. After World War II, Austria was able to rebuild its healthcare system thanks to funding from the Marshall Plan and prospered, but this was not the case in the communist countries to the east of Austria.

In the early 1990s, after the fall of the Iron Curtain, when Austria regained its historical position as the gateway between East and West, the Austrian Government matched funds with the Open Society Institute (now Open Society Foundations) to support a program for medical knowledge transfer and experience exchange. A medical Marshall Plan was born, organized by The American Austrian Foundation (AAF) and initially conducted by doctors from Weill Cornell Medical College and Austrian hospitals.

George Soros

An important body of evidence demonstrates that, over the long run, there is a positive association between economic prosperity and health of a population.

Health, Nutrition and Economic Prosperity: A Microeconomic Perspective by Duncan Thomas, RAND and UCLA
fostering brain gain. The Viennese municipal government provided additional funds for observerships, which enabled two thousand of these 15,000 doctors to spend one-month observerships in Austrian hospitals, fostering academic exchanges between individual physicians and building professional networks between institutions.

Knowledge transfer and experience exchange are key to jump starting healthcare systems in country in transition and we are committed to expanding the Open Medical Institute to all parts of the world where help is needed.

GEORGE SOROS

WOLFGANG AULITZKY, M.D.
Open Medical Institute

Open Medical Institute (OMI) is a global educational initiative founded in 1993 by physicians from Weill Cornell Medical College, The Open Society Foundations and The American Austrian Foundation to share medical knowledge with doctors and healthcare providers from countries in transition to foster their professional growth and prevent brain drain.

Leading American and European institutions including Weill Cornell Medical College and its affiliated hospitals (NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Methodist Hospital Houston), The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Duke University Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University and the Medical Universities of Vienna, Graz, Innsbruck and Salzburg provide the academic leadership for the seminars, with all faculty members serving pro bono.

Faculty continue to mentor fellows after the conclusion of the seminar and such mentoring has led to joint publications and research projects. Roger Y. Tsien, Nobel Laureate in chemistry states that all successful scientists had at least one mentor and that most discoveries were made by a “scientific family”.

The OMI is run under the auspices of The American Austrian Foundation and funded by The Austrian Federal Government, The Open Society Foundations, corporations, foundations and individuals.

OMI shares knowledge and experience, fosters friendships and alliances across borders, enabling physicians to improve their skills and deliver the best possible care to their patients.

- OPEN AND FREE ACCESS TO THE LATEST MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RESEARCH
- OPEN AND FREE ACCESS TO ADVANCED TRAINING AND TREATMENT PROTOCOLS
- OPEN ACCESS TO COLLEAGUES AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- OPEN AND FREE ACCESS TO THE BEST PREVENTIVE PRACTICES
TESTIMONIALS:

The Weill Cornell Seminars in Salzburg are an example of Weill Cornell at its best: education which advances clinical care, and with an international reach. I am very proud of what we have accomplished together in the past 20 years.

Dr. Laurie H. Glimcher
Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean
Weill Cornell Medical College

In 1994 we organized the first outpatient service for family medicine based on what I learned in Salzburg. Now the whole hospital works according to these guidelines and we have nine outpatient services for 140,000 patients. Your seminars helped us alot and our services are much better now.

Dr. Dzehemra Dzhafarova
Prince Leo Hospital, Lviv, Ukraine

The mission of Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia is to improve the health and wellbeing of children around the world. Our partnership with the AAF – OMI has enabled us to move toward realizing that goal. We applaud the work of the OMI and have valued our longstanding and productive relationship. Congratulations on your 20th anniversary.

Dr. Steven Altschuler
Chief Executive Officer
The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

The impact of the Weill Cornell Seminars in Salzburg has been significant in improving the level of medical care and education provided in many parts of the world, reaching out to over 15,000 doctors. I have seen firsthand evidence of this with my own international colleagues.

Sanford Weill
Chairman
Weill Cornell Board of Overseers

This educational program not only changed my life, it saved the lives of many of my newborn babies who otherwise would not have had a chance.

Dr. Peter Krcho, PhD.
Head of the Neonatal Department
Children’s Hospital of Kosice, Slovakia

The Salzburg Medical Seminars is the perfect format to educate our colleagues from Eastern Europe on the concept and latest techniques of Multidisciplinary Cancer Care. It is also an example of “Medicine – the best diplomacy”, bringing together physicians from at least 20–30 different countries at each Seminar.

Dr. Thomas J. Fahey, Jr.
Senior Vice President for Clinical Program Development, Emeritus
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
The first step in OMI’s educational program consists of knowledge transfer through seminars, which are organized by The American Austrian Foundation under the academic leadership of Weill Cornell Medical College (NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and Methodist Hospital Houston), The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Duke University Medical Center, The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, The Cleveland Clinic and leading Austrian and European academic centers.

All faculty members serve pro bono and spend one week sharing knowledge and experience with colleagues from countries in transition, thereby fostering brain gain and preventing brain drain.
The program is directed by Drs. Wolfgang Aulitzky, Michael Stewart and Nancy Wolf, and is funded by a direct grant from the Open Society Foundations (formerly Open Society Institute), matched by the Austrian government and other donors.

**BRAIN GAIN VERSUS BRAIN DRAIN**

Highly qualified, English-speaking physicians from Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Russia, Africa, Mexico and other countries in transition, who undergo a rigorous application process, are invited to Salzburg for a one-week seminar in their medical specialty. Each seminar is limited to 36 participants, allowing for intense interaction and knowledge transfer through lectures, discussions, case presentations, hands-on training, simulations, and grand rounds via video-conferencing.

All applicants must apply through the OMI coordinator based in their home country or a locally based partner organization or NGO. Fellowships are awarded according to a non-discriminatory selection process. From 1993 to June 2013, more than 15,000 doctors from over 120 countries and regions have attended 447 seminars.

**FELLOWS BY COUNTRY** (1993 – June 2013)

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EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE

The second step in OMI’s educational program consists of practical training in Austrian hospitals. All seminar participants are eligible for up to three one-month observerships to update their clinical skills, learn new techniques and treatment protocols as well as modern hospital and healthcare management. Observers rotate through departments at hospitals in Vienna, Innsbruck, Graz, Linz and Salzburg.

In 2008, Vienna opened all its municipal hospitals for OMI observerships, increasing the number of slots from 60 to 200 per year.
At the conclusion of their observership, fellows must submit a comprehensive report and case presentation, prepared in conjunction with their mentor.

“Thanks to this program I had a chance to meet with colleagues, participate in experience exchange, in short I received all that is impossible to receive in my country. We from the former Soviet Union consider this experience instrumental and very useful”.

Irina Gasanov, MD, PhD, Azerbaijan

Several observerships have led to joint research projects and collaborative studies between the host institutions and the fellows’ home institutions.

TRAIN THE TRAINERS

“This Observership stimulated me to rise up my professional level, to enlarge my horizon, to be enthusiastic and to be willing to implement novel techniques for diagnosis and treatment in my country.”

Nadejda Sapojnic, MD, Moldova

FACTS AND FIGURES

From September 1998 through June 2013, 1,990 seminar alumni were awarded 2,735 observership months.
OMI Distance Learning

CAPACITY BUILDING
CD-ROMS AND ONLINE CASE LIBRARY
SATELLITE SYMPOSIA & VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

After attending seminars and observerships in Austria, OMI’s distance learning module takes place in the respective countries, building capacity locally.

This is accomplished by using electronic publications available on CD-ROM, the worldwide web and through site visits conducted by OMI faculty in the region.
CD-ROMS & ONLINE CASE LIBRARY

During each seminar, lectures are recorded and together with the related PowerPoint presentation, transferred to CD-ROMs and given to each seminar fellow at the conclusion of his/her seminar, which enables fellows to share their newfound knowledge with colleagues as soon as they return home. 350 CD-ROMs, including 7,280 state-of-the-art lectures, have been produced and published on the AAF’s website as online handbooks.

The most interesting cases are selected by the faculty for publication in the online case library.

SATELLITE SYMPOSIA AND VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS

OMI and OMI seminar alumni jointly organize regional symposia and visiting professorships conducted by an American/Austrian faculty to reach a larger audience of physicians and healthcare providers in the countries served by the seminars. Per June 2013, OMI faculty have conducted 142 satellite symposia and visiting professorships.

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**SATELLITE SYMPOSIA BY COUNTRY**

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- AZERBAIJAN 5
- CROATIA 4
- CZECH REPUBLIC 5
- ESTONIA 2
- GEORGIA 5
- HUNGARY 2
- KAZAKHSTAN 3
- KOSOVO 2
- KYRGYZSTAN 5
- LATVIA 5
- LITHUANIA 6
- MACEDONIA 2
- MEXICO 2
- MOLDOVA 5
- MONGOLIA 2
- MONTENEGRO 1
- POLAND 4
- QATAR 2
- ROMANIA 12
- RUSSIA 29
- SERBIA 6
- SLOVAKIA 8
- SLOVENIA 3
- UKRAINE 11
- UZBEKISTAN 1
- TOTAL 142
1. President Jimmy Carter visits Salzburg
2. Dr. Herwig Swoboda with OMI Observers
3. George Soros receives Austrian Cross of Merit with Thomas J. McGrath, Ambassador Kathryn Hall and Minister Caspar von Einem
4. Weill Cornell Cardiothoracic Surgery Faculty led by Dr. David Skinner, 1998
5. Hands on Training
6. First Salzburg CHOP Seminar 1995
7. First Salzburg DUKE Seminar 1996
8. Drs. Joseph Tenenbaum and Stephen Scheidt, Ambassador Gerhard Pfanzelter
9. First Salzburg Cornell Seminars Benefit at Rockefeller University 1997  
11. Thomas J. McGrath, AAF President  
12. Schloss Leopoldskron, site of the seminars from 1993–2005  
13. First Salzburg Cornell Seminar in Oncology, 1997, led by Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center  
14. First ESU Weill Cornell Master Class in Urology, 2004  
15. Drs. Shain Schley and John Caronna receiving the Austrian Cross of Merit
16. Roslyn and Ambassador Milton A. Wolf
17. Dennis and Gisela Alter, Dr. Richard Polin, Dr. Steven Altschuler
18. OMI Observer reading MRI
20. Alberto Vilar, Benita Ferrero Waldner, Heinz Schaden (Mayor of Salzburg)
21. Weill Cornell/HSS Bone and Joint Surgery Workshop
22. Weill Cornell Dean Emeritus Dr. Antonio M. Gotto, Dr. Herbert Pardes, former CEO NYPH, Dr. Willibald Nagler
23. Tanzanian Fellow and Dr. Ulrich Dorn
24. ESU-Weill Cornell Urology Faculty and AAF Trustees Thomas J. McGrath and Donald Tober
25. Weill Cornell Rehabilitation Medicine Seminar Lecture
26. Katharine Eltz-Aulitzky, Jeanne Andlinger
27. Schloss Arenberg
28. Beatrix and Gregor Medinger
29. Wolfgang Schüssel, George Soros, Elisabeth Gehrer and Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky launch the Open Medical Institute
30. Demonstrating Techniques in Rehabilitation Medicine
1993 • George Soros and Erhard Busek, Austrian Vice Chancellor, provide seed money to start a postgraduate educational program for physicians from Central and Eastern Europe
  • First Salzburg Cornell Seminar in Cardiology takes place at Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg
  • The Austrian Ministry of Science and Research agrees to match funds with the Open Society Institute (OSI)

1995 • First Salzburg CHOP Seminar in Pediatrics
  • First Salzburg HSS Seminar in Bone and Joint Surgery
  • First Salzburg Duke Seminar for Family Medicine

1997 • First Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars Benefit Concert at Rockefeller University performed by members of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
  • First Salzburg Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Seminar in Oncology
1998 • The Observership Program begins. Seminar fellows spend one to three months training at Austrian hospitals

1999 • George Soros and Austrian Minister Caspar von Einem sign the Memorandum of Understanding guaranteeing funds for the program through 2004

2001 • The Salzburg Stiftung of the AAF purchases Schloss Arenberg
• First Salzburg Columbia Seminar

2003 • George Soros and Austrian Minister Elisabeth Gehrre renew the Memorandum of Understanding through 2009

2004 • Gerhard Andlinger Chair for International Medicine and Distance Learning at Weill Cornell endowed
• European Urological Association joins the OMI faculty. First joint seminar with Weill Cornell for Western and Eastern European Urologists

2005 • Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel and George Soros launch the Open Medical Institute
• Schloss Arenberg opens
• The Austrian Ministry of Health and the Viennese Municipal Government support an OMI/World Health Organization program in Gender, Neonatal Care and Violence Prevention

2006 • The Cleveland Clinic Foundation joins the OMI faculty
• Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky is appointed the first Gerhard Andlinger Professor for Distance Learning and International Medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College

2007 • Methodist Hospital Houston joins the OMI faculty
• The McCaw and Touch Foundations join forces with OMI to invite physicians from Tanzania

2008 • OMI and The Viennese Hospital Association establish the Vienna Open Medical Institute and commit to hosting up to 200 observers in Vienna per year

2009 • Schloss Arenberg is destroyed by fire

2010 • Schloss Arenberg reopens
• George Soros and Austrian Minister Johannes Hahn renew the Memorandum of Understanding for an unspecified length of time
• AMSA founded to fund Mexican doctors participation in OMI seminars

2011 • Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars Benefit income reaches $ 500,000

2012 • The Austrian Development Agency partners with OMI

2013 • Würth Sculpture Garden at Schloss Arenberg opens
31. Paul and Daisy Soros
32. Dr. Peter Krcho and patient
33. Stacy Rosenwaks, Steven Wechsler, Dr. Zev Rosenwaks at Schloss Arenberg dedication ceremony, 2005
34. Oliver Porsche, Ashley von Perfall
35. OMI coordinators in the Soros Computer Library at Schloss Arenberg
36. ESU-Weill Cornell Urology Workshop with Dr. Günther Janetschek
37. Dr. Mathias Bostrom lecturing
38. Ambassador Susan McCaw and Gerhard Andlinger
39. Clemens Hellsberg, Ambassador William vanden Heuvel, Chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel
40. OMI Seminar Fellow shows his Armenian colleague a new procedure
41. Alexander von Perfall, Katharine Eltz-Aulitzky, Pablo and Almudena Legorreta
42. Schloss Arenberg is destroyed by fire, April 2009
43. Dr. Wolfgang Graninger with OMI observers
44. Dr. Michael Stewart and Anne Ford
45. CHOP Medical Education Seminar
46. Dr. Alan Cohen from The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
47. Concert in Yerevan to benefit rebuilding Schloss Arenberg, July 2009
48. Workshop during Salzburg Cleveland Pathology Seminar
49. Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky at the Dept. of Urology at Kyrgyz Medical University
50. WHO Seminar at Schloss Arenberg
51. Barbara Tober, Diahn McGrath
52. Professor Reinhold Würth at the opening of the Würth Sculpture Garden at Schloss Arenberg 2013
53. Laura Giadorou Koch, Donald Fox
54. Yefim Bronfman and Sanford Weill
55. Weill Cornell Anesthesiology Faculty
56. Jim Thompson and Sigourney Weaver  
57. Weill Cornell Infectious Diseases Faculty  
58. Michael Koch, Karl-Heinz Faber  
59. Johannes Moy de Sons, Amb. William vanden Heuvel, Dr. Nancy Wolf, Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky, Heinrich Spängler, Christian Struber; Dedication of the Milton and Roslyn Wolf Park, 2010  
60. George Soros and Dean Laurie Glimcher  
61. Angelika and Gerhard Seebacher  
62. Dr. Cindy Christian conducts a Visiting Professorship in Pediatrics in Kazan, Russia  
63. Marifé Hernández, Dr. Thomas and Cynthia Sculco
are the physicians who work at these hospitals experts in their respective fields, they are also philanthropically minded and willing to share their knowledge and expertise.

The first seminars in the early 1990s focused on the major killers – cardiac infarction, stroke and infectious diseases. Over the years, the number of seminar topics has increased, based on the needs of the participating fellows.
Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) is the oldest orthopedic hospital in the United States and is ranked number one in orthopedics by *U.S. News and World Report*. HSS is the world-leader in joint replacement surgery, pioneering total knee replacement and minimally invasive spinal surgical techniques. Dr. Thomas P. Sculco, Surgeon-in-Chief, conducted the first OMI seminar in Bone and Joint Surgery in 1994.

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC) is the leading oncology center in the world. Each year, doctors from MSKCC treat more cancer patients annually than most physicians treat in their entire career. Dr. Thomas J. Fahey, Senior Vice President, Clinical Development Program, Emeritus and Dr. David G. Pfister, Chief, Head and Neck Oncology Service, coordinate faculty from MSKCC to conduct two oncology seminars annually. The first MSKCC Seminar took place in 1997.

Methodist Hospital Houston’s focus on groundbreaking translational and clinical research makes them an excellent partner.
In 1995, the AAF recognized the need to include pediatrics in the OMI seminars and Drs. Steven M. Altschuler, CEO, and Alan Cohen, then Physician-in-Chief, agreed to provide academic leadership for this seminar series. CHOP conducts six pediatric seminars per year covering all the pediatric subspecialties over a three year period. CHOP also conducts annual seminars in medical education and quality and patient safety.
AUSTRIAN FACULTY

Physicians from leading Austrian medical institutions including the University Hospitals of Vienna, Graz and Innsbruck and the General Hospitals of Salzburg and Linz serve as co-course directors and faculty members of the OMI seminars. The Medical University of Vienna (MUW) and the Vienna Open Medical Institute provide substantial academic and financial support.

SALZBURG COLUMBIA SEMINARS

In 1998, through the merger of the New York and Columbia Presbyterian Hospitals, the College of Physicians and Surgeons joined the OMI faculty and conducts annual seminars in Maternal and Infant Health and Internal Medicine.

SALZBURG CLEVELAND SEMINARS

In 2006, the Cleveland Clinic, ranked #1 by U.S. News and World Report in Cardiology and Cardiac Surgery, joined the OMI faculty and conducts Cardiac/Cardiothoracic Surgery and Pathology seminars each year.

FACTS AND FIGURES (1993 – June 2013)

- 260 Salzburg Weill Cornell Seminars
- 86 Salzburg CHOP Seminars
- 14 Salzburg Duke Seminars
- 22 Salzburg Columbia Seminars
- 15 Salzburg Cleveland Seminars
- 41 OSF Seminars
- 9 WHO Seminars
- 447 OMI SEMINARS
- 15,177 Fellows
- 122 Countries and Regions
- 1,455 Faculty Members
- 2,821 Faculty Weeks

SALZBURG DUKE SEMINARS

In 1995, OMI approached Duke University Medical Center to cover public health and healthcare management issues. Duke’s Department of Community Health Sciences is a leader in healthcare management and hospital networks. Dr. Lloyd Michener and his faculty conduct a seminar in Family Medicine and Healthcare Management every year.
Governance

OMI is governed by a steering committee comprised of course directors of the OMI seminars.

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The Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art, First Class is conferred upon individuals who have distinguished themselves in the areas of the sciences or the arts.

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OMI Faculty Members Who Received Awards Are:

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Vienna Open Medical Institute

The Vienna Open Medical Institute is a joint initiative of the Vienna Hospital Association, The American Austrian Foundation, The Medical University of Vienna, The Viennese Society of Physicians, The Vienna Chamber of Doctors and The Austrian Academy of Sciences providing state-of-the-art scientific and clinical rotations in Viennese hospitals.

These rotations follow a specific curriculum depending upon the medical specialty, but all include a series of workshops on the Austrian and Viennese Healthcare System, Clinical Research and Biomedical Fundamental Research and the History of the Vienna School of Medicine.

Observers become members of the Viennese Society of Physicians for the duration of their observership, which includes free use of the facilities and access to a large selection of medical publications and journals.
New Developments

WEILL BUGANDO, TANZANIA
Based on our success in stemming the brain drain tide in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, we began inviting physicians from Weill Bugando in Mwanza, Tanzania to participate in the OMI seminars and observerships. Whereas it is still too early to determine the program’s success in preventing brain drain, the response has been overwhelmingly positive to both the seminars and observerships.

When I returned from Austria impressed by the low rates of cervical cancer due to screening I met with the director of my hospital, the medical oncologist and some gynecologists and in January 2009 we started the cervical cancer screening program at Bugando Medical Centre. The majority of patients – 80% – come too late for successful treatment, but with proper screening could have been cured. Up to August 2010, 420 women were screened and 52 (12.38%) were positive. We were able to organize a bus and went to four rural hospitals for 4 days and screened 1,776 women. At each location we trained local teams who will continue this work and refer those with anomalies to Weill Bugando.

Dr. Jackson Kahima
Bugando Medical Centre
Mwanza, TANZANIA

WEILL CORNELL, QATAR
From 2008 to June 2013, 29 physicians from Qatar attended a seminar in Salzburg. OMI faculty has conducted two satellite symposia in Doha. Weill Cornell Qatar faculty has also served as OMI faculty in Salzburg.

ALIANZA MÉDICA PARA LA SALUD (AMSA), MEXICO
AAF Trustee, Pablo Legorreta, established AMSA to facilitate Mexican physicians’ participation in the OMI seminar and observership program. From 2010 to June 2013, 111 physicians attended an OMI Seminar.

Since I received so much from the seminar, it’s now my turn to share with our physicians and residents all my new knowledge for which I have planned group sessions and discussions during patient rounds. The seminar’s goal is not only to train the people who come, but also that these skills be applied and replicated in our environment in order to give our children the best care in every way: clinical, diagnosis, treatment and research.

Dr. Enid Alejandra Nava Ruiz
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The Visiting Professorships are a bequest by the estate of late AAF Trustee and Cornell Medical University graduate Dr. Jean Humes in memory of her husband, John P. Humes, a former US Ambassador to Austria and the first president of The American Austrian Foundation.

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