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"Otolaryngology"

12 February – 18 February, 2017
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Dr. Stewart has received many awards and honors, including the Houston Distinguished Surgeon Award from AORN. He is listed in Best Doctors in America and in New York by Castle Connolly, and also listed in Marquis Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, and Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare. He has been a visiting professor at more than 25 institutions, and has given more than 300 invited lectures, both nationally and internationally.

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He became Vice-Chairman on 1 July 2002 and apl-Professor for Otorhinolaryngology in 2003. He was elected Chairman of the ORL-Department, Katharinenhospital, Stuttgart from 1.10.2005. On 14 February 2008, he was elected Chairman and Professor of the ORL-Department of the Paracelsus Private Medical University, Salzburg. From September 2009 to September 2010, he served as President of the Austrian ENT Society. Since February 2013 he serves as Dean for Research at the PMU. He lives near Salzburg with his wife Dr. Karin Rasp, pediatrician, and their daughters Julia, Jana and Louisa.

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To further focus on head and neck surgery Dr. Brunner completed a one-year fellowship at the Sydney Head and Neck Cancer Institute in Australia from 2011 to 2012. Dr. Brunners research interests include translational and clinical research on head and neck mucosal and cutaneous malignancies. He is a peer reviewer for multiple major ENT and Head and Neck journals.

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Furthermore, he is the General Secretary of the 4th European ORL-HNS Congress, which is the biggest and most important European Congress that will be held in Barcelona in 2017.

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His clinical focus is laid on otology and neurotology with special emphasis on hereditary and congenital hearing loss as well as sudden sensorineural hearing loss. He is part of an international and interdisciplinary task group, focusing on Pendred syndrome.

His scientific activity includes several publications with otologic topics in international journals. He also works as a reviewer for *Acta Oto-Laryngologica*.

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The Salzburg Weill Cornell Otolaryngology Seminar was held in the beautiful Schloss Arenberg between February twelfth and eighteenth. Course Director and Vice Dean of Weill Cornell Medical School Michael Stewart worked alongside Co-Course Director Gerhard Rasp, Head of the Otolaryngology Department at Paracelsus Medical Institute in Salzburg, and other faculty members to organize an impactful week of lectures, workshops, and other activities. The American and Austrian faculty came from a diverse mix of backgrounds and experiences, and together represented a comprehensive mastery of the field. They were joined by a group of thirty-three highly motivated and eager fellows from twenty-two different countries.

Over the course of the week, the faculty and fellows engaged with one another through the means of lectures, case-presentation workshops, and endoscopy workshops. The three separate mediums worked together to provide a unique and multi-faceted approach to presenting state of the art practices within Otolaryngology. Lectures ranged from topics such as, “Overview of Sleep Disordered Breathing, Diagnosis & Treatment,” to “Evolution of Endoscopic Pediatric Skull Base Surgery,” and “New Technologies in Head and Neck Surgery.”

Lastly, fellows and faculty presented interesting cases to each other in an environment of mutual learning and engagement. Through these presentations, they gained insight into how others approach complicated scenarios and learned of location-specific problems throughout the world. The fellows naturally gained a great deal from the week, as evidenced by an improvement of roughly fifty percent between their pre-and-post-tests.

The environment of learning and engagement during the day followed by leisure and exploration in the evening provided a perfect backdrop for the development of lasting professional relationships between the faculty and fellows. These relationships will hopefully serve as motivation for continued personal development and a forum for the discussion of future cases and procedural advancements. After all, these relationships and experience really define what the Salzburg Medical Seminars hopes to achieve.
February 12, Sunday.

From Serbia, I brought with me expectations of friendship with interesting, intelligent people from different parts of the world that share the love towards otorhinolaryngology. Immediately upon initial entry into the Schloss Arenberg, I felt that my hopes would come true. In the evening hours, the inspiring atmosphere of this conference center was replaced by voices and smiles of fellows and faculty members who were getting to know each other and were exchanging experiences for the first time during the welcome reception. After a pleasant dinner, I went to bed full of impressions and anticipation about tomorrow while I drifted off to sleep.

February 13, Monday.

Early wake-up and breakfast as a prelude to an exciting first working day in Salzburg. After a brief introduction of the present fellows, the Course Director Dr. Michael Stewart got us acquainted with the aims and goals of the seminar. We took the pre-seminar test and I found the questions very challenging. I felt the uncertainty while trying to select the right answer among those offered. The first lecture was about the anatomy and pathophysiology of chronic sinusitis and it reminded me of the “doors and rooms” principle in the endoscopic sinus surgery. The next interesting lectures presented by Dr. Suurna and Dr. Rosch were indicative of the diversity of topics that would be covered throughout the seminar.

Before dinner, I took a walk in the city center with my dear friend Dr. Perisic and had a refreshing cup of coffee at the Mozartplaz overlooking the monument of the famous composer. This reminded me of a totally unexpected event that had happened to me the day prior, while I was my way to Arenberg from the railway station. Namely, while crossing the river bridge, the taxi driver turned up the volume of the car radio and I recognized the phenomenal notes of the Haffner Symphony. I could not believe my ears! Oh, I wish this kind of music was played on the streets of Belgrade!

I spent the rest of the evening having friendly conversations with colleagues from Montenegro, Croatia and Macedonia at the Armenian Lounge. I realized that we had many topics in common...

February 14, Tuesday.

The first morning lecture on the parotid gland surgery was very comprehensive, even though this really is not my field of interest. Then, we were presented with two pediatric topics – pediatric ear surgery and endoscopic skull base surgery, both of which were well-substantiated with photographs and practical examples.

Dr. Suurna held an interactive presentation on the diagnostic and therapeutic protocols in patients with a tumor of the neck. In several instances, we tried to reach the correct diagnosis together as a group, while discussing opposing views. I realized I was surrounded by a group of serious doctors who knew how to think.
This was followed by fellows case presentations. I was anxious, but, when all is said and done, I was satisfied with my presentation. Interesting practical ENT cases were presented, while the faculty members contributed to the fruitful discussion with their comments.

In the evening, we visited one of the pubs in central Salzburg, where we had a chance to relax with our dear colleagues, who I am now free to call my friends.

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**February 15, Wednesday**

Wake up, breakfast, coffee...

Lectures concerning evidence-based guidelines for tonsiloadenoidectomy and otitis media by Michael Stewart and about new trends in management of chronic sinusitis (by Ashutosh Kacker) had my full attention. After coffee break, Dr. Andrew Tassler presented a data concerning an increasing incidence of oropharyngeal carcinoma and correlation with HPV infection. Fortunately, it turns that HPV positive oropharyngeal carcinomas have better survival.

I was looking forward to the lecture by Dr. Cem Meco, who I met in Zagreb and on Santorini the previous year. Unfortunately, he was not present because of his prior commitments, but M. Stewart was up to the task and excellently communicated his presentation.

After additional presentations of cases, I spent some free time in shopping center, buying some presents for mu kids back home. I missed them very much.

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**February 16, Thursday**

I just realized how quickly time passes here in Arenberg. I will be back in Belgrade in 2 days and, because of that fact, I wanted to feel some more of the spirit of this beautiful city. The first two lectures went by really quickly, while A. Kacker gave a good presentation after the coffee break. New trends in OSA treatment were presented by Maria Suurna. Even though I know that these types of surgeries are unavailable in my country, it was impressed to see that implantable devices that stimulate n. hypoglossus are used in the USA to treat OSA. This was the third day of case presentations. I especially liked the presentation by Dr. Elvir Zvrko about hypopharyngeal reconstruction with free jejunum graft.

Later, my group began with practical work with Dr. Gerd Rasp. We performed flexible nasolaringoscopies on each other, followed by flexible tracheobronchoscopies using a special model. Even thoug I had previous experience in performing these interventions, I found the work atmosphere to be pleasamt within the group.

I was very much looking forward to this afternoon. Together with the colleagues, I took a walk to the stunning castle up on the hill in the center of Salzburg (Festung Hohensalzburg), from where the vista of the city and the surroundings was magnificent. After touring the castle and taking photographs, we had our traditional coffee on Mozart square. A phenomenal end to a wonderful day – chamber music concert for piano and violin at the Schloss Arenberg. A night to remember...

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**February 17, Friday**
Final lectures on new technologies in head and neck surgery, neck dissections and possible complications. We completed the post-seminar test, this time armed with new knowledge. While walking in the afternoon rain around the city center with Dr. Kujundzic, I tried to gather a few more impressions of Salzburg.

I sat through the final dinner with mixed feelings – I felt joy for being a part of all this, but, at the same time, I was sad because the seminar was coming to an end. I made many friends here, and I am bringing many beautiful memories with me. The awards ceremony brightened up the evening, followed by taking photographs with faculty members and bidding them farewell...

Short afterparty in Armenian Lounge... there are friends everywhere I look.

Tomorrow is departure. Good bye Arenberg, good bye Salzburg. I hope to see you again soon.

Thanks to Faculty and Administration of Schloss Arenberg for this wonderful week.

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