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SALZBURG MSKCC SEMINAR ONCOLOGY A: BREAST AND GYNECOLOGIC CANCERS

June 9-15, 2019

- 30 fellows from 22 different countries and regions
- 6 faculty members from the United States and Austria
- 23 lectures and 1 case presentation session given by faculty
- 29 interesting case presentations by fellows
- 11 excellent case presentations selected by faculty

Faculty Photo (L-R)
Kaled M. Alektiar, MD; Mary L. Gemignani, MD, MPH; Oliver Zivanovic (Co-Course Director);
Thomas J. Fahey Jr., MD (Course Director); William P. Tew, MD;
Teresa Gilewski, MD (Co-Course Director) and Wolfgang K. Aulitzky, MD (OMI, Medical Director)
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Thomas J. Fahey Jr., MD (Course Director) was appointed Senior Vice President for Clinical Program Development of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center on February 12, 1996, after serving as Deputy Physician–in-Chief of Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases for 15 years. In this new position he assumed responsibility for developing and extending international relationships and programs. After 45 years of Clinical and Administrative appointments at MSKCC, Dr. Fahey was awarded Emeritus Status in February 2011. A graduate of Cornell University Medical College, Dr. Fahey completed his training in internal medicine at the Cornell Division at Bellevue Hospital and the Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases in New York in 1964. He was Chief Resident in Medicine at Memorial in 1965. He joined the staff at Memorial in 1966 and since then he has served in a variety of leadership capacities, particularly in the area of outpatient services, which have become increasingly important in cancer care. As Medical Director of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Breast Center from 1991-1996, he played a key role in the development of a full service, multidisciplinary, integrated, patient oriented, disease specific ambulatory center for breast cancer in an out-of-hospital facility. As Associate Dean of Cornell University Medical College he oversaw Memorial Sloan Kettering’s clinical graduate education programs for residents, fellows and medical students, as well as continuing medical education programs for doctors in practice. His clinical interests have been in the area of hormonal manipulation of endocrine related tumors. He has been president of the Damon-Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Foundation and of the New York State Society of Internal Medicine. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Calvary Hospital, a terminal care hospital exclusively devoted to cancer patients in New York City.

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Mary L. Gemignani, MD, MPH is a surgeon who specializes in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Gemignani completed her undergraduate studies at New York University, New York, NY. She graduated from Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY and completed residency at the State University of New York Health Science Center, Brooklyn, NY. She completed fellowship training in both Gynecologic oncology and Breast surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY. Dr. Gemignani earned her MPH degree from the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY. Dr. Gemignani’s research interests include studies on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, including breast cancers caused by mutations in the BRCA genes; hormone receptor-positive breast cancer; and quality-of-life issues related to cancer therapies, including fertility options for young women. Dr. Gemignani’s research of 18Fluoroestradiol (FES), a ligand that binds to the estrogen receptor (ER) to non-invasively image ER positive breast cancers with positron emission tomography (PET), has earned her federal grant funding from the U.S. Department of Defense. Recent publications include a study of the influence of lymph node status prior to neoadjuvant chemotherapy in the setting of sentinel lymph node removal in Annals of Surgical Oncology, and a study of the influence of age on clinical breast cancer for men also in Annals of Surgical Oncology. Recent presentations at national meetings include a study on comparison of patient-reported outcomes after breast conserving surgery and mastectomy with implant reconstruction at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Breast Surgeons in April and use of prophylactic contralateral mastectomy in women undergoing neoadjuvant chemotherapy at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Surgical Oncology in March. She is a peer reviewer for multiple major oncology journals and a member of multiple national oncology committees. Dr. Gemignani is currently Director of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Breast Surgery Fellowship Program, an Attending Surgeon with the Breast Service, Department of Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and a member of the faculty of Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York, NY as Associate Professor of Surgery. She lives in Connecticut with her husband Gary and son, Christopher.

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June 9, Sunday evening. I arrived to Salzburg around 3 pm by airplane from Belgrade to Vienna and by train from Vienna to Salzburg. It was a long but pleasant trip, since I had the opportunity to enjoy Austria’s beautiful green landscape from the train and a great talk with my colleague Aleksandar from Serbia. He took part at an OMI Salzburg Seminar in 2017, so he knew the right way to the Schloss Arenberg, where we were located. I was honored to take a part at the seminar this year, since I heard a lot of great stories about the content and the organization of the seminars from colleagues from my Institute in Belgrade, Serbia. I was also excited to get to know the city of Salzburg since I wasn’t here before. I had some free time before the welcoming dinner and I decided to take a walk along the riverside. At the welcoming dinner Prof. Wolfgang K. Aulitzky, MD (Medical Director, OMI) met us and gave us general information about the seminar and we had an opportunity to meet a part of the Faculty and all participants from other countries. Soon after the dinner we met colleagues from Croatia, Petra and Angela and Dragana from Bosnia and Herzegovina, with whom we enjoyed the rest of the night talking about the current situation and about health care systems in the Balkan region.

June 10, Monday. After breakfast, Thomas J. Fahey Jr., MD welcomed us to the seminar and introduced us with the impressive history of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre from New York, USA. In the morning Mary L. Gemignani, MD gave a great presentation about the surgical treatment of early and locally advanced breast cancer and after the break we heard very comprehensive lecture from her about prophylactic surgery for patients in high risk of developing breast cancer. This was a very interesting topic for me since we always consider genetic counseling in our patients in whom we doubt for hereditary cancer, but this field is still in development in our country since Serbia is a low income country with a socialized health care system. After lunch, I enjoyed an excellent lecture of Teresa Gilewski, MD about key components in caring for patients with breast cancer as well as current standards in systemic adjuvant therapy in different molecular subtypes of breast cancer. At the end of the day Mary L. Gemignani, MD and Teresa Gilewski, MD were going to present their case and all of us came together and formed a conclusion for the very rare case of the patient previously treated from breast cancer, who eventually passed away from leukemia. This way of presenting a case was very beneficial for us. In the evening we went for a walk to the old part of the city (Salzburg Altstadt) and
had a chance to learn the local culture by going to the one of the most popular brewery in Salzburg, where we enjoyed each other’s company.

**June 11, Tuesday.** In the morning we started with a lecture about surgical management of local recurrence of breast cancer and role of surgery in metastatic breast cancer from Mary L. Gemignani, MD after what we heard more about systemic therapy for metastatic breast cancer from Teresa Gilewski, MD, which was very significant for me since we are treating large numbers of patients with metastatic breast cancer at the Daily Hospital for Chemotherapy of the Institute for Oncology and Radiology of Serbia where I work as a fellow. After a brief pause Kaled M. Alektiar, MD shared with us very important data about radiation therapy in breast cancer in adjuvant setting as well as the role of the radiation therapy in locally recurrent and metastatic breast cancer in a very interesting and easy way. After dinner we enjoyed the city with colleagues from the conference, who came from different countries such as Armenia, Mexico, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, North Macedonia and other countries.

**June 12, Wednesday.** We started the day with a state-of-the-art lecture about focusing on the humanistic elements of medicine made by Teresa Gilewski, MD. The lecture was followed by a film called The Physician as the patient. During the lecture made by Teresa Gilewski, MD talked about the key points in cancer care such as kindness and empathy and the significance of good communication between doctor, patient and everyone involved with the patients’ care. The film made by Teresa Gilewski, MD really touched me because no one is invincible to cancer, not even doctors. Oliver Zivanovic, MD gave a great lecture about basic statistics in oncology which is an important and very hard topic for all of us. Since my area of expertise is not radiational oncology I thought it will be difficult for me to understand the lecture of Kaled M. Alektiar, MD, but because of his expert knowledge and easy explanations he made me understand completely the role of radiation therapy in the treatment of uterine and cervical cancer.

**June 13, Thursday.** This day was full of interesting lectures about surgical management of gynecological cancers made by Oliver Zivanovic, MD. It was inspiring for me to get to know someone who shares a similar background like me and who is very successful. William P. Tew, MD shared with us interesting data about medical management of uterine cancer including uterine sarcoma and cervical cancer which we do not treat regularly in our department. After lunch there was a session with fellow’s case presentations about gynecological cancers. I had case presentation about treatment of patient with metastatic cervical cancer. We concluded the day with a chamber music concert held in the Grand Hall of Schloss Arenberg which was magnificent. After the concert we had an opportunity to enjoy a pleasant conversation with faculty members and other colleagues.

**June 14, Friday.** We started the last day with the excellent lectures in surgical and medical management of ovarian cancer made by Oliver Zivanovic MD and William P. Tew, MD.

In conclusion this conference was a great experience for me and one of the best or maybe the best conference I have ever attended. I am grateful to all members of the organizational committee, who did a great job for us. I am very grateful to our lecturers who selflessly shared their knowledge and experience with us and gave us the opportunity to talk with them and discuss so many important topics and also dilemmas, that we face in our everyday clinic work. I am honored to be given this opportunity in attending this conference and meet and learn from so many extraordinary people. This was a great chance for me to gain new friends, extend my professional network as well as enjoy the city of Salzburg. I will try to disseminate information accordingly and try to incorporate it in my everyday work.

Vera Jokic, MD (Serbia)
June 9, Sunday evening. We all arrived looking forward to the Salzburg Medical Seminars. I took a train from Prague, Czech Republic, on Sunday morning. It was going to be my second time in Salzburg and I knew it would be an amazing week. I arrived to Salzburg in the afternoon and got to Schloss Arenberg easily in half an hour. Checked in at the reception then and went to my room on the fifth floor. The room is one of the best things about Schloss Arenberg. Single bed, working table and privacy is everything you need. It’s a tradition, that there is a reception at 7 pm on Sunday, where all the participants meet and faculty members from the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre, New York, are introduced. It’s nice to get to know people from different countries and during this particular seminar even different specialties.

June 10, Monday. Breakfast starts at 7 am, lectures then at 8 am, sharp. We are here to learn, after all. First, quick exam to evaluate our knowledge in the beginning of the course. After that we focus on breast cancer, Dr. Mary Gemignani is the 1st speaker. The lectures are fast and highly informative. We talk about breast surgery before lunch and after lunch we start adjuvant therapy with Dr. Teresa Gilewski. It is already 5 pm and we are free. We enjoy the sunny weather and decide to go for a run to the top of the nearby Geisberg hill. We try hard, but we are late for dinner, but the view of Salzburg from the mountain peak is worth it. After the dinner there is time for a beer at the Augustiner brewery where all participants should go at least once.

June 11, Tuesday. Today starts with ham and cheese and coffee of course. Before the coffee break, Drs. Mary Gemignani and Teresa Gilewski talk about recurrent breast cancer and how to deal with it. After the coffee doctor Dr. Alektiar holds a talk on radiation therapy in breast cancer. Participants give speeches on breast cancer topic during the afternoon. All are perfectly prepared and speak nicely. After the case presentations there is a time for a quick run along the river. After dinner, Augustiner place again, this time there is an opportunity for more than one beer.

June 12, Wednesday. Wednesday is a short day. Lectures in the morning and free afternoon afterwards. Dr. Gilewski starts the day with a speech about humanistic elements in medicine, followed by Dr. Zivanovic taking care of statistics topic. After the coffee break Dr. Alektiar gives a nice speech on radiation therapy in gynecologic cancers. We use sunny weather in the afternoon for a hike to the
Geisberg. This time there are four brave of us. The trip is successful, we enjoy the views and a sweet reward on the top – ice cream, beer and a coffee. The other group took a saltmine trip with its museum and slides and enjoyed it a lot, too. No more beer after the dinner, Wednesday belongs to cocktails, wine and exchange of traditional songs at the Arenberg garden.

**June 13, Thursday.** We focus on uterine cervix ad endometrium on Thursday. Dr. Zivanovic and Dr. Tew give amazing lectures again. After lunch there is time to present the case reports of the second half of participants. And again, everybody is prepared, speeches are very interesting and discussion after each of the talks are even more educative. Delicious dinner and after that we are invited to enjoy the chamber music concert by musicians from Salzburg music school. Like last year, the concert is full of great music and emotions and everybody enjoys it. To end the evening properly, we order a bottle of Arenbeg wine.

**June 14, Friday.** Friday is the day of the examination and the graduation dinner. Writing this on Thursday evening, I can only wish to all of us luck and open minds. Like last year, I am overwhelmed by happiness and gratefulness for getting the opportunity to attend the Salzburg Medical Seminars. I would like to thank all the people standing behind the project and making it possible. We, participants learn a lot here and all of us are aware of the hard work needed to make the seminars work. Thank you!

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