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The IAS continues to mentor and support the future key opinion leaders in the field through a number of initiatives, especially support of early- and mid-career clinicians and researchers.

The IAS Visiting Fellowship Awards are presented each year in an effort to develop skills that will not only impact favourably on your personal career but will also enhance clinical and research programs in your home country. The deadline to submit your application for 2017 is fast approaching: **January 31, 2017**. Please visit our web site for more complete information (www.athero.org) but note that you will need confirmation from the host laboratory as part of your application. This program has been in effect since 1991 and has supported more than 85 international scientists working in laboratories around the world, many of whom have gone on to have a major impact on the field.

Another major training effort, the 5th Salzburg International Atherosclerosis Society/Weill Cornell Seminar on Lipid Metabolism and Cardiovascular Risk, was held in Salzburg on September 25-October 1, 2016, and included 27 English-speaking mid-career clinicians from 22 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the former Soviet Union and other countries in transition where there is no easy access to this type of education. The IAS faculty for this seminar served pro bono, generously giving their time and expertise to what was an exciting and rewarding week. The seminar consisted of five days of morning lectures presented by international experts in the field, with the afternoons devoted to case study presentations and interactive workshops conducted as collaborative, small group learning exercises. The week provided participants with the unique opportunity to meet and interact with an international faculty to build skills and develop relationships for future collaborative efforts.

We look forward to next year's Seminar which will be held October 22-28, 2017. If you are interested in attending and are from the regions mentioned above, please visit <http://www.aaf-online.org/index.php/omi-salzburg-medical-seminars.html>.