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July 14, Sunday. I arrived in Salzburg early in the morning. From the first minute I felt sincere care and attention, a special atmosphere of friendliness and an amazing choice of location. Check-in in the Schloss Arenberg was very fast and I had a chance to have a rest before our welcome meeting with the faculty and fellows. Course Director Zev Rosenwaks and Christian Dadak together with Kazem Nouri delivered a welcome speech in very friendly manner. It was clear that we all will have a week full of excitement and a nice atmosphere ahead of us.

July 15, Monday. The morning began with a pre-test. To be honest, despite the great experience, some of the questions caused difficulties for me. But not to worry, because the answers to these questions will be presented during the course. Prof. Zev Rosenwaks welcomed us to the first lecture, which was covering achievements of ART during the last four decades. The rest of the day was also full of useful information. At lunch time and after the lecture fellows got to know each other and the faculty members. In the afternoon first case presentations by fellows took place. Faculty members were very supportive and friendly. We also enjoyed lunch and had a group photo with the faculty. True professional Ms. Stephanie Faschang gave us a lot of information about the American Austrian Foundation, its aims and all the possibilities that we have if would like to advance our knowledge.

July 16, Tuesday. The lectures on this day again were full of new information and recent data. Strategies for the prevention of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome by Zev Rosenwaks and important topics by Dr. Christian Singer, Dr. Owen K. Davis, Dr. Isaak Kligman and Dr. Dan Goldschang. Lunch was great as usual: very healthy and tasty. After lunch fellows started their case presentations once more and I presented my case. In the afternoon after the lectures I went to the downtown and visited Mozart’s birthplace and had a walk around the old city, which was very impressive and beautiful.

July 17, Wednesday. In the morning very urgent topics on IVF/ICSI treatment complications and adjuvant therapies were covered by Franz H. Fischl, MD and Michael Feichtinger, MD. And we had very sensitive and important discussion with Ms. Yasaman Miremadi, which I liked much. After the lunch we had a hands-on workshop on hysteroscopy and laparoscopy. We were divided into groups of four people to be able to work on the simulators comfortably. We had some free time after the workshop and went to visit the Salzburg Castle. It was an amazing and unforgettable experience.

July 18, Thursday. Lectures on the topic of Embryo Cryopreservation and benefits of GnRHa triggers were covered by Dr Elias and Dr Pereira. Dr Nikita Zaninovic gave valuable information about the IVF lab. After enjoying the delicious lunch we had an opportunity to meet Dr Kohlberger and listen to her lecture about “Adolescent and Pediatric Gynecology” aspects.
I want to express my deep gratitude to everybody for the organization of such a wonderful program. It was just an amazing week spent in the Salzburg. I liked absolutely everything! In addition, it was nice to meet like-minded people. I hope we will continue to communicate and meet. Knowledge and practical skills that the team of the University of Vienna and Weill Cornell Medical College generously shared were very valuable for us. It seems that a new world has opened up for me, and now, at the end of this beautiful week, it is hard to believe that it can be different. I believe that on arrival home, our life will turn 180 degrees. We can say that we are leaving with the anticipation of a new beautiful life. Thanks again for organizing this wonderful workshop. I wish the organizers health, strength and inspiration. And to new meetings.

Sincerely, Aida Kasumova (Russian Federation)

SEMINAR DIARY FROM FELLOW

Maitane Alonso de Mendieta, MD
Mexico City, Mexico
July 12-20, 2019

First, I want to thank you for the great opportunity you gave me to be selected and be here to give me the opportunity to learn and be able to take that knowledge to my country.

One of my big fears was that I was not going to understand anything because I am only a resident of gynecology and not a specialist in reproduction, however at all times the doctors explained perfectly and always solving doubts.

July 12, Friday. The first day I felt nervous because I did not know what was waiting for me on this trip. As soon as I arrived at the airport I found out that my flight was delayed two hours. However, this did not matter because I spent time with my Mexican colleagues who also came to this seminar. After a long trip of almost 22 hours, having missed the connection flight due to the delay and waiting for a new flight we finally arrived at this wonderful house.

July 14, Sunday. We decided to take a tour to Eagle Eye, where I think I had one of the best views I've ever had. Returning at 7 o'clock we had the welcome cocktail, where we finally met the students and the members of the Faculty. They gave us a welcome message and then we had dinner.

July 15, Monday. We started the course with the diagnostic test, and later with excellent talks, Dr. Rosenwaks began telling about his long career and experience through the evolution of reproduction. Then Dr. Owen K. Davis gave an excellent summary of how we should approach the infertile couple. Then we had talks with doctor Kligman and Dr. Goldschlang on premature ovarian failure and recurrent gestational losses, which helped me a lot because the case I presented was of a patient with recurrent gestational losses and a translocation of paternal origin, then I better understood the subject. We presented our cases which I call a lot of attention to the diversity of management and possibilities that we have among the different countries.
After the congress we went to the terrace of the Hotel Stein and ordered a Royal Hugo which I highly recommend, the taste is delicious and the view of Salzburg is amazing.
July 16, Tuesday. We continued with the program, with the same teachers. There were controversial issues such as the excessive use of the PGT. We talked with the other colleagues during the coffee break and lunch. Subsequently, they presented more clinical cases. After dinner we went to have a beer.

July 17, Wednesday. The topics became increasingly interesting and controversial, if IVF or ICSI is better and the repercussions that these procedures entail. In my country, patients have to pay for their infertility treatments because reproduction centers are usually private. And I realized the opportunities that other countries like the US and Austria have to be able to give a couple a better chance.

July 18, Thursday. The talks of Doctor Elias and Dr. Pereira I liked a lot because they gave many tips and techniques that they perform in their centers and that they consider important for the success of reproductive treatments. I was very surprised by the fact that in some parts of the world cryopreservation of oocytes is not allowed, since I know many people in Mexico who perform this procedure to work more and decide the best time for a pregnancy. After the talk there was a piano concert with two excellent musicians. After that we returned to the Hotel Stein for more Hugos.

July 19, Friday. Today is the last day of the course which I think I have taken full advantage of and I would love to have more experiences like this one, the only bad thing is that today it is an exam.

Thank you very much for the great experience and opportunity, and when someone of you wants to go to Mexico, do not hesitate to tell me to see them and give them the best places they can visit.

Maitane Alonso de Mendieta (Mexico)