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Message from the Assembly Chair

Members of the Assembly on Pediatrics:

Greetings with a message of hope for a better year ahead! This newsletter highlights the collective efforts of the Pediatric Assembly to advance the care of respiratory health in children. I'm grateful to the leaders and members of the committees and working groups who have made significant contributions this past year despite the challenges we have faced.

Thank you to Program Chair Paul Robinson and Chair-Elect Terri Laguna, who have assembled an absolutely fantastic program, with ATS 2021 going live May 14th. Please remember to leave comments on the scientific abstracts and case reports, especially those submitted by trainees. We also hope you will tune into our action-packed Assembly meeting on May 10th at 5 Eastern, when Assembly Award winners will be honored. If you have interest in getting involved, breakout sessions after the business meeting will give you the opportunity to learn more about specific committees. [Click here to register.](#)

Thanks also to Erick Forno for his service as Planning Committee Chair, which facilitates Assembly projects and awards. The Clinical Practice Guidelines Project Outpatient Respiratory Management of Infants, Children, and Adolescents with Post-prematurity Respiratory Disease, led by Christopher Baker and Ioana Cristea, is under review. The new project approved this year is the Workshop Clinical and Research Priorities in Pediatric Severe Asthma: Addressing the Impact of Social Determinants of Health and Systemic Racism, led by Monica Federico and Jonathan Gaffin.

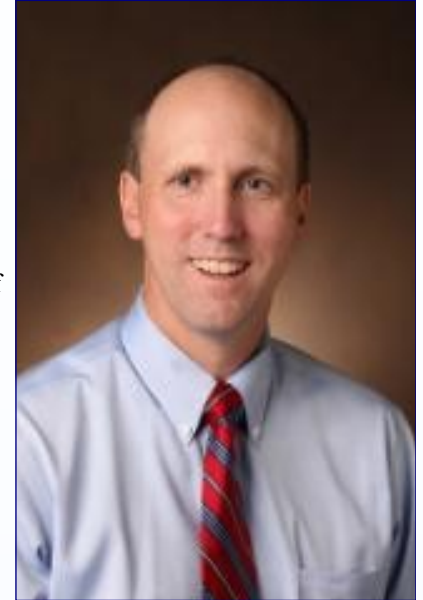
I am grateful for the ongoing contributions of Stephanie Davis, chair of the Nominating Committee, which provided a slate of candidates for this year's election. Congratulations to Program Chair-Elect Benjamin Kopp and Nominating Committee members Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir and Christian Rosas-Salazar.

Kudos to Jane Taylor and the Web Committee, which have done an amazing job in pivoting to facilitate clinical and research updates throughout the year. Her update below outlines the full gamut of educational content, ranging from journal clubs, town hall, case conference series to podcasts and social media posts. Go [Twitter@ATSPeds!](https://twitter.com/ATSPeds)

Thank you to Kristie Ross, chair of the Early Career Professionals Working Group, which oversees our mentoring and apprenticeship programs for junior faculty within the Pediatrics Assembly. We encourage new members to join our Business meeting to find opportunities for involvement.

Thanks also to Christy Sadreameli for her leadership of the Advocacy Committee, with focus on issues related to childhood respiratory health, including E-cigarettes and tobacco, stock albuterol, air quality and environment, and pediatric rare and chronic lung disease. Ozge Yasmiz and Laura Gochicoa, Co-Chairs of the International Relations Working Group, have facilitated greater engagement of our international members, especially through the Virtual Pediatric Pulmonologist Network (VIPPN).

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (continued)

Thanks also to the efforts of Pediatric Interest Groups: Jessica Pittman and the PEDS Infant and Preschool Lung Function Interest Group, Larry Nogee and the ATS Interest Group in Neonatal and the Developing Lung, Sam Goldfarb and the Interest Group on Pulmonary Complications of Childhood Cancer, Alicia Casey, Elizabeth Fiorino, and Jennifer Wambach and the Interest Group on Children's Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease Research Network (chILDRN), Enrico Lombardi and the ATS/SIMIR Interest Group, and Denise Al-Alam, the Pediatrics representative of the PhD and Basic/Translational Scientists Working Group.

I am grateful to Christopher Oermann for leading the Pediatric Pulmonary Division Directors Association and to Jennifer Rama for leading the Pediatric Pulmonology Training Directors Association. The Division Director and Program Director leadership convened working groups on workforce issues related to pipeline, training, and future of the subspecialty, which have resulted in a series of publications.

The national focus on racial injustice led us to consider how we can address issues related to diversity, inclusion, and health inequity in our Assembly. Thank you to Robyn Cohen and Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir, members of the ATS Health Equality and Diversity Committee, along with Assembly leaders Erick Forno and Terri Laguna, for leading the newly formed Diversity and Inclusion Working Group. Be on the look out for a survey later this year that will provide a needs assessment and ultimately result in recommendations for best practices in our Assembly and our subspecialty. The work of this group is so critical to our mission and future.

I am grateful for your support the past 2 years during my tenure as Assembly Chair. Your efforts in your many spheres of influence have been beacons of hope during these challenging times. I welcome Sharon Dell as incoming Assembly Chair and wish each of you the very best until we meet again.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Erick Forno, MD, MPH, ATSF, Chair

Among the new ATS Documents spearheaded by the PEDS Assembly, the Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) on “**Outpatient Respiratory Management of Infants, Children, and Adolescents with Post-Prematurity Respiratory Disease**”, led by Drs. Ioana Cristea, Clement Ren, and Chris Baker, has been submitted the ATS Documents Committee and is currently under review. We had seven outstanding new Assembly Project proposals, including two combined ATS/ERS proposals. The process is always extremely competitive, and this year the PEDS proposal for a Workshop on “**Clinical and Research Priorities in Pediatric Severe Asthma: Addressing the Impact of Social Determinants of Health and Systemic Racism**”, led by Dr. Monica Federico, was approved for funding by the ATS Board of Directors! Authors of all other applications received feedback and are strongly encouraged to reapply.

The deadline for Assembly Project applications for FY2022 will be **July 31st**. The chair and all members of the PEDS Planning Committee will be happy to discuss and answer any questions regarding project proposals. The ATS has put together a comprehensive resource center, including videos and examples of successful applications, visit the [Project Application Resource Center](#).

The Planning Committee also reviewed all nominations for the PEDS Assembly Awards; as always, we had outstanding nominees that made the selection process extremely challenging. As you recall, we have four awards: The Lifetime Contributions to Pediatric Respiratory Medicine Award, the Robert B. Mellins Outstanding Achievement Award, Pediatric Clinician Educator Award, and the Carole L. Marcus Outstanding Achievement Award in partnership with the Sleep Assembly. Visit the [PEDS Assembly Awards webpage](#) on the ATS website for more info.

The Lifetime Contributions to Pediatric Respiratory Medicine Award is presented annually to awardees who have dedicated their career to advancement in the field. The Pediatric Clinician Educator Award is presented to a candidate at the assistant or associate professor level who is an exemplary and innovative clinician and teacher. The Robert Mellins Award recognizes a nominee at the instructor, assistant, or early associate professor level for their achievements in scholarship or research. And the Carole Marcus Award is presented to a junior faculty member for their accomplishments in the area of pediatric sleep and respiratory neurobiology. **Awardees will be announced and recognized at the ATS PEDS Assembly Virtual Meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021.**

Assembly/Committee Project Applications for FY2022

Applications for NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for 2022 will open on July 1st and will be open until July 31, 2021. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly and Committee Project Applications.

If you have a suggestion for a project application and need assistance, please contact the PEDS Planning Committee Chair, Erick Forno MD, at erick.forno@chp.edu

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez at: (212) 315-8639 or Mrodriguez@thoracic.org

Please also see the [ATS Project Application Resource Center](#)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul David Robinson, MD, MRCPCH, FRACP, PhD Chair and
Terri A. Laguna, MD, Chair-Elect

Please find below a summary of the planned Pediatric content at the 2021 ATS conference May 14-19, which as you know is being held on a virtual platform this year. Virtual content will be available through July 2. We are really excited by the quality and range of topics programmed on behalf of the pediatric assembly for the ATS conference this year

Symposia

We have 7 symposia programmed, as well as two additional ones with strong pediatric representation

1. Addressing Race as a Variable in Pediatric Studies
2. Precision Medicine in Pediatric Respiratory Diseases: Ready for the Prime time?
3. Pediatric Year in review
4. Perinatal Origins of Pulmonary Vascular Disease: Mechanisms and Therapies
5. Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds
6. Advances in Respiratory Diseases in Down Syndrome: Bridging Bench and Bedside
7. Where Evidence Meets Advocacy: the Scientific Basis of Pediatric Respiratory Health Policy

Additionally,

8. Addressing Systemic racism in Academia and the Impact on Trainees and Junior Faculty
9. Impact of Racism and Bias on Health Care Disparities

Some of these will feature pre-recorded talks whilst others will be partially live

The ones that are recorded will be posted as "on demand" sessions with greater flexibility about when you choose to access it

Mini Symposia

1. Best of Pediatrics
2. Advances in Cystic Fibrosis and Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

Meet the Expert

the Sunrise Seminars and Meet the Professor sessions were replaced with a smaller number of "Meet the Expert" sessions this year. The pediatric topic programmed is:

1. Pulmonary Complications of Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation

Thematic Poster Sessions

The remainder of the accepted abstracts have been programmed across a series of Thematic poster sessions, which cover similar topics to those used for previous ATS conferences. These Thematic poster sessions will be available from the start, and throughout the conference.

Postgraduate Courses

There are 2 pediatric postgraduate courses this year which will occur in early June (8th and 9th)

1. Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Severe Asthma
2. Advances in the Pulmonary Management of Pediatric Neuromuscular Disease

While we would all love to be meeting face to face, it is vital that as a community we try and recreate/promote the special interactions that conferences offer. For our junior faculty presenting at the conference this is an important mechanism to build networks across our assembly and learn from their peers.

We would greatly appreciate the help of the Pediatric Assembly membership in ensuring this still occurs. Please make an effort to actively participate in the different sessions offered, by asking questions and posting comments to the presenters of both oral presentations and e-posters.

Thank you as always for your ongoing participation and support of the pediatric content at the ATS conference

Kind Regards,

Paul Robinson (Chair) and Terri Laguna (Chair elect)
Pediatrics Assembly Program Committee

ATS 2021 SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS

Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time
Sunday, May 16, 2021			
A4	PRECISION MEDICINE IN PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES: READY FOR PRIME TIME?	Scientific Symposium	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
A8	ADDRESSING RACE AS A VARIABLE IN PEDIATRIC STUDIES	Scientific Symposium	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Tuesday, May 18, 2021			
C2	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS	Scientific Symposium	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
C15	BEST OF PEDIATRICS	Mini Symposium	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday, May 19, 2021			
D2	CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA	Mini Symposium	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
ME20	PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION	Meet the Experts	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
D12	ADDRESSING SYSTEMIC RACISM IN ACADEMIA AND THE IMPACT ON TRAINEES AND JUNIOR FACULTY	Joint Scientific Symposium	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
D13	WHERE EVIDENCE MEETS ADVOCACY: THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY HEALTH POLICY	Joint Scientific Symposium	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Tuesday, June 8, 2021			
PG5	ADVANCES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC SEVERE ASTHMA	Postgraduate Course On-Demand	4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday, June 9, 2021			
PG8	ADVANCES IN THE PULMONARY MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE	Postgraduate Course On-Demand	12:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Sessions of General Interest			
Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time (EST)
Sunday, May 16, 2021			
A1	REHABILITATION AND COVID-19: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES	Scientific Symposium	8:00 am - 9:30 am
A11	ATS PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM: CAN RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN RESPIRATORY HEALTH BE ELIMINATED?	Scientific Symposium	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Monday, May 17, 2021			
B1	MIND THE GAP: ENDING GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CRITICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	6:00 am - 7:30 am
B7	BREAKING NEWS: CLINICAL TRIAL RESULTS IN PULMONARY MEDICINE	Scientific Symposium	10:00 am - 11:30 am
Recorded			
K1	VACCINES ON THE HORIZON: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND POLICY – Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K2	BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO RESEARCH AND PRACTICE WITH SEX AND GENDER SCIENCE – Cara Tannenbaum, MDCM, MSc	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K3	CRISIS COMMUNICATION IN A RESPIRATORY PANDEMIC: THE COMPLICATED INTERSECTION OF MEDIA, DATA, AND POLITICS – Vinay Gupta, MD, MPA, MSt	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K4	THE CLIMATE GAP: CONNECTING EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD,	Keynote Series	On-Demand

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Jane B. Taylor MD, MsCR, Web Director

The Web Committee would like to thank the PEDS assembly for their continued support and efforts in helping our web-based learning endeavors and communication strategies thrive! Your participation in Journal Clubs, Town Halls, the ATS Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Case Conference monthly webinar series, Podcasts and Quick Hits cases has continued to create a wonderful collection of educational tools for our assembly. Here are some highlights from the past year and ways that you can become involved:

PEDS Assembly Journal Clubs: Past journal clubs this year have focused on bronchopulmonary dysplasia, COVID-19 and pediatric flexible bronchoscopy techniques. The peds journal club chairs include Drs. Joe Piccione from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Maria Teresa "Teng" Santiago from Cohen Children's Medical Center in New York, Emily DeBoer from Colorado Children's and Mitzi Go from the University of Oregon. [View Journal Clubs on the ATS website](#). If you would like to participate or have an idea for a future journal club, please contact us at PiccioneJ@email.chop.edu, MSantiago@northwell.edu, Emily.DeBoer@childrenscolorado.org or gom@oshu.edu.

PEDS Assembly Town Halls: In the rapidly changing clinical environment that we have all found ourselves in, the Pediatric Town Hall committee was created to get timely information out to the assembly and facilitate meaningful discussions between diverse academic centers. The Town Hall assembly chairs include Dr. Maria Teresa "Teng" Santiago, Dr. Jane Taylor from Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and Dr. Adrian O'Hagan from the University of Louisville. If you would like to participate or have an idea for a future Town Hall, please contact us at msantiago@northwell.edu, jane.taylor@chp.edu and adrian.ohagan@louisville.edu.

ATS Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Case Conference Series: This is a monthly webinar series held the second Wednesday of each month for pulmonology and the third Wednesday of each month for sleep presentations. Centers take turns presenting in a round robin format at 12-1 CST (1-2 EST). There are two cases presented each month with a review of the literature afterwards and time for questions from the participating centers. The co-editors are Drs. Jane Taylor, Dave Ingram from Children's Mercy Kansas City, and Adrian O'Hagan. If you would like to get on the conference distribution list, please contact Jane Taylor at jane.taylor@chp.edu, Dave Ingram at dgingram@cmh.edu or Adrian O'Hagan at adrian.ohagan@louisville.edu.

PEDS Assembly Podcasts: The chair of the podcast committee is Dr. Dave Ingram. His group has produced podcasts on a variety of topics this year which have included pulmonary hypertension, collateral ventilation, the Cystic Fibrosis Microbiome, Cystic Fibrosis exacerbation management, airway clearance strategies in Spinal Muscular Atrophy patients and the impact of COVID-19 on fellowship education. Please contact Dave Ingram at dgingram@cmh.edu if you would like to get involved.

Fellowship Educational Content Collaboration: A new joint endeavor between the PEPTDA pediatric pulmonology fellowship committee and the web committee was created to start producing content that can be used at individual academic centers for fellowship education. Drs. Ryan Thomas from Michigan State University, Christina Barreda from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Elizabeth Fiorino from Cornell University have started coordinating podcast content focused on teach-back educational strategies that can be incorporated into individual academic centers fellowship educational curriculum over time. They have currently created content on Pulmonary Function Testing and Pulmonary Hypertension. If you would like to get involved, please contact Ryan Thomas at thoma477@msu.edu, Christina Barreda at cbarreda@wisc.edu or Elizabeth Fiorino at ekf9002@med.cornell.edu.

Quick Hits: A radiographic based vignette learning tool pertaining to pulmonology, sleep and ICU cases. An image with a vignette and question are presented to the learner. Once the learner has selected their answer from 4 options, the answer is revealed with a quick summary of the current literature on that topic. Visit the [PEDS QuickHits webpage](#) on the ATS website. Anyone who has had a case accepted for the ATS meeting should also consider reformatting it and submitting it to Quick Hits for an additional way to highlight their work. If you would like to join the Quick Hits team, contact Dr. Ben Kopp at Benjamin.Kopp@Nationwidechildrens.org.

Social Media: The social media co-chairs are Drs. Alvin Singh from Children's Mercy Kansas City and Devika Rao from UT Southwestern. You can follow us on the Twitter handle [@ATSPeds](#) for research highlights, advocacy, upcoming educational content and general peds assembly news. Twitter is a quick and easy way to stay connected in our time-starved lives. If you are interested in joining the social media team, contact Alvin Singh at avsingh@cmh.edu or Devika Rao at devika.rao@utsouthwestern.edu.

VIPPN: In addition to our assembly webpage, our fantastic partners in the International Relations Committee, led by Drs. Ozge Yilmaz and Laura Gochicoa-Rangel, have revamped the Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN). They are collecting significant educational lectures on pulmonary topics in multiple languages for our international trainees and helped provide translations for all ATS guideline statements, including COVID-19. Drs. Yilmaz and Gochicoa-Rangel assembled an international pediatric pulmonary podcast regarding responses to COVID-19 around the globe and helped facilitate communication and dispersal of information regarding clinical practices for COVID-19. They have also stated a VIPPN webinar series for the international community that occurs every other month. If you would like to contact the VIPPN you can reach out to Ozge Yilmaz at ogilmaz_76@hotmail.com or Laura Gochicoa-Rangel at laura_gochicoa@icloud.com.

The Virtual Pediatric Flexible Bronchoscopy Library: This is being created to help better educate residents, fellows and faculty on the different bronchoscopy findings that are seen in pediatric pulmonology and would not be possible without Dr. Robert Wood from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. While Dr. Wood has retired from patient care, he will continue to push the frontiers of pediatric flexible bronchoscopy learning through the creation of this virtual library. The co-chairs are Drs. Joe Piccione from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, piccionej@email.chop.edu, and Dan Benscoter from Cincinnati Children's Hospital, dan_benscoter@cchmc.org.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

ATS Pediatric Pulmonology Early Career Research Series: This is a collaborative effort between the Peds Assembly Web Committee and the Early Career Professionals Committee. This will be a bi-monthly virtual research seminar given by early career researchers. This webinar series will be run through the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Thomas Saba is the conference editor, and the series will start in May of 2021. If you would like to participate or get on the conference distribution list, please contact Thomas Saba at tsaba@med.umich.edu.

If you are interested in participating in the Web Committee, as a fellow or faculty, please contact me at jane.taylor@chp.edu. I am going to be joined by Dr. Maria Teresa Santiago in the upcoming year as co-peds assembly web directors. Dr. Santiago has been an enthusiastic participant in the web committee for many years and has co-chaired both the journal club and new townhall meetings. We are extremely lucky to have her expertise and she will help keep our momentum moving forward into the future. We are a very enthusiastic group and would love to have you join us!

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EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Kristie R. Ross, MD, MS, Chair

The Early Career Professionals Working Group will be having a virtual meeting again this year – like everyone, we are looking forward to returning to an in person meeting in 2022! In the meantime, please join us at the **ATS Virtual Early Career Kick Off** where you can meet other Early Career professionals on **May 15, 2021 from 6:30 PM to 7 PM EDT**, right before the Opening Ceremony with Dr. Fauci, [register here](#).

Thanks to all who applied as **Apprentices for the Planning, Program and Web Committees** this year – look for an announcement on our new Apprentices in mid-April. The **mentorship program** is delayed this year so there is still time to [apply here](#). Finally, please plan to join us for the **Teaching Competition** where a member of the Pediatrics Assembly will face off against a representative from the Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation, Critical Care, Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis, and Thoracic Oncology Assemblies on **Tuesday May 18 at 8 am EDT**.



Assemblies
Teaching Competition on
Tuesday, May 18
at 8 am ET.
[Register here](#)

PEDIATRICS ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Christy Sadreameli, MD, MHS, Chair

The Advocacy subcommittee is now in its third year, and things are going well! We have had some new members join this year.

Our Subgroups:

- 1. E-cigarettes and Tobacco Subgroup**
Subchair: Devika Rao, Devika.Rao@UTSouthwestern.edu
- 2. Stock Albuterol Subgroup**
Subchair: Lynn Gerald, lgerald@email.arizona.edu
- 3. Air Quality and Environment Subgroup**
Subchair: Jessica Rice, jrice25@jhmi.edu
- 4. Pediatric Rare and Chronic Lung Disease Subgroup**
Subchair: Traci Kazmerski, Traci.Kazmerski@chp.edu

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PEDIATRICS ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

- We are excited for our jointly sponsored symposium (with the Environmental, Occupational, and Population Health Assembly) on the topic of pediatric advocacy and its evidence base.
- This year, we have named two representatives (Dr. Clement Ren and Dr. Nadine Mokhallati) to advise the ATS/ACCP Joint Clinical Practice Committee.
- We published a policy piece about the impact of the COVID pandemic on the field of pediatric pulmonology in *Annals*
- We have introduced legislation in two states (Iowa and Maryland) related to stock albuterol in schools.
- Our tobacco group is working on an anti-vaping campaign featuring youth voices.

The committee enjoys a diverse membership from around the U.S. with a nice mix of junior and senior members. Please feel free to contact us with questions, including if you would like to become involved in the committee.

Best,
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT Stephanie D. Davis, MD, ATSF, Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the election of **Benjamin Kopp, MD, MPH, ATSF** as Pediatric Program Chair Elect. **Christian Rosas-Salazar, MD, MPH, ATSF** and **Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir, MD, MS** were also elected as new members of the Nominating Committee. Stephanie D. Davis, MD, ATSF chaired the Nominating Committee and extends her gratitude to **Kenan Haver, MD, Emily DeBoer, MD, MSCR** and **Adam Shapiro, MD**, for serving on the committee.

PEDIATRICS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT Ozge Yilmaz, MD, Co-Chair, and Laura Gochicoa, MD, Co-Chair

The International Relations committee aims to form a platform where specialists working in the clinical and research field of pediatric pulmonology can collaborate to express their needs in clinical care and research.

The group has 57 members from many different countries including but not limited to Algeria, Arab, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canadá, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iran, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, México, Morocco, Nigeria, Panamá, Perú, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United States of America.

Virtual ATS conference due to the worldwide pandemic in 2020 allowed the group to meet on virtual platform to discuss future projects. These virtual meeting continued throughout the year and there is interest in identifying the barriers to research in pediatric pulmonology in different parts of the world and try to propose various methods to overcome these barriers.

This year the group started to hold bimonthly clinical case webinars that allows international pediatric pulmonologists to present interesting cases followed by group discussions. The first one of the cases was presented by a group from Mexico and the second by a group from Turkey. Both were attended by about 100 participants. The third clinical case webinar will be held joint with SIMRI in April. The webinars are held first Thursday of every other month.

One of the projects of the group is Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN) that aims to be the platform of IRC to communicate through members and other international Pediatric Pulmonologists. The website is open to announcement of international meetings and projects. You can visit the [VIPPN webpage](#) on the ATS website.

We are looking forward to more suggestions for collaborative research and shared needs in the field. Please contact Dr. Ozge Yilmaz, oyilmaz_76@hotmail.com, or Dr. Laura Gochicoa, drgochis@gmail.com, to join the group and propose projects.

PEDIATRICS PULMONOLOGY DIVISION DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Jennifer Rama, MD, MEd, Chair

The PPDDA has had a busy year. We have continued with several ongoing projects and undertaken some new initiatives.

New Initiatives

1. It is an election year for PPDDA. A slate of candidates was submitted to the PPDDA Executive Committee and approved. The election will be held during ATS 2021 and the new President Elect will take office at the North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference in the fall.
2. PPDDA partnered with the Pediatric Assembly Web Committee to develop two COVID-19 Townhall meetings.
3. The Pediatric Pulmonology Training Directors Association (PEPTDA) collaborated with PPDDA to develop a matching program for graduating fellows and organizations recruiting pulmonologists.
4. PPDDA is exploring ways to assess recent changes in inpatient services experienced by many academic organizations.

Ongoing Projects

1. PPDDA subgroups continued work addressing pediatric pulmonary medicine workforce concerns. The groups have completed four manuscripts published in Pediatric Pulmonology and plan to initiate specific projects addressing pipeline, fellowship, and the future of pediatric pulmonary medicine issues.
2. PPDDA has continued its efforts on behalf of early career professionals. A group of residents were selected for participation in the ATS 2020 Pediatric Resident Development Scholarship Program. Review of applicants for 2021 has started, as has the development of a virtual award presentation.
3. Monthly PPDDA Executive Committee meetings and weekly Basecamp updates have continued.
4. Combined PPDDA and PEPTDA business meetings are scheduled for ATS 2021 and NACFC.

“ATS/SIMRI COLLABORATION” INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Enrico Lombardi, MD, Chair

This Interest Group is one of the products of the PEDS International Relations Committee, that has created national delegates to strengthen the relationships with the local Societies of Pediatric Pulmonology around the world. It is intended to increase the collaboration between the ATS Pediatrics Assembly and SIMRI (Società Italiana Malattie Respiratorie Infantili, Italian Pediatric Respiratory Society) by sharing information and experience on ongoing projects, with the aim of reviewing successful strategies, barrier identification to implementation, and unique aspects, and the goal of establishing joint projects between the two Societies.

The main goal of both ATS and SIMRI is to promote research, education, patient care, and advocacy. The collaboration between the ATS and SIMRI involves the participation in joint activities (Peds Journal Club and “Quick Hits”, Peds International Relations Committee webinars) and the translation and dissemination of the ATS Patients’ Fact Sheets (several pediatric Fact Sheets were translated into Italian and posted in both the ATS website and the SIMRI website). Also, the group is actively participating in the VIPPN Clinical Case series, which was started this year by the Peds International Relations Committee

Furthermore, the “Pediatric Lung” International Session during the SIMRI National Congress every year has now become a regular event involving prominent members of the ATS PEDS Assembly. Since 2019 it has become a plenary session of the SIMRI National Congress with official interpreters. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic situation the 2020 “International Pediatric Lung” could not be held, but this year will tentatively be in Verona on Oct 25th.

CHILDREN’S INTERSTITIAL AND DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK (chILDRN) INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Alicia Casey, MD, Elizabeth Fiorino, MD, and Jennifer Wambach, MD, Co-Chairs

The mission of the Children’s Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease Research Network (chILDRN) is to improve care for children with rare diffuse lung disease around the world through research, education, and advocacy.

Our group held a successful Annual Meeting virtually on December 3, 2020. We were pleased with the opportunities the virtual platform offered to increase attendance and international participation. The meeting featured updates from the national chILDRN and international research networks including chILD European Union, chILD Australia and New Zealand, and chILD South America. There were patient and family advocacy group updates from the chILD Foundation (U.S.) and the Starke Lunge Foundation (Germany). The meeting also highlighted current chILD research projects including “ILD Among Relatives” from Matt Hunninghake, MD at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and “MRI Imaging in chILD” by Laura Walkup, PhD, from Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Robin Deterding then followed with a presentation on the first chILD clinical trial “Nintedanib Clinical Trial”. The meeting closed with an inspirational talk from Darrell

CHILDREN'S INTERSTITIAL AND DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE RESEARCH NETWORK (chILDRN) INTEREST GROUP REPORT (continued)

Kotton from Boston University Center for Regenerative Medicine on using "Lung Organoids to Model ChILD". To view the meeting recording please [visit our website](#).

chILDRN continues to meet on a monthly basis virtually over Zoom. Each monthly meeting includes research updates, registry updates, foundation updates, patient discussions and strategic planning. Our goals for 2021 include hosting another chILD SIG virtual meeting for the Fall of 2021 as part of the ATS 2021 programming, publication of our early chILD patient registry findings, and conducting a family needs assessment aimed at better understanding health disparities in chILD.

PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Samuel B. Goldfarb, MD, Chair

The mission of ATS Pulmonary Complications of Childhood Cancer Special Interest Group is to provide a discussion forum for ATS members from diverse assemblies with an interest in pulmonary complications of childhood cancer therapy, including both acute complications occurring during therapy as well as the late pulmonary complications identified in pediatric and adult childhood cancer survivors.

The group is particularly important for junior ATS members who have an interest in scholarship in these areas and provides a mechanism for both adult and pediatric pulmonologists as well as basic scientists interested in mechanisms of pulmonary fibrosis, radiation injury and immunologic lung injury related to stem cell transplants for any etiology, etc. to interact and develop educational and scholarly work that benefits ATS members. We meet annually at ATS when in person and meet on a monthly basis. Our monthly meetings include research updates, patient discussions and strategic planning. Our group was very excited to have a meet the professor session for this upcoming ATS - ME020 PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION. Look out for updates for our virtual fall session.

Please contact Samuel Goldfarb Goldf091@umn.edu with questions and to be added to our email list serve.

PEDIATRIC SLEEP UPDATE

Laura M. Sterni, MD, PEDS Liaison

Dear Members of the Pediatric Sleep Community,

We are happy to announce that Laura Sterni MD, Director of the Johns Hopkins Pediatric Sleep Center and will represent the pediatric sleep community within the Pediatrics Assembly, and we hope to partner with the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Assembly moving forward.

Committee representatives recently met with the leadership of the American Board of Pediatrics to clarify the upcoming changes to maintenance of certification in sleep medicine and how these changes may affect pediatric sleep specialists. The ABIM will introduce a longitudinal assessment for sleep medicine (similar to MOCA Peds) in 2022. Diplomates who are due to take the traditional proctored MOC exam in 2021 may defer until 2022 and begin the new longitudinal assessment at that time. Details of exactly how to sign up for the new longitudinal assessment are still being worked out by ABIM. This assessment will be based on the same content outline used to develop the traditional proctored MOC exam. Diplomates can still choose to take the one day proctored MOC exam if this is preferred to the new longitudinal assessment.

In 2023 a pilot program of a longitudinal MOC assessment will be launched by the ABIM and the ABOHNS which will offer a focused assessment experience – with 30% of the assessment taken from areas in the content outline more commonly seen in the practice of the ABOHNS diplomats. Diplomates boarded by the ABP also have the option of joining this pilot to satisfy their MOC requirements. The ABP will be evaluating the new certification options carefully. For questions related to the new sleep medicine longitudinal assessment, please contact ABIM at request@abim.org. Please feel free to send feedback to Laura Sterni at lsterni1@jhmi.edu.

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