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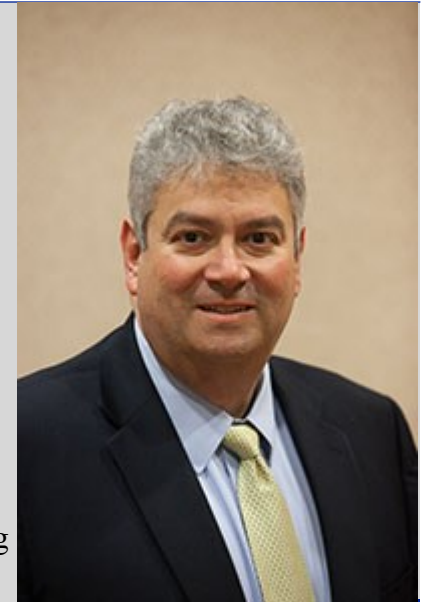
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Colleagues,

It has been an exciting year in the Pediatric Assembly, and I would like to thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as the Chair. I have witnessed firsthand the awe-inspiring dedication of the professionals who comprise the Pediatric Assembly. Your compassion and tenacity in fighting childhood lung disease is truly amazing. I am proud to count myself among you. I would like to thank the Executive Committee of the Pediatric Assembly for their exemplary leadership and guidance. I particularly want to thank Dr. Robin Deterding, Past-Chair of the Pediatric Assembly, for her continued dedication to the Assembly and her sage advice as I transitioned to the Chair.



Editor: James Chmiel, MD, PhD

As winter turns to spring, it is once again time to turn our attention to the upcoming American Thoracic Society (ATS) International Conference in San Francisco, California. The Program Committee Chair, Dr. Margaret Rosenfeld, and Chair-elect, Dr. Tassos Koumbourlis, have designed an outstanding program this year that will be appealing to clinicians, investigators, trainees, nurses, respiratory therapists, and anyone involved in the care of children with lung disease. The education committee will once again provide an opportunity for attendees to earn Maintenance of Certification Part 2 credit. At the conference, we will celebrate our heritage while looking toward the future at the Founders Award Dinner. In recent weeks, you should have received e-mails soliciting nominations for the Founders Award, the endowed Robert B. Mellins, MD Outstanding Achievement Award, and the Pediatric Clinician Educator Award. The Founders Award is given to one of the giants in our field who worked to establish Pediatric Pulmonology as a recognized subspecialty. The Robert B. Mellins, MD Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes a candidate at the Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor level for achievements in scholarship or research, and the Pediatric Clinician Educator Award recognizes a candidate at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for clinical skills and teaching abilities. Awardees will be announced at the Founders Dinner. Please note that the dinner this year is more expensive than it has been in the past due to the costs associated with holding the Conference in San Francisco. I encourage everyone to sign up for the

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

dinner despite the increased cost. It typically is one of the highlights of the Conference. Further information about the conference can be found in this newsletter.

Outside of preparing for the International Conference, members of the Pediatric Assembly have been very active since we last met as an Assembly nearly one year ago. The Scientific Assembly on Pediatrics has created one new Working Group on Sickle Cell Lung Disease headed up by Dr. Tassos Koumbourlis, and we are in the process of establishing a joint Working Group on Transition of Care with the Assembly on Clinical Problems. If you have any interest in serving on a Working Group, please let me know. In addition, we increased Pediatrics representation on the Tobacco Control Committee. The number of children using e-cigarettes is dramatically increasing. This is concerning because recent studies have demonstrated that children using e-cigarettes are more likely to smoke combustible tobacco products later in life. It is imperative for our Assembly to address this problem now. Stay tuned for further news on this.

I would like to take a moment to thank Dr. Wan Tsai who has served as the Web Director for our Assembly. Wan has done a magnificent job in this role, and she even agreed to stay on as Web Director for an extra year to wrap up some projects. Dr. Benjamin Kopp will assume the position of Web Director. Benjamin has been part of the web committee and has worked with Wan to establish the Pediatric Assembly Journal Club. If anyone is interested in working on the Web Committee or on the Journal Club, please let Wan, Ben or me know. We never turn away volunteers. Dr. Enrico Lombardi has done an outstanding job leading the International Relations Committee. He brought to life the Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN) webpage through much hard work. I encourage any international members to contact Enrico if they are interested in participating in this Committee.

The Pediatric Planning Committee remains a vibrant part of our Assembly. Dr. Don Hayes became the Chair of that committee last year, and he has done an excellent job. We should see the publication of a couple of new documents this year. If you have an idea for a project, please start thinking about it now so that you can speak with people at the Conference. It's a great place to network. The timeline for submitting an application is pretty tight after the conference, so please get a jump on things early. If you have any questions about submitting an application, please talk to Don. Further details on Assembly activities are outlined in the pages that follow.

Update from Planning Committee Chair

Don Hayes Jr., MD, Chair

I hope that you have a great spring, and I look forward to seeing everyone in San Francisco.

I was appointed the new Planning Committee Chair for the ATS Pediatric Assembly. Debra Boyer, MD, who was the previous Chair, did an outstanding job in this role previously, so I hope to continue moving the torch forward. It has been a learning experience and eventful while making new friends both in the United States and internationally.

Submissions to the Planning Committee have been steady with a total of 7 new (2 primary, 5 secondary) and 5 renewals (2 primary, 3 secondary) for 2016 and 7 new (2 primary, 5 secondary) and 7 new (2 primary, 5 secondary) and 4 renewals (all primary) for 2015. In addition to reviewing these proposal submissions, the Planning Committee reviewed official Pediatric documents currently on the ATS website with planned updates of two documents, specifically [Respiratory Mechanics in Infants: Physiologic Evaluation in Health and Disease](#) and *Statement on the Care of the Child with Chronic Lung Disease of Infancy and Childhood*. Work on these updates is just starting with planned submission later this year. In addition to these projects, there are a few others in the pipeline that will be discussed at the upcoming ATS International Conference in San Francisco, CA.

In the near future, a clinical practice guideline will be published as the *Official ATS Clinical Practice Guidelines: Diagnostic Evaluation of Infants with Recurrent or Persistent Wheezing* has completed peer review and is now awaiting approval from the ATS Board of Directors before publication. This project was chaired by Charles Esther, MD, PhD at the University of North Carolina and Clement Ren, MD at Riley Hospital for Children and Indiana University.

The Planning Committee works closely with the Pediatric Assembly membership to achieve ATS support for new projects as well as support for ongoing projects. If you have an idea for a project, have any questions regarding ongoing projects, or would like to conduct a survey of the Pediatric Assembly membership regarding interest in an idea for a project, please contact Don Hayes, MD (don.hayes@nationwidechildrens.org). The Planning Committee encourages project proposal submissions to the committee for consideration in advance of submission to the ATS. New project proposals are currently being solicited. All projects will undergo peer-review by the Pediatric Assembly Planning Committee and Program Review Subcommittee.

Update from Program Committee Chair

Margaret Rosenfeld, MD, Chair & Anastassios Constantin Koumbourlis, MD, MPH, Chair– Elect

The International Conference Program Committee of the Pediatric Assembly worked hard this year create a great program. Because of the new abstract submission classification system, there was much more collaboration between assemblies in programming of abstracts into mini-symposia and thematic poster sessions. There is considerable breadth in the program and I am sure that everybody will find multiple interesting sessions. All the major pediatric diseases are covered including asthma, cystic fibrosis, PCD, infections, sleep disorders and intensive care both in the PICU and NICU. New research is presented in multiple abstract-driven sessions. A complete schedule of pediatric sessions is listed below; please plan to come to San Francisco to join us for an exciting conference!

ATS 2016 - San Francisco Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 13, 2016			
PG9	THE PHYSIOLOGY OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY FAILURE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 14, 2016			
PG23	DIAGNOSTIC TESTS IN PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY: INDICATIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A10	NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE PATHOGENESIS AND TREATMENT OF BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A81	PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B9	SICKLE CELL DISEASE AND THE LUNG ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B83	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C9	THE LINK BETWEEN CILIARY ASSEMBLY DEFECTS, NEONATAL RESPIRATORY DISTRESS AND BRONCHIECTASIS IN ADULTHOOD: A PRIMER ON PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA	9:00 AM	11:00 AM

Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D85	EARLY LIFE ORIGINS OF CHRONIC DISEASE	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A91	HOT TOPICS IN DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
WS1	GUIDELINES FOR THE EVALUATION OF THE WHEEZING INFANT	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
SS116	DOWN SYNDROME RESPIRATORY COMPLICATIONS	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
SS213	MANAGEMENT OF PARAPNEUMONIC EFFUSION IN CHILDREN: AN UPDATE	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
SS314	NON-INVASIVE POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION FOR THE PEDI- ATRIC PULMONOLOGIST	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
MP412	INTERPRETATION STRATEGIES FOR PEDIATRIC SPIROMETRY	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
MP513	BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS IN CHILDREN: CONSENSUS AND CONTROVERSY	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
MP612	A SYSTEMATIC APPROACH TO PULMONARY DISEASE IN CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX CARDIAC DISEASE	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A17	GENETICS AND GENOMICS OF CHILDHOOD LUNG DISEASE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B19	BEST OF PEDIATRICS	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C16	PEDIATRIC IMAGING: WHAT'S NEW	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D18	CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN?	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A27	ADVANCES IN PEDIATRIC SLEEP	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B26	UPDATES IN PEDIATRIC LUNG INFECTIONS	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B108	ADVANCES IN PEDIATRIC LUNG FUNCTION TESTING	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C27	NEWS FROM THE NICU AND PICU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM

Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D25	NEONATAL AND CONGENITAL LUNG DISEASES	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
D108	PEDIATRIC CASES: A ROOM FULL OF ZEBRAS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A63	PEDIATRIC ASTHMA: PREDICTORS AND OUTCOMES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A64	TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH IN PEDIATRIC ASTHMA	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
A65	NICU, PICU AND CHRONIC VENTILATION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B51	PEDIATRIC ASTHMA: EVALUATION AND TREATMENT	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
B52	NEONATAL LUNG DISEASE: FROM BENCH TO BABIES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C60	ALL ABOUT CYSTIC FIBROSIS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C61	PEDIATRIC SLEEP: SCREENING AND OUTCOMES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
C62	PEDIATRIC CASES I	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D50	PEDIATRIC RARE LUNG DISEASES	9:00 AM	3:30 PM
D51	PEDIATRIC CASES II	9:00 AM	3:30 PM

International Relations Committee (IRC)

Enrico Lombardi, MD, Chair

International Relations Committee (Chair, Enrico Lombardi): IRC members worked tirelessly to bring to fruition a project that began almost 10 years ago and the Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN) webpage was finally launched last year during the ATS International Conference in Denver (<http://vippn.thoracic.org>). This international webpage is meant to be the "home" for health care providers from all over the world who have an interest in Pediatric pulmonology. Its goal is to provide a common voice on many issues regarding child lung health as well as function as a central hub where resources and information can be easily accessed by anyone with an internet connection. The site contains links to pediatric respiratory societies around the globe and also provides access to educational material, clinical case discussions, and advocacy resources. Comments and suggestions for more material are welcome, please contact vippn@thoracic.org.

Update from Web Director

Wan Tsai, MD

In the last year, the Web committee has continued to concentrate on our main efforts: (1) serving as the primary communication for the PEDS Assembly Executive Committee maintaining a web-driven strategy to better reach our PEDS membership, (2) maintaining the PEDS Assembly Journal Club with Journal Club co-chairs Ben Kopp and Teng Santiago, and (3) launching of VIPPN the international pediatric pulmonary website housed within the PED Assembly website with chair of International Relations Enrico Lombardi. We acknowledge our PEDS members for all their work.

Our Assembly webpage underwent another planned reorganization and update according to the new ATS-wide format on February 2016. Plans are in place to expand our Assembly webpage to content important to our PEDS membership and maintenance of social media with Chris Carroll, who will again be live Tweeting his way through the ATS conference. Our social media efforts will be centralized to ATS staff but directed by our own PEDS members.

We launched VIPPN Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network website at the 2015 ATS conference. Virtual conversations regarding lung health of children and healthcare providers around the world are happening now. We acknowledge the tireless work of Enrico Lombardi, PEDS IRC Chair, the international editorial committee and ATS staff for continuing to refine this ambitious project.

Our Journal Club co-chairs Ben Kopp and Teng Santiago continue to lead Year 3 of Journal Club webinars with overwhelming success. We concentrated on topics of greatest interest that have direct clinical relevance as wide ranging as prenatal and early-life exposure to multiple factors on wheezing, asthma, atopy and lung development to pulmonary vascular disease in bronchopulmonary dysplasia and predicting resolution of obstructive sleep apnea. We are exploring other interactive alternatives including adding Twitter to our Journal Club webinar presentations. We welcome your feedback and comments on this.

We would like to acknowledge the continued contribution of our PEDS Assembly members for their generous participation in Journal Club in sharing their academic expertise from July 2015 to March 2016:

Joanne Sordillo, Augusto Litonjua, Seif Shaheen, John McBride, Peter Mourani, Steven Abman, John Kinsella, Christopher Baker, Robin Deterding, Ivy Dunbar, W. James Gauderman, Edward Avol, Frank Gilliland, Rosalind Wright, Susan Lynch, Augusto Litonjua, Kenneth Bruce, Stanley J. Szeffler, Benjamin Goldstein, Carol Rosen, Ron Chervin, Mark Splaingard, David Gozal, Carolyn Kercksmar, Leroy Graham, and Wayne Morgan. Special acknowledgement goes out to Drs. Joanne Sordillo, Robin Deterding, Carolyn Kercksmar and Stanley J. Szeffler for double duty over the last 2 years. We would also like to acknowledge Benjamin Goldstein not only as our first fellow presenter but also for an outstanding presentation heard on real time around the world. We encourage more active participation from our fellowship members. We appreciate our members' support and look forward to input to improve our Journal Club forum.

Exciting changes are anticipated for the upcoming year. We are launching PEDS ATS Podcast and Quick Hits (short cases with 1 teaching point) as part of the priority initiative of the larger ATS Web Editorial Committee to offer diverse relevant digestible (20 minutes) content to our membership. Ben Kopp will take over as PEDS assembly web director. Ben will announce PEDS Web committee meeting at the ATS conference. Please contact Ben Kopp at Benjamin.Kopp@nationwidechildrens.org or Wan Chong Tsai at wanctsa@gmail.com to join us.

Assembly on Pediatrics Membership Meeting

*Sunday, May 15th
5:00pm-7:00pm
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 10-12
Lower B2 Level*

Assembly on Pediatrics Dinner

*Monday, May 16th
7:00pm-10:00pm
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Atrium
2nd Level*

Please join us for the 2nd meeting of the *Neonatal and Developing Lung Interest Group*, sponsored by the ATS Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology and the Pediatric Assemblies.

Co-chaired by Henry Rozycki (hrozycki@mcvh-vcu.edu) and Rita Ryan (ryanr@muscc.edu)
<http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/interest-groups/neonatal-and-developing-lung.php>



The ATS Neonatal and Developing Lung Interest Group (NDLIG)

INVITED SPEAKER: Bernard Thebaud, MD
Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

*Regeneration of the Neonatal Lung:
The Cord Awakens*

We will also be honoring the four best NDL abstracts (there is no monetary prize- it's just for the glory)

Reception and Talk [talk starts at 6pm]
Tuesday May 17th 5 to 7pm
Location San Francisco Marriott Marquis
Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 3-6



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Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in the Willow room on the B2 Level of the Hotel. The room will be available:

Friday May 13th – Tuesday May 17th, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday May 18th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Also in the room there will be laptops and printers available for use. You can also pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program ribbon and pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot!

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit the Assemblies homepage and click on [ATS Mentoring Program](#) to learn more or contact Breana Portelli at bportelli@thoracic.org

Patient Education Materials Available at the 2016 International Conference

The ATS now maintains over 100 patient education handouts as part of its Patient Information Series. The Series includes a wide variety of pulmonary/critical care/sleep topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, COPD, VCD, and Palliative Care.

In addition to the Patient Information Series, a new Lung Cancer Screening Decision Aid is now available for free on the ATS Website, with bulk copies available for purchase.

All are encouraged to use these free-access materials, which are published in the ARJCCM, posted on the ATS Website at www.thoracic.org/patients and can be provided upon request in alternative formats for EMR systems. Stop by the ATS Center in San Francisco to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at jcorn@thoracic.org for additional information.

ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDEES

The ATS Foundation is pleased to announce the grant and award recipients for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. The support of our members, donors, and partners helps make these awards possible—thank you! These grants and awards support research encompassing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep illnesses. In addition, they provide crucial support for early stage investigators from around the world. To see the awardees please click here. (<http://foundation.thoracic.org/what-we-do/2015-research-awardees.php>).

Deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted: **June 20th, 2016**

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Statements, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Workshop Reports, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in San Francisco at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 13th from 6-9 PM, San Francisco Marriott Marquis.
This session is **required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. The session is **recommended** for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so.
- 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval); a light dinner will be served.
- 7-9 PM – Current Guideline Chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New Guideline Chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the “trials and tribulations” of guideline development from experienced peers.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a meeting in San Francisco, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.
- Office Hours and Documents Meeting Space: Stop by our 4th annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Drs. Kevin Wilson and Jan Brozek about document-related matters. Contact Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or cell 617/771-6589 to secure an appointment. The Documents meeting space will also be available to document developers when office hours are not in session from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2017!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2017. 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 Don Hayes Jr., MD at hayes.705@osu.edu.

For questions regarding submission please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

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Step up to the First Annual ATS Walking Challenge.

Every step helps raise money for the ATS Foundation. Walk around the Exhibit Hall, meet new people, move from session to session and engage in friendly competition against other attendees with the ATS Walking Challenge. The top 3 overall steppers win a prize. Watch it all unfold in real-time on leaderboards in the Teva Respiratory booth #419 or at the ATS Walking Challenge booth.

The first 2,000 registrants receive a free ATS wireless activity tracker to use with the ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App (distributed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis). The ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App also supports attendees that prefer to use their own FitBit, Jawbone or iPhone/Android smart phone step counters.

The three individuals who log the most steps will win prizes!

- **Grand Prize** – Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- **2nd prize** – Fitbit Surge
- **3rd prize** – Zolt Laptop Charger Plus

Visit the Teva Respiratory booth #419 each day for a step booster.

Use the Walking Challenge mobile app to scan the QR code booster each day to earn your bonus steps. The more you visit, the more you receive:

First Day Visit - 500 steps
Second Day Visit - 750 steps
Third Day Visit - 1,000 steps

Walk for a good cause! For every participant who walks 30,000 steps, Teva Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000. Remember - 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. Learn more at Foundation.Thoracic.org.

Learn more and pre-register online at cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016 or stop by the Walking Challenge Booth in the South building lobby of the Moscone Center, beginning 5/13/16.

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ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

Thank you for participating in the [2015 ATS Assembly Challenge](#) in support of the [ATS Foundation Research Program](#)!

The Research Program has been outstandingly successful in launching careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Member gifts also support core ATS mission-related programs including MECOR, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and Assembly Awards and Scholarships.



DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge award from Atul Malhotra, MD, ATS President (left) and James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair (right)



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge awards from James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair

Gifts both large and small were received—and much appreciated—throughout the Assembly Challenge. **Thank you!**

Many assembly chairs sent personal messages to their members to encourage giving to the Foundation during the challenge. That outreach provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for young investigators.

Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, hopes the challenge will continue to “ignite a healthy competition among the assemblies, and that next year we will see a dramatic rise in donations and new donors from all assemblies. This will have a great impact on the availability of research funds, and on pulmonary research and medicine.”

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach efforts and generosity during the 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge.

- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$95,741
- **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 17.46%
- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 37 new donors

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and Nursing assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2016, and within their own assemblies.

Thank you for everything that you do for the ATS Foundation, young investigators and clinicians, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit foundation.thoracic.org.

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added a new specialty, credential or other information?

Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

Please take a minute to update your contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile today. And now you can also upload your PHOTO to your member profile! Log in [HERE](#).

[link is: <https://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php>]

By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are most targeted to you.



Attend the BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Moscone Center, Room 105 (South Building, Lower Level)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 2nd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career

investigators. Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2016. You are invited to join us to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.

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- [Benefit from FREE ABIM and ABP MOC self-assessment products?](#)
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Significant discounts on Springer respiratory books (print copies), and FREE online access to this book series,

Copies of our new ATS pocket guidelines.

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