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### SALZBURG ESU/ WEILL CORNELL MASTER CLASS IN UROLOGY

**June 23 - 29, 2019**

- 33 fellows from 26 different countries and regions
- 9 faculty members from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States
- 26 lectures, 2 hands-on trainings (laparoscopy) given by faculty
- 30 interesting case presentations by fellows
- 6 excellent case presentations selected by faculty

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**Faculty Photo (L-R)**

Joel B. Nelson, MD; Scott T. Tagawa, MD, MS, FACP; Samantha M. Pfeifer, MD; Peter N. Schlegel, MD, FACS (Course Director); Hendrik Van Poppel, MD, PhD (Co-Course Director); Suks Minhas, MD, FRCS (Urol); Wolfgang K. Aulitzky, MD (OMI, Medical Director) and Rafael Sanchez-Salas, MD

not pictured: James Kashanian, MD; Theodoros Tokas, MD, PhD, FEBU (Tutor) and Christian Wagner, MD, FEBU (Tutor)
Group Photo of Faculty and Fellows
**2019 Salzburg ESU/ Weill Cornell Master Class in Urology**  
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Wolfgang K. Aulitzky, MD is the Medical Director of the American Austrian Foundation. He is Associate Dean for International Medicine and Distance Learning, Adjunct Prof. of Clinical Urology and Adjunct Prof. of Clinical Reproductive Medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University/New York Presbyterian Hospital. In 2016, he was appointed Adjunct Professor of Pediatrics in the Associated Faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He is also Associate Prof. of Urology at the Medical University of Innsbruck and Visiting Professor at the Medical University of Vienna. Amongst others he is a member of the American, German and Austrian Societies of Urology and was awarded the Zuckerkandlpreis of the Austrian Society of Urology in 1989. In 1995 he received the Silver Medal, in 2007 the Golden Medal for Merits to the Republic of Austria and in 2014 the cross of honor of the Land Salzburg. 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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Peter N. Schlegel, MD, FACS (Course Director) is James J. Colt Professor and Chairman of Urology at the Weill Cornell Medical College and Urologist-in-Chief at The New York Presbyterian Hospital. He has been recognized for his clinical and research in Urology by numerous national and international awards. His research has involved areas in the field of prostate cancer as well as numerous studies in the area of male infertility. His research in infertility has identified characteristics of men with azoospermia, new treatment approaches for male infertility, and novel observations on genetic abnormalities that affect male fertility. He currently serves on several Editorial Boards including the Fertility & Sterility as well as previously on Journal of Urology and BJU International and as a co-Editor of the Journal of Andrology. He is a former Trustee of the American Board of Urology and has also served on the Examination Committee of the AUA/ABU. His career included residency training at Johns Hopkins as well as a fellowship in molecular biology and male infertility at The Population Council at Rockefeller University in New York. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Dr. Schlegel has published over 300 original manuscripts and dozens of book chapters. He is currently President of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine.

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Hendrik Van Poppel, MD, PhD (Co-Course Director) graduated in General Surgery in 1980, in Urology in 1983 and joined the Academic Unit at KU Leuven in 1985 after his postgraduate training in London, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Mainz and Rotterdam. In 1988, he obtained a PhD in Medical Sciences. He became a Fellow of the European Board of Urology (FEBU) in 1992, full Professor of Urology in 1993, and chair of the department of urology in Leuven in 2002. He was visiting Professor in Aachen (DE), Munster (DE), ‘s Hertogenbosch (NL), Linz (AU), Barcelona (SP), Jönköping (SE), Marburg (DE), Cardiff (UK), London (UK), Heidelberg (DE), Mainz (DE), Timisoara (RO), Surabaya (ID) and Vienna (AU) were he demonstrated live uro-oncologic surgery for kidney, bladder and prostate cancer. Other live demonstrations took place in Nijmegen (NL), Zaragoza (SP), L’Aquila (IT), Leuven (BE), Brussels (BE), Milan (IT), Torino (IT), Tbilisi (GE), Djakovié (RKS) and La Vallette (MT). He described the original surgical technique for prepubic urethrectomy, percutaneous gastrostomy, lumbal splenectomy during orthotopic kidney transplantation, and of the Leuven “N”pouch for bladder substitution. He performed more than 2500 radical prostatectomies and actually only performs major open oncological surgery for kidney, bladder, prostate, testis and penile cancer. He was co-founder and chairman of the European Study Group on Sexual and Urological Disorders in Multiple Sclerosis (SUDIMS) between 1991 and 1995, Treasurer of the EORTC Genito-Urinary Group between 1997 and 2011, Board Member of the EORTC between 2004 and 2008, President of the Belgian Association of Urology 2009 – 2010 and Treasurer of the International Consultation on Urological Diseases (ICUD) between 2009 and 2012. During 8 years he was Director of the European School of Urology (ESU) and became EAU Adjunct Secretary General, responsible for Education, in 2012. He is a member of several international scientific organisations as the American Urological Association (AUA), the Société Internationale d’Urologie (SIU), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Urologie (DGU) and the American Association of Genito-Urinary Surgeons (AAGUS). He was Board Member of the European Society of Oncologic Urology (ESOU) and the European Society of Surgical Oncology (ESSO). He was co-founder and is now Chairman of the Scientific Committee of Europa Uomo, Faculty Member of the European Society of Medical Oncology (ESMO) and Board Member of ECCO on behalf of the EAU. He attended more than 890 scientific meetings and gave more than 790 lectures at national and international podia. He has published 210 papers as first author on uro-oncology and has co-authored more than 390 and (co-)edited several books on kidney and prostate cancer. He is reviewer for 30 urological and uro-oncological journals. He is editorial Board Member of Uro-Oncology, Turkish Journal of Urology, Open Prostate Cancer Journal, Kidney Cancer Journal International, Romanian Journal of Urology, European Urology, Annals of Urology, European Urological Review, African Journal of Urology and Asian Journal of Urology, Belgian Journal of Medical Oncology and Actas Urologicas Españolas. He became honorary member of the Asociatia Romana de Urologie (ARU), the Dutch Urological Association (DUA), the
Georgian Urological Association (GUA), the Hungarian Association of Urology (HSU), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Urologie (DGU), the Chinese Urological Association (CUA), the Polish Urological Association (PTU), the Georgian Association of Oncological Urology (GUA), Taiwan Urological Association (TUA) and Japanese Urological Association (JUA). He received the Folke Edsmyr Award (for outstanding contribution to the progress of cancer research in Urology) in Stockholm in 1999, the Pieter De Mulder Award (for his significant contribution in Urology for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma) in Lyon in 2015, the Francisco Diaz Medal from the Asociacion Espanola Urologia (en meritos a su destacada contribución personal al desarrollo de la urologia) in Salamanca in 2015, 1st M.J. Marberger Visiting Professor in Vienna 15-12-2015 and the Distinguished Career Award of the Société Internationale d’Urologie (SIU) in Buenos Aires 2016. He was promotor, co-promotor or jury member of more than 30 doctoral theses at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.

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James Kashanian is Assistant Professor of Urology and Reproductive Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine and New York-Presbyterian Hospital. His care of patients has guided his clinical interests and research efforts focusing on erectile dysfunction, penile prosthetic surgery, men’s health, and male infertility. His most current peer-reviewed publications and book chapters have focused on outcomes related to penile prosthetic surgery, and fertility preservation in male cancer patients. He has been invited to lecture nationally and internationally on male sexual and reproductive medicine. Dr Kashanian has a bachelors of science in Biomedical Engineering and received his medical degree from Temple University School of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA. He completed his general surgery and Urology residency training at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Following residency he went on to fellowship training in Chicago, IL at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Feinberg School of Medicine in Male reproductive medicine and surgery. In 2015 Dr. Kashanian joined the Center for Male Reproductive Medicine and Microsurgery, as well as Sexual Health & Medicine, in the Department of Urology at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York.

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Suks Minhas, MD, FRCS (Urol) is a Consultant Urologist and Andrologist at Imperial College London. He specialises in andrology and genital reconstructive surgery and is one of the only full-time andrological surgeons in the UK. In 2011 he was awarded the prestigious Karl Storz Telescope award. The award is given to urologists within ten years of their first consultant appointment, who have made a significant and lasting contribution to British Urology. He has over 500 published abstracts, papers and chapters on the subject of Andrology. He has chaired scientific meetings both nationally and internationally in the field of andrological surgery. He is also referee and on the editorial board to a number of scientific journals and is part of a number of consultation forums on andrology and is an internationally invited speaker. He was past Chairman of the British Association of Urological Surgeons, Section of Andrology and Trustee of BAUS. He is an EAU guidelines committee member for Male Infertility and Penile Cancer and is a board member of the European Society of Andrological Urology (ESAU). He is also a faculty member of the European School of Urology (ESU) and European residents training programme in Urology (EUREP). He is also Vice Chair of the EAU guidelines group on Male Sexual and reproductive Health.

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**June 23, Sunday evening.** I arrived in Salzburg by plane around 2pm, coming in from Manchester via Frankfurt. This was my first time in Austria and I must commend the organizers on the clear, concise and easy-to-follow directions to get to the Schloss Arenberg. I took the bus 10 from the airport and got to view the beautiful scenery of Salzburg during the journey. Coincidentally, as I was walking up to the house from the bus stop, I noticed a gentleman walking in the same direction. I enquired if he was attending the ESU masterclass and he affirmed this, so we continued the walk to the house together and I made my first friend of the week, Ernesto from Madrid. The house (more like a palace) was magnificent, well maintained with beautiful modern sculptures in the park. At the reception, we were cordially welcomed and after completing the necessary formalities, we were given keys to our respective rooms. My room was very nice with the essential conveniences provided. I unpacked and took a short nap as I had been up since 4am. The welcome reception started at 7pm with a variety of welcome drinks and social interactions. Dr. Wolfgang K. Aulitzky (Medical Director of OMI) introduced the concept/purpose of the masterclass and gave a brief overview on what to expect over the coming days. He was supported by other faculty members present, Peter Schlegel (Course Director), Prof H. van Poppel (co-course Director), Scott Tagawa and Rafael Sanchez-Salas. Subsequently, we settled down to a delicious dinner which gave us an opportunity to get to know each other informally. We were 33 fellows from 26 countries which provided an exciting mix of topics and cultures.

**June 24, Monday.** The breakfast buffet was served from 7 to 8am. At 8am, we started with a 30-minute pre-seminar test, which for me helped highlight the level of my knowledge of some genitourinary cancers like penile cancer. I was however reassured that any questions and knowledge gaps would be filled by the lectures. The series of lectures began with one by Prof Sanchez-Salas on Stage I testicular cancer. This then dovetailed into the management of Stage II and Stage III by Dr Tagawa. We were provided with handouts which was useful for noting the salient points of the lectures. We had a coffee break and then proceeded to 2 lectures dealing with renal cancer management. The discussions were very rich thanks to the diversity of experience of both the faculty and the fellows. Ms Stephanie Faschang gave us a lot of information about the AAF/OMI and the 3-pronged approach for capacity building and advancing knowledge, as well as the opportunities available to alumni. We had a very tasty and early lunch (of beef in red wine sauce), followed by the last session of the day – some case presentations by the fellows. This, for me, was very enlightening as it highlighted that, though management of the same condition may differ from country to country (based on expertise, technology and experience available), the overall goal is always to achieve the best possible outcome for the individual patient. My presentation was the 8th one and even though I was quite shy and nervous, I gained some valuable tips which would improve my current practice. Because we had
shortened the lunch break, we finished quite early thereby giving us the opportunity to explore the city. Sixteen of us headed into the city, visiting the Salzburg cathedral and climbing the steps to the Hohensalzburg Castle, where we were rewarded with the most amazing views of the city from the top of the Festungberg mountain. This gave us an opportunity to bond and exchange ideas not just about urologic conditions and mode of postgraduate training but also non academic topics like cultures and traditions over pre- dinner drinks at a local bar. We also shared some chocolate from Kazakhstan.

We returned to the house for dinner and I went for a walk along the riverside post dinner before returning to my room.

June 25, Tuesday. In the morning, we continued lectures on classification of renal tumors, nephron sparing surgery, as well as the controversy surrounding lymph node dissection in renal tumours. An interesting feature of all the lectures was the simple way in which complex and controversial issues were presented and resolved. I was able to follow and understand the reasoning of each presenter as well as the evidence backing it. We also had a lecture on ablative therapies which I found quite fascinating as this is not routinely offered in my centre, hence I was able to gather a lot of information based on the expertise of the faculty. There were some modifications in the schedule in order to fully optimize time management. Following the lunch break, we had 10 more case presentations from fellows; there were a few unusual and complex cases which were very interesting. This was anchored by Prof Sanchez Salas and Dr Joel Nelson. The most interesting case of the day for me was a presentation of a “burned out” testicular tumor as a metastatic prostate germ cell tumour. This ended the day’s lectures and being an avid Sound of Music fan, I decided to visit the Mirabell Palace and Gardens before dinner, as the lecture schedules could not accommodate the official 4-hour Sound of Music tour. The visit was a surreal experience and I found myself humming “Do- re- mi” throughout my tour of the Gardens.
June 26, Wednesday. We started the day with lectures about MRI prostate imaging as well as the use of PET scans and treatment options for high risk localized cancer of the prostate. The coffee break was well timed especially as it helped refresh me for the next lecture which I had been looking forward to: the management of men with persistently elevated PSA. This is very useful to my practice and can be quite challenging especially in managing the expectations of the patient. This was followed by other lectures on the prostate and then a sumptuous lunch. The afternoon session was the hands-on laparoscopic training for group 1 and as I was in Group 2, I headed to the Hellbrunn Palace and Sound of Music gazebo. I know... Sound of Music again!! I also headed to Mozart's birthplace and 2nd residence. Once again, I was fascinated by the beauty of the city with its picturesque well preserved historic landmarks, narrow streets with lots of cafes and quaint shops. Dinner was excellent, and we lingered for after dinner drinks in the lounge.

June 27, Thursday. This day was full of interesting lectures on andrology and penile cancer. A lot of credit goes to the faculty Dr. James Kashanian and Mr. Suks Minhas for their informative slides which generated a lot of discourse. Unfortunately, due to the sheer amount of questions, the last lecture was a bit rushed in order to be able to keep to time. We had a quick lunch as I was in Group 2 for the HoT laparoscopy session. There were five training points for 17 participants taking us through 4 basic and essential skill models under the supervision of Prof Sanchez-Salas and Dr. Theodoros Tokas. They made it look easier than it actually was! However, they were very helpful, patient and full of useful tips and ergonomic tricks. After the session, I went into town with some colleagues for some more sightseeing. I also bought souvenirs and presents for my family including Mozartkugeln. We had a post dinner chamber concert by the talented Silvia Schweinberger and Peter Sigl which of course included Austrian pieces from Joseph Haydn and WA Mozart from the Baroque era. I was impressed with their dexterity
and nimble movement of their fingers. We had drinks in the reception after the concert and took loads of pictures as everyone could sense our beautiful time in Salzburg was slowly coming to an end.

June 28, Friday. I have learnt a lot from the very experienced faculty who were very willing to share their knowledge and tips and tricks. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been in Salzburg, to gain new friends, to improve my practice with tips which cannot be found in any literature as well as extend my network. I highly commend the faculty and staff for the seamless organization of the seminar. I look forward to further collaboration with OMI and I hope to participate in future seminars beneficial to my clinical practice.

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June 23, Sunday evening. I arrived to Salzburg by train in the late afternoon, coming from Munich, it was a long train ride from Rostock on the coast of the Baltic Sea, so I took a taxi from the train station to the castle of Arenberg. After filling in some formal papers and leaving the luggage in a nice room, single bed, there was the first meeting, the welcome reception, at 7 pm. Dr. Wolfgang Aulitzky (Medical Director of the AAF), Prof. Peter Schlegel (Course Director) as well as Prof. Hendrik Van Poppel (Co-Course Director) introduced the main issues about the practical and scientific organization of the masterclass. Then, a very tasty dinner gave us the opportunity to get to know each other. I met very nice colleagues from Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Egypt and Mexico, who helped to make the atmosphere at Arenberg more and more friendly. This first evening was very useful to break the first communication barriers with other people.

June 24, Monday. After breakfast the course started at 8 am, Prof. Van Poppel welcomed us again and the whole group took the pre-seminar test for half an hour. I think that you had to read the answers very carefully to get it right. The first lecture was given by Dr. Rafael Sanchez-Salas about stage I testis cancer, which was really interesting and important for my clinical practice. This lecture was followed by stage II and III testis cancer which was taught by Prof. Tagawa, since he is a medical oncologist he gave us another point of view on this topic. For me this very important – my former head physician used to say that great ideas and great work only come from the interdisciplinary approach and this is my opinion, too. Another very interesting feature of all lessons was the possibility to stop the Professors and discuss the most controversial issues with them and the rest of the class. We also enjoyed a coffee break and lunch. Additionally, Ms. Stephanie Faschang gave us a lot of information about the American Austrian Foundation. The afternoon consisted of fellows’ case presentations and I learned different ways to approach problems and we could share our experiences among fellows from all over the world (Qatar, Tanzania, all Europe...). I was a little bit nervous with my presentation, but it went okay. The day was over before we noticed. On the whole, the atmosphere was really friendly and luckily a fellow from France set up a WhatsApp group so we could chat and hang out together. Unfortunately, I had to finish a paper before and after dinner, but hopefully I will enjoy Salzburg pretty soon.

June 25, Tuesday. After breakfast we started the lectures. The day focused on kidney tumors and this was really interesting and we had a lot of great discussions in a nice atmosphere. But my personal highlight were again the case presentations in the afternoon. We saw that everyone has to see and solve very complex cases in daily life and sometimes there is no one right answer for a problem. Like the afternoon before, we did not notice how time went by. Luckily, I finally finished my paper before diner, so I made the deadline. After a nice dinner we were sitting and chatting in the garden of Arenberg. It was a beautiful summer evening here in Salzburg.
June 26, Wednesday. The morning lecture today was completely filled with prostate cancer, which is not really interesting to me, but we had a lot of great discussions which have great impact of clinical practice especially the advices and lectures of Prof. Joel Nelson were very inspiring and helpful. I have learned a lot for my clinical practice today. Shortly before the coffee break we took a nice group picture in front of the castle with the faculty. After lunch I had a free afternoon, so I went to Salzburg downtown with my new friends and we did some sightseeing like the castle and the Mozart house, we also did some shopping and had a beer in a brewery. Salzburg is really a beautiful city to visit. The evening was a nice summer evening with friends and wine again.

June 27, Thursday. The morning lecture today was filled with penile cancer and erectile dysfunction, both topics were very interesting again. After lunch I had a hands-on training in laparoscopy – one of my highlights here in Salzburg, especially because both of our tutors were really supportive and had a lot of advices as well as tricks. In the late afternoon I went with my new friends from Latin America for a short walk in the surrounding mountains. Finally, I got to experience some Austrian culture with a chamber music concert – it was a great concert as well as relaxing. We all enjoyed it a lot.

June 28, Friday. The final day was full of great lectures in the topic of andrology, which was very interesting for me because I only know a little of it. In the afternoon, there were case discussions with the fellows and faculty which were also one of the best parts of this interactive seminar. Looking back at the week, I have mixed feelings. I was very happy here because I made new international friends, it was a really supportive and friendly atmosphere, I have learned a lot, and yet at the same time I am sad because the seminar is over. 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 and enjoy the beautiful city. I will not forget this special experience and the most important thing: the daily exchange with other people made me grow as a doctor since there are a lot of different ways to solve problems.

Thank you for this great week!

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