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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR



Gregory Downey, MD

Dear Assembly colleagues,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Chair of the Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation Assembly of the American Thoracic Society and to welcome you to the AII Assembly Spring Newsletter. When I took over the position as Chair in May of 2013, I immediately discovered that I had very big shoes to fill - those of our previous Chair, Dr. Jeff Curtis. In the last eight months, I have capitalized on the momentum that Jeff and the Executive Committee established and also helped introduce some new programs that I believe will allow our Assembly to continue to provide a leadership role in the ATS as well as to attract new members to our Assembly.

Much of the work of the AII Executive Committee has focused on recognizing and valuing the contributions of our early career members including trainees and young faculty and providing them with new leadership opportunities within the Assembly.

An important accomplishment has been the introduction of the AII Early Career Achievement Award and the AII Scientific Accomplishment Award. These important awards represent our Assembly's recognition of early career and established investigators in our Assembly who have made notable scientific contributions in their careers and who have contributed to the mission of the AII Assembly. The previous Chair, Dr. Jeff Curtis, had done much of the groundwork for these awards and the Executive and Membership committees were able to complete the process. Nominations for these awards are currently being reviewed and the awardees will be announced at the ATS annual meeting. The Early Career Achievement awardee will be given the opportunity to speak during the annual Assembly business meeting and the AII Scientific Accomplishment awardee will deliver a brief speech at the reception following the meeting.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

A second accomplishment has been the initiation of the AII Journal Club. The first journal club was held by webinar and teleconference on February 27, 2014 and focused on Sally Wenzel's New England Journal of Medicine article 'Dupilumab in Persistent Asthma with Elevated Eosinophil Levels.' Special recognition goes to the Membership Committee of the AII and to Drs. Michael Wechsler, Victor Ortega, Sally Wenzel, Parameswaran Nair, Preveen Akuthota, Angela Rogers, Megan Ballinger, Beth Besecker, and Bruce Levy for making this such a successful first journal club. We look forward to approximately six journal clubs per year, and some of these will be done in collaboration with the RCMB and Critical Care Assemblies in areas where there is content overlap. This is in the spirit of forging closer relationships with our sister assemblies and collaborating on common themes and areas of interest.

A third accomplishment is the establishment of the AII Young Professionals committee. Laura Crotty and Megan Ballinger are spearheading this initiative. The inaugural lunch meeting will be held on Tuesday May 20 at the ATS annual meeting in San Diego. An email advertisement will be sent to the AII membership shortly.

The formal Mentoring Program that has been in place for several years will continue to expand this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for trainees, early career faculty, and international colleagues to get a personalized introduction to the AII Assembly and to the ATS in general. This program also affords the opportunity for senior members of the AII Assembly to enhance the experience of those who represent the future of AII and the ATS. Please see the details in the Membership Working Group Report by Angela Rogers and Megan Ballinger, and sign up to be a mentor or mentee by the deadline of April XX, 2014.

Dr. Bill Busse from the University of Wisconsin and a member of the AII Assembly is the recipient of the 2014 Breathing for Life Award. I want to extend a special thanks to all who contributed to the ATS Foundation in honor of Bill's accomplishments and to support ATS funded research.

In closing, I want to thank to all of you for your support and acknowledge the AII Executive committee for their hard work culminating in the introduction of innovative programs to benefit the Assembly. I look forward to seeing you this May in San Diego for what promises to be an outstanding Scientific Conference.

## Update from Planning Committee

Angela Rogers, MD, MPH; Incoming Planning Chair

The primary responsibility of the AII Planning Committee is to review and prioritize Assembly Projects. 2013-14 was a quiet year for our committee, as for the first time in recent years, no primary AII assembly proposals were submitted. While our group had a productive meeting in August to review projects relevant to the AII, and recommended funding several of these, the major focus of our Planning Committee in 2014 is to encourage and support submissions of new AII project proposals. With substantial increased infrastructure from ATS to support projects, and a new emphasis from ATS on updating ATS guidelines and statements, this is an excellent opportunity to take a leadership role in ATS. If you are interested in becoming more involved in your Assembly and want to serve on the AII Planning Committee, feel free to email me, [ajrogers@stanford.edu](mailto:ajrogers@stanford.edu) and you will be considered as openings occur. There will also be a sign up sheet at this year's meeting for people interested in serving on the Planning Committee. If you have ideas about potential AII projects, also email to discuss, and we can help support you in the submission process. It is exciting to work with ATS to fund worthy projects that are of interest to all of us involved in ATS.

# Update from Program Committee Chair

Bruce Levy, MD

The AII program committee for the 2014 included 30 members from North America, Europe, South America, Australia, China and Japan. These colleagues provided rich expertise in the broad scientific and clinical topic areas spanning the range of interests in the AII assembly. The group worked together to propose and program major symposia, sunrise seminars, meet the professor sessions, and post graduate courses. The Program Committee is very proud that AII will be sponsoring the symposia, seminars and sessions listed below.

The AII program committee worked closely this year with the RCMB and RSF program committees to develop and co-sponsor this year's SCIENCE CORE and SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR which are described in more detail by Mitch Olman in a dedicated section of this newsletter.

Together, the program committee reviewed and scored over 700 abstracts. These abstracts were programmed into 7 mini-symposia, 8 poster discussion sessions, and 28 thematic poster sessions. More recently, we received approximately 40 late breaking abstracts that were reviewed and ranked. About 50% of the late-breaking abstracts were programmed this year into various sessions or placed into an organized Late Breaking Abstract session. As you may expect, it took more than 100 colleagues to help in chairing sessions, presenting featured lectures or facilitating thematic poster sessions. We invited a mix of junior and more established colleagues in most sessions with broad international representation. On average, we invited one facilitator for each 5 abstracts in the thematic poster sessions to ensure that each presenter will have ample opportunity to interact with experts in the field and that the facilitators have manageable commitments.

It has been my privilege to chair the program committee this past year. Thank you to all the Program Committee members and all of you who agreed to share your expertise and donate your time to help make this the best program possible. Dr. Jay Kolls has been wonderful to work with this year as our assembly program committee chair-elect. I am certain that the Program Committee is in great hands as he assumes its leadership in May. Dr. Kolls is already assembling the Program Committee for next year and would appreciate hearing from you if you have any suggestions for improving the process.

Remember that the process of building our conference program begins almost immediately after this meeting, so it is not too early to be considering proposals for next year's scientific program at the 2015 ATS meeting. Putting together a successful program benefits from the participation of all the assembly members, the program committee, experts in the field, and the outstanding ATS annual meeting staff! Please join us in this effort.

Lastly, a big thank you to the ATS annual meeting staff that does such a wonderful job. It is their expertise, experience and helpful guidance that help to uphold the tradition of excellence that we have come to expect from the annual meeting.

I hope you enjoy ATS 2014 and I look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

# ATS 2014 - San Diego

## Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Saturday, May 17, 2014</b>			
PG10	ASTHMA PATHOGENESIS AND THERAPY: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:00 AM	4:10 PM
PG11	TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH TRAINING FOR THE EARLY INVESTIGATOR: A PRACTICAL SKILLS WORKSHOP	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Workshop Sessions</b>			
<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2014</b>			
WS8	THE NEW CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE: EXERCISE-INDUCED BRONCHOCONSTRICTION	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>			
A89	THE LUNG MICROBIOME IN 2014: STATE OF THE ART AND SCIENCE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
B88	ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION: FROM RECOGNITION TO RESOLUTION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>			
C88	NOVEL INSIGHTS INTO TARGETS AND TREATMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ASTHMA	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2014</b>			
D10	CHILDHOOD INFECTIOUS ORIGINS OF ADULT LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D86	UPDATES IN GENOMIC AND PRECISION MEDICINE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Jointly-Developed Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>			
A5	TELOMERES, SENESCENCE AND STRESS: YOUR AGING LUNG REMODELING SPECIALISTS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A11	INFLUENZA VIRUS PNEUMONIA: VIRUS-HOST INTERACTIONS, DETERMINANTS OF LUNG PATHOGENICITY, AND CLINICAL ASPECTS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
B85	MANIFESTATIONS OF AGING ON INFLAMMATION AND IMMUNITY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
B90	RED, WHITE, AND BLOOD: THE HEME-PULMONARY CIRCULATION AXIS OF INFLAMMATION, INJURY, AND HEMOLYSIS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>			
C85	SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR: AGING AND SENESCENCE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

<b>Sunrise Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
SS101	UPDATE ON EOSINOPHILIC LUNG DISEASES	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
SS102	THE INITIAL EVALUATION OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>			
SS201	IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTICES IN EXHALED BREATH BIOMARKER RESEARCH	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2014</b>			
SS301	THE ROLE OF ZINC IN CRITICAL ILLNESS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>			
MP401	PERIOSTIN: A USEFUL BIOMARKER FOR CATEGORIZATION OF ASTHMA ENDOTYPES	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
MP501	AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS IN ASTHMA AND COPD	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>			
A13	THE GENOME AND ASTHMA IN 2014	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A93	IMMUNOLOGIC AND GENETIC BIOMARKERS OF INFLAMMATORY LUNG DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
B13	MECHANISMS AND TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR SEVERE ASTHMA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>			
C13	THE SMOKE IS CLEARING: TRANSLATIONAL DISCOVERIES ON COPD PATHOGENESIS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C93	ADVANCES IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY AND MUCOSAL IMMUNITY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2014</b>			
D12	EXACERBATION OF LUNG DISEASE: SHARED MECHANISMS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D91	NOVEL PATHWAYS IN PULMONARY FIBROSIS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Poster Discussion Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 18, 2014</b>			
A21	THE MESENCHYME AND THE EPITHELIUM IN AIRWAY INFLAMMATION	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A101	LYMPHOID CELLS AND LUNG INFLAMMATION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Monday, May 19, 2014</b>			
B21	AIRWAY HOST DEFENSE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B101	ASTHMA PATHOGENESIS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 20, 2014</b>			
C22	AIRWAY REPAIR AND RESOLUTION MECHANISMS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 21, 2014</b>			
D21	IMMUNOPATHOGENESIS OF SARCOIDOSIS AND OTHER INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D101	DETERMINANTS OF LUNG FUNCTION AND GROWTH	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
D102	AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS AND ALTERATIONS IN AIRWAY SMOOTH MUSCLE AND STRUCTURE IN ASTHMA	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

**Thematic Poster Sessions****Sunday, May 18, 2014**

A31	SEVERE ASTHMA PATHOGENESIS AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A32	NEW ASTHMA THERAPIES: CLINICAL STUDIES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A33	CLINICAL ASTHMA I	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A34	CLINICAL ASTHMA II	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A35	PATIENT FACTORS AFFECTING ADHERENCE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A36	VITAMIN D AND LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

**Monday, May 19, 2014**

B31	PNEUMONIA, ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B32	VIRAL INFECTION OF THE AIRWAY	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B33	GRANULOCYTE ACTIVATION IN LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B34	LUNG MACROPHAGE ACTIVATION IN HEALTH AND DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B35	GENETICS OF LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

**Tuesday, May 20, 2014**

C31	INFLAMMATORY MEDIATORS AND MECHANISMS IN ASTHMA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C32	ASTHMA: PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C33	CYTOKINES AND ASTHMA MEDIATORS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C34	INSIGHTS INTO COPD PATHOGENESIS FROM PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C35	HOST RESPONSES TO ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 21, 2014**

D31	NONINVASIVE ASSESSMENT OF LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D32	RHINITIS AND SINUSITIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D33	AIRWAY EPITHELIA ACTIVATION AND RESPONSES TO TREATMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D34	AEROSOLIZED MEDICATIONS: SPECIFICATIONS AND TREATMENT CONSIDERATIONS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D35	RARE AND INTERESTING CASES OF LUNG INFLAMMATION, INJURY, AND INFECTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D36	SEPSIS, ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME, AND ACUTE LUNG INJURY	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

## 2014 Basic Science Core Sessions

Both scientists and clinicians will gain new insight into challenging questions in the 2014 Basic Science Core sessions at the ATS International Meeting. These sessions are a thematically linked set of symposia and abstract-based sessions that are coordinated on consecutive days. This year's theme "Aging and Senescence in the Lung" provides a unique opportunity to examine this area from a multidisciplinary approach with presentations by outstanding basic and clinical researchers both within and without the pulmonary field. These sessions are a great opportunity to hear novel cross-topical and cross-assembly ideas regarding the pathogenesis and consequences of aging on lung biology and disease.

The Basic Science Core sessions, now in its second year, are jointly developed by the assemblies on Allergy, Immunology & Inflammation, Respiratory Structure & Function, Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, and the topics covered include:

- 1) Telomers, Senescence and Stress: Your Aging Lung Remodeling Specialists! ,
- 2) Cellular and Molecular Determinants of the Aging Lung,
- 3) Regulation of Aging in the Lung,
- 4) Manifestations of Aging on Inflammation and Immunity,
- 5) Scientific Breakthroughs of the Year Session: Aging and Senescence.

Please note that next year's topic "Host Pathogen Interactions/Host Defense" is an area of great interest to AII members. We encourage input from AII members forth exciting possible symposiums. As symposiums suggestions are due in July, the meeting in San Diego is great time to meet with your colleagues to plan thematic symposiums for 2015. We thank Mitch Olman for his efforts in spearheading this important initiative on behalf of AII.

Link to ATS newsletter with details of basic core sessions. <http://news.thoracic.org/november-2013/basic-science-core.php>

# All Membership Working Group Report

Megan N. Ballinger, PhD & Beth Besecker, MD; Incoming Co-Chairs  
Angela Rogers, MD, MPH; Outgoing Chair

The membership committee has been very busy this year, and we are excited about sharing our updates. In addition to continuing some of the great programs we have had in the past, we have revamped and expanded opportunities for individuals to get involved in AII and ATS as a whole. This year, we worked together to create several new programs and initiatives to facilitate networking and career development opportunities available throughout the year rather than just at the annual International meeting. Here is a brief update on the major programs and initiatives the membership committee has been working on throughout the year.

## Mentoring Program

The AII Mentorship Program is in its third year and continues to be a huge success. What was initially devised to be a way to welcome new members and trainees into AII has turned into an ATS wide initiative to promote networking and career development. Last year we had 20 mentor and mentee pairs within AII and both mentor and mentee participants were enthusiastic about continuing the program in future years.

For the ATS international conference 2014, the membership working group is asking that all participants, both mentors (PhDs, MDs, researchers and clinicians) and mentees (students, fellows and junior faculty) fill out a brief survey via the AII website: <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/aII/mentor-survey.php>. Mentees will be asked to indicate their goals/career needs and will be matched with mentors with expertise in those areas. There will be an informal gathering on Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:00 (before the AII membership meeting) where mentees and mentors can meet. And mentors are encouraged to bring their mentees to the AII Assembly Reception immediately following the business meeting (approximately 6:30).

## Assembly Reception and Awards program

This year, AII has decided to try something different and instead of hosting a large Assembly dinner, there will be a reception with a cash bar immediately following the AII membership business meeting. Although in the past, we have definitely appreciated the wide range of speakers at the AII Assembly dinner, it has become increasingly difficult to attend because of other obligations which occur at the same time each year at ATS. Therefore, this year, instead of a formal sit-down dinner, we will host a reception and happy hour where AII membership can network and mingle together. **The AII Reception will be located in Grand Hall B (Lobby Level) beginning at 6:30 PM.** Additionally, AII has initiated an Awards Program, which will be awarded at the business meeting and reception. Each year, AII Assembly members will be asked to nominate an individual for an AII Early Career Achievement Award and an AII Scientific Accomplishment Award. This year, Dr. Rachel Zemans, MD from National Jewish Health/UC Denver is the recipient of the AII Early Career Achievement Award. Dr. Zeman will be giving a brief overview of her work at the AII Assembly meeting. Dr. Jeff Drazen, MD from Harvard Medical School will be the recipient of the AII Scientific Accomplishment Award. He will be speaking about his work and scientific accomplishments at the AII reception. We encourage all AII members to attend the reception and join us in congratulating our awardees.



## AII Journal Club

In an attempt to continue networking and collaborations throughout the year, AII has decided to sponsor an online Journal Club. The AII membership working group hosted our first journal club with 45+ participants in late February. The article discussed was entitled “Dupilumab in Persistent Asthma with Elevated Eosinophil Levels” by Dr. Sally Wenzel and colleagues that appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine. This journal club was well attended and had a great discussion and following. We are currently planning to hold online journal clubs once a month and will alternate between a clinical and a basic science focused article. We are actively searching for interesting journal articles, moderators and presenters. If you have suggestions or want to get involved please email [AII@thoracic.org](mailto:AII@thoracic.org)

## Early Career Professionals Round Table Discussion

In order to help students, fellows and junior faculty become more involved in the AII assembly and the ATS, we are hosting an early career professionals round table discussion on Tuesday, May 20th, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., located in room Balboa A & B on the 2nd floor of the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. This junior faculty meeting is targeted to ATS members and attendees who are M.D. or Ph.D. (or both) and who are interested in expanding their professional networks and collaborations. Participants will meet current junior and senior professionals involved in AII leadership, learn about exciting new initiatives and opportunities, and participate in round table discussions about issues relevant to junior professionals. Registration is required to attend this event, lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by following the link: <http://doodle.com/fhnfw5f6az8vnmkv>

As you'll see, there's a lot going on in the AII Membership working group, and many ways to get involved in our committee. We are eager to welcome new participants in all of these initiatives. Please contact any of us for more information on how to join us at:

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*Assembly on  
Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation  
Membership Meeting*

*Monday, May 19th  
5:00pm-6:30pm*

*Reception to follow Membership Meeting beginning at 6:30 with a presentation by the first recipient of the AII Scientific Accomplishment Award Jeffrey M. Drazen, MD*

*Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego*

*Grand Hall B  
Lobby Level*

**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](http://www.thoracic.org).

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee Chair Angela Rogers, MD, MPH at [ajrogers@stanford.edu](mailto:ajrogers@stanford.edu)

Please contact Miriam Rodriguez with any questions at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: [mrodriguez@thoracic.org](mailto: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](mailto: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	<b>Andrea Wilson</b> (Foundation for Sarcoidosis Research)	Carrie Redlich, MD
Mar 2-8	Cystic Fibrosis	<b>Beth Sufian</b> (Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)	Samya Nasr, MD
Apr 6-12	ARDS	<b>Eileen Rubin</b> (ARDS Foundation)	Shannon Carson, MD
Apr 20-26	Sleep Disorders	<b>Ed Grandi</b> (American Sleep Apnea Association)	Atul Malhotra, MD
Jun1-7	LAM	<b>Mary Harbaugh</b> (The LAM Foundation)	Charlie Strange, MD
Jun 22-28	Scleroderma	<b>Kerri Connolly</b> (Scleroderma Foundation)	Nick Hill, MD <i>(ATS Past President)</i>
July 6-12	Pulmonary Hypertension	<b>Debbie Castro</b> (Pulmonary Hypertension Association) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Jason Yuan, MD
Aug 3-9	chILD	<b>Greg Porta</b> (chILD Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Robin Deterding, MD
Aug 24-30	Rare Lung Diseases	<b>Jack Kelly</b> (Lymphangiomatosis & Gorham's Disease Alliance)	Jess Mandel, MD

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