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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

The Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN) Assembly (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/index.php>) of the American Thoracic Society has had another excellent year. The sleep field continues to provide an exciting arena for scientists, clinicians and teachers and, as a young field we provide outstanding opportunities for junior people.

I'd like to highlight several items the executive committee has been discussing this past year:

1. Fellowship Training: there is a concern amongst the executive committee that fewer pulmonary trained fellows are entering the sleep field. This could have repercussions in the future on the basic and translational research performed by members of our assembly. The executive committee has designed a survey for program directors of ACGME sleep programs to better assess whether pulmonary graduates are going into sleep. We will hopefully have results in the next few months and we can discuss further at the membership meeting.
2. The SRN assembly will be participating in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program that the ATS will be offering at the International Conference in Philadelphia. This new program will allow board certified members an alternative route to obtaining MOC points by attending select symposia and completing a post-test. The ATS has invited several nationally recognized sleep leaders to lecture during the conference. Look for more information to come from the ATS on how to enroll and the International Conference program for more details on the speakers.
3. Our sleep fragment series will now be a regular feature in the Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society, which was re-launched as a more clinically oriented journal earlier this year. We invite you to submit fragments to this series through the journal publication website. We will continue to have fragments on the main ATS website as well.

I'd like to thank the members of the Executive Committee who have worked with me as we have worked on a variety of projects outlined here:

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James A. Rowley, MD

ASSEMBLY CHAIR REPORT

James A. Rowley, MD, Chair

1. Under the leadership of Susheel Patil, MD, and Christopher O'Donnell, PhD, the SRN Program of the ATS 2013 in Philadelphia promises to be one of our best ever. We have considerable scientific content spanning the range from basic to translational to clinical. Our abstracts remain strong both in terms of quantity as well as quality. In addition, this spring we will be actively seeking content ideas for future postgraduate courses and symposia from attendees at the courses and our Assembly meeting.
2. Under the leadership of Mihaela Teodorescu, MD and Renaud Tamisier, MD, we now have an active website committee. The major initiative this year has been the continuation of our web-based, interactive, journal club. While the emphasis continues to be on respiratory topics, the series now also includes non-respiratory sleep. The sessions this past year have all been excellent and if you have not participated, I encourage you to attend the next session. You can view the content of these sessions on the website (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/journal-club.php>). I'd encourage all of our members to participate in the upcoming sessions this spring and to invite fellows/trainees to join in.
3. Under the leadership of Sanjay Patel, MD, PhD, the Planning Committee has invited David Dinges, PhD, to speak at this year's assembly dinner. The Planning Committee will be soliciting ideas for new assembly projects this spring and I encourage assembly members to talk with Sanjay or Seva Polotsky (incoming Assembly Chair) if they have an idea for a project. Finally, the planning committee will once again be evaluating the applicants for the James B. Skatrud New Investigator award (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/index.php>). This year, the recipient of the award will give a 15 minute presentation highlighting his/her research during our assembly meeting.

We continue to actively support junior trainees. This support comes primarily in the form of Abstract Scholarships and research awards to attend the ATS 2013 meeting. As in years past, there will be a meeting for new assembly members prior to our assembly meeting so that they can learn more about us and opportunities to get involved. I highly recommend that all members encourage their trainees and new members to attend our annual assembly meeting and dinner. It's a great opportunity to network, eat and get to hear a great speaker.

The Assembly leadership is always looking for members to become involved in the activities of the Assembly. Please talk to me or Seva Polotsky before or after the Assembly meeting if you would like to be considered for a committee assignment in the coming year.

As chair, one of my responsibilities has been representing our assembly on the ATS Board of Directors. I've attended 4 meetings so far and both have provided me with a greater appreciation for the extensive activities and successes of the ATS as well as the continued challenges including providing consistent research support, ensuring success of the International Conference, and enhancing revenue diversification. One of the other highlights of these meetings is an opportunity to meet with the other assembly chairs. At each of these meetings, 3 assembly chairs present information about their assemblies, including successes, opportunities and challenges. It's been informative to know that even some of the bigger ATS assemblies have challenges! At our meeting last September, I presented what is going on in our assembly and got a lot of positive feedback, especially about our assembly website, which is by far the best in the ATS. We also had extensive discussions about the future of the ATS International Conference, use of social media and the engagement of junior faculty and trainees.

It has been a distinct honor to be the Assembly Chair the last 2 years and to represent our assembly on the Board of Directors. I thank the assembly membership for providing me this opportunity.

As always, the executive committee and I welcome feedback from all of our members. See you all in Philadelphia.

Planning Committee Report

Sanjay R. Patel, MD, **Chair**

I would like to provide an update on the activities of the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Planning Committee over the last year. The Planning Committee is charged with developing long range plans for the Assembly. For 2013, we have one newly funded project:

Dr. Susmita Chowduri. *Impact of Mild Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Adults.*

and one ongoing project that was renewed for another year:

Dr. Jay Balachandran. *Sleep Fragments – An Educational Resource for Physicians and Trainees*

We will have updates on these projects at the Assembly Membership Meeting on Monday, May 20 at the 2013 ATS International Conference in Philadelphia. If you are interested in submitting an Assembly Project proposal or just have a great idea for one, please send me an email at spatel@partners.org.

The Planning Committee is also charged with soliciting and considering applications for the 2013 James B. Skatrud New Investigator Award. This prestigious award has been given to promising young investigators in the field who have gone on to successful research careers as well as leadership positions in the ATS. Please, check the ATS website at <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/assembly-awards/assembly-on-sleep-and-respiratory-neurobiology-james-b-skatrud-new-investigator-award.php> for more details. The award will be presented at the Assembly Membership Meeting in Philadelphia.

Finally, we will be hosting a dinner with the aim of facilitating interaction between Assembly members. The reception will be held on Monday, May 20th from 7:00 - 10:00 PM following the SRN Assembly Membership Meeting. Dr. David F. Dinges, Chief of the Division of Sleep and Chronobiology in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and Editor-in-Chief of *Sleep* will be our guest speaker. It should be a great lecture and a great opportunity to re-connect with old friends and colleagues as well as meet fellows and other new Assembly members. I hope to see you there.

Program Committee Report

Susheel Patil, MD, Ph-D, **Chair**, Chris O'Donnell, PhD, **Co-Chair**

As chair-elect and chair of the SRN Assembly, Chris O'Donnell and I would like to thank the SRN Assembly members for submitting their latest scientific research to the ATS 2013 meeting. We would particularly like to thank the ATS staff, the SRN Program Committee, the International Conference Committee and David Au, the ICC Chair for their help and support in preparation of this exciting Program. We believe we have put together a program that is sufficiently broad in scope encompassing adult and pediatric sleep/respiratory neurobiology that will appeal to all members engaged in the practice of clinical medicine and basic scientific research.

As some of you may be aware, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) is revising the maintenance of certification process. The ATS has decided to implement a Clinical Core Curriculum for three tracks – Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, to provide additional value of the conference to its members. Each curriculum is designed to address major components within the American Board of Medical Specialties blueprints over a 3-year period. These sessions will occur in the morning and afternoon throughout the conference and represent an opportunity for U.S. attendees to obtain maintenance of certification credits. A pre-test and post-test will need to be completed to obtain credits. Experts from within and outside of ATS will be invited, which should make the sessions educational and informative for all ATS attendees with an interest in sleep medicine. The Sleep Medicine

Program Committee Report

Susheel Patil, MD, Ph-D, **Chair**, Chris O'Donnell, PhD, **Co-Chair**

Clinical Core Curriculum will be presented on Monday morning (7:00AM to 8:30AM) and on Tuesday afternoon (2:00 – 4:30PM). Topics to be covered include approaches to hypersomnias, parasomnias, and sleep in medical and neuropsychiatric disorders. In addition there will be speakers discussing the integration of the sleep history, sleep study interpretation, and actigraphy. More details will be forthcoming.

This year's program will begin with two outstanding post-graduate courses with interactive and small group sessions. On Friday we will have "*Technological Advances in Clinical Outpatient Sleep Medicine*". This innovative course will provide hands on opportunities with diagnostic and therapeutic devices used by sleep medicine clinicians. On Saturday we will have "*Measures of Sleep Disordered Breathing and Health Related Outcomes*".

This year we were fortunate to obtain additional mini-symposia and poster discussion slots to showcase the latest outstanding research that is being conducted in our field. Mini-symposia programmed for this year include: "*SDB: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Approaches*" (with talks on results from recent studies of expiratory nasal valve resistance devices, hypoglossal nerve stimulators, and oral pressure therapy), "*Sleep Apnea and the Heart: Lessons from Mice and Human Studies*", "*Sleep Disordered Breathing and Metabolism: Mechanisms, Confounders, and Outcomes*" (with results from studies on the impact of CPAP on Pre-Diabetes and potential effects of an animal model of sleep disruption in the mother on metabolic function in the offspring) and "*Ventilatory Control: From Bench to Bedside*".

The poster discussion sessions are particularly noteworthy this year and will include "*Diagnosis and Management of Sleep Apnea*", "*Pediatric Sleep Disordered Breathing and Ventilatory Control*", "*Sleep Apnea Pathogenesis: Mechanical And Neural Mechanisms*", "*Sleep Disordered Breathing: Cardiovascular, Metabolic, and Neurocognitive Outcomes*" and "*Sleep Disordered Breathing: Genetics, Associations, and Interventions*".

The major scientific symposia for 2013 include "*Nocturnal Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV): Theory, Evidence and Current Best Practices?*" which will review the current state-of the art for nocturnal NIV and is a joint symposium sponsored by the SRN, BSHSR, CP, and NUR Assemblies. "*What is New in Sleep Apnea and Glucose Metabolism and Energy Balance*" will examine the most recent clinical and translational evidence for the link between sleep apnea and altered glucose metabolism and energy balance. "*Late Breaking Results of Cardiovascular Randomized Controlled Trials in OSA*" will provide an update on ongoing and completed clinical trials of the impact of OSA treatment on cardiovascular outcomes. Finally, the session "*Sleep Apnea Physiology: A Pro-Con Debate*", will address several of the latest controversies surrounding the pathogenesis of sleep disordered breathing.

On Wednesday, Barbara Phillips, MD from the University of Kentucky, will present the Clinical Year in Review for Sleep. In addition, the SRN Assembly has a hands-on workshop "*Oral Appliance Therapy for OSA: How to Select the Right Patient – Efficacy, Predictors, and Types of Appliances*".

Remember to look at the Conference program for special noon time sessions that are often presented by the National Institutes of Health and other outside organizations. These sessions often present an update of ongoing multi-center research studies. Of potential interest to SRN members includes a session on Sunday, "*Hispanic Community Health Study (HCHS): Novel Discoveries of Sleep Health Disparities and Cardiometabolic Disease*".

We look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia and we hope this year's meeting will be a venue for Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology scientists and clinicians to share and generate new ideas.

ATS 2013 - Philadelphia

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on **Sleep & Respiratory Neurobiology**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 17, 2013			
PG6	TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN CLINICAL OUTPATIENT SLEEP MEDICINE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG21	MEASURES OF SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING SEVERITY AND HEALTH-RELATED OUTCOMES	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
WS8	ORAL APPLIANCE THERAPY FOR OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA. HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT PATIENT: EFFICACY, PREDICTORS AND TYPES OF APPLIANCES	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B10	CONTROVERSIES IN SLEEP APNEA PATHOPHYSIOLOGY: AN EXPERT DEBATE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B89	WHAT IS NEW IN SLEEP APNEA AND GLUCOSE METABOLISM AND ENERGY BALANCE?	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C5	LATE BREAKING RESULTS OF CARDIOVASCULAR RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS IN OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A11	NOCTURNAL NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION: THEORY, EVIDENCE, AND CURRENT BEST PRACTICE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
MP414	OBESITY HYPOVENTILATION SYNDROME: INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
MP514	HOME SLEEP TESTING: WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS EXPERIENCE, CASE STUDIES AND PRIMARY DATA PRESENTED	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
MP613	CASE-BASED APPROACH TO CIRCADIAN RHYTHM DISORDERS FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 20, 2013			
SS117	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING IN PREGNANCY	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
SS216	INPATIENT MANAGEMENT OF SLEEP APNEA	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
SS317	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING IN DIABETES: WHAT'S THE REAL EVIDENCE?	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A99	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B20	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING AND METABOLISM: MECHANISMS, CONFOUNDERS, AND OUTCOMES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C99	SLEEP APNEA AND THE HEART: LESSONS FROM MICE AND HUMAN STUDIES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D100	VENTILATORY CONTROL: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A109	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING: CARDIOVASCULAR, METABOLIC, AND NEUROCOGNITIVE OUTCOMES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B110	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF SLEEP APNEA	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C110	PEDIATRIC SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING AND VENTILATORY CONTROL	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D30	SLEEP APNEA PATHOGENESIS: MECHANICAL AND NEURAL MECHANISMS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D109	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING: GENETICS, ASSOCIATIONS, AND INTERVENTIONS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A64	PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY SLEEP DISORDERS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B70	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING. EPIDEMIOLOGY AND OUTCOMES: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D42	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING: PATHOGENESIS, DIAGNOSIS, AND MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

Other Sessions That Might Be Of Interest To You

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 17, 2013			
PG7	PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY: WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHEN IT GOES WRONG	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
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
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B12	CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM: ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B83	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D8	THE MULTIFUNCTIONAL BASAL CELL: MORE THAN A PROGENITOR	8:15 AM	10:45 AM

UPDATE FROM WEB DIRECTOR

Mihaela Teodorescu, MD, MS, **Co-Chair**, Renaud Tamisier, MD, PhD, **Co-Chair**

We are pleased to provide an update regarding the exciting web-related activities of the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN) Assembly of the American Thoracic Society (ATS). This year, with the involvement of the web subcommittees, we have focused on updating/expanding the projects that have been ongoing or initiated last year.

Owing to its success, this year we have focused our efforts in integrating the Sleep Fragment series as a section of the Annals of the American Thoracic Society (formerly, The Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society). Starting this February, fragments will be concomitantly published at the SRN website and in the Annals. Submission and peer-review process remain with the SRN co-directors (<http://www.thoracic.org/clinical/sleep/sleep-fragment/submission-guidelines.php>), with final decisions to be made by the Annals editors. Fragments consist of image-based short case presentations, with 1-2 questions related to the image, followed by a brief discussion. This series is meant to highlight teaching points relevant to the practice of Sleep Medicine. Sleep Fragments represent an excellent venue for fellows, residents and medical students to partner with faculty members and submit cases for eventual publication. They also represent an excellent opportunity for young people to get involved with the ATS and to complete the requirement of scholarly activities required by ACGME fellowships. Fragments continue to be frequently used as a popular educational resource, particularly for Sleep Medicine board preparations. With that in mind, as their numbers has been increasing at the SRN website, the Sleep Fragments subcommittee, led by Drs. Leila Gozal and Bharati Prasad, have completed their task on archiving the fragments by topics (similar to those listed by ABIM) and age groups, with a searchable engine for both. Last, we are very grateful to the authors for their outstanding contributions and to the reviewers for their important work as well. To honor these outstanding publications, this year we are continuing with the Best Sleep Fragment Award for 2012, to be announced at the SRN Membership meeting in Philadelphia, in May.

Our web-based, interactive, Journal Club (JC) has been continuing with monthly sessions. We expanded its content to non-respiratory sleep topics, programming two sessions (one clinical and one basic) within each topic. To date, these webinars are well-attended and received. You can view the content of past sessions (which also remain available as podcast recordings) on the SRN website, as well as information on the upcoming sessions at <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/journal-club.php>. We are grateful to the JC Co-Chairs, Drs. Shirin Shafazand and Vidya Krishnan, to all the authors and panelists, for their fine contributions. We very much welcome trainees' and junior faculty' involvement, to both propose/present articles as well as to participate in the discussions.

Led by Dr. Madalina Macrea, the Sleep Funding Links subcommittee has continued to update its page (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/sleep-opportunities.php>) every 6 months. With their upcoming update, they will expand the US government opportunities and start the international page with opportunities for our South American, Canadian, European and Australian members. We welcome our international colleagues to provide input and participate in expanding this page.

Our Sleep Educational subcommittee, led by Dr. Susmita Chowdhuri, has been keeping very busy expanding their repository of Sleep and related questionnaires (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/web-education-site.php>), and most recently, in developing educational pamphlets on common topics, not available through other professional sites. This work is ongoing and its targeted completion is prior to the May meeting.

Last, our Web redesign subcommittee, led by Drs. Bradley Edwards and David McSharry, is hard at work in enhancing and reinvigorating our website, keeping it up-to-date with the life of the assembly and making it more interactive. Completion of this project is expected before the ATS meeting and we look forward to your feedback.

UPDATE FROM WEB DIRECTOR

Mihaela Teodorescu, MD, MS, **Co-Chair**, Renaud Tamisier, MD, PhD, **Co-Chair**

We wish to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all members of our web subcommittees (recognized on their respective page); without their consistent involvement all these projects would not have been possible! As well, to our Chair and SRN leadership, and to the ATS staff, for their guidance, commitment and resilience in working with us. We welcome suggestions and participation in all our SRN web activities, so please do not hesitate to contact us (mt3@medicine.wisc.edu or rtamisier@chu-grenoble.fr).

Finally, the SRN Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Vidya Krishnan, MD, Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio and Pedro Genta, MD, University of Sao Paolo, Brazil, will take over as new Website Directors of the SRN Assembly, as of May 2013.

Why are members paying for the SRN Reception this year?

After much discussion, the Executive Committee decided to move to a paid reception at the 2013 Philadelphia International Conference. In making this decision, the committee balanced several factors:

- The membership reception has always been an excellent networking opportunity, especially for junior members and we did want this opportunity to continue. We especially liked the less formal setting (compared to a sit-down dinner) and the opportunity to move around freely.
- Industry is no longer willing to sponsor assembly receptions such as ours. In addition, ATS assembly chairs have directed ATS staff to focus on raising money for Abstract Scholarship awards, which we deem very important for allowing trainees to attend the International Conference.
- Other assemblies moved to the paid model with tremendous success, including several with no history of an assembly dinner/reception.
- Importance of a lower price for trainees and/or the ability of their mentors to purchase tickets for their trainees.

Since we very much wanted to have a networking event beyond our membership meeting, we did opt to have a paid reception. We worked with the ATS staff to preserve the event in a reception format, though with upgraded food options. The price was set at \$60 for members and \$40 for trainees. Very importantly, **members can purchase tickets for their trainees when they purchase their tickets for the reception.**

We encourage our membership to purchase tickets and come to the reception. You'll get great food. You'll have an opportunity to hear Dr. David Dinges from the University of Pennsylvania. And you'll have the same great opportunity to network as you have in the past.

***Assembly on
Sleep & Respiratory Neurobiology
Membership Meeting***

***MONDAY, MAY 20TH
Membership Meeting 5:00PM-7:00PM
LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
HOWE
THIRTY-THIRD FLOOR***

***Assembly on
Sleep & Respiratory Neurobiology
Dinner***

***This year's featured speaker will be Dr. David Dinges
Dr. Dinges will discuss "God, Luck, and the Weather (or how I learned to distrust my brain doing
science on sleep deprivation)"***

***MONDAY, MAY 20TH
7:00PM-10:00PM
LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
COMMONWEALTH HALL A&B
SECOND FLOOR***

***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

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 Sanjay Patel, MD at spatel@partners.org

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!**

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/>

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