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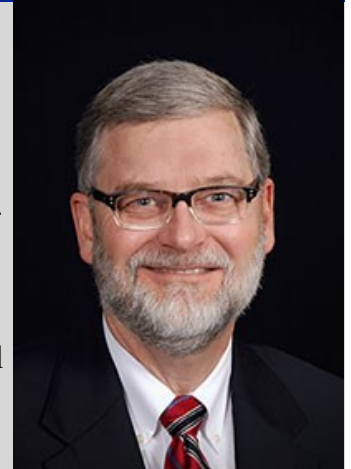
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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Members of the Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH):

It's almost the end of April and it soon will be May when we will gather for the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco. It is estimated that this will be one of the most attended meetings in our history and the scientific and educational programs look outstanding. Thanks to the hard work of our EOPH program committee in organizing and advocating for strong EOPH sponsored and co-sponsored sessions, our assembly-relevant presentations can be found throughout the meeting and are well integrated among the sessions sponsored by the other ATS assemblies. While at the convention, I especially encourage you to attend our EOPH Assembly Meeting on Monday, May 16th 6:30pm –8:30 pm at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 8 – Lower B2 Level . It is a great time to socialize with co-members, showcase our assembly to potential members, honor members for their achievements and contributions, and get updated on current ATS-wide and EOPH-targeted activities.



Jack R. Harkema, DVM, PhD

By definition, *assembly* means a group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose. We treasure the diversity in our membership, but we are also committed to our united purpose to discover, treat and prevent the health effects caused by environmental and occupational factors that contribute to the burden of lung disease, at both the personal and population level. In order to maintain and foster our assembly's unity and diversity, and our many contributions to the ATS, we need your active involvement. The ATS board of directors and the EOPH assembly are dedicated to the goal of providing more opportunities for our membership to get involved and participate in societal and assembly activities. In this regard, the ATS, and through its individual assemblies, will soon unveil an online form for members to identify their specialty areas and interests in serving the ATS and their assembly. In this way, the ATS and the EOPH will be able to maintain a more detailed and current *Get Involved Database* of its membership that will be used to get its members more connected and involved.

I want to end by thanking the members of the EOPH Executive Committee (EC), listed below, for their dedicated leadership in service for our assembly.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

In this newsletter, they have each provided a report highlighting their committee activities and accomplishments. Special thanks to Juan and Paul who will be completing their duties as chair of their respective committees.

Juan Celedón, MD, DrPH (Program Committee Chair) and Augusto Litonjua, MD (Program Committee Co-chair)  
Paul Henneberger, ScD (Chair of the Planning Committee)  
Kristina Bailey, MD and Craig Glazer, MD, MSPH (Website Co-directors)  
Kerri Johannson, MD, MPH (Chair of the Early Career Professionals' Working Group)  
Eleanor Summerhill, MD and Sadis Matalon, PhD (Co-Chairs of the Terrorism and Inhalational Disasters Section)  
Carrie Redlich, MD, MPH (Nominating Committee Chair)

See you all in San Francisco,

Jack

## 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 29th**

Thanks to the EOPH Nominating Committee Members, Carrie Redlich, MD, MPH, Maria Mirabelli, PhD, MPH, and Eileen Storey, MD, MPH for their work on this outstanding roster.

### Candidates

#### **Assembly Chair:**

Akshay Sood, MD, MPH  
Howard Kipen, MD, MPH

#### **Program Committee Chair-Elect:**

Tricia Levan, PhD  
George Delclos, MD, PhD

#### **Nominating Committee:**

Isabella Annesi- Maesano, MD, PhD, Dsc  
Stephanie London, MD  
Kent Pinkerton, PhD

# PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Paul K. Henneberger ScD , Chair

**Paul Henneberger, ScD (Chair of the Planning Committee)** oversaw the successful funding of 2 new EOPH Assembly Projects, and the selection of the **John Peters** and **Val Vallyathan Senior Awards**.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

**Paul K. Henneberger ScD, Chair**

In 2015, the EOPH Planning Committee evaluated numerous project proposals and award nominations. I want to thank the members listed below for their commitment and hard work. It truly was a group effort.

Vinicius C. Antao, MD (Past Chair)	Nirupama Putcha, MD, MHS
Victoria Arrandale, MSc, PhD	Christian E. Sandrock, MD, MPH
Juan Celedon, MD, PhD	Frances Silverman, PhD
Kevin Cromar, PhD	Eleanor M. Summerhill, MD
Kristin Cummings, MD, MPH	Giovanni Viegi, MD
Amar Mehta, DSc, MPH, PhD	Gail Weinmann, MD
Maria Mirabelli, PhD	David Weissman, MD
Benoit Nemery, MD, PhD, MSc	Carrie A. Redlich, MD, MPH (Assembly Chair)
Germania Pinheiro, MD, MSc, PhD	

EOPH Assembly members continue to have success obtaining funds for projects. The following summarizes the status of projects supported by EOPH in 2015.

Project Name	Lead(s)	Status
5th Jack Pepys Workshop on Asthma in the Workplace	S Tarlo	Published: Ann Am Thorac Soc. 2016 Jul;12(7):S99-S110.
An Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement: Current Understanding and Future Research Needs in Tobacco Control and Treatment	AC White	Published: Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2016 Aug 1;192(3):e22-41.
Chemical Inhalational Disasters: Biology of Lung Injury, Development of Novel Therapeutics, and ICU and Public Health Preparedness	E Summerhill	Ongoing ATS project
<u>Household Air Pollution from Solid Fuel Combustion</u>	A Sood	Ongoing Joint ATS/ERS project
An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities	J Celedon	Ongoing ATS project
What Constitutes an Adverse Health Effect of Air Pollution	G Thurston H Kipen	Ongoing Joint ATS/ERS project
The Occupational Burden of Respiratory Disease	P Blanc	New Joint ATS/ERS project
6th Jack Pepys Workshop on Occupational Airways Disease	S Tarlo	New ATS project

Prior to the 2016 ATS Annual Conference in May, the Planning Committee will be considering nominations for several Assembly Awards (<http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/awards/>). 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.

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# PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Paul K. Henneberger, MPH, ScD, Chair

The 2015 EOPH Award recipients were:

2015 EOPH Assembly Awards	
Award	Recipient
John Peters Award	Maritta Jaakkola, MD, PhD
Val Vallyathan Senior Award	William N. Rom, MD, MPH
Val Vallyathan Junior Award	Robert M. Tighe, MD
<u>David V. Bates Award</u>	Xingnan Li, PhD

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 July or early August.

## EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP

Kerri Johansson, MD, MPH, FRCPC, Chair

The goal of the Early Career Professionals (ECP) working group is to provide 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/>. If you have participated in the mentorship program in the past, you can sign up again for a fresh match in time for this year's conference.

This year we are planning to host a 1-hour speed-mentorship round table session at ATS, prior to the Assembly meeting on Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> 5PM at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square - Continental Ballroom Salon 4-6 (Lower B2 level). This is open to all EOPH Assembly members registering for this year's mentorship program as either mentors or mentees.

The EOPH ECP Facebook page continues as a venue for sharing research published by our members, 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>.

The ECP working group will have a short meeting at this year's ATS meeting in San Francisco. If you are interested in joining the working group, email me at [kerri.johansson@ahs.ca](mailto:kerri.johansson@ahs.ca). See you in San Francisco!

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Juan C. Celedón, MD, DrPH, Chair & Augusto A. Litonjua, MD, MPH, Chair-Elect

Thanks to the efforts and creativity of our diverse EOPH assembly members, we have an outstanding program for the 2016 meeting in San Francisco, with a number of superb sessions, including a record number of scientific symposia, mini-symposia, poster discussion sessions, thematic poster sessions and a post-graduate course sponsored by EOPH, as well as sessions sponsored by NIEHS and NIOSH.

EOPH-sponsored sessions are distributed across all conference days, from Saturday to Wednesday, which should encourage your attendance. The topics reflect the various interests of our assembly, including air pollution, E-cigarettes, climate change, respiratory health equality and environmental justice, “omics” of environmentally-induced lung disease, respiratory epidemiology, toxicology, and occupational medicine.

This year, EOPH is sponsoring 1 post-graduate course, 3 sunrise seminars, 3 meet the professor sessions, 6 scientific symposia, 4 mini-symposia, 5 poster discussion sessions, and 8 thematic poster sessions. Many thanks to everyone who submitted proposals or abstracts for EOPH sessions. Moreover, I thank our assembly members who kindly accepted our request to serve as moderators and facilitators.

I am profoundly grateful to all members of the EOPH program committee, who worked tirelessly to review your submissions. The program would truly have been impossible without their talent and efforts.

## EOPH Program Committee

**Chair:** Juan C. Celedón, MD, DrPH

**Chair-elect:** Augusto A. Litonjua, MD, MPH

Neil E. Alexis, PhD	Jeremy Hirota, PhD	Meredith McCormack, MD, MHS
Victoria H. Arrandale, PhD, MSc	Ilona Jaspers, PhD	Kevin Mortimer, MD, PhD
Lydiana Avila, MD, MPH	Christine C. Johnson, PhD	Germania A. Pinheiro, MD, PhD
John M. Brehm, MD, MPH	Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD	Kent Pinkerton, PhD
Matthew J. Campen, PhD	Sumita Khatri, MD, MS	Clare D. Ramsey, MD, MPH
Marilyn Foreman, MD, MPH	Steven R. Kleeberger, PhD	Narufumi Sukanuma, MD, PhD
Nadia Hansel, MD, MPH	Robert Laumbach, MD, MPH	Eleanor M. Summerhill, MD
Anna Hansell, PhD	Lisa Maier, MD	George Thurston, ScD
Paul K. Henneberger, ScD	Guy B. Marks, MD, PhD	Livia Veress, MD
		Juan P. Wisnivesky, MD, DrPH

You should now begin to think about potential proposals for the 2017 program. Bring your ideas to this year's Program Committee Meeting. The best sessions come from novel ideas from interested members, so come prepared to discuss and plan sessions that you find novel and exciting.

Hope to see you in San Francisco!

# ATS 2016 - San Francisco

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

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Saturday, May 14, 2016</b>			
PG21	EPIGENETICS OF LUNG DISEASE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A87	E-CIGARETTE VAPING: PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL PULMONARY HEALTH EFFECTS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B89	HEALTH EFFECTS OF INHALED TOXINS: FROM THE BENCH TO THE TRENCHES: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C10	ACHIEVING "ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE": A MAJOR STEP TOWARD RESPIRATORY HEALTH EQUALITY	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D87	CLIMATE CHANGES AND RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Jointly-Developed Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A11	GLOBAL LUNG CANCER HEALTH ISSUES	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A91	HOT TOPICS IN DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Sunrise Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
SS113	E-CIGARETTES: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND TOXICITY	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
SS211	PHYSIOLOGIC EVALUATION OF PATIENTS WITH OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASE FOR DIAGNOSIS, IMPAIRMENT, AND DISABILITY	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
SS311	VITAMIN D AND ASTHMA	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
MP410	PUBLIC HEALTH CO-BENEFITS FROM CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
MP510	AIR POLLUTION AND LUNG CANCER: ROLE OF AIRWAY EPITHELIAL CELLS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
MP609	AIR POLLUTION DOESN'T RECOGNIZE THE BORDER: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE OF AIR POLLUTION	12:15 PM	1:15 PM



<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A16	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND HEALTH CARE COSTS OF PEDIATRIC AND ADULT ASTHMA	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B15	HEALTH EFFECTS OF INDOOR/OUTDOOR POLLUTION IN CHILDHOOD	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C97	COPD: EPIDEMIOLOGY, RISK FACTORS, AND BIOMARKERS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D17	"OMICS" OF ENVIRONMENTAL LUNG DISEASE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Poster Discussion Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A26	SMOKE, POLLUTANTS, AND TOXINS: INSIGHTS FROM BENCH STUDIES	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A106	EPIDEMIOLOGY AND RISK FACTORS OF ASTHMA: FROM THE CRIB TO ADULTHOOD	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B24	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B105	COPD: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND GENETICS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D106	BIOMASS SMOKE, VOG, AND POLLUTANTS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Thematic Poster Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 15, 2016</b>			
A58	EPIDEMIOLOGY OF COPD AND LUNG CANCER	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A59	TOBACCO, NICOTINE, AND MARIJUANA USE	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A60	ILD, IPF, SARCOIDOSIS, AND DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 16, 2016</b>			
B48	ASTHMA: INSIGHTS FROM THE BENCH, GENETICS, AND EPIDEMIOLOGY	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 17, 2016</b>			
C55	CARDIOPULMONARY EFFECTS OF AIR POLLUTION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C56	OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE AND LUNG FUNCTION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 18, 2016</b>			
D46	CASE REPORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D47	EPIDEMIOLOGIC ASPECTS OF TUBERCULOSIS AND BACTERIAL INFECTIONS	9:00 AM	3:30 PM

# WEB DIRECTOR UPDATE

Kristina L. Bailey, MD , Web Director

The web committee has had a banner year. We have expanded from a single person to a committee of 6. Our efforts have focused on revamping the EOPH website, and updating the splash page. We have also created a monthly newsletter. The newsletter has been created to help keep you informed about what is happening with your colleagues from the EOPH. It will tell you about:

- What your fellow assembly members are publishing.
- Interesting cases with board-like questions
- Successes that assembly members are celebrating
- Educational opportunities
- Ways to connect with other assembly members

It can be found at the assembly website: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/>, and will arrive in your email monthly. Your web editorial committee would like to make the newsletter something that is useful for you. If you have other ideas for the newsletter, or have something you would like to see highlighted, please email us at: [kbailey@unmc.edu](mailto:kbailey@unmc.edu) or [craig\\_glazer@utsouthwestern.edu](mailto:craig_glazer@utsouthwestern.edu) . We would also like you to send us your “good news” and interesting cases.

## *Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health Membership Meeting*

*Monday, May 16th  
5:00pm-7:00pm  
Hilton San Francisco Union Square*

*Continental Ballroom 4  
Ballroom Level*

## *Section on Terrorism and Inhalational Disasters Membership Meeting*

*Sunday, May 15th  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Yerba Buena Ballroom 4-6  
Lower B2 Level*





## Meet Your Mentor HERE!

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, 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 San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in the Willow room on the B2 Level of the Hotel. The room will be available:

Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> 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!**

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit the Assemblies homepage and click on [ATS Mentoring Program](#) to learn more or contact Breana Portelli at [bportelli@thoracic.org](mailto:bportelli@thoracic.org)

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## ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDEES

The ATS Foundation is pleased to announce the grant and award recipients for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. The support of our members, donors, and partners helps make these awards possible—thank you! These grants and awards support research encompassing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep illnesses. In addition, they provide crucial support for early stage investigators from around the world. To see the awardees please click here. (<http://foundation.thoracic.org/what-we-do/2015-research-awardees.php>)

Deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted: **June 20th, 2016**

## Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2017!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2017. 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](http://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 Juan C. Celedon, DrPH, MD at [juan.celedon@chp.edu](mailto:juan.celedon@chp.edu).

For questions regarding submission please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: [mrodriguez@thoracic.org](mailto:mrodriguez@thoracic.org).

### Did you know that as an ATS member you:

- [Receive a discount of 20% \(average\) on education products at the ATS Store?](#)
- [Benefit from FREE ABIM and ABP MOC self-assessment products?](#)
- [Have access to NEW member benefits that include:](#)

Significant discounts on Springer respiratory books (print copies), and FREE online access to this book series,  
Copies of our new ATS pocket guidelines.

Save **\$1,200** – or more – per year on ATS products and services over nonmember rates.

See why **members love the ATS!** [Link: http://www.thoracic.org/members/membership/](http://www.thoracic.org/members/membership/)

\*Trainee members receive 30% and Affiliate members 10%

### Assembly Members: Help Us to 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 most targeted to you.

## Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Statements, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Workshop Reports, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in San Francisco at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 13th from 6-9 PM, San Francisco Marriott Marquis.  
This session is **required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. The session is **recommended** for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at [jharmon@thoracic.org](mailto:jharmon@thoracic.org) if you have not already done so.
- 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.
- 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.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a meeting in San Francisco, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at [kwilson@thoracic.org](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org) or Jan Brozek at [brozekj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:brozekj@mcmaster.ca).
- Office Hours and Documents Meeting Space: Stop by our 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Drs. Kevin Wilson and Jan Brozek about document-related matters. Contact Kevin Wilson at [kwilson@thoracic.org](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org) or cell 617/771-6589 to secure an appointment. The Documents meeting space will also be available to document developers when office hours are not in session from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at [klawrence@thoracic.org](mailto:klawrence@thoracic.org) for additional details.

### Patient Education Materials Available at the 2016 International Conference

The ATS now maintains over 100 patient education handouts as part of its Patient Information Series. The Series includes a wide variety of pulmonary/critical care/sleep topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, COPD, VCD, and Palliative Care.

In addition to the Patient Information Series, a new Lung Cancer Screening Decision Aid is now available for free on the ATS Website, with bulk copies available for purchase.

All are encouraged to use these free-access materials, which are published in the ARJCCM, posted on the ATS Website at [www.thoracic.org/patients](http://www.thoracic.org/patients) and can be provided upon request in alternative formats for EMR systems. Stop by the ATS Center in San Francisco to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at [jcorn@thoracic.org](mailto:jcorn@thoracic.org) for additional information.

2nd Annual ★  
BEAR Cage



### Attend the BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Moscone Center, Room 105 (South Building, Lower Level)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 2nd Annual 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 2016. You are invited to join us 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”



# First Annual ATS Walking Challenge

*Think you walk a lot at an ATS conference?  
Let's see how you compare to other attendees.*

## Step up to the First Annual ATS Walking Challenge.

Every step helps raise money for the ATS Foundation. Walk around the Exhibit Hall, meet new people, move from session to session and engage in friendly competition against other attendees with the ATS Walking Challenge. The top 3 overall steppers win a prize. Watch it all unfold in real-time on leaderboards in the Teva Respiratory booth #419 or at the ATS Walking Challenge booth.

The first 2,000 registrants receive a free ATS wireless activity tracker to use with the ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App (distributed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis). The ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App also supports attendees that prefer to use their own FitBit, Jawbone or iPhone/Android smart phone step counters.

The three individuals who log the most steps will win prizes!

- **Grand Prize** – Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- **2nd prize** – Fitbit Surge
- **3rd prize** – Zolt Laptop Charger Plus

**Visit the Teva Respiratory booth #419 each day for a step booster.**

Use the Walking Challenge mobile app to scan the QR code booster each day to earn your bonus steps. The more you visit, the more you receive:

First Day Visit - 500 steps  
Second Day Visit - 750 steps  
Third Day Visit - 1,000 steps

**Walk for a good cause!** For every participant who walks 30,000 steps, Teva Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000. Remember - 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. Learn more at [Foundation.Thoracic.org](http://Foundation.Thoracic.org).

Learn more and pre-register online at [cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016](http://cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016) or stop by the Walking Challenge Booth in the South building lobby of the Moscone Center, beginning 5/13/16.

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Thank you for participating in the [2015 ATS Assembly Challenge](#) in support of the [ATS Foundation Research Program](#)!

The Research Program has been outstandingly successful in launching careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Member gifts also support core ATS mission-related programs including MECOR, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and Assembly Awards and Scholarships.



**Naftali Kaminski, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge awards from James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair

Gifts both large and small were received—and much appreciated—throughout the Assembly Challenge. **Thank you!**

Many assembly chairs sent personal messages to their members to encourage giving to the Foundation during the challenge. That outreach provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for young investigators.

**Naftali Kaminski, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, hopes the challenge will continue to “ignite a healthy competition among the assemblies, and that next year we will see a dramatic rise in donations and new donors from all assemblies. This will have a great impact on the availability of research funds, and on pulmonary research and medicine.”



**DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC**, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge award from Atul Malhotra, MD, ATS President (left) and James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair (right)

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach efforts and generosity during the 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge.

- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$95,741
- **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 17.46%
- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 37 new donors

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and Nursing assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2016, and within their own assemblies.

Thank you for everything that you do for the ATS Foundation, young investigators and clinicians, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

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