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Message From the Assembly Chairperson

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Message from Assembly Chairman

At our last business meeting in May 2009 in San Diego, we had 4 of our senior nursing members participate in an informal “Meet the Expert” panel at the end of the business meeting. Drs’ Ginger Carrieri-Kohlman, Leslie Hoffman, Susan Janson, and Jan Larson were available to share their expertise. The purpose was to promote the expertise of our nursing leaders as well as investigate the possibility of developing a mentoring program within our assembly. The early feedback was good, but we can always do better. As I mentioned in the Fall 2008 newsletter and again at this business meeting, our biggest challenge as we move forward is sustaining our membership. Taking advantage of these senior experts is one such way. We have discussed the idea of a Mentoring Project as a future project proposal, where we could match junior members with senior investigators. One important finding from our Rapid Action Task Force in 2008 (<http://www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/nur/nursing-TF-survey-report.pdf>) findings was professional networking within the assembly. A mentoring project among members might be one way to attain this goal. We invite your suggestions for this project.

Our Business

Current Projects that our members from the Nursing Assembly are participating in include the following:

***Medical and Ethical Issues of Donation after Cardiac Death
Respiratory Impairment and Disability
Pay for performance in pulmonary and critical care medicine
Revision of the 1999 ATS Dyspnea consensus statement
Palliative Management of Crisis Dyspnea***

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ATS Updates:

Membership: The ATS is incorporating a new membership structure fee for this upcoming year. After much discussion and debate within the Board of Directors, this new structure is aimed at making the membership categories simpler and decreasing costs for all members. Under this new structure, membership is based on commitment and contribution to the ATS and not on degree or professional affiliation. The new structure allows for larger discounts on International Conference registrations and abstract submissions, reduced fees for

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other ATS education programs and products, and lower page fees for publishing in the Society's journals. Members will have the opportunity to choose between the full, affiliate, and trainee membership category. There are also changes for the fee structure for international members. Unfortunately for our advanced practice members who previously paid at a reduced rate, this category will no longer be available. Please see the membership chart below for new categories and fees. For more details about these changes go to: <https://www.thoracic.org/sections/membership/categories-and-fees.html>

Membership Category	Standard Dues
Full – Domestic	\$375
Affiliate – Domestic	\$200
Trainee – Domestic	\$100
Full – International High Income*	\$300
Full – International Intermediate Income*	\$100
Full – International Low Income*	\$40
Trainee - International	\$40

ATS Patient Education Series – Please remember to utilize the patient education materials developed by our ATS member experts. This resource continues to grow and feedback has been very positive. <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/education/patient-education/index.html>. Also, please remember to visit the Quality of Life link - <http://qol.thoracic.org/>. This provides a wealth of information developed by many of our nursing colleagues.

Important Notices

25th Anniversary of the NINR

2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the NINR, and the ATS is going to celebrate with a joint assembly symposium sponsored by the Nursing, Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Critical Care assemblies on Sunday, May 16th from 8:15A – 10:30A. Patricia Grady, the Director of the NINR is going to be the Keynote Speaker and her talk is

- 8:15A Welcome/Introduce the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the NINR
Kathleen Lindell, PhD, RN
- 8:20A Keynote – "NINR: 25 Years of Bringing Science to Life"
Patricia Grady, PhD, RN
- 8:50A Intramural Research ---- "Improving Functional Outcomes in COPD"
Nancy Kline Leidy, PhD, RN
- 9:15A Promoting Self Care After Lung Transplant
Annette DeVito Dabbs, PhD, RN
- 9:40A Self Management and Technology to Maximize Health" (or Health Outcomes)
Virginia Carrieri-Kohlman, PhD, RN

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- 10:05A Disparity in the patterns of tobacco use and cessation among specific populations
Mary Ellen Wewers, PhD, MPH
- 10:30A Improving the Quality of End-of-life Care
J. Randall Curtis, MD, MPH
- 10:55A Closing Remarks
Marc Moss, MD

In celebration of this event, we invite you to ***Dust off your old posters!*** If your work has been funded through NINR, and you can find your poster detailing your work, we invite you to bring your poster(s) to the Nursing Assembly Business Meeting in New Orleans to adorn the perimeter of the meeting room. This will be a neat step back into history.

Speaking of history - Back in 1995, Sue Lareau compiled the history of the ATS Nursing Assembly <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/nur/history/index.html>. Ironically this was presented at the meeting in New Orleans. We will be traveling back to New Orleans in May 2010, and DorAnne Cuenco, the Nursing Assembly Web Director has graciously offered to bring this history up to date. If you have any pictures, news, updates that you think our assembly might want to feature, please send your information to DorAnne @ doranne@sbcglobal.net

Year of the Lung

2010 is deemed the Year of the Lung. This will be a year long, worldwide campaign amongst respiratory societies with the goal of increasing awareness of lung health and disease in the world. One intent is to give programs and concerns of respiratory societies greater visibility and also increase collaboration amongst these societies. There will be an awareness campaign to drive advocacy for lung health in the world as well as increase awareness of treatments for lung disease. Please stay tune for more information.

Call for Speakers for local American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) meetings

The leadership of the Nursing assembly has been communicating with the leadership of AACN with the goal of promoting collaboration among our societies. This effort aligns with ATS leadership directives to build interdisciplinary approaches to research and practice. Currently, the presidents of four societies, ATS, AACN, SCCM, and AACP meet regularly and are developing a national agenda for critical care research. On a Nursing assembly level, we would like to begin building collaborative efforts with AACN by supporting a translational model of research to practice. To accomplish this we are placing a call for ATS nursing assembly members to provide “research into practice” presentations at AACN local chapter meetings. If you are interested in this potential speaking opportunity, please contact Kathleen O. Lindell at: lindellko@upmc.edu.