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“2017 was a successful year for the Open Medical Institute (OMI) training the highest number of fellows (1305) in a single year since the beginning of the seminars, bringing the total to 20,560 fellows from 121 countries. In a recent survey, OMI alumni rated content, importance and value of the seminars overwhelmingly positively. Many OMI alumni are now in leadership positions and have established international professional partnerships, which are documented by numerous scientific publications. These success stories prove that the OMI’s concept of offering multiple short-term fellowships, tailored to the needs of clinicians and their patients from countries in transition, can stem brain drain and build capacity.

We are proud to report several achievements in 2017. We signed an agreement with the Children Hospital of Philadelphia, which guarantees their academic sponsorship in the future. The Leir Charitable Foundation agreed to continue their financial support until 2023, which allows us to further develop the OMI leadership program. Similar to the Gerhard Andlinger Professorship at Weill Cornell Medicine, we will be able to establish the Center for International Pediatric Education at CHOP. In 2017, we also celebrated the 10th anniversary of our collaboration with the Cleveland Clinic.

We also launched OMI-MEX in partnership with AMSA (Alianza Médica para la Salud) in Mexico City. This joint initiative, with major funding provided by AAF board member Pablo Legorreta, enables the OMI to offer academic medical education to physicians in Mexico and other Latin American countries, where the gap between health services offered to privileged and the underprivileged is growing.

We are also proud to announce our collaboration with the Pasteur Institute, France and Maastricht University, Netherlands. Both institutions are leaders in their fields, and will strengthen our academic offerings in global health, epidemiology and medical leadership. We continue to support doctors from Africa, in particular from Weill-Bugando in Tanzania and from Hamad in Qatar, where Weill Cornell Medicine has initiated groundbreaking educational efforts. It is a privilege to serve the Open Medical Institute of the AAF and I would like to thank all the faculty members and their institutions whose enormous efforts and enthusiasm make its success possible.”

Wolfgang Aulitzky, MD

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