

Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis, and Pulmonary Infections (MTPI)

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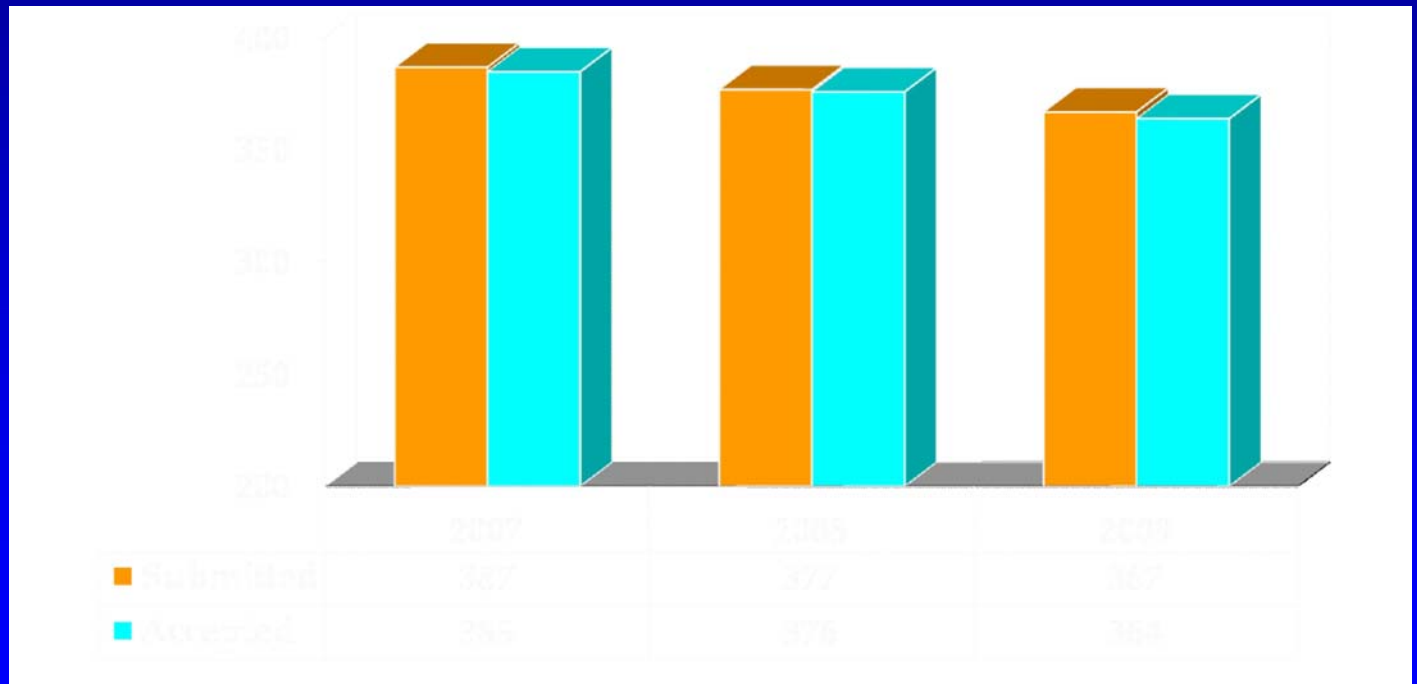
Organization

- Diverse membership of pulmonologists, ICU, infectious disease specialists, public health and government officials
- Alternate Assembly Chair, Planning Chairs, and Program Committee Chairs between TB and non-TB individuals
- Close working relationships with activities of Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), State and Local Health Departments
- International focus with active members from European Respiratory Society (ERS), Africa, South America, and Asia

Membership Profile

- Primary members - 812 (721)
- Secondary members - 1986 (1783)
- 67% from United States, 33% international
- 367 abstracts submitted to International Conference this year (~ Half Tbc and Half Other Infections)

Submitted/ Accepted Abstracts, 2007-2009



Recent Guidelines, Statements, and Workshop Summaries from the MTPI Assembly

- ATS/IDSA Statement: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Diseases; DE Griffith et al.; Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2007;175:367-416.
- IDSA/ATS Consensus Guidelines on the Management of Community-Acquired Pneumonia in Adults; L. Mandell/R. Wunderink et al; Clinical Infectious Diseases 2007; 44:S27-72

Ongoing MTPI Projects

- Treatment of Fungal Infections (Limper, Knox)
- Risk of Tuberculosis in Patients Receiving Anti-TNF and Other Novel Immunosuppressive Therapies (Schluger/Daley)
- Diagnosis and Management of Bronchiectasis: An International Perspective (Daley/Feldman/Waterer)
- Diagnostic Standards and Classification of Tuberculosis in Adults and Children (Lewinsohn)

Ongoing MTPI Projects

- Emerging Issues and Current Controversies in HIV-associated Pulmonary Diseases (Morris)
- Updated Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of HAP, HCAP, and VAP (Neiderman)
- Community-acquired Pneumonia Guidelines: A Living Document (Wunderink)

Other Activities

- International Standards for Tuberculosis Care
- International Tuberculosis Control activities (Stop-TB Partnership)
 - Madhu Pai - Diagnostics Working Group
 - David Cohn - HIV/TB Working Group
 - Chuck Daley - MDR-TB Working Group
- Advisory Committee on the Elimination of Tuberculosis
 - Fred Gordin - ATS representative
- Advocacy for increased research funding at CDC and NIH for TB and other infections (basic/clinical)

Communication Strategies

- Monthly Executive Committee conference call
- Annual newsletter to Assembly members
- Announcements in ATS News
- Utilization of ATS Website
- Annual dinner after Assembly membership meeting (Pharmaceutical Sponsored Event)

International Members

- Focus of MTPI is international: TB, pneumonia, infections in resource-poor settings
- International representation on Executive, Planning, and Program Committees
- Joint session at Annual meeting with International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- Trying to establish joint session with ERS
- First assembly to offer travel awards for trainees, with focus on international physicians
 - GSK - 4
 - Bayer - 50

Problems and Challenges

- Maintain diversity of membership
- Balance TB-related and non-TB-related activities
- Increase involvement of junior members and add new members
- Sustain cooperation and collaboration with other assemblies and societies (CDC, IDSA, ACCP)
- Resolve issues regarding support, timing and publication of guidelines
- Facilitate international involvement with ERS, JRS, and other societies

Executive Committee

Position	Name	Location
Assembly Chair	Chuck Daley	Denver, CO
Assembly Chair-elect	Laurence Huang	San Francisco, CA
Planning Committee Chair	David Lewinsohn	Portland, OR
Program Committee Chair	Henry Koziel	Boston, MA
Program Committee Chair-elect	Carol Hamilton	Durham, NC
Nominating Committee Chair (09)	Dick Menzies	Montreal, Quebec
Nominating Committee Chair (10)	Fred Gordin	Washington, D.C.
Website Director	Chad Steele	Birmingham, AL
ACET Representative	Fred Gordin	Washington, D.C.