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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Members of the Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH) Assembly: It's hard to believe that the 2015 Annual ATS International Conference is almost here. In addition to a terrific EOPH Program (see below), an EOPH reception hosted by the National Jewish Health faculty (see below), and great EOPH colleagues. So book a flight to Denver if you haven't already.

The EOPH Assembly had a busy year, including publication of several ATS documents and reports (including Beryllium, Workplace Spirometry, and Climate Change and 4th Jack Pepys workshop reports), 3 new Assembly projects (see below), and on-going Environmental advocacy.

I want to thank the members of the **EOPH Executive Committee**:

Chris Carlsten MD, MPH (Chair of the Program Committee) and **Juan Celedon, DrPh, MD (Program Chair-Elect)** have developed a terrific EOPH Program for the upcoming 2015 ATS Conference (see below).

Paul Henneberger, ScD (Chair of the Planning Committee) oversaw the development and successful funding of 3 new EOPH Assembly Projects, and the selection of the **John Peters** and **Val Vallyathan Senior Awards**.

Kerri Johannson, MD has been active as the **Working Group Chair** for Early Faculty and Fellows, including a mentor-mentee program and a newly launched Facebook page (see below).

Lisa Maier, MD chaired the Nominating Committee (and along with her Denver colleagues is hosting an EOPH Assembly reception at ATS - see below).

Jack R. Harkema, DVM, PhD who will be our next Assembly Chair. **Craig Glazer, MD, MSPH** oversaw revisions to the EOPH webpages on the newly designed ATS webpage.



Carrie Redlich, MD, MPH

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

Eleanor Summerhill, MD chair of the Section on Terrorism and Inhalational Disasters.

And a thank you to all the Members of the EOPH Program and Planning Committees and a special thank you to the outstanding **ATS staff**, especially **Eileen Larsson** and **Miriam Rodriguez**.

In addition to our EOPH Assembly committees and activities, EOPH members serve on a number of the ATS-wide committees, including Environmental Health Policy (**John Balmes, MD, Chair; George Thurston, DSc, Vice Chair**), International Health, Documents Development and Implementation, Health Equality Subcommittee, Membership Committee, International Health Committee, and others. Committees and members are listed on the ATS website.

We are a relatively small but a very active Assembly. EOPH Assembly members (junior and senior, US and International) are all strongly encouraged to get involved in EOPH Assembly and ATS activities. We are especially looking for junior (or senior) members and those interested in newer forms of communication (Facebook, Twitter) to join the EOPH Web committee. You can contact the Chair of EOPH if you are interested in joining that committee.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the EOPH Assembly Chair and work with all of you, the ATS leadership and staff. I look forward to seeing you at the International Conference in Denver, May 15-20, 2015 !

Sincerely,

Carrie A. Redlich, MD, MPH

Chair, Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health

VOTE NOW FOR EOPH ASSEMBLY LEADERSHIP

Vote now online for the next EOPH Assembly Chair, Program Chair-Elect, and Nominating Committee Members

Please visit our website: <http://www.thoracic.org/vote/assembly-vote-main.php> - **deadline for voting is April 30th**

Candidates

Thanks to the EOPH Nominating Committee Members, Alison Bauer, Kristin Cummings, and Susan Tarlo for their work on this outstanding roster.

Program Committee Chair-Elect

- Augusto A. Litonjua, MD
- Edward Petsonk, MD

Nominating Committee

- Yuh-Chin Tony Huang, MD, MHS
- Maria C. Mirabelli, PhD, MPH
- Eileen Storey, MD, MPH

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Paul K. Henneberger ScD , Chair

2014 was a busy year for the EOPH Planning Committee. We evaluated numerous project proposals and award nominations. I want to thank the members listed below for their commitment and hard work:

Muge Akpinar-Elci, MD, MPH	Luke Naeher, PhD
Victoria Arrandale, MSc, PhD	Benoit Nemery, MD, PhD, MSc
Kevin Cromar, PhD	Germania Pinheiro, MD, MSc, PhD
Kristin Cummings, MD, MPH	Frances Silverman, PhD
Rafael de la Hoz, MD, MPH, MSc	George D. Thurston, Sc.D
Howard Kipen, MD, MPH	Giovanni Viegi, MD
Ware Kuschner, MD	Gail Weinmann, MD
Amar Mehta, DSc, MPH, PhD	Carrie A. Redlich, MD, MPH (Assembly Chair)
Maria Mirabelli, PhD	

A special thanks to Immediate Past Chair Vinicius C. Antao, MD, who helped keep us on track. Here's a summary of the status of projects supported by EOPH in 2014:

Project Name	Lead (s)	Status
Diagnosis and Management of Beryllium Sensitization and Chronic Beryllium Disease	J Balmes	Published: Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2014;190(10):e34-59
5th edition of the Jack Pepys Workshop on Work-Related Asthma	S Tarlo	Ongoing – with Board of Directors for final review
Chemical Inhalational Disasters: Biology of Lung Injury, Development of Novel Therapeutics, and ICU and Public Health Preparedness	E Summerhill	Ongoing – in last year
ATS Research Statement on Recent Advances on Tobacco Addiction and Smoking Cessation	AC White	Ongoing – Authors revising after initial peer review
An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities	J Celedon	New ATS project
Household Air Pollution from Solid Fuel Combustion Smoke and Global Health Equality	A Sood	New Joint ATS/ERS project
What Constitutes an Adverse Health Effect of Air Pollution	G Thurston H Kipen	New Joint ATS/ERS project
Statement on Respiratory Health Hazards in Agriculture, an update	T Sigsgaard MB Schenker	Planning phase
Statement on Lung Disease in Returning OEF and OIF Veterans	C Rose	Planning phase

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Paul K. Henneberger, MPH, ScD, Chair

Prior to the ATS Annual Conference in May, the Planning Committee will be considering nominations for several Assembly Awards (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/eoh/awards/index.php>). These include the John M. Peters Award for outstanding contributions to environmental or occupational health through leadership in research, education, or public health and the Val Vallyathan Senior Faculty Award for applicants with outstanding contributions to basic and translational science in environmental or occupational respiratory diseases.

2014 EOPH Award recipients were:

2014 EOPH Assembly Awards	
Award	Recipient
John Peters Award	Kathleen Kreiss, MD
Val Vallyathan Senior Award	Joe L. Mauderly, DVM
Val Vallyathan Junior Award	Clifford Courville, MD
David V. Bates Award	Peggy Lai, MD, MPH

If you are interested in serving on the EOPH Planning Committee, developing a new EOPH Assembly Project, or revising any of the older ATS EOPH Statements found at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/>, please contact Committee Chair Paul Henneberger (pkh0@cdc.gov). Assembly project applications will likely be due in early August.

EARLY FACULTY AND FELLOWS WORKING GROUP

Kerri Johansson, MD, MPH, FRCPC, Chair

The goal of the Early Career Professionals working group is to provide Early Career Professionals with opportunities for networking, involvement and leadership within the EOPH assembly. The group's main focus is the Mentorship Program and I will be matching new mentor-mentee pairs in time for this year's ATS meeting. If you are interested in being either a mentor or a mentee, please complete the brief survey at <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/mentoring-program/>.

We have also created a Facebook page as a venue for sharing research published by our members, posting potential funding opportunities and anything else of interest to the group. You can 'Like' the page through the link at <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/index.php>.

Our working group will hold a short breakfast meeting on Monday May 18th in Denver. We will also be hosting Early Career Professionals, new members to the assembly and mentorship pairs the ½ hour before the EOPH Assembly meeting on Monday May 18th from 4:30-5:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Christopher Carlsten, Chair

Thanks to the hard work and great ideas of EOPH assembly members, we have a rich, state of the art program for the 2015 meeting in Denver, with a number of superb sessions, including likely a record number of Scientific Symposium sponsored by EOPH, as well as sessions sponsored by NIEHS, NIOSH and NASA.

Symposia are well distributed across all the major conference days, from Sunday to Wednesday, which means you can attend them all. The topics reflect the diverse interests of the EOPH assembly, including global climate change, genetics and epigenetics of environmentally-induced asthma, air pollution, human-animal interactions, and global respiratory health.

EOPH is also sponsoring 2 mini-symposia, 3 poster discussion sessions, and 4 thematic poster sessions. My thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts for these sessions, and also the many EOPH members who graciously accepted our request to serve as moderators and facilitators.

This year the ATS International Conference Committee finalized a re-design of Abstract categories, intended to better coordinate and integrate sessions across the ATS, a topic you will hear more about.

Many thanks to the entire EOPH program committee, who worked tirelessly to review submission and to sort them into coherent sessions. The program would truly have been impossible without their input.

EOPH Program Committee

Chair: Christopher Carlsten, MD, MPH

Chair-elect: Juan C. Celedon, DrPH, MD

Neil E. Alexis, PhD	George L. Delclos, MD, MPH	Robert J. Laumbach, MD, MPH
Victoria H. Arrandale, PhD, MSc, BSc	Paul K. Henneberger, ScD	Edward L. Petsonk, MD
Matthew J. Campen, PhD	Nadia N. Hansel, MD, MPH	Germania A. Pinheiro, MD, MSc, PhD
John R. Balmes, MD	Jeremy A. Hirota, BSc, PhD	Kent E. Pinkerton, PhD
Alison K. Bauer, PhD	Steven R. Kleeberger, PhD	Lisa A. Maier, MD
Hasan Bayram, MD, PhD	Ilona Jaspers, PhD	Guy B. Marks, MBBS, PhD
Daniel L. Costa, DSc	Meredith C. McCormack, MD, MHS	Kevin J. Mortimer
		Takashi Sato, MD, PhD
Ralph Delfino, MD, PhD	Sumita B. Khatri, MD, MS	Eleanor M. Summerhill

Now is the perfect time to be sketching out ideas for the 2016 program. Bring your ideas to this year's Program Committee Meeting. Program ideas come from all interested members (a real grass-roots process) so come prepared and get the sessions planned that you are most excited about.

Hope to see you soon in Denver.

ATS 2015 - Denver

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health

Ses- sion	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
A7	ENVIRONMENT, GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARDIOPULMONARY HEALTH	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B6	GENETICS AND EPIGENETICS OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-INDUCED ASTHMA	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C86	ONE HEALTH: HOW HUMANS, ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT INTERACT TO INCREASE RISK OF RESPIRATORY DISEASE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 20, 2015			
D5	ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES IN ASTHMA: MECHANISMS LINKING PREVALENCE AND EXACERBATIONS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B11	AIR POLLUTION: A MAJOR GLOBAL THREAT TO LUNG HEALTH	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C11	D'AIR TO BREATHE: AIRBORNE PATHOGENS AND PREVENTION	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C91	STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PEDIATRIC ASTHMA DISPARITIES THROUGH CARE COORDINATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
WS5	THINKING OUT OF THE BOX: DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO TB ELIMINATION IN THE U.S.	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 18, 2015			
SS111	REAL-WORLD SPIROMETRY: AVOIDING TECHNICAL PITFALLS AND CHOOSING AN INTERPRETATION ALGORITHM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
SS212	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF FIBROSING HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 20, 2015			
SS312	INTERFERON GAMMA RELEASE ASSAYS IN LOW-RISK TUBERCULOSIS SETTINGS: LESSONS LEARNED	7:00 AM	8:00 AM

Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
MP410	OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASE: KEY DIAGNOSTIC POINTS FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Monday, May 18, 2015			
MP508	SEA LEVEL RISE, FLOODING, AND RESPIRATORY HEALTH	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
MP609	INDOOR MOLDS AND RESPIRATORY HEALTH	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
A95	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR POLLUTANTS AND RESPIRATORY HEALTH	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B97	"OMICS" OF ENVIRONMENTALLY-INDUCED LUNG DISEASES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C15	NOVEL EPIDEMIOLOGY OF ASTHMA AND COPD	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Wednesday, May 20, 2015			
D17	DIET, OBESITY, AND LUNG HEALTH	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
A105	COPD EPIDEMIOLOGY: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B25	OCCUPATIONAL RESPIRATORY DISEASES: NOVEL EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MECHANISMS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C25	HEALTH EFFECTS OF SMOKING AND BIOMASS FUEL	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C104	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR POLLUTION: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MECHANISMS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 20, 2015			
D107	NOVEL ASTHMA EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MECHANISMS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 17, 2015			
A45	ASTHMA EPIDEMIOLOGY	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
A46	OCCUPATION, OBESITY, AND LUNG HEALTH	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 18, 2015			
B46	HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION AND NANOPARTICLES	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015			
C53	PULMONARY TOXICOLOGY AND CASE REPORTS	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C54	COPD EPIDEMIOLOGY: TOBACCO	9:30 AM	4:15 PM

WEB DIRECTOR UPDATE

Dr. Craig Glazer, Web Director

The EOPH Web Director maintains and enhances the environmental and occupational health content of the ATS website (www.thoracic.org). Our focus is to facilitate interactions/ communications among assembly members and provide information which could benefit the entire ATS community. The ATS website underwent a major redesign this year. We have updated the EOPH content across the entire ATS website (a work still in progress). We hope to develop future webinars and web-based sessions highlighting EOPH statements and lectures for Pulmonary / Critical Care Training Programs seeking to access our EOPH Assembly's expertise. The webinar format can also be used for journal clubs, case discussions, blogs and links to others resources. If you have ideas for future webinars, or other projects or activities, please email us at eoph@thoracic.org.

We are actively seeking EOPH assembly members to join an EOPH Web Committee. Technology influences the way we communicate. Learn how to use these tools in environmental and occupational respiratory health ! No experience is necessary. The EOPH web committee will oversee the content of the EOPH Assembly's website, as well as generate ideas on how to better connect assembly members through the use of social media, for example, or to better address our mission through multimedia content. This is a **great opportunity** for members to get involved in the activities of the EOPH Assembly and also learn more about Web / Internet communication technology. If interested please contact eoph@thoracic.org.

I look forward to seeing you in Denver.

SECTION ON TERRORISM AND INHALATIONAL DISASTERS (TID)

Eleanor M. Summerhill, MD, Section Chair

The Section would like to welcome all EOPH members with interests in inhalational lung injury and disaster medicine to the Section Meeting on Sunday, May 17th from 11:45am-1:15pm at the **Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel in room Governors 16 on the concourse level of the Hotel** to help develop future projects and initiatives. We look forward to seeing you at the 2015 International Meeting in Denver!

Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health Membership Meeting

*Monday, May 18th
5:00pm-7:00pm*

Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel

*Majestic Ballroom
Majestic Level*

Meet Your Mentor HERE!



Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located in the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in room Plaza Court 5 (Concourse Level). The room will be available:

Friday May 15th – Tuesday May 19th, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday May 20th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Also in the room there will be laptops and printers available for use. You can also pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program ribbon and pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot!

Other opportunities to meet:

- 1) New Member Meet and Greet – this occurs 30 minutes prior each Assembly Membership Meeting
- 2) Early Career Professionals' Corner
Science and Innovation Center (Denver Convention Center)
Tuesday, May 19th, 2015
7:00– 8:00 a.m.
Light breakfast will be served

For more information on the Mentorship Programs, contact Breana Portelli at bportelli@thoracic.org.

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Policy Statement, Research Statement, Clinical Practice Guideline, Workshop Report, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in Denver at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop: Friday, May 15th from 6-9 PM, Governor's 14, Concourse Level, Plaza Building, Sheraton Denver Downtown. This session is required for both current and new guideline panel chairs, as well as the chairs of new document projects. The session is recommended for the chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to Katrina Gorres at kgorres@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. The schedule is as follows:
 - o 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval); a light dinner will be served.
 - o 7-9 PM – Current guideline chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New guideline chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the "trials and tribulations" of guideline development from experienced peers.
- Guideline methodology training program: All ATS clinical practice guidelines require the support of an experienced methodologist; however, there is a shortage of methodologists from which to derive the support. The ATS has a guideline methodology training program that provides on-the-job training to individuals who are interested in becoming a methodologist. Applications for the training program are available at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php>. An informational session is being held on Monday, May 18th from 7 pm until 8:30 pm at the ATS International Conference for anyone who is interested in learning more about the program. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Kevin C. Wilson, MD, ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs at kwilson@thoracic.org. Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in Denver, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor and ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting to discuss and answer questions about Official ATS Documents. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca. Please indicate the name of your panel and a range of time that would be appropriate for their visit.
- Office Hours: Stop by our second annual "Office Hours" to meet and talk with Dr. Kevin Wilson and/or Dr. Jan Brozek about any Official ATS Document related matters. Contact John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org for dates and times.

ATS Patient Education Resources

- ATS continues to expand its patient education resources - there are currently more than 70 high quality patient oriented fact sheets on a range of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep topics including both common and rare diseases such as COPD, VCD, and HPS; common procedures and diagnostic tests such as sleep studies, lung function studies, and bronchoscopy; and special focus topics including palliative care and lung cancer prevention. These fact sheets are available at no cost via the ATS website at www.thoracic.org under the Patients Tab. See pieces that you like? Feel free to use them in your practice and share them with others! Have new topics you'd like to propose? Contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org with your ideas and feedback.

ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

At the 2014 Leadership Summit, assembly leaders voted to establish an ATS Assembly Challenge in support of the ATS Foundation. The Challenge kicked off on #GivingTuesday, on December 2, 2014, a special day worldwide dedicated to the joy of giving, and ran all month long.

Gifts both large and small were received and much appreciated. December giving from assembly members rose from \$121,970 in 2013 to \$170,974 in 2014—an increase of \$49,000! These gifts are greatly meaningful to young investigators at risk of terminating their careers in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Your generous gifts to the ATS Foundation help launch careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care.



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology; Gregory P. Downey, MD, chair for the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation; and Kristin A. Riekert, PhD, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, proudly display their 2014 ATS Assembly Challenge awards

Personal outreach from assembly chairs especially helped drive giving to the ATS Foundation.

“Without member support, amazing programs such as MECOR and young investigator research grants wouldn’t exist. If every ATS member gave even a small donation, even more ground-breaking research and training could be supported,” said **Kristin A. Riekert, PhD**, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research.

Dr. Riekert sent personal messages to her fellow BSHR members to encourage them to give, and capitalized on the momentum of #GivingTuesday to encourage giving. That outreach made a tremendous difference.

Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, also sent messages to his fellow RCMB members and spurred giving through #GivingTuesday.

“For me the participation of RCMB members in the assembly challenge was very, very meaningful,” said Dr. Kaminski. “The fact that they made the effort and donated (and many did) demonstrated their commitment to our community and to the future of respiratory research.”

There were three ways to win the Challenge: be the assembly with the most dollars raised in 2014, be the assembly with the highest member participation rate, and be the assembly with the largest average gift per member.

Allergy Immunology & Inflammation raised the most dollars in the ATS Assembly Challenge with \$63,549. **Behavioral Science and Health Services Research** had the highest member participation with 20.86%, and the largest average gift per member with \$98.27. **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology**'s outstanding outreach efforts led to the creation of a brand new award in recognition of having the most first-time givers. Their outreach efforts inspired 26 members to give to the Foundation for the very first time during December alone!

Congratulations to the Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, and Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology assemblies! They will receive special recognition in a number of ATS communications, at ATS 2015, and within their own assemblies.

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their generous support and for rising to the challenge. Your giving is life-changing for young investigators, patients, and communities worldwide. To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit foundation.thoracic.org.

PLEASE JOIN THE EOPH ASSEMBLY FOR A RECEPTION HOSTED BY NATIONAL JEWISH HEALTH FACULTY

***Tuesday, May 19th
5:30pm-7:30pm***

***NJH Campus
Molly Blank Atrium
1400 Jackson St, Denver CO 80206***

Help Us Help You!

Have you:

- moved,
- changed your title,
- added a new specialty, credential or other information?

Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

Please take a minute to update your contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile today. And now you can also upload your PHOTO to your member profile! Log in [HERE](#).

[link is: <https://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php>]

By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are targeted to you, and it also ensures accuracy when you register for the International Conference.

Refer a Fellow to the ATS!

Do you know a Fellow who could benefit from ATS membership? Nearly 20 per cent of ATS members are currently in training, and many ATS leaders joined as Fellows too. And there's a BONUS! ATS Trainee Members receive their **first year of membership for FREE!** After the first year, trainee member dues are just \$100 per year for US members, and \$40 per year for international members, as long as the member is still in training. Read what Trainee members say about the value of membership:

ATS membership helps you to keep up-to-date with innovations in pulmonary medicine with access to journals, publications, guidelines and the Fellows corner.

Ajay Kasi, California

The ATS membership is the best option to participate in the world's biggest thoracic society, be an important part of scientific exchange and access the best scientific publications.

Adrian Ceccato, Argentina

My membership gives me the opportunity to expand my knowledge on pulmonary diseases in general and in interstitial lung diseases in particular through news, e-mails, journals, special learning opportunities (like the ILD video series) and the annual meeting.

Sandra Chartrand, Canada

ATS Section on Terrorism and Inhalational Disasters Membership Meeting

***Sunday, May 17th
11:45am-1:15pm***

Sheraton Downtown Denver

***Governors 16
Concourse Level***

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2016!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2016. 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.

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 Paul K. Henneberger, ScD at pkh0@cdc.gov.

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

Enter the BEAR Cage



Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career investigators. Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2015. You are invited to join us at the Science and Innovation Center to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.

Connect with your ATS assembly on social networks for the latest on journal clubs, webinars, ATS International Conference activities, and much more!

On Facebook:

ATS All Assembly
ATS SRN Assembly
ATS MTPI
ATS Assembly on
Thoracic Oncology

ATS RSF Assembly
RCMB Assembly
of the American
Thoracic Society
ATS Section on Genetics
and Genomics

ATS Environmental,
Occupational and
Population Health
Early Faculty/Fellows
ATS Nursing Assembly

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