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- 34 fellows from 25 different countries and regions
- 9 faculty members from the United States, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy & Austria
- 24 lectures and 5 workshops given by faculty
- 32 interesting case presentations by fellows
- 9 excellent case presentations selected by faculty

Faculty Photo (L-R)
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measurement related to improving quality of patient care on a national level. She has also played an integral role in national and international activities, including the Progress Review Group for Bladder and Renal Cancer at the NCI/NIH, the Society of International Urology Guidelines Panel Bladder Preservation Committee, and contributes time and expertise to the Austrian American Foundation/ESU Master class and EUA in an effort to improve the quality of surgical care globally.

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**July, 1st, Sunday evening:** I arrived to Salzburg by plane in the late afternoon, coming from Vienna and Milan (first from where I live). It was a long trip but I loved this town at the first sight, especially after having a look when I took a taxi from the airport to Schloss Arenberg. After filling in some formal papers and leaving the luggage in a nice room, single bed, there was the first meeting at 7 o’clock. Dr. Wolfgang K. Aulitzky (Medical Director of AAF), and Prof. Herr (Director of the Course) introduced the main issues about practical & scientific organization of the masterclass. Then, a very tasty dinner gave us the opportunity to get to know each other. I met three other Italian Colleagues who helped to make the atmosphere in Schloss Arenberg more and more friendly. It was also useful to break the first communication barriers with other people.

**July, 2nd, Monday:** At 8 o’clock Prof. Herr welcomed us to the seminar again, and we took the pre-seminar test. I thought that some questions and relative answers were doubtful. Nevertheless, since I was attending the masterclass in order to comprehend the right answers, I reassured myself that they would be discovered by the masterclass.

The first lecture was done by Prof. Amy Krambeck and it was about the basic notions for urologists about stone metabolism. I was impressed by the simple way she clearly explained such a complex issue. The other lessons by Prof. Knoll from Germany and Prof. Scoffone from Italy were dedicated to stone diagnosis and treatment, and I noticed that the forms of material presentation were very interesting to learn. A very interesting feature of all the lessons was the possibility to stop the Professors and discuss the most controversial issues with them and the rest of class. This finally led me to resolve all of my doubts. We also enjoyed the coffee-break, lunch and group photo with the faculty.

In the afternoon Ms. Stephanie Fascherg gave us a lot of information about the American Austrian Foundation, its aims and all the possibilities that this Foundation can give to young doctors who would like to advance their knowledge.

The afternoon consisted of fellows’ case presentations. The day was over before we noticed. A friendly atmosphere and opportunity to ask questions helped me to understand and remember the given information more easily. Additionally, we could compare our experiences among fellows from all over the world (from Qatar to Mexico, all across Europe). After dinner I went for a run along the riverside, some of us went to the city to enjoy a little bit more of Salzburg’s night atmosphere.

**July, 3rd, Tuesday:** In the morning, we concluded all the lessons about stones. It was a very interesting section and I gained a lot of information about improving my daily practice concerning an illness that is so common where I work (Como Lake). After the coffee break, my attention was focused on a completely different area: Non Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer. The lectures by Prof. Juan Palou from
Barcelona and Prof. Shahrokh Shariat from Vienna. Again, just as the day before, I was deeply impressed and I realized the importance of new diagnostic and treatment technologies. After the next lecture by Prof. Palou about the risk stratification and according treatment, the fellows started their case presentations once more. My presentation was the 7th one. I must say I was a little nervous, but the friendly and kind disposition of Prof. Herr and Prof. Donat as well as all of the classmates gave me confidence. We got to see that everyone has to see and solve very complex cases in daily life. Like the afternoon before, we didn’t notice how time went by. After dinner my new friends and I promenaded in the historical center of Salzburg and we went to see a Soccer World Cup match in the Augustiner Bräu, which was full of funny people.

July, 4th, Wednesday: In the morning Prof. Palou closed the topic of NMIBC and Prof. Donat started the lectures about Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer. During lunch, she stayed with us to share a lot of useful suggestions for our daily lives as Urologists. She tried to imagine herself in countries with habits completely different to the USA. Since the faculty knows that lectures without practice are useless, they gave us an opportunity to have some Hands-on Training in Laparoscopy. We were divided into groups, in order to work with the simulator with maximum comfort. It was my free afternoon so I went to visit the Salzburg Castle, admiring the panorama of this wonderful city and the beautiful mountains surrounding it. It looked like something out of a fairy tale. After dinner Prof. Shariat joined a group of us to relax and some enjoy some small talk, ending with a foosball tournament! Prof. Shariat was very friendly and patient with all these young people!
July, 5th, Thursday: In the morning Prof. Herr and Prof. Donat closed the topic of Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer. In the afternoon Prof. Shariat held a very interesting lecture about metastatic Upper Tract Urothelial Cancer. After dinner, I got to experience some Austrian culture with a chamber music concert in Schloss Arenberg – it was very relaxing. We enjoyed it a lot.

![Image of five people smiling]

July, 6th Friday: The last day was full of interesting lectures about an uncommon topic for Adult Urologist: Pediatric Urology. I learnt that studying pediatric urology is also essential for adult urologists because many problems in adult life can derive from misdiagnosed or undiagnosed pediatric conditions. In the afternoon there were case discussions with fellows and faculty.

Looking back at the week I had mixed feelings. I was very happy because I found new friends, I have learnt a lot, and yet at the same time I was very sad because the seminar was over. But I hope that in future I will have the opportunity to attend many more interesting and useful seminars like this one.

I want to express my great gratitude to everyone in the organization of this perfect seminar. I was given the opportunity to gain new friends, extending my network to an international level. I will never forget this experience and the most important thing: the daily exchange with other people made me grow as a doctor! I will surely suggest this masterclass to my Italian colleagues!

Carmen Maccagnano (Italy)
1 July, Sunday: After a couple of flights, I arrived to Salzburg from Milan by plane. It was my second visit to this beautiful town, as I participated in this amazing course last summer as well. After my arrival at Schloss Arenberg, I just had the time for a quick shower and then it was welcome reception time. Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky, medical director of AAF, welcomed us to the seminar. The atmosphere in Schloss Arenberg was very friendly and we started to get to know each other.

2 July, Monday: The pre-seminar test was quite challenging at some points, there were many questions and little time, and it made me realize that there are SO MANY things you do not know or are unsure about. After the test the awesome lectures started. Monday was dedicated to stone disease that is what I am currently doing the most in the OR as well, so being able to ask and learn tips and tricks from the experts was amazing! After the lectures, some of us went to the city for sightseeing and shopping and then headed back to Arenberg for dinner.

3 July, Tuesday: In the morning we had more lectures about stone disease, in particular PNL, and again, it is so useful to be able to ask and discuss technical issues with world renowned experts - no congress can give you this opportunity! Then bladder cancer lectures start and...WOW! The enthusiasm and passion the professors transmitted during their lectures really is incredible, each of them has a different style and different characteristics coming from various countries with their own background. But being able to learn from decades of experience from professor’s Herr and Palou, feeling the unlimited passion and dedication of Professor Donat, and being enchanted by the dialectic of professor Shariat, makes this master class an invaluable gift for all participants.

4. July, Wednesday: Today is bladder cancer again and, as I already said, all professors involved in this masterclass really do transmit enthusiasm and passion for this job, which makes them not only give us lectures but also discussions with us all through our break times. Coffee and lunch times became an invaluable occasion for discussing clinical cases, surgery, and prospective studies to start in our own countries. All of this is not something you can find in books or learn by reading a journal. After lunch, we had some hands-on training in laparoscopy, which allowed us to be able to perform the E-Blus examination exercises. After dinner we had a foosball tournament and, despite winning the first match, my Italian ladies team lost against Professor Shariat’s team...let’s say we let him win because he is the boss!
5. July, Thursday: Today we realized medicine is evolving so fast, sometimes we can’t keep up, but we have to, for our patients! Immunotherapy is the future and, even though most of us are ignorant in this field, we all realized we have to study and read and never sit down to rest. We must do it to cure our patients in the best possible way. This is our mission after all, it is why most of us choose this amazing job and life! Upper urinary tract cancer is another challenging disease we all face in our practice and sometimes have troubles dealing with, especially as guidelines are sometimes lacking certainties. After dinner there was a concert with a beautiful piano and cello playing.

6. July, Friday: It was pediatric urology day. Even though this is not my field, I enjoyed the lectures and increased my knowledge. Unfortunately, the masterclass is over. It has been an amazing opportunity and I will be a better urologist back home for sure!

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