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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

As I begin my two-year term, I would like to first acknowledge the dedication and accomplishments of my predecessor, Laurence Huang. Laurence shepherded our assembly through an important transition with regard to the creation of ATS documents, and has successfully made our assembly a terrific portal of entry for those, both young and old, looking to find a community of clinicians and investigators interested in Pulmonary infection. The Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis, and Pulmonary Infections (MTPI) is a “big tent”, bringing together those with backgrounds in laboratory medicine, public health, the host response to infections, as well as clinicians. This has allowed the Assembly to craft “signature” ATS Statements such as those on Hospital and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, Community Acquired Pneumonia, and on the Diagnosis and Treatment of TB, and well as to sponsor a compelling array of sessions of both scientific and clinical interest.



David M. Lewinsohn, MD, PhD

MTPI, like all of the ATS assemblies, benefits from the terrific synergy that comes from dedicated and energetic members working with extraordinarily talented ATS staff. The **executive committee** is comprised of both elected and appointed members.

Henry Koziel chairs the Planning Committee. Henry continues the MTPI legacy of crafting high impact statements, and during his tenure we have seen the approval and initiation of statements on the Hospital and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia, Treatment of Latent TB Infection, Community Acquired Pneumonia, and TB Treatment. Each of these statements represents a collaborative effort across different professional societies, and will be done using the GRADE guidelines. Henry has also led our effort to better understand the needs of our members, and has recently begun work on an MTPI-sponsored award for mid-level investigators.

Joseph Keane (Chair) and Grant Waterer (Chair-Elect) are the Program Chairs. This is without doubt the most difficult job in the Assembly, and I am

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particularly proud of the program they have crafted this year for ATS 2013. In addition to managing the broad array of abstracts our assembly receives, they have been particularly successful in partnering with other assemblies such as Pediatrics and Clinical Problems. As a result, our program this year should appeal to broad range of interests.

Laurence Huang chairs the nominating committee, tasked with selecting candidates for the MTPI leadership. He is working with Charles Feldman, David Griffith, and Luca Richeldi. As a member of the executive committee, Laurence's insight is invaluable.

Scott Evans has graciously agreed to serve as our Website Director, and will continue to work closely with our former director, Patty George. Scott has already approached this position with a great deal of energy, and I will describe below his efforts playing a central role in the direction of our Assembly for the next two years.

Charles Dela Cruz and Robert Blount are co-chairs of the Membership Working Group. This Working Group was formed by Laurence, and has been tasked with enhancing opportunities for participation in MTPI, and with developing strategies for improved mentorship.

Antoni Torres serves on the committee as our International Representative. This is a new position, and has been designed to help our Assembly better serve the needs of our international members.

Phil LoBue serves on the committee as the CDC representative. MTPI has had a long-standing interest in public health, such that the CDC has representatives on our Planning and Program Committees.

MTPI Initiatives

For the next two years, we will focus on:

Education

MTPI benefits from considerable expertise in infectious diseases. While this expertise has been frequently reflected in our Statements and International Symposia programming, we would like to make this process more dynamic, and synchronized with ATS efforts to provide maintenance of certification (MOC) in collaboration with **Carey Thompson**, chair of the ATS Education Committee. We anticipate developing our website to facilitate enhanced and interactive opportunities such as Webinars and Online Symposia. Scott Evans will be taking the lead on this front.

Mid-level Investigator Award Under Henry Koziel's leadership we will be developing an award designed to spotlight mid-level investigators. Stay tuned.

Mentoring Under Laurence's leadership, we have enhanced opportunities for membership and participation for both trainees and young investigators. We will continue this initiative by using the MTPI as a platform for matching those in our assembly with our more senior members, and will facilitate these relationships both within and beyond the international conference. **Charles Dela Cruz** and **Robert Blount** will be taking the lead here.

I would like to acknowledge how fortunate I feel to have the opportunity to work with the ATS. The ATS is unusual in that it is a "bottom up" organization, with each assembly playing an essential role in all aspects of the society. In this regard, I would like to thank those who make this job possible, particularly **Miriam Rodriguez**,

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Bridget Nance and Judy Corn.

Finally, more personally, I would ask that you consider contributing to the ATS Foundation. For me, small awards from the ALA and NIH early in my career made all the difference.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Henry Koziel, MD, Chair

Another exiting year as the MTPI Planning Committee remained busy and productive. As a reminder, the main goal of the Committee is to encourage, develop and foster long range plans of work for the MTPI Assembly, and to function as an “executive body” between the MTPI Assembly Chair and the general MTPI membership. In this role, the Planning Committee serves as a mechanism to mobilize and realize your creative ideas to allow our Assembly to evolve, advance and promote interests of our membership.

At our annual face-to-face meeting at the ATS International Conference in May 2012 in San Francisco, CA, considerable time was dedicated to reviewing the status of active projects, and discussion of modifications required for resubmitting applications for projects requiring updates. The Committee also engaged in thoughtful and enthusiastic discussions of new ideas for projects and Assembly plans, with particular attention to identifying gaps in topics and areas previously under represented, such as viral pneumonia and the influence of biomass, genetics and personal habits on lung infections. We anticipate these ideas will result in member-generated proposals for new MTPI workshops or clinical practice documents.



Henry Koziel, MD

A critical function of the Committee is promoting, developing, reviewing, prioritizing and overseeing MTPI Assembly projects. By teleconference in August 2012, our committee reviewed, scored, prioritized and provided constructive feedback on 6 project proposal applications, working with the project principal investigator prior to final submission to the ATS.

A summary of our accomplishments to date:

1) Updates on Active MTPI Assembly Projects

The following active projects represent proposals that were favorably reviewed by the ATS Program Review Subcommittee, recommended for approval to the ATS Finance Committee, and approved for funding by the ATS Board of Directors. In a time of severe budget constraints, we were fortunate to have 3 major projects approved for continuation.

- **Updated Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of Hospital Acquired Pneumonia (HAP), Health-care Associated Pneumonia (HCAP) and Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)** (Mark Metersky, ATS Co-Chair; Andre Kalil, IDSA Co-Chair). The committee continues to make great progress. The project is in the writing phase, with plans for a final draft for evaluation and approval in late 2013.

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- **Targeted Tuberculin Testing and Treatment of Latent Tuberculosis Infection (LTBI), Update** (Carol Duker Hamilton, ATS Co-Chair; Tim Sterling, IDSA Co-Chair; John Jereb, CDC Co-Chair). The project continues to make great progress. The committee is preparing a final draft of a document to be ready for evaluation and approval in early 2013.
- **Diagnostic Standards and Classification of Tuberculosis in Adults and Children** (David Lewinsohn, Chair). The project has made great progress, and a revised document is awaiting final approval.

2) New MTPI Assembly Project Proposals:

We are excited that two new MTPI projects were approved by the ATS for funding this year, an outstanding accomplishment at a time of budgetary constraints. The progress leading to final approval reflects the concerted efforts, determination, and persistence of the MTPI Committee members and Project Principal Investigators. We are excited to have funding approval for the new projects:

ATS/IDSA Community-Acquired Pneumonia Guidelines (Grant Waterer, MD, Chair). The project will update the highly cited clinical guidelines (last published in 2007), working with IDSA colleagues. The committee membership will be selected and planning meetings organized over the next year.

Revision of the ATS/CDC/IDSA 2003 TB Treatment Statement (Payam Nahid, MD, Chair). The project will update the prior treatment guidelines, focusing on recent developments that have significant impact on clinical practices. Over the next year, the committee membership will be selected, including balanced representation from ATS, CDC and IDSA, and planning meetings organized to identify key topics for review.

3) New Initiatives:

- **MTPI Assembly Membership Survey.** Based on initial work by the MTPI Planning Committee subcommittee (Grant Waterer-Chair; Max Salfinger, Naimish Patel, Patty George), a working group will be established to continue to develop an electronic survey to administer to the MTPI membership. The purpose of the survey is to solicit input and priorities on past and current projects, and published statements and guidelines. In addition, the survey will allow the opportunity to solicit new ideas or identify “gaps” in projects, topics or areas that have not been previously supported by the MTPI Assembly.
- **MTPI Mid-Level Career Award.** Recognizing that MTPI honors trainees/junior members and senior members, an MTPI Planning Committee working group will develop criteria for identifying, selecting, and recognizing MTPI Assembly members who have significant contributions to the MTPI mission, with particular focus on mid-level career members. We hope recognition will remain an annual event featured at the ATS international conferences.

The MTPI Planning Committee continues to function as a vital liaison between the MTPI membership and MTPI Assembly Chair. We welcome your ideas, comments, criticisms and suggestions. We also encourage persons to identify themselves if you would like to participate more actively in future MTPI Planning Committees.

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As I complete my 2nd year as Planning Committee Chair, I would again like to thank David Lewinsohn (immediate past MTPI Planning Committee Chair, and current MTPI Assembly Chair) for his insights, advice and continued support serving on the Planning Committee. Thank you to the tireless efforts and generous contributions of time of the MTPI Committee members over the past two years: Kristina Crothers, Charles Daley, Keertan Dheda, Patti George, Scott Evans, Stephen Gordon, Carol Hamilton, Laurence Huang, David Lewinsohn, Mark Metersky, Joseph Mizgerd, Naimish Patel, Mary Reichler, Max Salfinger, and Grant Waterer.

The next MTPI Planning Committee Meeting will be at the ATS 2013 International Conference in Philadelphia, PA.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Keane, MD, **Chair** and Grant Waterer, MBBS, PhD, **Chair-Elect**

Our main agenda is to answer the meeting requirement for a comprehensive syllabus, while remaining true to that unique ATS gift - which is to bring to our conference, the freshest and most exciting research questions - that will drive innovation in our field of pulmonary infections.

As usual, two face-to-face International Conference Committee (ICC) Program committee meetings took place, in September and December. MTPI was represented by Joe Keane, Chair of the Program Committee, and Grant Waterer, Chair-Elect. They programmed around 400 submitted abstracts into presentations that we hope will promote the academic and clinical activity of our members, while stimulating interest in pulmonary infection – which will in turn attract new people to our assembly.

This year we have programmed 5 Mini Symposia (some with “featured speakers”), 6 Poster Discussions, and 14 Thematic Poster sessions. Thematic Poster sessions will have teams of at least 2 or more facilitators viewing each poster to allow increased interaction between facilitators and presenters. For most sessions, experienced facilitators have been paired with more junior facilitators to provide junior members the opportunity for greater involvement and to learn from more senior mentors. The abstract sessions present exciting results of cutting-edge research on mycobacterial and non-mycobacterial topics, including results of clinical trials, epidemiologic studies, and novel insights into mechanisms of host defense. One Poster Discussion session is dedicated to case reports of unusual manifestations of pulmonary infections.

In addition to the scientific abstract sessions, MTPI has programmed 5 major Scientific Symposia, as well as Meet the Professor Seminars, Sunrise Seminars, and 2 Post-Graduate Courses. MTPI is also co-sponsoring a number of other sessions with other assemblies, including 2 jointly sponsored Scientific Symposia; and the Clinical Year in Review will cover tuberculosis



Joseph M. Keane, MD



**Grant W. Waterer,
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Overall, you have a full docket of MTPI sessions over the 4-day conference that will interest our members, and provide insight into scientific advances and updates on clinical care.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and thank each of the committee members for their service, hard work and input into the programming during the past year.

The committee members for 2012-2013 are: Timothy Aksamit, Robert Belknap, Adithya Cattamanchi, Kristina Crothers, Charles Dela Cruz, Charles Feldman, Carol Hamilton, Samithamby Jeyaseelan, Theodore Marras, Alison Morris, Eric Mortensen, Max Salfinger, Jussi Saukkonen, Sarita Shah, Timothy (Eoin) West, Richard Silver, Ken Knoxx, Peter Mancuso, Chris Lancioni, Sushma Cribbs, Krista Powell, David Park, Saana Bamrah, Rosario Mendez, Neel Gandhi, and Asha Anandai.

ATS MTPI members are clinically and academically questioning; we have made a program that should address that curiosity. See you all in Philadelphia May 2013!

ATS 2013 - Philadelphia Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections

Session	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 17, 2013			
PG3	CLINICAL APPLICATIONS OF NOVEL DIAGNOSTICS AND BIOMARKERS FOR MANAGEMENT OF RESPIRATORY AND CRITICAL ILLNESS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG16	LUNG INNATE IMMUNITY: THE FRONTLINES OF HOST DEFENSE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
WS5	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PNEUMONIA IN THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HOST	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A9	A TOP-DOWN VIEW: INTEGRATING EPIDEMIOLOGIC, CLINICAL, AND BASIC PERSPECTIVES ON PNEUMOCOCCAL PNEUMONIA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A90	WHEN CONVENTIONAL DRUGS AREN'T ENOUGH: ENHANCING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IN PULMONARY INFECTIONS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B88	ADVANCES IN TUBERCULOSIS VACCINE DEVELOPMENT: THE ROLE OF PULMONARY IMMUNE RESPONSES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C7	PROGRESS IN PEDIATRIC TUBERCULOSIS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D88	BIOMARKER DISCOVERY FOR TUBERCULOSIS: MOVING FROM THE BENCH TO CLINICAL APPLICATIONS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D11	NEW INSIGHTS INTO VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED COMPLICATIONS: WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE INFECTIONS?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
MP407	ANTIBIOTICS FOR PNEUMONIA: PRINCIPLES OF PROPER USAGE	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
MP507	PULMONARY DISEASE AND PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
MP607	TUBERCULOSIS AND THE TNF-ALPHA INHIBITORS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
SS209	NEMATODES, FLATWORMS AND FLUKES OH MY! A REVIEW OF PARASITIC LUNG DISEASES	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
SS312	TB IMMUNODIAGNOSTICS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A16	TUBERCULOSIS: HOST DEFENSE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B96	NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF BRONCHIECTASIS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C16	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA DISEASE: BENCH AND BEDSIDE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D18	NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE PATHOIMMUNOLOGY OF PNEUMONIA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A25	THE CHANGING FACE OF PNEUMONIA AND ITS MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B25	TUBERCULOSIS: INFECTION AND IMMUNITY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B26	HIV AND THE LUNG	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C106	ADVANCES IN NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D24	WHAT'S NEW IN TUBERCULOSIS DIAGNOSTICS?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D106	PULMONARY INFECTIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS CASE REPORTS OF NOTE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A48	TUBERCULOSIS IN VULNERABLE AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A49	COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA AND HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A50	ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING OF INFECTIOUS IMMUNOLOGY IN VIRAL DISEASES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B59	ADVANCES IN TREATING TUBERCULOSIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B60	TUBERCULOSIS AND LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION DIAGNOSTICS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B61	COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA AND HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ETIOLOGY	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B62	VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED AND HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C58	NON-CYSTIC FIBROSIS BRONCHIECTASIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C59	NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE IMMUNOLOGY OF BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D37	PULMONARY FUNGAL DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

HIGHLIGHTED SPEAKERS

Clifton E. Barry, III, PhD—Chief, Tuberculosis Research Section, LCID, NIAID, NIH
Mini Symposium—Tuberculosis: Host Defense
Title: MDR TB: The Appliance of Science— Sunday May 19th, 8:15am

Steven M. Holland, MD—Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Infectious Diseases, NIAID, NIH
Mini Symposium: Non-Tuberculosis Mycobacteria Disease: Bench and Bedside
Title: Mycobacterial Immune Lessons learned from Orphan Disease—Tuesday May 21, 8:15am

Other Sessions That Might Be of Interest To You

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG11	MANAGING CYSTIC FIBROSIS IN 2013: THE ERA OF GENOMIC MEDICINE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG13	UPDATE IN THORACIC IMAGING	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG14	PLEURAL DISORDERS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG22	BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMS AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGE: THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW AND SHOULD HAVE LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
WS7	CASE BASED APPROACH TO DIAGNOSING AND TREATING PATIENTS WITH NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL LUNG INFECTIONS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A8	ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B12	CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM: ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C3	CASE BASED LEARNING IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C8	AUTOPHAGY: FRIEND OR FOE IN LUNG DISEASE?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Laurence Huang, MD, Chair

The Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying and nominating outstanding MTPI members who are willing to serve in one of 3 elected leadership positions: (1) Assembly Chair (2-year term, preceded by 1 year as Assembly Chair-Elect); (2) Program Chair (2-year term, the first as Program Chair-Elect, the second as Program Chair); and (3) Nominating Committee member (1-year term). To represent the two main constituencies of our assembly ("TB" and "non-TB"), Assembly Chairs and Program Chairs each alternate between TB and non-TB members. In addition, the Nominating Committee includes 1 TB and 1 non-TB member. The Nominating Committee has put together an outstanding slate of candidates. We thank them for their willingness to serve. As for the past 2 years, we will have online voting so look for an e-mail stating that online voting for assembly leadership positions is open.



Laurence Huang, MD

My sincere appreciation and thanks to the members of the 2012-2013 Nominating Committee: Charles Feldman, David E. Griffith, and Luca Richeldi.

MEMBERSHIP WORKING GROUP REPORT

Charles Dela Cruz, MD, PhD (Junior Faculty, **Co-Chair**) and Robert Blount, MD (In-Training Member, **Co-Chair**)

The MTPI assembly executive leadership recently started the MTPI Membership Working Group. The purpose of this working group is to develop and implement strategies for increasing participation and membership in the MTPI assembly, with a focus on ways to facilitate leadership opportunities among our fellows and junior faculty members. Our mission and current activities include the following:

- Develop and implement strategies for increasing membership: Prior to ATS San Francisco 2012, we emailed all MTPI poster presenters who were not yet members of MTPI inviting them to join us for an orientation prior the



Charles Dela Cruz, MD, PhD



Robert Blount, MD

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MTPI assembly meeting. At this orientation meeting we introduced prospective new members to senior faculty in their areas of interest, encouraged their membership to MTPI assembly and answered questions pertaining to MTPI.

- Facilitate increased participation and leadership opportunities for our fellows and junior faculty members through identification of interested junior members who are interested in participating in MTPI committee activities, and through promoting leadership activities at the annual ATS international conferences: At the orientation prior to the MTPI assembly meeting in San Francisco (mentioned above), we handed out a survey to prospective and junior MTPI members to determine what areas they were interested in participating. We have kept in touch with the 46 respondents and have included many of them in MTPI committees and activities. We are currently creating a similar online survey to keep track of MTPI members' interests in participation.
- Create and update the MTPI newsletter and brochure: In addition to this newsletter, we are currently developing an MTPI brochure to better inform ATS members about MTPI and encourage participation and membership
- Develop an MTPI mentorship program: Through web-based surveys and networking at the ATS meetings, we are building a system in which interested fellows and junior faculty are paired with more senior MTPI members in their areas of interest.

Our MTPI Membership Working Group also includes the following: Monica Campo-Patino (Fellow, U Wash), Scott Evans (Assistant Professor, MD Anderson; who is also MTPI Web/Communication Chair), Sushma Cribbs (Assistant Professor, Emory), Nicholas Walter (Assistant Professor, UC Denver), and Salman Quereshi (Assistant Professor, McGill)

If you are interesting in any of these activities, we welcome your participation! Please contact us at robert.blount@ucsf.edu or charles.delacruz@yale.edu

MTPI Mentoring Program

Charles Dela Cruz, MD, PhD and Robert Blount, MD

We would like to invite you to participate in a new Mentoring program at the 2013 ATS Meeting to be held May 17-22, 2013 in Philadelphia, PA

This Mentoring Program is an opportunity for all junior MTPI members (Mentees) attending the 2013 ATS International Conference to meet with an assigned senior MTPI members (Mentor) and join in the MTPI Assembly dinner during the meeting. The program's mission is to welcome new members to the MTPI Assembly and ATS meeting, help our large Assembly and Meeting feel smaller/more personal for new/junior attendees and create a supportive community for the career development of our next generation of pulmonary/critical care medicine students, physicians and investigators.

Prospective Mentees will be asked in a brief online survey to indicate their goals/needs/expectations. We will also ask prospective Mentors to complete the online survey if you wish to participate.

This mentorship pairing could be based on mutual clinical and/or research interests. Mentees could ask for mentorship on issues such as career advancements, grantsmanship, how to start a research program, job opportunities, networking, and work life balance, to name a few. Based on the survey, we will then pair up each MTPI Mentees with an MTPI Mentor.

Our MTPI Goals and Expectations.

Goals

1. Support junior faculty and trainees through individualized mentorship.
2. Increase junior faculty and trainee participation in the MTPI Assembly.

Expectations for Mentors

1. Introduce yourself and start a dialog with assigned mentee via phone, email or social networking media.
2. Email CV to mentee.
3. Identify goals for relationship. This could range from a one-time face-to-face meeting at ATS, to ongoing mentorship as you see fit.
4. Arrange to meet at the Welcome Orientation Meeting on Monday during ATS and sit with the Mentee at the Assembly dinner that same evening (if available). If not, mentors can arrange a convenient time during ATS for meeting.
5. Mentors are encouraged to have at least one additional face-to-face meeting, if possible.

Expectations for Mentees

1. Email CV to mentor.
2. Share short and long-term goals with mentor.
3. Be specific about expectations for mentee-mentor relationship.
4. Be proactive about communication, while being considerate of your mentor's time.
5. Arrange to meet at the Welcome Orientation Meeting on Monday during ATS and sit with the Mentee at the Assembly dinner that same evening (if available). If not, mentors can arrange a convenient time during ATS for meeting.

- We have set aside a room (we will email all mentorship participants the location before ATS Philadelphia 2013), Monday, May 20, 6:45am-8:15am with breakfast served for Mentees/Mentors to meet.
- In addition, we also encourage the Mentees/Mentors to meet at our orientation meeting on Monday May 20, 2013 from 4:30 to 5 pm at the Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown (Grand Ballroom, First Floor) which will be followed by the MTPI Assembly membership meeting. The Mentees will join their Mentors at the MTPI Assembly dinner from 7 – 10pm directly following the MTPI Assembly Membership Meeting.
- This year, we are excited that Dr. David Lewinsohn, our MTPI Assembly Chair, has invited **Dr. Jacques Grosset** to be our dinner speaker. He is a Laureate of National Academy of Medicine and a Scientist-In-Residence in Kwazulu-Natal Research Institute For Tuberculosis and HIV at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine in Durban, South Africa. His talk will be on “Clofazamine: The Past or Future For TB Treatments”. You can read more about him on <http://www.k-rith.org/scientists-research/investigators/jacques-grosset>.
- The MTPI mentees and mentors can arrange for a one-to-one meeting at any other mutually agreed upon time during the ATS conference.

Anyone can sign up to be a mentee or a mentor (or both). Mentors and mentees are asked to provide us with some brief information about scholarly activities, research, and goals to facilitate the pairings.

The deadline to sign up for the Mentoring Program is April 30, 2013. We hope you sign up today! After the deadline, we will mail each of you of the pairing. If you know of anyone who is not an MTPI member and is interested in our program, feel free to forward them this invitation.

MTPI Mentoring Program

Charles Dela Cruz, MD, PhD and Robert Blount, MD

For our ONLINE ATS and MTPI dinner registration <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/THOR053/lookup.asp>

For our MTPI MENTORSHIP SURVEY

<https://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/mtpi/mentoring-program.php>

We would like to thank the volunteer Mentors in advance for their participation in this important program and their investment of time and expertise in the MTPI membership and the future of our Assembly. The success of this program will rely on the generosity of MTPI members who are willing to share their insights and experience with others.

WEB DIRECTOR REPORT

Scott Evans, MD, Chair

Like most organizations these days, the MTPI Assembly is increasingly reliant on electronic media to facilitate dissemination of information and to provide a point of access for our members. Accordingly, the executive committee has redoubled its efforts to provide easy access to important pulmonary infection-related content through the MTPI website.

As in the past, the MTPI website features links to our many highly cited statements and positions papers, as well as links to important infection-related organizations around the globe. The website also continues to provide assembly-specific data, including leadership contacts and assembly news. However, in addition to updating and reorganizing these links, the MTPI web committee is working to make the website an important interface for members. Having successfully hosted the MTPI Project Priority Survey, look for the website to include regularly updated links to support opportunities for involvement by both fellow and faculty members. Also look for upcoming information regarding the ATS 2013 MTPI Symposia and ongoing updates about the many important projects the MTPI Assembly supports. In addition to the static content posted to the MTPI website, the executive committee is also planning a series of webinars to feature content of interest to the Assembly.

Another important web-based activity of the Assembly is the contribution of cases to the ATS Clinical Cases section. This is an excellent opportunity to publish a peer-reviewed pulmonary infection-related case, and submissions are welcomed from both faculty and fellows. Assistance with formatting and submission will be provided by the MTPI web committee.

To reach the MTPI website from the ATS Home (thoracic.org), hover over the “Assemblies” tab on the upper blue ribbon, and select “Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections” to gain immediate access to all of the updated content. MTPI members who are interested in submitting ATS Clinical Cases, providing updated links, suggesting webinar topics, participating in the MTPI web committee or otherwise contributing ideas to improve the website are encouraged to contact Scott Evans at seevans@mdanderson.org.



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Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2014!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2014. 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 Henry Koziel, MD at hkoziel@bidmc.harvard.edu.

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

The ATS Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC), which sets policies for the development of Official ATS Documents, will be holding a hands-on workshop in conjunction with the ATS International Conference

What: "Document Development: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers"

When: Friday, May 17 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The Loews Hotel (Room: Washington C)

Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2013.

Others with an interest in guideline development, or in official documents in general, are encouraged to attend as well.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the ATS Methodologist, Documents Editor, and members of the ATS DDIC - we hope to see you there!

RSVP to Jessica Wisk at jwisk@thoracic.org

***Assembly on
Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections
Membership Meeting***

***MONDAY, MAY 20TH
5:00PM-7:00PM***

***COURTYARD PHILADELPHIA DOWNTOWN
GRAND BALLROOM
FIRST FLOOR***

***Assembly on
Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections
Dinner***

*This year's featured speaker will be Dr. Jacques Grosset. He is a Laureate of the National Academy of Medicine and a Scientist-In-Residence in Kwazulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine in Durban, South Africa
Dr. Grosset will discuss "Clofazimine: the past or the future for TB treatment?"*

***MONDAY, MAY 20TH
7:00PM-10:00PM***

***COURTYARD PHILADELPHIA DOWNTOWN
JUNIPER'S - MEZZANINE LEVEL***



***Nursing Contact Hours through a partnership with National
Jewish Health***

The ATS is pleased to announce that it has partnered with National Jewish Health to provide Nursing Contact Hours for 25 sessions. The Nursing Assembly selected sessions with content that is appropriate for and relevant to the needs of its members.

Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours for selected sessions is provided through National Jewish Health™, a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number, CEP 12724.

For more information please visit <http://conference.thoracic.org/2013/program/nursing-contact-hours/>



Help Us Help You!

Have you moved, changed your title, added new skills, credentials or other information? ATS members can now update their contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile quickly and easily online with the Member Profile Update form.

Keeping your profile current ensures accuracy during the ATS International Conference registration process and also helps the ATS provide you with valuable member benefits. To streamline the process, the ATS has updated and combined demographic categories, which makes it easier for you to send us pertinent information to serve you better.

The Member Profile Update form is safe and secure, and your updates will be reflected immediately in our database. **Please take a minute to login and update your member record today at**

<http://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php?rl=https://thoracic.secure.force.com/MPU>

At this same web link members can now also print their own, personalized **membership certificate!**

Forum on Collaboration

“Inclusion and Collaboration Among University, Government and Industry at the ATS: A Road Map for the Future—Principles and Practice”

MONDAY MAY 20, 2012
FROM: 12 Noon to 1:00pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Room 107 A-B (100 Level)

In order for the ATS to foster solutions to increasingly complex scientific and patient care challenges, a diversity of scientific and clinical approaches is required. This goal requires the ATS to provide an environment to its members that values diversity, inclusiveness, and collaboration.

To achieve these ends, our ideas need to be translated into practical action plans. This forum will offer these ideas for input and discussion from the membership. Moderated by society leaders, we will examine our differences and synergies, and try to come to some synthesis to achieve our overlapping aims. All who are interested in confronting these challenges are encouraged to actively participate in the discussion. Based on this dialogue, recommendations to ATS leadership will be made for implementation.

All ATS Members and ATS 2013 Attendees are encouraged to attend.

CHAIRS: Theodore F. Reiss, MD, MBE, Nicholas H. Hill, MD, Leonard Sicilian, MD

PANELISTS: Courtney C. Crim, MD; Joel Moss, MD, PhD; Molly Osborne, MD, PhD; Amy Simon, MD

***Please join us for the
Fifth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on
Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
(Grand Ballroom)***

Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of delicious offerings at food stations throughout the ballroom. There will be dancing to the sounds of a Philadelphia DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Gerard M. Turino, MD, Director of the James P. Mara Center for Lung Diseases in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine in New York City. Dr. Turino is the recipient of the 2013 Breathing for Life Award and a legend in the pulmonary world. The Breathing for Life Award is the highest honor conferred by the Foundation on an individual for philanthropy.

The continuation of unrestricted and matching research partner grants will depend on the Foundation's ability to raise funds from ATS members like you. Thanks to your past support, the Foundation will be funding three unrestricted grants, one more than last year. To register, please use this link: <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/thor053/lookup.asp>. For more information, please visit: <http://foundation.thoracic.org>, or contact Erin Marie Nebel: EMNebel@thoracic.org