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# Nursing Assembly Newsletter

Edited by Janet L. Larson, Assembly Chair

## Message from Janet L. Larson, PhD Chair of the Assembly on Nursing (NUR)

The Nursing Assembly is **the place** to network with respiratory nurse researchers and clinicians from all parts of the world. The Nursing Assembly lists 155 primary members and a total of 227 primary and secondary members. Fifteen percent are international members. I firmly believe that the ATS meeting is essential for all doctoral students studying respiratory nursing or related topics. We welcome new members and encourage you to invite your colleagues to join us in the great city of San Francisco.

We have an exciting program planned for the San Francisco meeting. In addition to the regular programming the annual business meeting will include an **update on the latest from the National Institute of Nursing Research** by Program Director, Karen Huss, DNSc, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN, FAAAAI and an **update on the National Tuberculosis Curriculum Consortium (NTCC)** by University of Washington Associate Professor Terri Simpson, PhD, RN.

The Nursing Assembly supports networking among respiratory nurses through its participation in the Nursearena.net. The website is described as "a virtual meeting place designed to address the real and growing need for a central clearing-house of health information essential to respiratory nurses and associated health professionals around the world. [www.nursearena.net](http://www.nursearena.net) takes you to ARENA, which is free of charge and created for and by respiratory nurses, providing a forum, an information source, and a meeting place. ARENA is a website sponsored by ALTANA Pharma AG." Check it out.

## Assembly on Nursing Planning Committee Update Maureen George, PhD, RN, AE-C, Planning Committee Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Planning Committee members for their hard work over the last year and to welcome the new Planning Committee Chair, Mark B. Parshall, PhD, RN who will begin his two-year term this spring. For those of you who may not know Dr. Parshall, Mark is an Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico College of Nursing. Mark has attended ATS since 1998 and has been a member of the Nursing Assembly program

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## Assembly on Nursing Planning Committee Update Cont'd Maureen George, PhD, RN, AE-C, Planning Committee Chair

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planning and nominating committees. Last year, Mark chaired the nominating committee and in 2000 received the Marilyn Hansen Award. His research interests are dyspnea and exacerbations in COPD and heart failure. We congratulate Dr. Parshall on assuming this leadership role.

Over the last year, the Planning Committee has:

- Reviewed/approved the continuing project renewal application “Dyspnea assessment and management strategy”. This project’s goals are to revise the 1999 ATS Dyspnea statement using recent research to facilitate understanding of the mechanisms of dyspnea and to identify the best ways to measure and treat symptoms. A secondary purpose is to develop educational materials that incorporate the projects’ findings.
- Facilitated discussion regarding the ongoing APN Education Project. The APN Education Project Committee met at ATS in 2006 and Georgia Narsavage has agreed to chair the committee’s writing task force.
- Reviewed new and ongoing projects from Nursing and other Assemblies.
- Continued effort in support of the ANA-SNAP gerontology project.

Members who are interested in submitting a project proposal for next year are encouraged to download applications from the ATS website and submit to their Assembly Planning Committee Chairperson. Deadlines can be found on the website.

New members were also added to the Planning Committee this year to more broadly represent the interests of gerontology, pediatrics and ERS members. Collectively, this year’s Planning Committee included Monica Fletcher, Lynn K. Fukushima, Lisa Cicutto, Margaret Covey, Carme Hernandez, Jan Larson, Kathleen Lindell, Lynda Mackin, Georgia Narsavage, Mary Kathryn Reeves-Hoche, Tina Tolomeo, Marcia Winston, and Nina Zimmermann. Thanks to all!



### Member Profile: TERRI ELIZABETH WEAVER PHD, RN, FAAN

Early in Dr. Weaver’s professional career as a Staff Nurse and Critical Care Coordinator, she developed an interest in chronic lung disease. After receiving her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania (U Penn) in 1978, she served as the Pulmonary Clinical Nurse Specialist at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for seven years before entering U Penn’s doctoral program. Her dissertation, “Variables related to functional status in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease” was published in Nursing Research. It was during her doctoral studies that Terri first began to develop an interest in her program of research, sleep medicine. Terri lectures and published widely in the area of sleep medicine. She developed what has become the gold standard measure for the assessment of functional status/quality of life in sleep, the Functional Outcomes of Sleep Questionnaire, and previously developed the Pulmonary Functional Status Scale with ATS member Dr. Georgia Narsavage. Terri has published extensively on CPAP adherence and treatment outcomes and serves on the Editorial Boards of *Sleep* and *Sleep Medicine Reviews*.

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In addition to being a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), Terri has received awards for her teaching as well as recently receiving the Ada Sue Hinshaw Award from the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research. The Ada Sue Hinshaw Award is given to the researcher whose work focuses attention on the significance of nursing research and improved health care. Currently, Terri’s sleep research is supported by grants from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

Terri has also been a leader in professional and community-based organizations. Dr. Weaver has been a member of the ATS since 1980 and currently serves on the ATS Board. Previously, Terri served as the ATS Nursing Assembly Chairperson (1993-1994) after having chaired the Assembly’s Planning, Program and Research/Practice Committees. Since 1998 Dr. Weaver has held various leadership roles in the national American Lung Association and she is currently Chair of the national Board of Directors; her involvement in her local ALA dates to 1981. She has also served as President of the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

For the past five years, Terri, an Associate Professor, is Chair of the Division of Biobehavior and Health Sciences, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She holds a secondary appointment in the Division of Sleep Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine, School of Medicine. Terri is also an active member of the Center for Biobehavior Research in the School of Nursing and Center for Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology, School of Medicine.

As an ATS Nursing Assembly member for over 25 years, Terri says, “ATS is critically positioned to continue its strong history of scientific leadership in health care related to pulmonary, critical care, and sleep disorders both domestically and in the international arena. It has been a pleasure working with ATS leadership to foster a collaborative and productive relationship between ATS and ALA.”

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## Looking for TB Curriculum Materials for Nursing Education?

The National Tuberculosis Curriculum Consortium (NTCC) offers educational materials for undergraduate and graduate nursing students, available for free at <http://ntcc.ucsd.edu/>. Materials include competencies, computerized case studies, multimedia and question banks, clinical case descriptions, and Powerpoint presentations developed by individual members from medicine, nursing, and allied health disciplines. Undergraduate<sup>1</sup> and graduate nursing competencies, endorsed by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, were developed to build a consistent framework for educating students about knowledge, skills, and appropriate attitudes in the management and control of active TB and latent TB (LTBI). Interactive educational materials created by NTCC nursing discipline members include test bank questions with teaching points and learning objectives for undergraduate and graduate education, a Web-Quest exercise of a TB outbreak emphasizing public health nurse responsibilities, and a Web-based case study of a Sudanese man with LTBI. More items will be added as completed.

1. Fair, B.S., Esch, T. J., Simpson, T., Field, K., Benkert, R., Brackley, M., & Resnick, B. (2006). Educational competencies to strengthen tuberculosis curricula in undergraduate nursing programs. *International Journal of Nursing Education Scholarship*. 3(1): Article 23. Available at <http://www.bepress.com/ijnes/vol3/iss1/art23/>

## Assembly Dinner

In conjunction with the 2007 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, CA, you are invited to attend the Annual Nursing Assembly Dinner. The event will be held Monday, May 21st at 6:30 pm, immediately following the annual Nursing Assembly Membership Meeting.

The dinner will be held in the Barcelona I Room at the Parc 55 Hotel, located at 55 Cyril Magnin Street, San Francisco. The Nursing Assembly membership meeting will be held at the Hilton San Francisco, Plaza A Room. The hotel is located at 333 O'Farrell Street and is within easy walking distance of the Moscone Center.

The dinner will begin with cocktails at 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner and a presentation by one of our international colleagues, to be announced. The program will also include an update on the Nursearena.net project. Nursearena.net is a virtual meeting place designed to address the real and growing need for a central clearinghouse of health information essential to respiratory nurses and associated health professionals around the world. [www.nursearena.net](http://www.nursearena.net) is sponsored by ALTANA Pharma AG and it is free of charge to users.

The cost for the dinner is only \$10 per person. This includes appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. The ticket price has been substantially subsidized through the generosity of ALTANA Pharma AG, Member of the Nycomed Group. More information and registration forms are located on the Nursing Assembly web site at <http://www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/rns/news/pages/assembly-dinner-at-ats-2007.html>. **Please keep in mind that space is limited and advance registration is required.**

We expect the dinner to attract a lively mix of clinicians and researchers. This will be an excellent opportunity for new members and students to get acquainted with Assembly members in an informal setting. We hope that you will join us for this delightful evening and look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



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Chair, Nursing Assembly

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## Please Consider Submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2008!

For your information, the FY2008 (January 1-December 31, 2008) project application forms for Assembly/Committee projects will be available on the ATS website ([www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org)) on May 1, 2007. There will be a link to the project submission forms on the ATS homepage.

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## Please Consider Submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2008! Cont'd

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Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have an idea for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee chair Mark B. Parshall at mparshall@salud.unm.edu.

The timeline for the application and review process follows:

- ◆ May 2007: FY2008 forms are available
- ◆ July 23, 2007: Assembly/Committee project applications are due to the ATS office. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- ◆ Early-mid August 2007: abridged versions of the proposals will be posted on the ATS site and emails will be sent to ATS Leadership, Assembly Planning Committee Chairs, Assembly Chairs, ATS Committee Chairs, appropriate ATS staff and the PRS committee, to notify them that the current, un-reviewed proposals are available. This will give everyone an opportunity to touch base with any of the applicants if they would like to get involved with a project before it goes to the PRS for review.
- ◆ August 1-17, 2007: Assembly Planning Committees will meet via conference call to review appropriate proposals. Any proposal that has indicated on the form that a specific ATS committee may want to become involved will be sent to the ATS committee chair and to the appropriate staff member. Committees are encouraged to work with appropriate ATS staff and review any proposals and to send recommendations to the applicant and to the PRS.
- ◆ September 4, 2007: Revised proposals and all reviews from Assemblies and Committees are due to ATS office. This includes any proposal that has revisions based on a review by an Assembly Planning Committee or an ATS Committee.
- ◆ Early October 2007: Program Review Sub-Committee (PRS) meeting
- ◆ Early November 2007: Program & Budget Committee (P&B) meeting. Recommendations from the PRS will be provided to the P&B Committee. At the discretion of the P&B Committee, specific projects will be added to the FY2007 budget as new items.
- ◆ December 2007: ATS Board reviews FY 2008 Budget

Please contact Monica Simeonova with any questions at tel: 212/315-8696 or email: [msimeonova@thoracic.org](mailto:msimeonova@thoracic.org).

## ATS 2007 – SAN FRANCISCO Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing

POSTGRADUATE COURSES			
<b>FRIDAY, MAY 18</b>			
PG7	Pulmonary Rehabilitation And The Flight Of The Bumblebee: Refining The Process And Expanding The Scope	8:00am	4:00pm
SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA			
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 20</b>			
A7	Controversies In Pulmonary Rehabilitation	8:15 am	11:00 am

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### Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing Cont'd

SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA CONT'D			
<b>MONDAY, MAY 21</b>			
B5	Research Priorities In Respiratory Nursing	8:15 am	11:00 am
<b>Tuesday, May 22</b>			
C81	Nursing Year In Review	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
CLINICAL WORKSHOP			
<b>MONDAY, MAY 21</b>			
WS4	How To Use Evidence Based Resources To Improve Clinical Practice	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
MEET THE PROFESSOR SEMINARS			
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 20</b>			
MP415	Monitoring And Promoting Physical Activity In Lung Disease	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
<b>MONDAY, MAY 21</b>			
MP515	New Insights Into The Adherence Of CPAP	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 22</b>			
MP613	Promoting Shared Decision-Making	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
SUNRISE SEMINARS			
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 22</b>			
SS215	Palliative Care For Patients With COPD	7:00 am	8:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 23</b>			
SS315	Management Of Cough And Dyspnea In Interstitial Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
MINI-SYMPOSIA			
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 20</b>			
A92	ATS Pulmonary Nursing State Of The Science	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 22</b>			
C19	Multidisciplinary Considerations In The Care Of The Patient With Lung Disease	8:15 am	11:00 am
POSTER DISCUSSIONS			
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 20</b>			
A29	Clinical Symptoms In Respiratory Illness And Management Issues	8:15 am	11:00 am
<b>TUESDAY, MAY 22</b>			
C29	COPD: Prevention Through Management	8:15 am	11:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY, MAY 23</b>			
D28	Current Research In Pulmonary Rehabilitation	8:15 am	11:00 am
THEMATIC POSTERS			
<b>SUNDAY, MAY 20</b>			
A80	Clinical Considerations In The Care Of The Patient With Lung Disease	8:15 am	4:15 pm

## Patients to Speak At Eleven Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at eleven of the 2007 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposia for the last five years and at an increasing number of sessions at the 2004, 2005 and 2006 International Conferences.

This is the fourth year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation at the symposia to offer insight into their personal journeys; to address their diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyles, family, career and relationships. They will share their insight into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships; and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient-perspective will be presented are listed below:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	SESSION TITLE	DATE/TIME
NRSG	A7	Controversies in Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
PED	A85	State of the Art Update: Prevention and Management of Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease (Parent's Perspective on BPD)	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
MTPI	A86	New Tools and New Challenges: Interferon Gamma Release Assays in the Diagnosis of TB Infection and Disease	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	A87	Improving Outcomes after Human Lung Transplantation: Insights Gained Through Translational Proteomics, Genetics and Genomics Studies	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
EOH	A88	The Upper Airway and the Environment	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	A9	Vascular Homeostasis in Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	B8	Challenging the Current Paradigm for Treating Asthma	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PED	B9	Pathophysiology of OSAS in Children: New Questions, New Answers	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
CC	D4	Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Severe Sepsis	Wednesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
PED	D90	Current and Emerging Treatments For Cystic Fibrosis	Wednesday, May 23 1:30-4:15 pm
PC	PG9	Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis and Treatment: State of the Art 2007	Friday, May 18 8:00-4:00 pm



**NURSING ASSEMBLY  
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