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Message From Assembly Chair

Serpil C. Erzurum, MD

It is a great pleasure to provide you with the many accomplishments of our Assembly over the past year and our upcoming plans for the ATS international conference. This has been a very productive year. Thank you to all of our talented AII members who made these activities possible. A special thank you goes to our dedicated and hard-working AII Executive Committee members.

Although cost cutting measures affected support for new Assembly Projects last year all renewal Assembly Projects received continued funding. Because of the renewal funding provided the AII assembly projects moved forward toward completion in 2010 as noted in the Project Committee report by Dr Monick. We are happy to report that ATS will accept New Assembly Projects in the 2010 cycle for funding in FY2011. Generous support and donations from our PAR members and other partner organizations have provided support for the ATS Research Program in these difficult financial times and ATS is grateful to them for this support. We would also like to thank the American Thoracic Society Corporate Member Program, the Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research and ATS PAR Members for providing Travel Award funding. The AII Program Committee selected awardees based on the abstracts submitted to the International Conference for programming at the meeting. We also received funding to provide International Travel Trainee Awards (ITTA) to 3 junior international members based on abstracts submitted to the international meeting. The awards will be presented at the AII dinner meeting on Monday evening in New Orleans. Details about the dinner this year are provided by Dr. Parsons in the Membership Working Group Report.

In addition, AII members have launched plans for raising awareness of lung diseases and research during "Year of the Lung, 2010". The AII assembly is creating an educational document on Asthma that will be posted to our website soon for all to use. Please see the ATS website for more information on YOL2010 activities at:

<http://www.2010yearofthelung.com/>

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Message From Assembly Chair

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There were a record numbers of ATS abstracts this year, 6059 total! Our Program committee, headed by Dr Fahy, received a record number of these abstract submissions; including a large number of late breaking abstracts (All members continue to be very productive!). The Program Committee has planned a spectacular line up of poster sessions and presentations for the ATS International Conference. This was the first year for case report abstracts for ATS, and this will add to the international meeting. I hope you are planning to attend and that you will also attend the ATS Foundation dinner on Saturday evening more information on the dinner can be found at: <http://foundation.thoracic.org/web/resources/foundation-save-date2-web-09.pdf>

New membership categories are available that provide a considerable savings to attending the ATS international meeting. Please encourage your junior colleagues and trainees to join and take advantage of membership in ATS Information on the new categories can be found at: <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/membership/categories-and-fees.html>.

We hope you will include the AII Assembly Membership meeting on Monday May 17th at 4:30 pm on your ATS agenda. This year we will vote for Assembly Chair, Nominating Committee members, and Program Committee Chair-elect. Fellows and Junior Professionals are invited to attend the Assembly Membership meeting and to arrive early. Assembly leadership will be there to welcome you at 4:00 pm (30 minutes before the start of the official meeting) and introduce you to the Assembly. Following the meeting, please join us at the AII Dinner meeting to see friends, interact with colleagues and enjoy our guest speaker, Dr. William J. Martin. New members are always welcome, so please come by to see what is happening and to get involved in AII.

Nominating Committee Report

Patricia Finn, MD, Chair

The AII Nominating Committee charge this year was to select candidates for the upcoming AII available leadership positions for elections at ATS. The committee was grateful for the enthusiasm of the many talented individuals willing to serve and give freely of their time to enhance the work of the AII Assembly.

Following consideration of a proposed succession plan to enhance seamless transition and further deliberation, the following were chosen as candidates:

Assembly Chair:

Jeffrey Curtis, MD
Mitchell Olman, MD

Program Committee Chair-Elect:

Bethany Moore, PhD
Gustavo Matute-Bello, MD

Nominating Committee:

Gregory Downey, MD
Jonathan Parsons, MD
Rebecca Shilling, MD

The final vote for one Assembly Chair, one Program Committee Chair-Elect and two Nominating Committee members will take place at the Assembly meeting in New Orleans. Prior to the election, a biosketch for each of

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the nominees will be available so that Assembly members will be able to learn more about each of the candidates. In support of the excellent candidates and their ongoing work for the Assembly, we encourage as many members as possible to attend the meeting and cast your vote. Your participation is important, and is what makes the AII Assembly outstanding. If you have never attended the annual Assembly Meeting at ATS, please add the AII Assembly Meeting to your ATS agenda. Attending the meeting does not commit to anything more than voting for your new leaders, but does provide the opportunity to expand your participation in ATS.

Planning Committee Report

Martha Monick, PhD, Chair

The AII Planning Committee is charged with developing the long range plans for the Assembly and serving as the “executive body” to the Assembly Chair and Assembly members. The major job of the committee is to review and prioritize Assembly Projects. The 2009-10 AII Planning Committee included Martha Monick, Chair, Anne Dixon, Delbert Dorscheid, Stephen Kirkby, Gustavo Matute-Bello, Jonathan Parsons, Prescott Woodruff, Bruce Levy, Margaret Gyetco, Mark Wewers, Lara Wittine and Robert Paine. Emeritus and “just because they are important” members included, John Mastronarde (immediate past Chair of the Planning Committee), Patricia Finn (immediate past Chair of AII), and our Assembly Chair Serpil Erzurum. The committee met at the 2009 ATS meeting in San Diego. Plans were made for evaluating 2010 ATS Projects. This was accomplished during a conference call in July. There was discussion of increasing project applications submitted through AII. Due to financial constraints, ATS did not accept new project applications in 2009-2010. The Planning Committee recommended pairing of senior and junior AII members to develop Projects for when ATS funding is renewed. A survey of AII members regarding topics felt to be important for potential project submissions was completed during John Mastronarde’s stewardship of the Planning Committee and will be used as we move forward. In addition, the ATS Documents Development and Implementation Committee requested an evaluation of the currency of AII documents housed on the ATS Website. The AII Planning Committee reviewed all the documents in our portfolio and submitted reviews. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your Assembly and want to serve on the AII Planning Committee, feel free to email me, martha-monick@uiowa.edu and you will be considered as openings occur.

Project Report

Martha Monick, PhD, Planning Committee Chair

ATS Project support provides the working funds for groups to publish new guidelines, develop meetings, create review articles and design educational programs. Due to financial constraints, ATS suspended new projects for one year (2010), while continuing to fund eligible renewal projects for 2010. Consistent with this there were no new AII projects funded in 2010. However, ATS continued to support four ongoing projects from AII. The ongoing Projects approved for funding by ATS include:

1. International ERS/ATS Consensus on Definition, Evaluation, Mechanisms and Research into Severe Asthma.

Chaired by Sally Wenzel with K.Fan Chung, Mario Castro, Peter Sterk and others.

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2. Management of Exercise-Induced Bronchospasm: An ATS Clinical Practice Guideline.

Chaired by Jonathan Parsons with John Mastronarde, Teal Hallstrand, William Storms, James Hull, Kenneth Rundell, Sandra Anderson and John Weiler.

3. Consensus Definition of Acute Lung Injury in Animals.

Chaired by Gustavo Matute-Bello with Gregory Downey, Bethany Moore, Jesus Villar (Spain), Wolfgang Kuebler (Berlin) and others.

4. Workshop on the Interaction between Obesity and Lung Disease

Chaired by Anne Dixon with Stephanie Shore, Fernando Holguin, Akshay Sood and others.

Congratulations to our AII members for moving ahead on these important projects for ATS!

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2011!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2011. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. Applications will be available on the ATS website at www.thoracic.org beginning in May.

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee Chair Martha M. Monick at martha-monick@uiowa.edu.

Please contact Miriam Rodriguez with any questions at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

Program Committee Report

John Fahy, MD, Chair

The organization of the annual ATS International Conference represents the coordinated efforts of hundreds of ATS members and staff, and the ATS Assemblies play a critical role in the process. The 2010 International Conference Committee is chaired by Marc Moss, M.D. (University of Colorado, Denver) and the members include the Chair and Chair-elect of each of the 13 ATS assemblies. While the conference committee coordinates and finalizes the program for the International Conference, the program committees of the individual assemblies do the majority of the programming work. Each assembly is provided with a portion of the slots for scientific symposia, mini symposia, meet the professor, sunrise symposia, poster discussion sessions and thematic posters based on a number of factors including size of the assembly membership, and historical precedent for the number of abstracts submitted to individual assemblies. Our assembly is among the largest in the ATS and has consistently attracted a large number of abstract submissions. Therefore, the AII assembly is responsible for programming a relatively large share of the conference, and this responsibility is delegated to the AII Program Committee.

The 36-person strong AII Program Committee for 2010 has representation from North America, Europe, and Australia and its work for ATS 2010 began during and right after ATS 2009 in San Diego. The first task was to

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evaluate applications for scientific symposia, which were submitted in June by ATS members. The AII assembly programmed six of these symposia. The process began with the Program Committee evaluating the applications and was finalized by the AII Program Committee Chair and Chair Elect (Peter Sterk, Ph.D., University of Amsterdam) at the first of two International Conference Committee meetings in September. The next task for the Program Committee was to program over 800 abstracts submitted before the November abstract deadline. The abstracts were programmed to mini symposia, poster discussions, and thematic poster sessions. The AII Program Committee Chair and Chair Elect finalized the day and time for each of these sessions and arranged for co-sponsorship with other assemblies at the International Conference Committee meeting in December.

Deliberations by the 2010 ATS International Conference Committee led to suggestions for two changes in the abstract submission process for the conference. One suggestion was to decrease the number of abstract categories that members can choose from when they submit their abstracts online. Category numbers have grown over the years to the point where the number of category choices is unwieldy. Therefore, the International Conference Committee worked together to decrease the number of categories for 2011 and beyond. This change will hopefully make the process of abstract submission easier. It should also facilitate programming.

Another suggestion for change was to provide an opportunity to submit late breaking abstracts for the International Conference. This change took place for 2010 with a call for late breaking abstracts in December that required abstract submissions by February 10. There was a robust response to the call and 50% of the submitted abstracts were programmed, including 23 abstracts from AII. Three of these were selected for presentation in two mini-symposia reserved for late breaking abstract. The remaining abstracts were distributed among existing poster discussion and thematic poster sessions. Look for the late breaking abstracts as you sample the science at the meeting. The sessions programmed by AII will be marked in the program, including sessions where our assembly co-sponsored sessions with other assemblies.

Hopefully, this update will provide you with better understanding about the operations of the AII Program Committee. Be sure to come to the AII assembly meeting at ATS on Monday, May 17 at 4:30 PM, to learn more, including the process for election of the Program Committee Chair Elect. If you are interested in serving on the Program Committee, look for Peter Sterk, the incoming Program Chair, at the AII meeting in New Orleans.

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Scientific Symposia		
Sunday, May 16, 2010		
A9	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: A DISEASE OF ACCELERATED AGING?	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A86	PRO-CON GUIDELINES AND THE WAVE OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE IN ASTHMA AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Monday, May 17, 2010		
B87	COINS FOR THE BOATMAN: CLEARANCE OF APOPTOTIC CELLS IN LUNG DISEASE	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Scientific Symposia		
<u>Tuesday, May 18, 2010</u>		
C5	FROM THE FIRST 'HIT' TO THE CHRONICITY OF ASTHMA	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C9	ACUTE LUNG INJURY AND ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME: EMERGING ISSUES	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
<u>Wednesday, May 19, 2010</u>		
D8	GENES, BUGS AND DRUGS: EMERGING CONCEPTS IN ASTHMA AND PATHOBIOLOGY	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
D11	TRANSLATIONAL SYSTEMS BIOLOGY AS APPLIED TO DISEASES OF PULMONARY INFLAMMATION	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
D86	"BREAKING IT DOWN": MATRIKINES AND LUNG DISEASE IN 2010	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Meet the Professor Seminars		
<u>Sunday, May 16, 2010</u>		
MP401	GM-CSF AUTOANTIBODY? DISCOVERY IN PAP TO CLINICAL APPLICATIONS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP402	PREDICTION OF STEROID RESPONSIVENESS IN COPD	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
<u>Monday, May 17, 2010</u>		
MP501	IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, May 18, 2010</u>		
MP601	CHURG-STRAUSS SYNDROME AND EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASES	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminars		
<u>Monday, May 17, 2010</u>		
SS101	SEX DIFFERENCES IN ASTHMA	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
<u>Tuesday, May 18, 2010</u>		
SS201	MICRONUTRIENTS IN CRITICAL ILLNESS	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS202	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ASPIRIN-EXACERBATED RESPIRATORY DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
<u>Wednesday, May 19, 2010</u>		
SS301	OBESITY AND ASTHMA: ADIPOKINES, INFLAMMATION AND AN EMERGING ASTHMA PHENOTYPE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Workshops		
<u>Monday, May 17, 2010</u>		
WS3	CLINICAL ROLE OF MONITORING EXHALED NITRIC OXIDE	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
Mini Symposia		
<u>Monday, May 17, 2010</u>		
B13	MECHANISMS OF EPITHELIAL CELL DYSFUNCTION IN AIRWAY DISEASE	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B92	EXHALED BIOMARKERS IN AIRWAYS DISEASES: COMING TO ADULTHOOD	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
B93	GENOME-WIDE APPROACHES FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF ASTHMA GENES: NEW METHODS, NEW PHENOTYPES, NEW GENES	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
<u>Tuesday, May 18, 2010</u>		
C13	SARCOIDOSIS: NEW INSIGHTS ABOUT MECHANISM	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C92	IL-17 IN LUNG IMMUNITY, FRIEND OR FOE?	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
C93	MOLECULAR AND CLINICAL PHENOTYPING OF ASTHMA	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Mini Symposia		
Wednesday, May 19, 2010		
D13	VIRUS-HOST INTERACTIONS IN ASTHMA AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions		
Sunday, May 16, 2010		
A21	AIRWAY REMODELING: FROM BENCH TO CLINIC	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A22	MODELS FOR STUDYING MECHANISM OF REJECTION IN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A101	INFLAMMATION AND REPAIR IN LUNG INJURY	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Monday, May 17, 2010		
B21	HETEROGENEITY AND COMORBIDITY IN ASTHMA	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B101	INNATE IMMUNE REGULATION OF AIRWAY INFLAMMATION	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 18, 2010		
C21	MECHANISMS OF TH2 INFLAMMATION IN THE LUNG	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 19, 2010		
D21	ASTHMA THERAPY: NEW TARGETS, NEW TRICKS	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
D101	DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ASTHMA	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions		
Sunday, May 16, 2010		
A31	INNATE IMMUNE REGULATION OF AIRWAY INFLAMMATION: ROLE OF DENDRITIC CELLS AND MACROPHAGES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A32	ASTHMA GENETICS AND GENOMICS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A33	CLINICAL ASTHMA: THERAPY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A34	LUNG INJURY: MECHANISM AND INTERVENTIONS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A35	LUNG INFECTIONS: MECHANISMS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A36	INFLAMMATION AND THE AIRWAY EPITHELIUM	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A37	ROLE OF MAST CELLS IN LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A38	AIRWAY EPITHELIAL CELL DYSFUNCTION IN ASTHMA	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
Monday, May 17, 2010		
B31	CLINICAL ASTHMA: ASSESSMENT, SEVERITY AND CONTROL	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B32	LUNG INJURY: PATHWAYS AND TARGETS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B33	EOSINOPHILS AND NEUTROPHILS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B34	MECHANISMS OF LUNG RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B35	AIRWAY INFLAMMATION AND HYPERRESPONSIVENESS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
Tuesday, May 18, 2010		
C31	RHINITIS AND SINUSITIS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C32	RHINOVIRUS AND THE AIRWAYS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C33	ANTI-INFLAMMATORY STRATEGIES IN AIRWAYS DISEASE: ANIMAL MODELS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C34	NON-INVASIVE ASSESSMENT OF AIRWAYS DISEASE	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
Wednesday, May 19, 2010		
D31	ANIMAL MODELS OF AIRWAY INFLAMMATION	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D32	HUMAN STUDIES OF IMMUNE DYSFUNCTION IN ASTHMA	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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Thematic Poster Sessions		
Wednesday, May 19, 2010		
D33	AIRWAY INFECTION: MICROBIOME AND MECHANISMS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D34	NOVEL THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS IN AIRWAYS DISEASE	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D35	MODULATORS OF AIRWAY INFLAMMATION	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D36	SARCOIDOSIS: TRANSLATIONAL APPROACHES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D37	IMMUNE MECHANISMS IN THE LUNG	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D38	AIRWAY INFLAMMATION: PRE-CLINICAL MODELS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Web Editor Report

Jonathan Parsons, MD, MSc, Web Editor

ATS Clinical Cases:

Submit a case! The American Thoracic Society features ATS Clinical Cases, a monthly series devoted to interactive clinical case presentations on all aspects of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. The cases are designed to provide education to practitioners, faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students. We especially hope to encourage participation and contribution of cases by pulmonary and critical care fellows, junior faculty, practitioners, and medical residents. Individuals can submit interesting cases to me at jonathan.parsons@osumc.edu. Guidelines for case submission can be found at <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/clinical-information/ats-clinical-cases/case-guidelines.html>

ATS Virtual Asthma Center:

We continue to add great content to the ATS Virtual Asthma Center! Valuable asthma content including cases, guidelines, and specific resources for patients, clinicians, and researchers are available at <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/clinical-information/asthma/index.html>.

ATS Asthma Center Journal Club:

We have recently started the Virtual Asthma Center Journal Club! The goal of this journal club is to present constructive, systematic peer-reviewed critiques of important articles relevant to the pathogenesis, diagnosis, or treatment of asthma. If you are interested in submitting a critique or suggesting an article for evaluation or have any other comments about the Virtual Asthma Center's Journal Club, please contact [John McConville, MD](#), Deputy Editor, or [Jerry A. Krishnan, MD, PhD](#), Editor-in-Chief.

Membership Working Group Report

Jonathan Parsons, MD, Chair

The All Membership Working Group is a sub committee of the Planning Committee and provides strategic guidance to retain, grow and actively engaged membership in All.

The charge for the working Group includes to:

1. Develop strategies for growing membership and retaining current members

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2. Introduce specific strategies for both the attraction and retention of in-training and in-transition members of ATS.
3. Arrange a speaker for the AII Membership dinner
4. Continuously evaluate the value of membership and promote AII membership benefits

It is the mission of the committee to *include junior members* of ATS on the committee. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Jonathan Parsons.

We hope to see you at the *Assembly Dinner* in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel on Monday evening, May 17, 2010 from 7:00-10:00 PM in the Versailles Ballroom (Third Level) of the Hotel. There is a cost of \$20 for this year's dinner, which can be paid ahead of time or at the meeting. We encourage senior members of AII to invite trainees and younger members and cover their dinner charge. The AII Assembly Dinner is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young members and trainees to AII, to connect with old friends and to set up new interactions and collaborations. Please plan on attending; it should be a great evening.

The programming for the evening will consist of AII Trainee Travel Awards presentation and the featured lecturer, William J. Martin, MD who will be giving a talk titled "A Hurricane, Asthma and Global Health." Dr. Martin joined the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences as Associate Director, NIEHS and Director, Office of Translational Research, in March 2006 with a special interest in developing new approaches in the application of research discoveries to benefit vulnerable populations in the developing world. He received his M.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1974, and completed pulmonary and critical care training at Mayo Clinic in 1979. Following completion of his research training in the Pulmonary Branch at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, he joined the staff of Mayo Clinic as a clinician-investigator in 1981. While on faculty at Indiana University, Dr. Martin served as a Health Policy Fellow for Sen. Edward Kennedy, United States Senate, Labor and Human Resources Committee in 1995-1996. He also served as the Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care at Indiana University for twelve years before becoming the Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University's School of Medicine. Dr. Martin recently served as the Dean of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and is a past president of the American Thoracic Society. He served as a volunteer physician for Project Hope on the US Navy hospital ship, the USNS Comfort, following Hurricane Katrina in September 2005. He was a member of the US delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Copenhagen in 2009. Dr. Martin is focused on improving the health of people in the developing world by reducing exposure of particularly women and children to indoor smoke from burning of biomass fuels, a condition which affects 2.5 billion people on the planet. In this capacity, Dr. Martin serves as the NIH representative on the CDC Indo-US Joint Working Group and the EPA Partnership for Clean Indoor Air.

Patients to Speak At Thirteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at thirteen symposia at the 2010 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium for the last seven years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2009.

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Patients to Speak At Thirteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

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This is the seventh year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys. This insight will address diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient perspective will be presented are listed below:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII/RCMB	A9	COPD: A Disease Of Accelerated Aging?	Sunday 5/16/10 8:15-8:30 am
AII	A12	Severe Asthma: The Last 10 Years And Moving Forward	Sunday, 5/16/10 8:15-8:20 am
AII/RCMB	A87	Mucus Plugs For 2010: Update On Mucus In Airway Homeostasis And Disease	Sunday, 5/16/10 1:40-1:45 pm
MTPI/AII/RCMB	B7	Keeping The Immunosupressed Well: Clinical Infectious Challenges In Emerging Immunosupressed Hosts	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
RSF/RCMB/AII/CP	B9	New Frontiers In Asthma Therapy	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/RCMB	B83	The Influence Of Histology And Molecular Analysis On Treatment Of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: "Tailored Therapy"	Monday, 5/17/10 1:30-1:35 pm
SRN/CP	B86	Should We Treat Asymptomatic Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients?	Monday, 5/17/10 3:30-3:35 pm
CP/PR	C2	Seven Questions Every COPD Patient Wants Answered	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/BS/PED	C10	Cystic Fibrosis: Bench, Bedside, And Beyond	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:20-8:25 am
CP/AII	C82	Six Questions Regarding Sarcoidosis	Tuesday, 5/18/10 3:05-3:10 pm
CP/NUR/PED	C85	How Well Do Patients Use Respiratory Inhalers, Nebulizers, And Other Devices? It's More Important Than You Might Think	Tuesday, 5/18/10 1:30-1:35 pm
PAR	D12	Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance (PAR SYMPOSIUM)	Wednesday, 5/19/10 9:55 am
CP/NUR/RSF	D6	Pulmonary Rehabilitation In Chronic Respiratory Diseases Other Than COPD	Wednesday 8/19/10 8:30-8:35 am

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the ninth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in New Orleans on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** The topic of the symposium is “**Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance**” and it will be jointly chaired by Jo Rae Wright, PhD, Michael Matthay, MD, and Teresa Barnes. The program includes the following:

- Michael A. Matthay, MD - Cell-Based Therapy For Lung Injury
- Bernard. Lo, MD - Ethical And Policy Issues Regarding Cell-Based Therapies: Anticipating and Addressing Potential Obstacles to Scientific and Clinical Innovation
- Jahar Bhattacharya, MD, PhD - Reversal of Lung Inflammation By Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- Landon S. King, MD - Role of Lymphocytes In Mediating Recovery From Acute Lung Injury
- Mark R. Looney, MD - Role of Neutrophils And Platelets In Mediating Acute Lung Injury
- Danielle Benich - LAM Patient Perspective
- Duncan J. Stewart, MD - Future Cell-Based Therapies

ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 18 2010 in the Exhibit Hall of the Ernest N Morial Convention Center Convention Centre. Public Interest Organizations (PIO's) concerned with lung and sleep disorders will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable celebrating 2010: Year of the Lung is pleased to invite you to our fourth annual patient forum

Breathing Better with the ATS Forum

This is a forum at which patients will have the unique opportunity to network and learn more about their disease.

**SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(Grand Salon A, 1st Level)

You'll have an opportunity to hear from patients and experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the meeting.

This year's discussions will focus on Lung and Environmental Health issues, and panelists include:

William Martin II, MD • Michael Busk, MD, MPH • Kenneth Paris, MD, MPH
David Schwartz, MD • Leon Zoller

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NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

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The dinner is supported by an educational grant from Merck

ATS DOCUMENTS UPDATE

1. Reminder to all Document Developers~We have launched submission of official ATS documents through the manuscript central website that the Society uses for all journal submissions. All official ATS documents must be submitted through this website <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/atsdocs>

2. We are pleased to announce that ATS has hired a new methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD. Dr. Brozek is based at McMaster University in Canada, and as the Society's methodologist, will provide expert consultation to Document Developers. Our Documents Editor, Dr. Holger Schunemann and Dr. Brozek will both be attending the Conference in New Orleans this year and will be visiting with many Document Developers to answer methods-related questions.

For further information about document development, visit the document development area of the ATS Website at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php> or contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org

2010 Guidelines Forum and Hands-on Workshop: What's new in document and guideline development?

All ATS members are invited to attend a free, hands-on guideline workshop conducted by the ATS Documents Editor, Holger J. Schunemann, MD, PhD, and the new ATS Methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD, to be held:

Sunday, May 16, 2009
6:45-9:45 pm
Versailles Ballroom, Third Level
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70140
Tel: (504) 561-0500 | 1-800-HILTONS

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served.

SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Thoracic Society has opened the search for the Editor of its peer-reviewed publication, the *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society* (PATS), succeeding Alan R. Leff, M.D., who has been serving as Editor since the inception of the journal in 2004.

PATS publishes reviews of clinical or basic science commonly resulting from conferences or workshops organized or sponsored by the ATS and/or other organizations to provide a better understanding of diseases within respiratory, critical care medicine, and sleep. Publication is episodic.

It is anticipated that the Editor will be named in 2011 for a five-year term, but will not assume responsibility until March 2012. This timeline will allow the newly selected Editor to train with Dr. Leff for one year to ensure a smooth transition. The Search Committee is seeking candidates who are in a field relevant to lung health, critical care medicine, and/or sleep who have editorial experience.

Letters of interest, including a statement of plans for the Editorship, and curriculum vitae should be submitted by May 3, 2010 to:

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