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Message From Assembly Chair

Thomas W. Ferkol, MD

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings to all. I am sure that everyone is looking forward to the 2010 American Thoracic Society International Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. I have a few items of interest for Assembly members, in anticipation of the meeting.

International Conference Program Committee (Chair, Ben Gaston, Charlottesville, VA): First, please join me in thanking Ben Gaston, Stephanie Davis, and the International Conference Program Committee for creating an outstanding program. The committee has made a special effort to incorporate fellows and young faculty from all pediatric disciplines into minisymposia, poster-discussion sessions, and thematic poster sessions. Since 2010 is the Year of the Lung, a worldwide campaign to enhance public awareness of lung health, the chairs have also increased international representation at this year's conference and have continued to strengthen the relationship with our counterparts in the European Respiratory Society. I am sure you will notice a greater presence of international facilitators and exciting research from around the world. A complete schedule of pediatric sessions is listed below.

The American Thoracic Society International Conference has always provided a forum for case presentations, which stimulate young investigators into high quality research. I am pleased to announce that the program committee received many more abstracts this year, especially the new Case Reports, some of which were integrated into *Pediatric Chest Rounds*. This increase has allowed us to schedule more slots in the meeting for mini-symposia, poster-discussion, and thematic poster sessions, and the other cases will be presented by residents, fellows, and young faculty there. I hope that members will use this new format to encourage younger colleagues to pursue translational research. Our pediatric critical care and neonatology colleagues both have poster-discussion sessions scheduled, and there are other presentations in symposia that will be of interest to these subspecialists, including the *Pediatric Year in Review*.

A post-graduate course at the American Thoracic Society International Conference, titled *A Physiologic Approach to Pediatric Lung Diseases*, will be held on Saturday, May 15, 2009. Chaired by Howard Panitch (Philadelphia, PA), Margaret Rosenfeld (Seattle, WA), and Stephanie

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Davis, the course is designed to be a subboard review, and will examine respiratory physiology using a series of case presentations. The session has proved to be quite popular, and there may be a few seats available.

Finally, the Pediatric Program Committee and the American Thoracic Society Program Planning Committee approved the naming of *Pediatric Year in Review* in Mary Ellen Wohl's memory, and Dr. Jeff Fredberg will give a presentation during the *Best in Pediatrics* minisymposium describing her many contributions to children's health.

Pediatric Founder's Dinner: I am pleased to announce the first annual Pediatric Founder's Dinner, sponsored by the American Thoracic Society and supported in part by a generous donation from Inspire Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Lynn Taussig, the past Chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Director of the Steele Children's Research Center at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center and later the President and Chief Executive Officer of National Jewish Medical and Research Center, will be the first recipient of the Founder's Award and the keynote speaker. The dinner will be held on Monday evening, May 17, 2010, and the cost for the dinner is \$35 per person. The registration form is available on the Pediatric Assembly (PEDS) webpage. I do hope that everyone can join us. It should be quite an enjoyable evening.

Also, the second annual American Thoracic Society Research Dinner, supporting the Foundation of the American Thoracic Society which funds research in all aspects of pulmonary disease, critical care and sleep medicine, is scheduled for Saturday evening, May 15, 2010. Your participation will greatly benefit the Society. Please try to attend.

American Thoracic Society Pediatric Assembly Leadership (Nominating Committee Chair, Margaret Leigh, Chapel Hill, NC): I want to thank everyone for their nominations for the Assembly Chair, the Program Committee Chair-elect, and Nominating Committee Members. The committee, chaired by Margaret Leigh (Chapel Hill, NC), received an impressive number of highly qualified candidates, which presented them with difficult choices. This year, the candidates are:

Pediatric Assembly Chair (2011-2013)

Howard Panitch (Philadelphia, PA)
Clement Ren (Rochester, NY)

Program Committee Chair-elect (2010-2011) and Chair (2011-2012)

Robin Deterding (Denver, CO)
Theresa Guilbert (Madison, WI)
Felix Ratjen (Toronto, Canada)

Nominating Committee Members (2010-2011)

John Clancy (Birmingham, AL)
Andrew Colin (Miami, FL)
Richard Kravitz (Durham, NC)
Larry Lands (Montreal, Canada)

The elections will be held on Sunday evening May 16, 2010 at the annual Assembly Membership Meeting at the American Thoracic Society International Conference in New Orleans. Please encourage your colleagues and trainees to attend the reception and meeting. It is a great way to introduce trainees and junior faculty to members from around the world, and encourage their involvement in the Assembly.

Planning Committee (Chair, Clement Ren, Rochester, NY): Work continues to progress on the American Thoracic Society-sponsored projects that were described in this winter's newsletter. The American Thoracic Soci-

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ety Board of Directors again approved funding for the two ongoing Assembly projects: *CT Imaging in the Diagnosis and Monitoring of Pediatric Lung Disease* (PI: Marcus Jones) and *Optimal Lung Function Tests for Monitoring Cystic Fibrosis, Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia, and Recurrent Wheezing in Children Under 6 Years of Age* (PI: Margaret Rosenfeld). We anticipate the recommendations from these projects will be submitted this year, and hopefully published in 2011. The Board of Directors also approved initiation of an unfunded new project, *Care of the Child with Pulmonary Hypertension* (PI: Steve Abman). The American Thoracic Society will be accepting new project applications for funding in 2011. If you are interested in developing a project application please contact the Pediatric Planning Committee Chair James Chmiel at james.chmiel@uhhospitals.org. All projects will undergo peer-reviewed by the Pediatric Assembly Planning Committee and Program Review Subcommittee. The memberships of both of these committees can be found on the new American Thoracic Society website (www.thoracic.org).

As members of the Pediatric Assembly, you should have received an invitation to participate in an online survey to better understand the needs and interests of the Assembly. It was an opportunity to provide American Thoracic Society leadership with input into the future direction for our Assembly, and provide a foundation for the development and support of American Thoracic Society projects, future International Conferences, and other pediatric initiatives. We have received 120 responses, and the data collected is currently being collated and reviewed.

One of the programs previously supported by the Assembly, the *Infant Preschool Pulmonary Function Working Group* (PI: Stephanie Davis), is examining the clinical utility and site variability in measuring infant lung function. The group would like to gather preliminary data for future American Thoracic Society-European Respiratory Society collaborations. A questionnaire was developed to ascertain some crucial information before launching a larger investigative effort. Please complete the survey (www.surveymonkey.com/s/ilf-tests) if you are a pediatric pulmonologist or respirologist working with infants and young children on a routine basis, one response per pulmonary function laboratory. Please note that this questionnaire is specifically seeking information on the clinical use of infant lung function testing.

Lastly, Dr. Ren's term as Chair of the Planning Committee will be coming to an end in May, 2010. Personally speaking, Clement has been an outstanding chair and a true advocate for the Assembly Membership. Dr. Jim Chmiel, who is well known to many of you through his work in cystic fibrosis and the Pediatric Pulmonary Training Directors Association (PEPTDA), will assume leadership of the committee. Please feel free to contact Dr. Chmiel with your ideas and any questions regarding future Pediatric Assembly projects.

Year of the Lung. The Pediatric Assembly is participating in several activities linked to the Year of the Lung, a campaign that will raise awareness about lung health among the public and advocate for measures to combat lung disease worldwide. In particular, we plan to develop school-based education programs, working with our pediatric colleagues from the European Respiratory Society, and the American College of Chest Physicians, and could be an opportunity for trainees and young faculty to get involved in an international program. The Pediatric Assembly has produced patient education sheets, and Dr. Ren coordinated these efforts. Please contact me if you would be interested in assisting with these and other programs.

Pediatric Training: As Pam Zeitlin, the past-chair of the Pediatric Assembly, discussed at last year's meeting, a summary of the proceedings from the National Institutes of Health Workshop on Career Development in Respiratory Research has been published (*Lung*, 2009;187:367-74). We have since organized a working group of Assembly members to determine better approaches to increase the appeal of our specialties, expand the pool of potential trainees, and enhance effective research mentorship. A meeting of this group will be held during the International Conference.

In addition to the considerable variability in research opportunities of fellows and young faculty, expectations

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for clinical training also vary widely. This July, the American Board of Pediatrics will host an Invitational Conference to consider various aspects of subspecialty clinical and research training, which will include representation from the American Thoracic Society. This meeting will likely lead to a taskforce that will consider restructuring the goals of pediatric subspecialty fellowships, including the duration and content of training. Because such changes could have far-ranging implications for our subspecialties, I would be interested in your input before the meeting.

Assembly Sections: Working with colleagues from the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN) Assembly and Critical Care (CC) Assembly, we are interested in creating intellectual “homes” for pediatric subspecialists, thus ensuring their educational and advocacy goals are addressed. We have already begun to gauge interest and define the academic mission(s) for a pediatric critical care section. A survey was recently distributed to members from both Pediatric Assembly and Critical Care Assembly. I would appreciate your thoughts.

American Thoracic Society Awards. It’s never too early to remind you to consider nominees for the American Thoracic Society 2011 awards. We have so many exceptional teachers and clinician-scientists from our Assembly who deserve special recognition (Outstanding Educator Award, Edward Livingston Trudeau Medal, Public Service Award, or Distinguished Achievement Award) for their efforts to improve the health of children with lung diseases. Please nominate worthy colleagues and mentors for consideration this October.

We would like to thank the American Thoracic Society Corporate Member Program, The National Emphysema Foundation Honoring Claude Lenfant, MD, ATS PAR Members, Sleep Group Solutions and Apex Medical for providing Travel Awards. ATS Assembly Program Committees selected awardees based on the abstracts submitted to the 2010 International Conference.

That’s it until May. See you in New Orleans.

Tom

ATS 2010 – New Orleans Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Postgraduate Courses

Saturday, May 15, 2010

PG24 A PHYSIOLOGIC APPROACH TO PEDIATRIC LUNG DISEASE 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C12 PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Scientific Symposia

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A7 RESPIRATORY OUTCOMES OF PREMATURENESS: RECENT ADVANCES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B6 GENES THAT CAUSE RESPIRATORY DISEASE: AN UPDATE FOR CLINICIANS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

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Scientific Symposia

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C81 PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D10 NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN RARE PEDIATRIC DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

D87 CURRENT CONTROVERSIES TRANSLATING INTO FUTURE CHALLENGES IN THE
FIELD OF PEDIATRIC SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Meet the Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 16, 2010

MP414 NO IS USUALLY THE WRONG ANSWER: A LESS RADICAL VIEW OF NITRIC OXIDE
SYNTHASE IN MANAGING RESPIRATORY DISEASE 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

MP514 CPAP USE AND ADHERENCE IN CHILDREN 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

MP614 THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF SERVING AS A CLINICAL TRIAL INVESTIGATOR 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Sunrise Seminars

Monday, May 17, 2010

SS113 EVALUATING NON-INVASIVE MARKERS OF AIRWAY DISEASE IN YOUNG CHILDREN 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

SS212 SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING IN CHILDREN WITH NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

SS312 HOW DOES RHINOVIRUS IMPACT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ASTHMA IN EARLY LIFE? 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Workshops

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

WS5 MAKING THE PHYSIOLOGY WORK FOR YOU: LUNG FUNCTION TESTS IN THE PEDI-
ATRIC AND NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNITS 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Mini Symposia

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A95 BEST OF PEDIATRICS 2010 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B15 EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PATHOGENESIS OF AIRWAY NARROWING IN CHILDHOOD 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

B96 NORMAL AND ABNORMAL LUNG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D94 CYSTIC FIBROSIS: FROM CLINIC TO LAB AND BACK 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Poster Discussion Sessions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A107 UPDATE ON PEDIATRIC SLEEP RESEARCH 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B106 RESPIRATORY FAILURE IN CHILDREN 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

B107 OUTCOME MEASURES TO ASSESS PEDIATRIC LUNG HEALTH 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C26 LUNG DEVELOPMENT AND AIRWAY GROWTH: GENES, DIET AND INFECTION 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D105 LESS COMMON CHILDHOOD LUNG DISEASES: NEW INSIGHTS 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Thematic Poster Sessions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A53 CYSTIC FIBROSIS: CLINICAL PEDIATRIC STUDIES 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

A54 PRENATAL AND POSTNATAL LUNG DEVELOPMENT 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

A55 CHILDHOOD ASTHMA EPIDEMIOLOGY 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B55 PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY INFECTION 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B56 MEASURING LUNG FUNCTION AND INFLAMMATION IN CHILDREN 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B57 RECOGNIZING AND MANAGING UNCOMMON LUNG DISEASES 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D56 PEDIATRIC CASE REPORTS: DIAGNOSTIC AND MANAGEMENT DILEMMAS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

D57 PEDIATRIC AIRWAY DISEASES: MANAGEMENT 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

D58 CYSTIC FIBROSIS: BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2011!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2011. 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 beginning in May.

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 James Chmiel at james.chmiel@uhhospitals.org.

Please contact Miriam Rodriguez with any questions at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

Patients to Speak At Thirteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at thirteen symposia at the 2010 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium for the last seven years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2009.

This is the seventh year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys. This insight will address diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective 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	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII/RCMB	A9	COPD: A Disease Of Accelerated Aging?	Sunday 5/16/10 8:15-8:30 am
AII	A12	Severe Asthma: The Last 10 Years And Moving Forward	Sunday, 5/16/10 8:15-8:20 am
AII/RCMB	A87	Mucus Plugs For 2010: Update On Mucus In Airway Homeostasis And Disease	Sunday, 5/16/10 1:40-1:45 pm
MTPI/AII/RCMB	B7	Keeping The Immunosuppressed Well: Clinical Infectious Challenges In Emerging Immunosuppressed Hosts	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
RSF/RCMB/AII/CP	B9	New Frontiers In Asthma Therapy	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/RCMB	B83	The Influence Of Histology And Molecular Analysis On Treatment Of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: "Tailored Therapy"	Monday, 5/17/10 1:30-1:35 pm
SRN/CP	B86	Should We Treat Asymptomatic Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients?	Monday, 5/17/10 3:30-3:35 pm
CP/PR	C2	Seven Questions Every COPD Patient Wants Answered	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/BS/PED	C10	Cystic Fibrosis: Bench, Bedside, And Beyond	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:20-8:25 am
CP/AII	C82	Six Questions Regarding Sarcoidosis	Tuesday, 5/18/10 3:05-3:10 pm
CP/NUR/PED	C85	How Well Do Patients Use Respiratory Inhalers, Nebulizers, And Other Devices? It's More Important Than You Might Think	Tuesday, 5/18/10 1:30-1:35 pm
PAR	D12	Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance (PAR SYMPOSIUM)	Wednesday, 5/19/10 9:55 am
CP/NUR/RSF	D6	Pulmonary Rehabilitation In Chronic Respiratory Diseases Other Than COPD	Wednesday 8/19/10 8:30-8:35 am

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the ninth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in New Orleans on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** The topic of the symposium is “**Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance**” and it will be jointly chaired by Jo Rae Wright, PhD, Michael Matthay, MD, and Teresa Barnes. The program includes the following:

- Michael A. Matthay, MD - Cell-Based Therapy For Lung Injury
- Bernard. Lo, MD - Ethical And Policy Issues Regarding Cell-Based Therapies: Anticipating and Addressing Potential Obstacles to Scientific and Clinical Innovation
- Jahar Bhattacharya, MD, PhD - Reversal of Lung Inflammation By Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- Landon S. King, MD - Role of Lymphocytes In Mediating Recovery From Acute Lung Injury
- Mark R. Looney, MD - Role of Neutrophils And Platelets In Mediating Acute Lung Injury
- Danielle Benich - LAM Patient Perspective
- Duncan J. Stewart, MD - Future Cell-Based Therapies

ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 18 2010 in the Exhibit Hall of the Ernest N Morial Convention Center Convention Centre. Public Interest Organizations (PIO's) concerned with lung and sleep disorders will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

**The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable celebrating
2010: Year of the Lung is pleased to invite you to our fourth annual patient forum
*Breathing Better with the ATS Forum***

This is a forum at which patients will have the unique opportunity to network
and learn more about their disease.

**SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(Grand Salon A, 1st Level)**

You'll have an opportunity to hear from patients and experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the meeting.

This year's discussions will focus on Lung and Environmental Health issues, and panelists include:
William Martin II, MD • Michael Busk, MD, MPH • Kenneth Paris, MD, MPH
David Schwartz, MD • Leon Zoller

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

For further questions please contact Courtney L. White at (212) 315-8640.

ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

6:30PM-8:30PM

HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL

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FIRST (STREET) LEVEL

ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS FOUNDER'S DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

7:00PM-10:00PM

HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL

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ATS DOCUMENTS UPDATE

1. Reminder to all Document Developers--We have launched submission of official ATS documents through the manuscript central website that the Society uses for all journal submissions. All official ATS documents must be submitted through this website <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/atsdocs>
2. We are pleased to announce that ATS has hired a new methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD. Dr. Brozek is based at McMaster University in Canada, and as the Society's methodologist, will provide expert consultation to Document Developers. Our Documents Editor, Dr. Holger Schunemann and Dr. Brozek will both be attending the Conference in New Orleans this year and will be visiting with many Document Developers to answer methods-related questions.

For further information about document development, visit the document development area of the ATS Website at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php> or contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org

**2010 Guidelines Forum and Hands-on Workshop:
What's new in document and guideline development?**

All ATS members are invited to attend a free, hands-on guideline workshop conducted by the
ATS Documents Editor, Holger J. Schunemann, MD, PhD,
and the new ATS Methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD, to be held:

Sunday, May 16, 2009
6:45-9:45 pm
Versailles Ballroom, Third Level
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70140
Tel: (504) 561-0500 | 1-800-HILTONS

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served.

SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Thoracic Society has opened the search for the Editor of its peer-reviewed publication, the *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society* (PATS), succeeding Alan R. Leff, M.D., who has been serving as Editor since the inception of the journal in 2004.

PATS publishes reviews of clinical or basic science commonly resulting from conferences or workshops organized or sponsored by the ATS and/or other organizations to provide a better understanding of diseases within respiratory, critical care medicine, and sleep. Publication is episodic.

It is anticipated that the Editor will be named in 2011 for a five-year term, but will not assume responsibility until March 2012. This timeline will allow the newly selected Editor to train with Dr. Leff for one year to ensure a smooth transition. The Search Committee is seeking candidates who are in a field relevant to lung health, critical care medicine, and/or sleep who have editorial experience.

Letters of interest, including a statement of plans for the Editorship, and curriculum vitae should be submitted by May 3, 2010 to:

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