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As of December 2011, Dr. Binder has published more than 300 original peer reviewed articles in both English and German. In addition, she has been the editor for 4 books and has written several book articles. Dr. Binder is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO), the Retina Society, the Macula Society, the Club Jules Gonin, the Association of Retina Specialists and also the Austrian and Viennese Ophthalmic Society.

She is editor in chief of the “Spektrum für Augenheilkunde,” the Austrian Journal of Ophthalmology and editorial board member and reviewer in many international journals.

She was President of the Austrian Ophthalmic Society between 2004 and 2009 and secretary of the Austrian Ophthalmic Society between 2009 and 2011. She is a member of the Medical Counsel for the Minister of Health in Austria and the Mayor of Vienna.

Since 2012 she is appointed as Adjunct Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College/New York.

Dr. Binder has trained many young ophthalmologists, participated in activities with the American Austrian Foundation project, the European Society of Ophthalmology and the ICO Training program, and is a regular presenter and teacher at national and international meetings.

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Dr. Brunner has completed many international courses and workshops, and held lectures and talks in his special fields of interests: occlusive vascular retinal disorders, diabetic retinopathy and age-related macular degeneration, where he also performs a broad range of ophthalmic surgery, from anterior segment procedures (oculoplastic surgery, cataract, glaucoma) to vitreoretinal interventions (retinal detachment, macular pucker/hole surgery, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular occlusions and laser surgery). His research interests and scientific publications have been in circulating endothelial progenitor cells in diabetic retinopathy, vitreo-retinal surgery, silicone oil degradation after prolonged intraocular use, anti-angiogenic therapy for retinal vein occlusions and cataract surgery in nonexsudative age-related macular degeneration.

Dr Brunner was also a member of the examination question board for Ophthalmology of the Austrian Ophthalmologic Society. He is working as lecturer for the Vienna Medical University School and is organizing web presence, online ophthalmic medical information and in-house training for the department of Ophthalmology at the Rudolph Foundation Hospital.

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Dr. Dinkin’s research interests include the use of optical coherence tomography (OCT) to detect retrograde transsynaptic degeneration of the retinal ganglion cells after post-geniculate injury, and the use of registered serial photography (Flicker technology) to retrospectively detect spontaneous venous pulsations. He is also the co-investigator of a collaborative trial at Weill Cornell to treat medically-refractive idiopathic intracranial hypertension (IIH) with stenting of transverse sinus stenosis. He has published papers on neuromyelitis optica, nystagmus, imaging of ischemic optic neuropathy and retinal toxicity and is authoring a major review on diplopia for Neurology Continuum. He is also a peer reviewer for multiple major neurologic journals.

Dr. Dinkin is a passionate teacher, and his efforts have earned him teacher of the year awards from both the Ophthalmology and Neurology departments at Weill Cornell over the last few years. He is also Director of the Weill Cornell Neuro-ophthalmology fellowship which he founded two years ago. He lives outside of New York City with his wife Julie and children Max, Benjamin and Sophia.
Christiane Isolde Falkner-Radler, MD graduated from University of Vienna Medical School in June 2000. Her areas of research interest are diagnosis and treatment for vitreoretinal disorders, including optical coherence tomography and surgical approaches. In addition, she investigates the treatment of retinal detachments. She has conducted research projects at the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Retinology and Biomicroscopic Laser Surgery since 1999, and has started her residency at the Department of Ophthalmology, Rudolf Foundation Clinic; Vienna in August 2003. She passed her board exam for Ophthalmology of the Austrian Medical Society in September 2007. Since October 2008 she is a full time attending at the Department of Ophthalmology, Rudolf Foundation Clinic, Vienna.

Dr. Falkner-Radler has already published several articles on vitreoretinal surgery in peer-reviewed journals and is currently conducting prospective studies on posterior vitreous detachment, retinal detachment surgery and macular surgery and on new advances in combined cataract and vitreoretinal surgery. She has presented free papers and posters at Club Jules Gonin, the Retina Society meeting, at ARVO, AAO and Asia-ARVO meetings as well as at other national and international conferences and courses. She has been member of the faculty of the International Conference on Vitreoretinal Diseases, Vienna 2002, 2005 and 2009. In addition, she has been accepted as member in the Retina Society, in the ASRS and in the Club Jules Gonin, and she has completed the SOE-Leadership development programme "EuLDP" 2010-2011.

She finished several observerships (2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014) with the Department of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College, New York. In December 2011 her appointment to "Associate Professor of Ophthalmology was concordantly approved by the committee of the Medical University Vienna. Joining her scientific ambition is her advanced training in cataract and vitreoretinal surgery. She lives in Vienna with her husband Christof.

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The 2017 Salzburg Weill Cornell Ophthalmology Seminar took place at Schloss Arenberg from April 30 to May 6, 2017. The American Austrian Foundation sponsored educational activity hosted 37 fellows, selected among 150 applicants. The fellows ranged from residents to chiefs of service in Ophthalmology and arrived from 30 countries and regions from Mexico to Mongolia and from Estonia to Tanzania.

Weill Cornell Medicine Ophthalmology (4) and Medical University of Vienna (4) presented a diverse range of educational topics in all differing subspecialties within ophthalmology. Each presentation was followed by questions and answers to share the fellows’ diverse experience.

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, the fellows presented their cases and answered questions from the audience. Eight of the best presentations were selected to be shared over the internet and considered for future publication in peer-reviewed journals.

A favorite educational activity took place: a how-to present workshop on Monday afternoon. This workshop gave the fellows key pearls to presenting and teaching. Demonstrations were provided by each of the Weill Cornell Faculty.

On Thursday evening, fellows and faculty enjoyed a chamber music recital by a dynamic trio of young musicians.

At the farewell reception and graduation dinner, certificates of attendance were awarded to the participating fellows and the best overall participant was recognized.

The fellows and faculty departed while remaining “connected”! A facebook page specific to the AAF Ophthalmology Seminar was founded for the participants to join and continue to interact in the future.
I arrived at the beautiful city of Salzburg around 6.30pm. This was my first visit to Austria. From the airport the hospitality of the Austrian was better than imaging. I was help to get a bus ticket and a bus to Schloss Arenberg. Though I was tired I attended the welcome reception dinner where I was introduced to other fellows. The dinner food was delicious despite a little different taste from African food, I used to.

1st May, Monday

I woke up at 5.45am planning for the day ahead. The breakfast was served at 7.30am. The seminar commenced at 8am with course coordinator explained the aims and goal of the seminar. Pre-seminar test commenced at 8.20am, most of the questions were little difficults.

The first lecture of the day was by Professor Susanne Binder title: A new classification of viteromacular Relationship. This lecture was fantastic and very interesting. A coffee break was by 10am.

After the break Current status of cell derived therapies for Retinal Degeneration and Non-responders in anti-VEGF Therapy were delivered by Professor Susanne. These lectures enriched my knowledge on latest treatment of retino-vasculopathy—a challenge pathology in my country (Nigeria).

Lunch time was 12noon. The Group photo with faculty members was by 12.05pm.

The afternoon lecture was delivered by Dr. Gary Lelli, title: Managing trauma of the periocular region was well delivered and clear my mind about management of patient with ocular trauma.

Case presentation by faculty members was outstanding. The logical presentation will “remain a pointer” to me.

The day end with OMI/AAF presentation by the coordinator.

2nd May, Tuesday

I woke up as early as 6pm and had breakfast around 7.27am.

The lecture by Dr Richard Levy on Adjustable suture strabismus surgery taught me the easy way to diagnosed superior oblique palsy.

Coffee break—10.00-10.30

The next lectures was by Dr. Charles Cole and Gary Lelli helped me to understand management of ptosis patient.

Lunch—12.30-14.00

Afternoon was dedicated to case presentation by the fellows. In all 14 very interesting cases were presented.

3rd May, Wednesday
Woke up at 6am and had breakfast by 7.30am. The first 2 lectures was delivered by Charles Cole. The various and latest management of Glaucoma patient was interesting.

Coffee break—10.00-10.30am

The day end around 12noon after beautiful lectures by Christiane Falkner-Radler on the current treatment in retinal detachment and Challenge in macular surgery.

The afternoon was a free day. Hence I used the opportunity to visit interesting places in Salzburg with other fellows: Euro park, city Centre and castle. We returned by 7.20pm.

4th May, Thursday

Woke up around 6.30am.

The first 2 lectures was delivered by Ulrike Stolba on diabetic retinopathy and maculopathy. The simple way she delivered the topic make it interesting and educative.

The lectures after coffee break by Marc Dinkin on higher order visual disordered of the cortex and disorders of the chiasm, simplify and clear my confusion on this topic.

Lunch —12.30-14.00pm

The afternoon was dedicated to fellows’ case presentations with supervisor of Drs Ulrike Stolba, Marc Dinkin and Richards Levy.

The day was rounded up with Chamber Music Concert started. I wished the music continued- “ooh the rhythm was sweet”

5th May, Friday

Woke up by 6.30am and had breakfast by 7.30am.

The first 2 lectures was by Simor Brunner (Retinal vascular occlusion: an interdisciplinary and update on retinal vascular occlusion). He laid emphasized on the multidisciplinary management of retinal pathology as a best approach to retinal problem.

Coffee break—10.00-10.30

Afternoon lectures were by Drs Richard Levy (Amlyopia: standard of care and future direction) and Marc Dinkin (High and low: when vertical diplopia gets you down). These two lectures were well delivered.

Lunch time –12.30-14.00

Post seminar test took place by 1pm. The questions was more easily this time around compared to pre-test.

The day end with farewell reception, graduate dinner and certificate award. The dinner was delicious.

The farewell message delivered by the director of AAF was memory one. Especially on his emphasizes of staying in one country and help in the development of eye health was a welcome ideal.
6th May, Saturday

Wake up 6.30am and breakfast by 7.40am.

Left to Salzburg airport by 9am and flew back to my country by 11.25am through Turkey.