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As Director of the Medical Program of the American Austrian Foundation he has initiated the Open Medical Institute, a scientific and educational collaboration of Weill Cornell and the New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Children Hospital of Philadelphia, Duke University, Columbia University, the Cleveland Clinic and leading hospitals in Austria. Dr. Aulitzky earned his medical degree at the University of Innsbruck in 1977, was a research associate at the University of Uppsala, Sweden and the Rockefeller University, New York. He received his training as an urologist at the University of Innsbruck and the General Hospital of Salzburg. He is the author of more than 140 publications on Urology, Andrology and Health Care issues and is co-author of books on basic and clinical urology/andrology.

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Dara G. Jamieson, MD (Course Director) received her medical education at the University of Pennsylvania and completed her neurology residency and cerebrovascular fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. After a practice at Penn with a specialty of stroke and headache medicine she came to New York Presbyterian Hospital to join the Stroke and Headache Centers.

Dr. Jamieson is one of the very few board-certified neurologists with subspecialty board certification in both vascular neurology and headache medicine. Her particular area of clinical interest is stroke in patients with chronic headache disorders such as migraines. She also has a particular interest and expertise in stroke in women, who may be at increased stroke risk because of headaches or cardiac disease. She has participated in many of the influential clinical trials in stroke prevention and treatment that have shaped the current approach to treatment of patients with cerebrovascular disease. Exemplified by her philosophy that the best way to treat a stroke is to prevent one, she works with her patients to decrease their risk of a first or a recurrent stroke.

Most headaches are not due to an underlying life-threatening condition, but Dr. Jamieson’s experience in stroke and critical care neurology help her to identify those rare headache patients for whom acute treatment is necessary. In treating patients with chronic debilitating headaches, she helps the patient to identify headache triggers, to adjust life-style and to use medications, both acute and preventative, which will decrease the impact of headaches on quality of life.

Dr. Jamieson is also a Director of the Neurovascular Ultrasound Laboratory of the Department of Neurology, with specialty certification in intracranial and extracranial ultrasonography. She has a special interest in clinical neuroimaging and is the President of the American Society of Neuroimaging from 2011 to 2013.

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Eugen Trinka, MD, MSc, FRCP (Co-Course Director) is Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology, Paracelsus Medical University, Director of the Christian Doppler Medical Centre (CDK) and Clinical Vice Dean of the Paracelsus Medical University, Salzburg, Austria.

He qualified in Medicine at Vienna University in 1990 and undertook his postgraduate training in Salzburg before becoming a staff neurologist in 1998. Since 2003 he has been Associate Professor of Neurology at the Innsbruck Medical University and he became Head of the Epilepsy Service at the Department of Neurology, University Hospital Innsbruck, 2004-2010. In April 2010 he was appointed as Chair of the Department for Neurology at the Christian Doppler Klinik and Professor for Neurology at the Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg. His research interests include Epileptology (epidemiology, prognosis, pathophysiology, epilepsy surgery), clinical neurophysiology, functional neuroimaging and clinical drug trials. Professor Trinka has published more than 385 original papers and is member of the editorial board of several peer-reviewed journals. He is President of the Austrian Society for Neurology, Past President of the Austrian Society of Neurophysiology and the Austrian Epilepsy Society and Chair of the European Epilepsy Societies.

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Claire Henchcliffe, MD, DPhil, FAAN, FANA is the Vice Chair for Clinical Research in Neurology and the director of the Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Institute at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York City. She read for her BA in Biochemistry and completed her graduate thesis at the University of Oxford in the UK. She then pursued post-doctoral training in genetics and neuroscience at the University of Cambridge, UK, and the University of California at Berkeley, California. Dr. Henchcliffe received her medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in New York City. She completed both her internship and residency in neurology, and subsequently a fellowship in movement disorders under Stanley Fahn, MD, at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center's Neurological Institute. Her current research focuses on biomarker discovery and on developing new treatments for Parkinson's disease, including cell-based therapies. She has served as investigator and on the steering committees for multiple clinical trials in Parkinson's disease, and is the Weill Cornell site Principal Investigator for the NIH-funded NeuroNEXT clinical trial network. In addition to running a busy clinical practice specializing in movement disorders, she frequently lectures and writes about PD.

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Dr. Kaunzner studied medicine in Jena and Paris, and received her medical degree from the Friedrich Schiller University in Jena, Germany. She then continued her postdoctoral training in Neuroinflammation/Neuroimmunity at the Rockefeller University, New York. After her Internship and Neurology residency at the New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, she completed a fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroinflammation at the Judith Jaffe MS Center of Weill-Cornell Medicine.

Dr. Kaunzner is board certified in Psychiatry and Neurology and is a member of the American Academy of Neurology.

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Monika Killer-Oberpfalzer, MD is a fully trained neurosurgeon who is specialized in neurointerventional therapy. Her clinical skills and scientific interests are focused on diagnosis and treatment of cerebrovascular diseases and spinal vascular malformations.

Dr. Killer grew up in Vienna, Austria and graduated in 1993 as M.D. (Doctor medicinae universae) from the University of Vienna, Medical School. She received her license as Specialist in Neurosurgery from the Austrian Medical Chamber in 1999 and her International Master (MSc) for Neurovascular Diseases in 2002 from Université Paris Sud-Faculté de Médecine de Bicètre.

Since 2004, Dr. Killer has been the attending Neurointerventionalist at Christian Doppler Clinic Salzburg, Austria, Paracelsus Medical University. From 2005 to 2010, she was the Head of the Division Experimental Neurointervention of the Neuroscience Institute Salzburg (Prof. Gunther Ladurner). Dr. Killer’s research interests include new interventional therapies of cerebral aneurysms and stroke. She is a peer reviewer for multiple international journals such as Stroke, AJNR, Neuroradiology and Acta Neurochirurgica.

Since 2009 Dr. Killer is Associate Professor in Neurointervention at Paracelsus Medical University Salzburg and since 2011 she is Head of the Research Institute of Neurointervention at the Department of Neurology, Paracelsus Medical University (Prof. Eugen Trinka).

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Ehud Lavi, MD is a Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, and Chief of the Neuropathology Service at Weill Cornell Medical College. He is providing service and consultations on all aspects of pathology of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve and muscle. Dr. Lavi has research interest in neurovirology and neuroimmunology. He has been investigating since 1982 coronavirus-induced demyelination, an experimental model of multiple sclerosis. The main focus of the investigation has been the interaction between viruses and the central nervous system (CNS), the role of astrocytes and microglia in cytokine signaling, and the role of viral glycoproteins in neurotropism.

Ehud Lavi, MD received his medical degree from the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, and did a Neurology residency at Hadassah Hospital - The Hebrew University School of Medicine in Jerusalem, Israel. Following a research fellowship in Neurovirology at the University of Pennsylvania and the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, he trained in Anatomic Pathology at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, followed by a Neuropathology fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1991 he joined the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as Attending Neuropathologist until 2005 when he came to Cornell University.

Dr. Lavi published over 150 scientific publications, including research articles in the fields of neurovirology, neuroimmunology and neuropathology, reviews, editorials, and book chapters. Dr. Lavi published a book on Nidoviruses (2000) and a book on Experimental Models of Multiple Sclerosis (2005). Dr. Lavi served on study sections for the NIH, and the Department of Agriculture. He chaired the organizing committee of the 2000 International symposium on Nidoviruses. Dr. Lavi served on the editorial board of the Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, on the Board of Directors of the International Society for Neurovirology and on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Neurovirology.

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Stefan Leis, MD is “Privatdozent” and senior consultant at the University Clinic of Neurology in Salzburg, where he is responsible for the early-phase neurorehabilitation after severe brain damage and spinal cord injury, and for the outpatient pain clinic. He studied medicine at the Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in Germany. After receiving his medical degree he started working as house physician at the Department of Neurology at the University hospital Erlangen. From 2000 - 2001 he worked as a medical resident in the collaborative research centre “Pathobiology of pain” at the Department of Physiology. He completed his specialist training in the Department of Neurology and in the Department of Psychiatry at the University hospital Erlangen. Dr. Leis is member of the scientific advisory board of the Austrian Headache Society, deputy chair of the pain study group of the Austrian Society of Neurology, and member of the German Pain Society, and the Austrian Pain Society. His research focuses on neurorehabilitation of vegetative state and spinal cord injury and on pain disorders like complex regional pain syndromes and neuropathic pain with special interest in the function of primary nociceptive afferents and distinct mechanisms of neuroinflammation.

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Slaven Pikija, MD is a neurologist who specializes in stroke neurology. Dr. Pikija grew up in the northwestern part of inland Croatia and completed his undergraduate studies in Varazdin County. He graduated from Zagreb School of Medicine and completed his neurologic residency at General Hospital Varazdin.

Dr. Pikija’s research interests include stroke medicine in general, neuroradiology with emphasis on acute stroke and vascular imaging. The role of veins in acute stroke are the recent focus of his active research. Recent publications include neuroepidemiological studies and one study on vertebrobasilar calcifications in Stroke. He is a peer reviewer for multiple major neurological journals.

Dr. Pikija is currently on the staff in Christian-Doppler-Klinik as stroke neurologist in stroke unit. He lives in Salzburg.

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Johann Sellner, MD is a neurologist who specializes in autoimmune and infectious CNS disorders, cerebrovascular disease and non-traumatic myelopathies. Prior to the certification as a neurologist by the Bavarian Medical Chamber, he was trained in Heidelberg, DE (Prof. W. Hacke, 2001-2004), Bern, CH (Prof. Ch. W. Hess, 2005-2007) and Munich, DE (Prof. B. Hemmer, 2008-2010). He worked as a neurologist at the stroke unit and interdisciplinary ICU of the Technische Universität München (2010-2012). He joined the faculty of Christian-Doppler Medical Center in Salzburg in 2013 where he heads the center for multiple sclerosis and autoimmune neurology. He coordinates the stroke prevention activities and is involved in the establishment of stroke prevention centers in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the Republic of Moldova on behalf of the OMI. He had scientific fellowships in San Francisco (cerebrovascular, 2006) and London (neuroimmunology, 2009) and was OMI visiting professor in Armenia (2017). Among his research interests are emerging treatment strategies and prognostic factors in multiple sclerosis, autoimmune encephalitis and spinal cord infarction. His research group consists of two post-doctoral fellows, three PhD students and five residents. He is on the editorial board of four international and one national neurology journal. He is an elected individual delegate to the European Academy of Neurology (EAN) and active in the neuroinfections, rare disease and MS sections.

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Joshua Weaver, MD is a general neurologist with subspecialty interest in peripheral neuropathy and neuromuscular disorders. Dr. Weaver was born and raised in the United States near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He graduated from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, and completed his neurology residency at Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he also served as chief resident. His fellowship training in Clinical Neurophysiology was also at Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital with Drs. Michael Rubin and Norman Latov. Dr. Weaver's research interests are broad and include work in small fiber neuropathy, blepharospasm, and brain death. He is also heavily involved in medical student and resident teaching and administration, having served as Associate Program Director for the Weill Cornell Neurology Residency Program, as well as Associate Clerkship Director overseeing medical students in the Weill Cornell Neurology Clerkship. Dr. Weaver is currently on the faculty of Weill Cornell Medical College as Assistant Professor of Clinical Neurology, and he is an Assistant Attending Neurologist at Weill Cornell New York Presbyterian Hospital. He thoroughly enjoys living in Brooklyn, New York.

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Saturday, March 3. After a ten-hour flight to Frankfurt and another hour on a second flight, we finally arrived in Salzburg. When I arrived, I saw snow for the first time in my life and during the flight I met two other neurologists from Mexico. The weather was cold and it was already dark. A taxi took us to the venue, School Arenberg, and the whole place seemed like a fairy tale. At the reception they gave us our key cards and the seminar program. We went out for dinner through a forest and arrived at the center of the city to have a beer and a baguette. The waiter was super friendly and the beer was delicious. The room is very comfortable and equipped with everything necessary for a pleasant stay.

Sunday, March 4. First sunrise in Europe in a city of dreams. I woke up at 6:30 am. After a nice breakfast, we walked around on fresh snow in Salzburg. We saw the Cathedral, the house of Mozart and the University of Mozart, we climbed up to the fortress of Salzburg where we spent the morning with excellent panoramic views. We went down to the center where we had a kebab and a beer. In the evening, there was the welcome dinner with the faculty from New York and Austria, the atmosphere was warm and inspiring. We shared a rich dinner with several European colleagues and compared our professional practices in different countries. It was an extraordinary day.

Monday, March 5. We started the day with a light breakfast at 7:00 am. The night was hard to fall asleep and I woke up a little tired. The conference started at 8:00 am and it was great to listen to Dr. Trinka and the rest of the speakers. In the afternoon, they presented four cases and gave us some tips how to publish case reports. It was a long day and at the end, after a delicious dinner and a good bath, I was able to sleep.

Tuesday, March 6. I woke up and was ready for a new day. We started with abnormal movements with a very pleasant conversation and then Dr. Trinka again excited me with his talk on status epilepticus. I am not very involved in the neuromuscular pathology, but the talk of small fiber neuropathy was quite pleasant. They took the group photo and some individual photos. After the meal was the presentation of cases by the fellows and I had to give my first clinical case in English, which was very interesting. We saw cases of different pathologies presented by colleagues from various countries, which was very enriching, and the teachers were very pleasant and commented on some data in a timely manner. At the end of the day, we went for a delicious beer and prepared to sleep.
**Wednesday, March 7.** Today the seminar was shorter. We spent the morning between the exciting world of cerebral venous pathology and the treatment of acute cerebral infarction, to end with cerebral hemorrhages. The talk on endovascular therapy was very clear and exciting because of the excellent results. The afternoon was free to visit the city and at the end of the day we enjoyed a delicious lasagna at dinner.

**Thursday, March 8.** The end of the week is approaching and there is a mixture of feelings - of joy for what was learned and enjoyed and sadness for the end of this adventure. Today was a long day again. In the morning the presentations on multiple sclerosis with the new criteria and treatment algorithms was quite enjoyable. The cases of neuropathological correlation were also interesting and exciting and very well presented. In the afternoon, the cases were very specific and one in particular (Niemman Pick) seemed great to me. At the end of the day, we enjoyed a beautiful piano concert that transported you to magical places that seemed like a dream. We chatted with colleagues and the faculty. What an excellent day accompanied by a glass of wine.

**Friday, March 9.** Today the seminar will end. The best thing about this experience was the coexistence of neurologists from different countries who love their work and strive to improve the care of their patients. Tomorrow I return home with another perspective of what can be improved in my hospital and the commitment to repeat the seminar in my country. I am happy and grateful to all the organizers for this incredible experience.

_Alejandra V. Calderon, MD, MSc (Mexico)_
**Saturday, March 3.** We arrived in Salzburg in the evening. When I write ‘we’, I mean my two Mexican colleagues (Dr. Alejandra Calderón and Dr. Nancy Bertado) and me. The weather was (predictably) very cold for us. We arrived from Frankfurt after a really long flight from Mexico City (more than ten hours!). It is my second time in Austria but my first in Salzburg. We soon discovered that the Schloss Arenberg is a really charming place! I later learned that Ralph Kirkpatrick lived here for some time. That evening we only went out for a quick dinner and went back to have some sleep.

**Sunday, March 4.** The seminar would start the next day, so we got up very early to explore the city. We discovered the beautiful Salzach and all its bridges (at least those in the old town). We also visited several beautiful churches (including the Cathedral, where Mozart was baptized). I learned here that Salzburg is sometimes known as the ‘Rome of the North’ (just like Trier in Germany). Then we went to Mozart’s birthplace and later to the huge Hohensalzburg Fortress, a frankly impressive place. Unfortunately, due to the recent snowfall, many statues in the old town were covered. We also tried to visit the Stefan Zweig Centre, but it was unfortunately closed. We had our lunch at the old town and went then to the Mirabell gardens. Their mythology-themed statues are a complete delight. Later that day Dr. Bertardo and I visited the Nonnberg Abbey. I really loved the Abbey Church, maybe even more than the Cathedral. That day we had our dinner at the Schloss Arenberg and went to bed early to be prepared for the next day!

**Monday, March 5.** The seminar finally started! Our academic day started with the pre-seminar test. Then we met Dr. Jamieson, our course director, who gave us a very nice update on migraine. Dr. Henchcliffe was the next lecturer and addressed a very interesting topic on movement disorders. We then met Dr. Trinka, our co-course director, who masterfully explained to us the new ILAE seizure classification. It was really interesting for me because he also dedicated some time of his lecture to discuss some controversies around this new classification. After lunch, Dr. Lavi, who is the Chief of the Neuropathology Service at Weill Cornell, gave us a very useful lecture on inflammatory myopathies. Then Dr. Pikija explained to us how to report an interesting clinical case. Some of our colleagues (mostly Austrians, excepting Dr. Marieta Peycheva, who is from Bulgaria) inaugurated the Fellows’ Case Presentations presenting their clinical cases during the afternoon. That day we met some new colleagues, mainly from Austria and Czech Republic: Dr. Olga Ulmanová, Dr. Kamila Volná, and Dr. Marian Rados.
**Tuesday, March 6.** We had our breakfast at the Schloss Arenberg and there we met Dr. Aleksandra Szczepańska, a Polish colleague. Our academic day started with some challenging cases in Parkinson's disease. Dr. Henchcliffe’s lecture was quite instructive. Now we turned to the peripheral nervous system and Dr. Weaver gave us a very useful lecture on the diagnosis and treatment of small fiber neuropathy. An important (and very common) condition that we sometimes leave aside because, in general terms, we tend to be especially interested in the central nervous system (the few, lucky exceptions could be GBS and CIDP). During the coffee break, we met two Armenian colleagues: Dr. Anahit Darabayan and Dr. Christine Sabahgoulian. Back to the seminar, we met again Dr. Trinka, who gave us a wonderful lecture on epileptic status. I could even say that he practically summed up all the available evidence for us. Later Dr. Leis introduced us to the complex regional pain syndrome. I have never seen a patient with this condition, probably in Mexico these patients are treated by a different kind of doctor (maybe algologists). Fellow’s Case Presentations started after lunch and Dr. Ulmanová presented a unique case of a patient with an uncommon movement disorder caused by a very rare mutation. Her case was definitively my favorite of this afternoon. After the last case, I tried to visit the Stefan Zweig Centre again, but I found it closed for the second time!

**Wednesday, March 7.** All this academic day was devoted to vascular neurology. Dr. Jamieson started talking about venous cerebrovascular diseases. During her lecture, she gave us some very valuable clinical pearls. Then Dr. Killer-Oberpfalzer discussed endovascular treatments and practically summed up all the available evidence for us in a few slides. After the coffee break, Dr. Pikija explained to us how to organize and run a successful stroke service. The final lecture was also delivered by Dr. Jamieson. On this occasion, she talked about uncommon causes of intraparenchymal hemorrhage. For the third time I tried to visit the Stefan Zweig Centre, but I found it closed again! When I was going back to the Schloss Arenberg I discovered the Galerie Welz and bought some art books (Klimt’s, Chagall’s, and Bonnard’s). After my purchase, the shopman gave me a Schiele's postcard for free. This was officially our free afternoon. However, the day before Dr. Trinka had invited us to his weekly epilepsy session at the Christian-Doppler-Klinik. One of his residents, Dr. Matthias Mauritz, kindly took us to the conference by bus. Among those who also attended this conference were Dr. Volná and Dr. Sabahgoulian. That day I had had the pleasure of meeting two Slovenian colleagues (Dr. Aljoša Andlovic and Dr. Ana Šubic), who also attended. Dr. Boris Hlebec (from Croatia) was also there with us. Two very interesting cases were discussed there. I really enjoyed attending this clinical session. It is always interesting to know firsthand how things work in other places.

**Thursday, March 8.** In general terms, this academic day was practically devoted to clinical neuroimmunology. Dr. Kaunzner gave us her first lecture and it was about MS, a subject that I like a lot. Later Dr. Sellner delivered a lecture about comorbidities in MS. I found it very interesting because it dealt with a very elemental issue that we often ignore. After the coffee break, Dr. Sellner changed his lecture and discussed the differential diagnosis of cortical lesions. He will deliver tomorrow his lecture about immune-mediated encephalitis. Dr. Jamieson and Dr. Lavi then directed a magnificent session on clinicopathological correlation. They were mostly cases with atypical presentations and biopsy-proven diagnosis. After lunch, it was my turn and so I presented my clinical case. My favorite cases this afternoon were those presented by Dr. Liisa Körv (a late-onset Niemann-Pick disease, type C1) and Dr. Katalin Saftics (a steroid responsive encephalopathy associated with autoimmune thyroiditis [aka Hashimoto’s encephalopathy] later associated with an aneurysmal subarachnoid hemorrhage). Dr. Irina Sharinova also presented a very interesting study about craniocerebral hypothermia in ischemic stroke. I am very happy right now since we are invited tonight to a chamber music concert here at the Schloss Arenberg.
I sincerely believe that the diversity of the topics addressed in this seminar will surely enrich my training as a neurology resident and, therefore, my clinical performance in daily activities. Finally, I want to thank the Medical Alliance for Health (Alianza Médica para la Salud), the American Austrian Foundation, the Faculty, and my fellow attendees for this great opportunity. I really hope that all of us continue to be in contact and working together to achieve greater goals for the benefit of our nations.

Guillermo R. Delgado García, MD (Mexico)
Monday, March 5. I woke up after a refreshing sleep. I had half an hour for breakfast but I could finish until the sharp beginning of the seminar. The pre-seminar test was a great intellectual challenge. The morning session about migraine and differential diagnosis of shaking were a very good mixture of theory and practical knowledge. We continued with epilepsy, which contained more theories but so the classification was more memorable. The lecture about myopathies was a very nice and straightforward summary of these diseases. All case presentations were thought provoking and I could learn from them a lot. In the evening, we were going out for a drink to a traditional beer-house, called Augustiner, recommended by an Austrian fellow. I was amazed by the practicality of the organization of the pub. Along with tourists, lots of locals were sitting and chatting there. It was a nice end of a meaningful day.

Tuesday, March 6. Today after a continental breakfast we had lectures about Parkinson differential diagnosis and the very rarely noticed small fiber neuropathies. Then we had a short coffee break. Today we drank coffee in the city centre near the Schloss because we wanted to move our legs and refresh our head outside. In the afternoon, we were listening to the case presentations of our fellows. This session lasted three hours, and I felt very tired in the end but I was not bored even for a minute because all cases were instructive and applicable for our further practice. After the end of the lectures, I decided to go jogging along the riverside, Salzach, which was really recreative and despite the foggy and humid weather I could enjoy the tranquil area of the city. I came back for dinner, and after dinner, we stayed in the hotel and talked a bit with couple of our fellows. I went to the bed earlier than yesterday.

Wednesday, March 7. This day was the stroke-day. It was very gripping in the Salzburg stroke-care; how they focus on the improvement of organization and the protocol in order to reduce door to needle time. In the cerebral venous diseases session, I found it very useful that real cases were presented and lots of MRI and CT records were shown. So we kept taking part mentally in the lectures and so it revealed doubt and problems which usually occur in complicated cases in practice. Moreover, in the presentation about intracranial hemorrhage I was really enthralled by the tight cooperation with the neuropathologist. The information about tissue samples add further dimension to the several diseases. After lunch we had a free afternoon, so we went sightseeing. We looked around in the castle, we took part in the guided tour as well. The view of the city on the one side and of the mountains on the other
side from the highest tour was amazing. Afterwards we visited Mozart’s birthplace. In the evening, after dinner, I prepared for the case presentation, which is going to be tomorrow.

**Thursday, March 8.** After the regular breakfast, we had very clear lectures about multiple sclerosis and we got some interesting information about comorbidities. It called the attention to the surveillance of other diseases and not to neglect them. The next lecture about cortical lesion was very practice-oriented, this can be implemented in our methodology and help us to reach a diagnosis. The last presentation with real cases was full of pathology and radiology, I really enjoyed that! After lunch, case presentations, including mine were coming. I was a bit nervous, but again, the cases were so exciting that I could ignore my stress. Regarding my case, I tried to make up my case shortly but clearly, not to miss any data. It was a great challenge but I could admit that I had learned a lot from it. I think that I succeeded in keeping the time-interval, which was required. Finally, this session finished. I felt revealed. In our free time, I went out to meet one of my friend who has been living here for half a year. I came back to the chamber concert, which was very original and relaxing. After the concert, the whole group went to the hall and continued to chat and make friends. The faculty joined us as well, I really liked this free get-together after party.

**Friday, March 9.** The next day waking up was a bit difficult, in the same time I felt sorry that this would be our last day. After the morning program, we ended up with the post-seminar test. During the seminar, I tried to memorize the topics which occurred in the pre-seminar test and I had had some doubts about, but despite this effort I kept being unsure. In the afternoon, we went for a short walk in the city center. The graduation dinner was very elegant; it was set in the ceremonial hall. Everybody was praised and was given a certification. I felt very honored by this generous treatment. In the evening I had to leave the hotel.

I am extremely grateful for this whole week, I could learn a lot and my enthusiasm for my field was strengthened. Meanwhile I could relax in a beautiful environment and finally yet importantly I could get to know a lot of kind colleagues.

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