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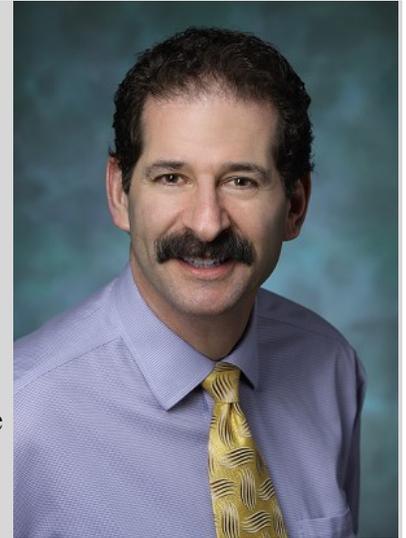
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

It is hard for me to believe it is almost time for the annual international meeting. It is always a time for me of excitement, enthusiasm, filled with stimulating and enjoyable group of people attending the symposium, the poster discussions, and the thematic poster sessions. It is the other attendees in general and the RSF members specifically that make the meeting such an outstanding experience.



Robert H. Brown, MD

Again, I want to continue to encourage those of you who have not been able to get more involved in the assembly. It is easy. It is a great way to meet other scientists, exchange ideas, and help program future scientific areas that are of interest to you. You can find the contact information of our website (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rsf/index.php>). Simply contact us and tell us you want to get more involved. There are many scientist in training, young scientist, and new junior faculty members and non-members who do not even know we exist, or are too timid to approach us to get involved. It is crucial for senior faculty to assist these younger people to start them on the path to participation.

Another way we have worked to assist young investigators is through the Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Working Group, which is now leading efforts to ensure young RSF affiliates are served and engaged. This group has scheduled Meet-and-Greet sessions at the International Conference, and this year, they will have a Career Development Workshop on Sunday at the 2014 International conference in San Diego. In addition, they are working closely with our Web Director to establish RSF social media initiatives, and are involved with planning a Science and Innovation Center at this year's International Conference.

The one event I always look forward to is the RSF assembly dinner/reception. It has always been a great place to socialize with colleagues new and old. I cannot emphasize enough how important this is for our junior colleagues who are just starting out on their academic path. For our young investigators, meeting senior colleagues from around the world in their respective areas of scientific interest is exciting and inspiring. For our "seasoned" colleagues,

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

meeting junior colleagues, can create new collaboration, initiate potential fellowships, or may even lead to faculty track position discussions. The enthusiasm of our younger colleagues can be rejuvenating. We received nothing but positive feedback for our format last year. Again, our primary goal is to enhance the networking and socializing experiences of attendees in an informal setting. We want to provide our RSF members with good food and drink for this social event. We want this to again be a great opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage the next generation of leaders in the activities of the Assembly and the ATS. We also like to strongly encourage senior RSF members to invite junior colleagues and their trainees to join them at the dinner/reception.

We will again have a Science Core Track at the International Conference. This year's theme is "The aging lung". The Science Core consists of thematically linked symposia and an abstract-based Poster Discussion session that feature cutting-edge research presented by prominent scientists. As a commitment to the Science Core, the RSF, RCMB, and AII assemblies have "donated" either a symposium or a poster discussion session for inclusion. This puts a spotlight on these sessions. The Science Core will be a place to learn new approaches to difficult questions, and see first hand how they are applied to cutting edge, cross disciplinary investigation. The Science Core provides basic scientists with compelling content that can change the course of their research in lung disease. Lead scientists from outside ATS will serve as Chairs of the planned Poster Discussion session, and we hope they will be present as guests in the Science and Innovation Lounge, allowing our members opportunity for face-to-face interactions. Our Programming Chairs will be involved with decision-making regarding the thematic focus and content in years to come. The Science Core is an exciting initiative, and should be of particular benefit to an assembly like RSF that is dominated by members who conduct fundamental discovery research as a primary activity.

I want to thank all members of RSF committees, and to acknowledge the efforts of our officers: Greg King (Chair, Programming Committee); Steven An (Chair-elect, Programming Committee); YS Prakash (Chair, Planning Committee); Blanca Camoretti-Mercado, PhD (Chair, Nominating Committee); Richard A. Johnson (Chair MITT Working Group), and Marrah Lachowicz-Scroggins (web director). All these great people are volunteering their time to advance our assembly. Anyone who wants to get more involved in the assembly should not hesitate to contact any one of us (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rsf/officers-committees.php>).

We also present our most prestigious honors at the international meeting. We present the Ann Woolcock Memorial Award to recognize an outstanding young investigator of exceptional promise. We present the Joseph R. Rordarte Memorial Award to recognize lifetime achievement of a senior investigator. Please consider nominating your colleagues for these awards. Also, we present the Stuart J Hirst Abstract Excellence Award to a trainee with the abstract top ranked by the RSF Programming Committee in the areas of airway biology and physiology.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Y.S. Prakash, MD, PhD, Chair

Hello from the RSF Assembly Planning Committee (APC). The APC currently consists of a diverse group of 15 members from academic institutions in North America, Australia and Europe. Importantly, the APC includes a number of young and upcoming investigators who are making their mark in research relevant to the themes of the RSF. Thank you to all the APC members for their continued enthusiasm and participation in planning some of our Assembly's most important functions. We are excited to have had a productive 2013-2014 season, and hope to continue the fun for the next year.

One of the key functions of the RSF APC is to solicit nominations for the **Joseph R. Rodarte Award** for Scientific Excellence and the **Ann Woolcock Memorial Award** for a young investigator in asthma research. As in previous years, unsuccessful nominations for the Rodarte Award from the previous year are carried over and will be considered this year. We are excited to now have 2 outstanding nominees for the Rodarte Award and 3 fantastic nominees for the Woolcock Award. The APC will have its work cut out in discussing and selecting the winners for these prestigious awards. The winners will be announced at the RSF Assembly Membership Meeting at ATS 2014 in San Diego.

The APC is also responsible for proposing **project applications** for funding by the ATS. These projects are intended to generate clinical, research and/or policy Statements by the ATS (sometimes in combination with other organizations such as ERS), create Workgroups, set up Workshops, or Updates on existing clinical or research methodologies. Since all of the ATS Assemblies are proposing such projects, funding is highly competitive. This year the APC considered 5 new and 3 renewal ATS Project applications with 3 of them under the RSF Assembly as the primary sponsor. We are delighted that 1 new and 2 renewal projects were approved for funding by the ATS. The project titles and Chairs are:

- (renewal) *Update of the ATS/ERS Official Statement of Skeletal Muscle Dysfunction in COPD* (Dr. Francois Maltais)
- (new) *Standardization of Preschool Inert Gas Washout* (Dr. Paul Robinson)
- (new) *Evaluation of Respiratory Mechanics and Function in the Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units* (Dr. Stacey Peterson-Carmichael)

And finally the **RSF Dinner/Reception** during ATS 2014. You will all shortly be receiving the initial notice regarding the Assembly Dinner/Reception to be held at **Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego, Monday, May 19th, 2014**, immediately following the Membership Meeting. Please register as early as possible, as space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please encourage fellows and students to attend. The cost for the dinner/reception is \$60 for ATS members, \$70 for non-members and \$40 for members-in-training (fellows).

During the Membership Meeting, we will announce new leaders for our Assembly, as well as thank outgoing members of committees for their dedication and hard work. We will also use the Membership Meeting to present our prestigious Rodarte, Woolcock and Hirst awards, Abstract Scholarships for trainees, and other commendations. Our primary goal of the dinner/reception is to enhance the networking and socializing experiences of attendees in an informal setting. To facilitate this, as last year, we will not have large dinner tables for groups to immediately gravitate to. Instead, the dinner/reception will be held in a reception-like setting with tall bar tables, chairs and similar furniture in order to encourage interactions between members. We have made arrangements with ATS to present the negotiated dinner menu in a more informal setting. Therefore, it is important to emphasize there will be plenty of food available at this dinner/reception. Again, the regular ATS dinner is being provided, just in a less formal setting. There will also be a special area for the RSF MITT members to promote networking between trainees/young faculty and senior Assembly members.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Gregory King, PhD, Chair and Steven S. An, PhD, Chair-Elect

The RSF Program Committee Chair is Greg King from The Woolcock Institute of Medical Research, Sydney and Steven An from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. There are thirty-four committee members, which might be viewed as a large number but each member contributes to the Program Committee's work and so we see that involving a large number of people, both experienced and more junior is beneficial.

The Program Committee members submitted several excellent ideas for Symposia topics and suggestions for Mini-Symposia and Poster Discussions. The topics reflect the members' research interests and in this way, each member can have a strong influence on the programming of the ATS meeting. The quality of the suggestions were very high and this made programming of the meeting easier for Steve and I. And so as always, RSF members should be encouraged to be involved with the Program Committee, the work is not onerous (unless you are the Chair or Chair-Elect) and you learn a lot of the work that is going on within the Assembly.

We both thought that the quality of abstracts submitted to RSF was very high and covered a broad range of areas. The quality of the program of Mini-Symposia, Poster Discussions and Thematic Poster sessions is dependent on having a large number of high quality abstracts submitted to the RSF Program Committee and as always, encouraging and ensuring that abstracts are submitted to our assembly is important. A highlight of the Science Core program will be the Symposium on cell senescence that originated from RSF, as part of the Science Core theme of Ageing.

Steven and I would like to thank the Program Committee members for their work in abstract grading and the very important work of submitting suggestions for programming. We look forward to catching up with everyone in San Diego.

Greg King and Steven An.

ATS 2014 - San Diego Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 17, 2014			
PG21	MASTER PHYSIOLOGY CLASS: HEMODYNAMICS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG22	BEYOND THE BASICS: PULMONARY FUNCTION AND EXERCISE TESTING	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Monday, May 19, 2014			
WS3	CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING THE GRANT REVIEW PROCESS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A85	CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR DETERMINANTS OF THE AGING LUNG	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C9	A BIRD'S EYE VIEW ON MECHANISMS OF LUNG FUNCTION DEVELOPMENT AND DECLINE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D8	JACK OF ALL TRADES? STATINS AND THE TREATMENT OF LUNG DISEASES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A5	TELOMERES, SENESENCE AND STRESS: YOUR AGING LUNG REMODELING SPECIALISTS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B85	MANIFESTATIONS OF AGING ON INFLAMMATION AND IMMUNITY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C85	SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR: AGING AND SENESENCE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 19, 2014			
SS116	MICROPARTICLES RELEASE AND CLEARANCE DURING INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE IN THE LUNG	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 19, 2014			
MP512	CHALLENGES IN MANAGING THE ELDERLY ASTHMATIC	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
MP612	ASTHMA THERAPY TAILORED TO PHENOTYPE: BEYOND THE GUIDELINES	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A18	FRESH PERSPECTIVES ON AIRWAY REMODELING AND AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B98	AIRWAY OBSTRUCTION: LOOK WITHIN THE CYTOSKELETON	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C19	NEW SENSATIONS IN THE LUNG: THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE NERVE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D19	MR. AND MRS.: IMAGING REGIONAL LUNG FUNCTION	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D97	ICU ACQUIRED MUSCLE WEAKNESS: MECHANISMS, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A108	LUNG IMAGING: STATE OF PLAY ON STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B30	DYNAMICS OF AIRWAY NARROWING IN ASTHMA: STILL MISUNDERSTOOD?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B109	ICU ACQUIRED MUSCLE WEAKNESS: MAKING PROGRESS?	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C109	LUNG BIOLOGY: AT A CROSSROAD BETWEEN INJURY AND REPAIR	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D29	MOLECULAR SIGNALS AND CELLULAR MECHANICS: FOCUS ON ASTHMA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D110	CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE THROUGHOUT LIFE: FROM PRIMING IN UTERO TO THE AGING LUNG	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A65	OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASE: LESSONS FROM HUMAN, ANIMAL MODELS, AND EFFECTOR CELLS?	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A66	AIRWAY REMODELING: WHAT'S GOING ON?	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A67	CLINICAL AND CELLULAR ASPECTS OF LYMPHANGIOLEIOMYOMATOSIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B64	EFFECTS OF OBESITY ON LUNG FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B65	AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS: MANIFESTATIONS AND MECHANISMS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B66	NOVEL AND TRADITIONAL LUNG FUNCTION ASSESSMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C62	MUSCLE SPASM AND COUGH: GOT THE NERVE?	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C63	LUNG INJURY AND REPAIR: TWO TO TANGO	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D52	GAS EXCHANGE IN STEADY STATE, ALTITUDE, AND EXERCISE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

WEB DIRECTOR UPDATE

Marrah E. Lachowicz-Scroggins, PhD, Web Director

The RSF award pages have been updated to reflect new information, the most recent awardees and updated web links. We have also added the RSF MITT (Members in Transition and Training) page which is updated every quarter with new information designed for MITT members. The RSF page has maintained mostly the same content over the last several years without much change. We have the ability to upload any section relevant materials such as journal club, feature articles, podcasts or a web based meet the professor series. Additionally, we have an ATS sponsored Facebook and Twitter account at our disposal. In order to utilize the ATS social network materials a commitment to upload content regularly must be made. If the RSF membership would like to utilize these services or have any additional materials on our webpage, please contact me directly Marrah.Lachowicz-Scroggins@ucsf.edu. Ideas and suggestions always welcome.

RSF MEMBERS IN TRANSITION AND TRAINING (MITT) WORKING GROUP REPORT

Richard A. Johnston, PhD, Chair

Over the past year, the Assembly on RSF Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Working Group, which consists of graduate students, post-doctoral and clinical fellows, and junior professionals from Australia, Europe, and North America, has worked hard to provide career development and networking opportunities for trainees and junior professionals within our Assembly. As Outgoing Chair of the Working Group, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each Working Group member for their devotion to our Group's core mission. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Charlotte K. Billington, Ph.D. from The University of Nottingham, who is our Working Group's Incoming Chair. Charlotte will officially become Chair of the Working Group at this year's International Conference in San Diego.

Throughout the summer and early fall of 2013, Janette K. Burgess, Ph.D. spearheaded the development of an [Abstract Preparation Guide](#) along with other Working Group members. The purpose of this document was to assist all members of our Assembly, particularly less experienced members, with the writing and the eventual submission of abstracts to the International Conference. The [Abstract Preparation Guide](#) was dispersed to members of our Assembly prior to the November 6, 2013 submission deadline for abstracts and was well received by our Assembly members.

Our Working Group will sponsor a Workshop at this year's International Conference. The Workshop is entitled "Career Development Workshop: Understanding the Grant Review Process". This Workshop has been programmed for Monday, May 19, 2014 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Gijs Ijma, Ph.D. and Lucas W. Meuchel, Ph.D. will co-chair this Workshop. The Workshop will have six highly experienced grant reviewers from around the world simulate a grant review panel using previously submitted National Institutes of Health (NIH) and non-NIH grants from members of our Assembly. Current and former members of the Assembly leadership will serve as grant reviewers for this Workshop, including Leigh Ann Callahan, M.D., Andrew J. Halayko, Ph.D., Gregory G. King, M.D., Ph.D., Alan J. Knox, M.D., Wayne Mitzner, Ph.D., and Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr., M.D. We would like to encourage all trainees and junior professionals within and outside of our Assembly to register for this Workshop. Attendance is limited so please register as soon as possible.

Due to the great success of our inaugural Assembly Mentoring Program in Philadelphia last year, we shall once again sponsor an Assembly Mentoring Program in San Diego. The goals of this Program are to support the career development of trainees and junior professionals through individualized mentorship and to increase trainee and junior professional involvement within our Assembly. Jade Jaffar, Ph.D. and Pawan Sharma, Ph.D. are the organizers of this year's Assembly Mentoring Program. To find out more information regarding the Assembly Mentoring Program or to participate in this Program as either a mentee or a mentor, please visit our webpage: <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rsf/mentoring-program.php>

The Working Group also developed an Assembly Brochure during the past year, which gives an overview of our Assembly to those individuals who are not familiar with it. In addition, we have generated a newsletter that is specific for our Assembly's trainees and junior professionals. This newsletter contains pertinent information regarding the activities of the Working Group and also highlights Assembly-specific events, which trainees and junior professionals can participate. Furthermore, valuable career advice from past Assembly award winners is contained within this newsletter.

During the upcoming year, the Working Group will continue to plan career development and networking opportunities for trainees and junior professionals within the Assembly under Dr. Charlotte Billington's leadership. If you would like to be considered for membership on the Working Group or have any questions or suggestions with regard to the Working Group's activities, please feel free to contact Dr. Charlotte Billington (Charlotte.Billington@nottingham.ac.uk) at your convenience.

*Assembly on
Respiratory Structure and Function
Membership Meeting*

*Monday, May 19th
5:00pm-7:00pm*

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

*Seaport Ballroom D
Second Floor*

*Assembly on
Respiratory Structure and Function
Reception*

*Monday, May 19th
7:00pm-10:00pm*

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

*Seaport Ballroom E
Second Floor*

**Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application
for funding in FY2015!**

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2015. 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 Raymond B. Penn at raymond.penn@jefferson.edu.

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

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!

Please join us in honoring William W. Busse, MD, during ATS 2014 in San Diego on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the Sixth Annual American Thoracic Society Foundation Research Program Benefit.



His impassioned advocacy and generosity towards the ATS Foundation Research Program has given promising young investigators in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine a "lifeline" at a crucial moment in their careers. Because Dr. Busse's clinical and research interests are central to both the ATS and the AAAAI, the Foundation invites friends and colleagues in both organizations to celebrate his remarkable dedication to helping patients.

There are several ways you may pay tribute to Dr. Busse:

- If you are planning to attend ATS 2014, please register for the Benefit at <http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefit>.
- If you are unable to attend the Benefit but wish to place an ad or make a donation to the Research Program in honor of Dr. Busse, please visit <http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefitcontributions>.

For more information, contact ErinMarie Nebel at EMNebel@thoracic.org or at 212-315-6464.

Every dollar contributed will go directly to support research awards for early career scientists.

LUNG DISEASE WEEK AT THE ATS

January~December, 2014

In 2014, the ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) continues its successful program "Lung Disease Week at the ATS," which represents a society-wide initiative to recognize the many rare lung disorders for which ATS PAR member organizations provide support and guidance to patients and their families. For a series of one-week periods throughout 2014 ATS PAR will bring patient issues to the front and center of the Society's agenda. Working with its PAR partners, the ATS will develop, aggregate and host links to disease-specific content on its Web site. Material will include patient stories, testimonials, interviews, videos, photos, support group information, details on ongoing legislative efforts and clinical trial updates. The ATS will foster interaction between patients, clinicians and researchers by hosting online question-and-answer sessions, Webinars and/or podcasts featuring lung disease experts. See the full calendar of lung disease weeks below.

2014 Date	Disease Week	PAR Member	ATS Board Member
Feb 9-15	Sarcoidosis	Andrea Wilson (Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research)	Carrie Redlich, MD
Mar 2-8	Cystic Fibrosis	Beth Sufian (Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)	Samya Nasr, MD
Apr 6-12	ARDS	Eileen Rubin (ARDS Foundation)	Shannon Carson, MD
Apr 20-26	Sleep Disorders	Ed Grandi (American Sleep Apnea Association)	Atul Malhotra, MD
Jun1-7	LAM	Mary Harbaugh (The LAM Foundation)	Charlie Strange, MD
Jun 22-28	Scleroderma	Kerri Connolly (Scleroderma Foundation)	Nick Hill, MD <i>(ATS Past President)</i>
July 6-12	Pulmonary Hypertension	Debbie Castro (Pulmonary Hypertension Association) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Jason Yuan, MD
Aug 3-9	chILD	Greg Porta (chILD Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Robin Deterding, MD
Aug 24-30	Rare Lung Diseases	Jack Kelly (Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease Alliance)	Jess Mandel, MD

Sep 7-13	Lung Transplant	Jeff Goldstein (Lung Transplant Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Various
Sep 21-27	Pulmonary Fibrosis	Teresa Barnes (Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis)	Jesse Roman, MD
Oct 5-11	Asthma	Charlotte Collins (Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America)	Greg Downey, MD
Nov Dec 7-13	Lung Cancer	Regina Vidaver (Free to Breathe, <i>formerly NLCP</i>)	Linda Nici, MD

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2014 ATS International Conference in San Diego

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

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 16th from 6-9 PM, Golden Hill A/B, 3rd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt.

This session is **required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new document projects. The session is **recommended** for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at 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.

Update: A second session has been added for current Guideline Panel Chairs or new Guideline Panel Chairs who cannot attend the Friday evening session. The second session will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 5-6 PM, TBA, Manchester Grant Hyatt.

- Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session: Monday, May 19th from 7-8:30 PM, Balboa A/B, 2nd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this new training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in San Diego, 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 discuss and answer questions about Official ATS Documents. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozeki@mcmaster.ca Please indicate the name of your panel and a range of time that would be appropriate for their visit.
- Office Hours: Stop by our second annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Dr. Kevin Wilson and/or Dr. Jan Brozek about any Official ATS Document related matters. Office hours will be held from 10-11 am on Sunday May 18 and Monday May 19 in the Manchester Grand Hyatt (Room TBA).