Dear ASG-Fellows

May I give you a brief report and reflect on the beautiful and, from my point of view, successful ASG experience in Baden-Baden with some pictures.

Before the congress, I already referred you to the reporting of the traveling Fellows Satish Kutty and Brian Mullis, who provided a wonderful documentation of the trip for the AOA and us in a perfect way.

Here you can read everything again:

https://aoatravelingfellowships.wordpress.com/

In Baden-Baden we were then able to get to know the two personally and talk to each other in peace and quiet.

Satish then reported to all of us on Saturday about the trip as part of the asparagus meal, the pictures underline the report, which was presented with enthusiasm, and thanks to all the hosts in the three countries, we can book the trip as a complete success for the fellowship.

Many thanks to Marcus Jäger as "travel marshal" for organizing the trip and the many, many details that went into it!

In addition, of course all the hosts who took care of the well-being of the two: Stefan Landgraeber, Patrick Orth, Christoph Lohmann, Uli Nöth, Georgi Wassilew, Carsten Perka, Peer Eysel, Marcus Jäger, Dieter Wirtz, Christoph Zilkens, Jose Romero, Samy Bouaicha, Sandro Fucentese, Michael Nogler, Reiner Biedermann Reinhard Windhager, Philipp Funovics, Rainer Kotz, Martin Dominkus and Catharina Chiari.

Special thanks also go to Christoph Lohmann, you Christoph and your wife not only arranged dinner for the Fellows with members of the faculty at home, you also met them in Baden-Baden on Wednesday, invited them to dinner and thus obviously have fond memories of Aroused your invitation to your home in Magdeburg, deepened your friendship!

Stefan and I were able to welcome Satish and Brian to Baden-Baden on Thursday afternoon and did a lot together that was fun there (see pictures below).

Friday morning: City tour together with Marcus Jäger, we were able to marvel at the casino which is still deserted, and the famous drinking hall, in which one should no longer drink the thermal water (too much arsenic in it according to the new German drinking water ordinance). We have seen the old town, the collegiate church, the Thermal baths and of course the wonderful Unesco World Heritage Park.

At lunch at the Rizzi, Rüdiger Krauspe strolled past, who then wonderfully enriched the round with stories from his (fellow) life and his travels.

Then in the evening «Casino Royal», the festive evening. At least we were able to fill 2 fellow tables and had a very nice evening together in the special atmosphere that the Kursaal was transformed into.

Saturday morning then our ASG meeting:

Bravo and heartfelt thanks to all speakers, it was really a scientifically and clinically very successful, highly interesting session with exciting discussions.

The asparagus meal would have deserved a better Fellow presence, but we were all in a great mood, the Fellows were honored, received their certificates and we were able to Univ.-Prof. Andreas Leithner as a new "Corresponding Fellow" in the circle of ASG Fellows. He follows in the footsteps of Hans Mau, Bob Salter, Dean McEwen, Hannes Hofer, Adam Schreiber, Dietrich Tönnis and Erwin Morscher!

This happened on the initiative of Bernd Stöckl and Reinhard Windhager. Reinhard summarized the clinical and scientific oeuvre of our new fellow wonderfully in a short laudatory speech and we are proud and happy to have Andreas Leithner in our circle and hope to see you again in Berlin and Baden-Baden.

At the beginning of the event, we also commemorated our ASG fellow and friend Heino Kienapfel, who unfortunately died much too early on November 7, 2022, with a minute's silence.

Rüdiger Krauspe, as a "student" and long-time employee of Jochen Eulert, honored Jochen's merits for the fellowship in a short speech.

The reason for this was his recent 80th birthday, on which we congratulate him sincerely and wish him many, many more years of good health and happiness.

We look forward to seeing you again at the meetings of the ASG fellows, Jochen, where you were usually present. For those who don't know: as the successor to Hans Mau, Jochen Eulert, as chairman of the DGOOC's scholarship committee, made a significant contribution to the fact that the fellowship was also included in the programs of the AOA, BOA and COA, until now 34 Fellows from the USA, UK and Canada traveled to Europe.

Then we were able to experience a brilliant lecture by the 2019 tour group: Martin Thaler (Helios-Klinikum München West, formerly Innsbruck), Boris Holzapfel (LMU Munich, formerly Heidelberg) and Karlmeinrad Giesinger (St. Gallen) presented their journey empathetically, sparklingly and captivatingly and authentically described the growth of their friendship, which has strengthened since the time they spent together. Unfortunately, Georgi Wassilew (Greifswald) had to apologize for the occasion.

Afterwards we experienced Satish's enthusiastically presented travel report about the journey together with Brian over the past 4 weeks and were pleased to see many pictures from hosts who unfortunately did not make it to Baden-Baden for our meeting. Special thanks to those who made it possible despite the many commitments!

As guests of honor we smell Dr. Fritz Boettner and his wife welcome (HSS, New York), also the congress president Prof. Münzberg and his wife.

The «honorary fellows» Hans-Werner Springorum and Niki Böhler were present, and we would like to thank you and your dear wives Lotte and Trixi for making it possible to come to the meetings on a regular basis.

Now - finally - Patrick Orth (Homburg/Saar), Wenzel von Waldstein-Wartenberg (Stuttgart, previously Vienna), Günther Maderbacher (Regensburg) and Christoph Albers (Bern) are packing their bags and can start their journey with a 2-year corona delay.

We wish you a wonderful time, unforgettable experiences and hopefully a lot of joy together outside of labs, ORs or meeting rooms.

Enjoy the journey and ... if you write a blog, let us be part of it!

In any case, we hear your travel report on the occasion of the asparagus meal in Baden-Baden on Saturday, April 27th, 2024.

For the younger Fellows with young children:

I would have the idea that we could organize childcare for Saturday afternoon and you can then come with your families, enjoy Baden-Baden, maybe go swimming in the thermal water and there is enough culture there, for example, the Burda Museum offers a new highlight every year.

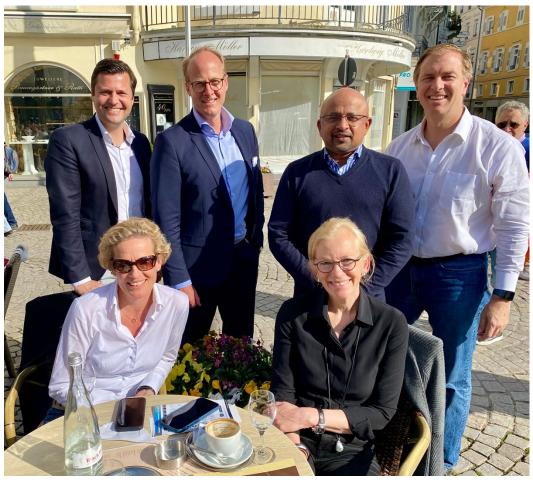
The congress can then splash along, and childcare is offered there, by the way. Please write to me if this could influence your decision to come to Baden-Baden again.

In any case, we will see each other for dinner in Berlin, Tennisclub Blau-Weiss in Grunewald, Waldmeisterstrasse 10-20 on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023.
Uli Nöth has already booked for all of us! Thank you, Uli!
As always, participation is free of charge.

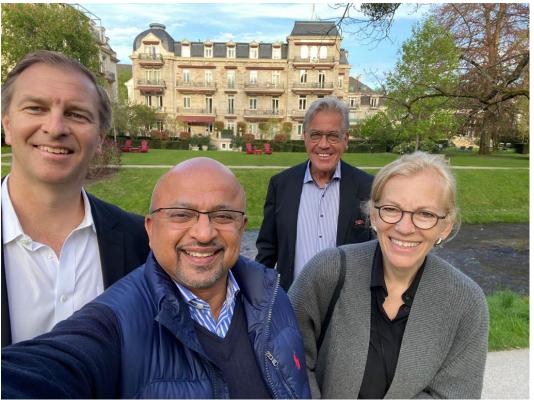
Finally yet importantly, I would like to thank Catharina Chiari, who last week (as the first woman in Austria!) held her congress of the Austrian Society for Orthopedics in Vienna with great success and invited many of us fellows, so that we had a nice reunion there.

I wish you all a nice summer, successful work, good luck to the traveling fellows and thanks again to everyone who so tirelessly supports the fellowship and especially the "spirit" of the fellowship.

Warm regards Anke



Kaum angekommen, trifft man schon Fellows....



Satishs berühmte Selfies....hier mit dem Brenner's, beim ersten Rundgang durch die Stadt



Nach der Kongresseröffnung im Max`s



Stadtführung im Casino



Vor dem Kurhaus mit der Büste von Kaiser Wilhelm I, der auch regelmässig und gerne nach Baden-Baden reiste...



Im UNESCO-Welterbe – Park der «Sommerhauptstadt Europas», Lichtentaler Allee an der Oos

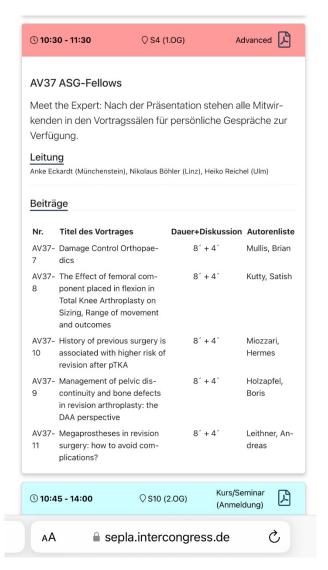


Beim Festabend «Casino Royale»













Brian Mullis bei seinem Vortrag über «Damage Control Orthopedics» und sein letztes Bild: Einsatz in Afghanistan (2.von links, hintere Reihe)





Satish Kutty spricht über Single-radius-Knieprothesen in Flexion und Hermes Miozzari über das erhöhte Infektrisiko der Knie-TP nach vorgängigen Eingriffen.





Boris Holzapfel referiert über Defektmanagement bei Revisionen an der Hüfte über den DAA, Andreas Leither über Komplikationsmanagement bei Megaprothesen in der Revisions-Chirurgie







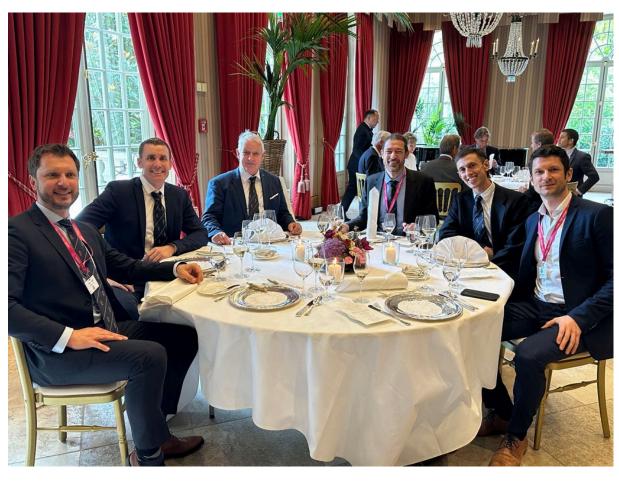










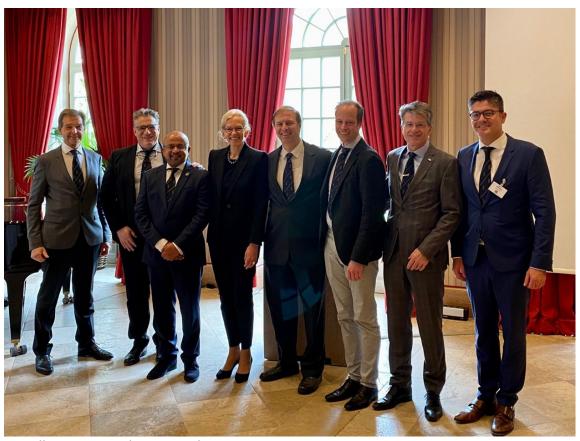








Der Kongresspräsident Prof. Münzberg nebst Gattin (stehend), links Dr. Fritz Boettner und Gattin gemeinsam mit Andrea Meurer



Mit allen anwesenden Gastgebern...



Überreichung der Urkunden mit den für das Fellowship verantwortlichen «Landeschefs»



Seit sehr langer Zeit wieder ein Corresponding Fellow: Univ.-Prof. Andreas Leithner





Boris Holzapfel, Martin Thaler und Karlmeinrad Giesinger während ihres Reiseberichtes 2019



Satish Kutty bei der Präsentation der gemeinsamen Reise mit Brian Mullis 2023





Gruppenbild und...



Farewell Baden-Baden 2023!