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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

First, I want to thank you all. Thank you for being members of the RSF Assembly, for getting involved (I will speak more about this later), for making this an exciting, enthusiastic, stimulating and enjoyable group of people, for attending the international meeting, for coming to the symposium, the poster discussions, and the thematic poster sessions. These are all the things that make the RSF an outstanding assembly.



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In addition, we encourage those of you who have not been involved to get involved in the assembly. It is easy. It is a great way to meet other scientists, exchange ideas, and help program future scientific areas that are of interest to you. You can find the contact information of our website (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rsf/index.php>). Simply contact us and tell us you want to get more involved. There are many scientist in training, young scientist, and new junior faculty members and non-members who do not even know we exist, or are too timid to approach us to get involved. It is crucial for senior faculty to assist these younger people to start them on the path to participation.

Another way we have worked to assist young investigators is through the Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Working Group, which is now leading efforts to ensure young RSF affiliates are served and engaged. This group has scheduled Meet-and-Greet sessions at the International Conference, and this year, they will have Career Development Workshop on Sunday at the 2013 International Conference in Philadelphia. In addition, they are working closely with our Web Director to establish RSF social media initiatives, and are involved with planning a Science and Innovation Center at this year's International Conference.

One of the most pleasurable and fun events over the years has been the RSF dinner. I have always viewed it as a place to meet old friends and new colleagues both young and old. This is an especially important time for our newest members and potential members to meet and socialize with the wide variety of existing members, feel welcome, and get involved. However, for a variety of reasons included diminished outside funding, we have had to make

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Assembly Chair Report

Robert H. Brown, MD, Chair

changes to our dinner over the last few years. In response to the considerable feedback we received regarding last year's dinner, Prakash (Planning Committee Chair) and I have been working with Miriam Rodriguez of the ATS to improve this annual event. Our primary goal is to enhance the networking and socializing experiences of attendees in an informal setting. We hope the new format of a dinner/reception will help achieve this goal. We have made arrangements to work with the dinner menu negotiated by the ATS to provide our RSF members with good food and drink for this social event. Most important, the dinner will be held in a reception-style setting. We want this to again be a great opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage the next generation of leaders in the activities of the Assembly and the ATS. We would also like to strongly encourage senior RSF members to invite junior colleagues and their trainees to join them at the dinner/reception.

One initiative started last year by our past Assembly Chair, Andrew Halayko, is the Science Core Track at the International Conference. This year's theme is "*Exploring the Science of Lung Tissue Injury and Repair*". The Science Core consists of thematically linked symposia and an abstract-based Poster Discussion session that feature cutting-edge research presented by prominent scientists. As a commitment to the Science Core, the RSF, RCMB, and AII assemblies have "donated" either a symposium or a poster discussion session for inclusion. This puts a spotlight on these sessions. The Science Core will be a place to learn new approaches to difficult questions, and see first hand how they are applied to cutting edge, cross disciplinary investigation. The Science Core provides basic scientists with compelling content that can change the course of their research in lung disease. Lead scientists from outside ATS will serve as Chairs of the planned Poster Discussion session, and we hope they will be present as guests in the Science and Innovation Lounge, allowing our members opportunity for face-to-face interactions. Our Programming Chairs will be involved with decision-making regarding the thematic focus and content in years to come. The Science Core is an exciting initiative, and should be of particular benefit to an assembly like RSF that is dominated by members who conduct fundamental discovery research as a primary activity.

I want to thank all members of RSF committees, and to acknowledge the efforts of our officers: Leigh Ann Callahan (Chair, Programming Committee); Greg King (Chair-elect, Programming Committee); (YS Prakash (Chair, Planning Committee); Rey Panettieri (Chair, Nominating Committee); Richard A. Johnson (Chair MITT Working Group), and Marrah Lachowicz-Scroggins (web director). All these great people are volunteering their time to advance our assembly. Anyone who wants to get more involved in the assembly should not hesitate to contact any one of us (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rsf/officers-committees.php>).

We also present our most prestigious honors at the international meeting, the Ann Woolcock Memorial Award to recognize an outstanding young investigator of exceptional promise, the Joseph R. Rodarte Memorial Award to recognize lifetime achievement of a senior investigator, and the Stuart J Hirst Abstract Excellence Award to a trainee with the abstract top ranked by the RSF Programming Committee in the areas of airway biology and physiology". Please consider nominating your colleagues for these awards.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Y.S.Prakash, MD, PhD, Chair

Hello from the RSF Planning Committee. The Planning Committee currently consists of a diverse group of 16 members from academic institutions in North America, Australia and Europe. Importantly, the Planning Committee includes a number of young and upcoming investigators who are making their mark in research relevant to the themes of the RSF. Thank you to all the PC members for their continued enthusiasm and participation in planning some of our Assembly's most important functions. We are excited to have had a productive 2012-2013 season, and hope to continue the fun for the next year.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Y.S.Prakash, MD, PhD, Chair

One of the key functions of the RSF Planning Committee is to solicit nominations for the **Joseph R. Rodarte Award** for Scientific Excellence and the **Ann Woolcock Memorial Award** for a young investigator in asthma research. As in previous years, unsuccessful nominations for the Rodarte Award from the previous year were carried over and will be considered this year. We are excited to now have 5 outstanding nominees for each of the Rodarte and Woolcock Awards. Which means that we have our work cut out in discussing and selecting the winners for these prestigious awards. The winners will be announced at the RSF Assembly Membership Meeting at ATS 2013 in Philadelphia.

The Planning Committee is also responsible for proposing **project applications** for funding by the ATS. These projects are intended to generate clinical, research and/or policy Statements by the ATS (sometimes in combination with other organizations such as ERS), set up Workshops, or Updates on existing clinical or research methodologies. Since all of the ATS Assemblies are proposing such projects, funding is highly competitive. This year the Planning Committee considered 5 new and 2 renewal ATS Project applications for sponsorship (2) or co-sponsorship (5) by the RSF Assembly. We are delighted that one each of the new and renewal projects were approved for funding by the ATS. The project titles and Chairs are:

- (Renewal) *Evaluation of respiratory mechanics and function in the pediatric and neonatal intensive care unit* (Dr. Sarath Ranganathan, Royal Children's Hospital, Australia)
- (New) *ATS_ERS Global Lung Function Initiative (GLI): Deriving global multi-ethnic reference values for the transfer factor of carbon monoxide (TLCO) in the lungs* (Dr. Brian Graham, Lung Association of Saskatchewan, Canada)

Three years ago, under the leadership of then Assembly Chair Dr. Andrew Halayko (University of Manitoba), the Planning Committee formed an RSF Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Working Group to promote networking between trainees, young faculty members and more senior RSF Assembly members, as well as to highlight the achievements of our upcoming Assembly members. Currently chaired by Dr. Richard Johnston (University of Texas, Houston), the RSF MITT Working Group has been an absolute success. Last year they successfully programmed a Career Development Workshop entitled "*Grantsmanship skills for basic science and translational researchers: What happens during grant review?*". At the 2013 Conference, two Working Group members (Drs. Ramaswamy Krishnan and Amir A. Zeki), will chair a **Career Development Workshop** entitled "*Prioritizing for Academic Success*" to be held on Sunday, May 19. I strongly encourage all trainees and young faculty members to consider attending this important workshop. In addition, I want to highlight the debut of the **RSF Assembly Mentoring Program** created by Drs. Janette K. Burgess (a Planning Committee member) and Pawan Sharma. Please see the MITT Working Group Report for more details regarding the Career Development Workshop and the Mentoring Program.

And finally the **RSF Dinner/Reception** during ATS 2013. You should all have received the initial notice regarding the Assembly Dinner/Reception to be held at Loews Hotel on Monday, May 20th, 2013, immediately following the Business Meeting. Please register soon, as space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please encourage fellows and students to attend. The cost for the **dinner/reception with 2 drinks** is \$60 for ATS members, \$70 for non-members and \$40 for members-in-training (fellows).

IMPORTANT: In response to the considerable feedback we received regarding last year's RSF assembly meeting as well as the dinner, we felt that the large dinner table settings with the award presentations during dinner were limiting to networking and social interactions, especially for trainees and junior faculty. Therefore, this year, we are trialing a different format for the Business Meeting and the subsequent social event.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Y.S.Prakash, MD, PhD, **Chair**

As in previous years, we will hold the Assembly Membership meeting immediately prior to the dinner/reception. We will announce new leaders for our Assembly, as well as thank outgoing members of committees for their dedication and hard work. However, unlike in previous years, we will also use the business meeting to present our prestigious Rodarte, Woolcock and Hirst awards, travel Scholarship Awards for trainees, and other commendations. This should allow more time for social interactions during the dinner/reception. And to facilitate this, we will not have large dinner tables for groups to immediately gravitate to. Instead, the dinner/reception will be held in a reception-like setting with tall bar tables, chairs and similar furniture in order to encourage interactions between members. We have made arrangements with ATS to present the negotiated dinner menu in a more informal setting. Therefore, it is important to emphasize there will be plenty of food available at this dinner/reception. Again, the regular ATS dinner is being provided, just in a less formal setting. There will also be a special area for the RSF MITT members to promote networking between trainees/young faculty and senior Assembly members. Furthermore, 2 drink tickets will be provided with each dinner/reception ticket. The drink tickets can be used for beer, wine or non-alcoholic drinks. Additional drinks beyond the two provided can be purchased.

At the dinner/reception, and after ATS 2013, please give us feedback regarding the new format and potential improvements for subsequent years. We explored the possibility of replacing the dinner with an “appetizers and drinks” reception where attendees could freely interact in an informal setting, but remain free to go elsewhere for dinner. But we have found this option to be even more expensive, and unlikely to palatable (no pun intended) to our members.

Program Committee Report

Leigh Ann. P. Callahan, MD, **Chair** & Gregory King, PhD, **Chair-Elect**

The RSF Assembly Program Committee has worked diligently to prepare an exciting program for the Annual Meeting in May. RSF will be the primary sponsor of 1 Post Graduate Course, 1 Workshop, 7 Scientific Symposia, 5 Mini-Symposia, 5 Poster Discussion sessions, and 10 Thematic Poster sessions as well as 4 Meet the Professor Sessions and 4 Sunrise Seminars. RSF is also co-sponsoring, with other assemblies, a further 13 Scientific Symposia, and 3 additional Post-Graduate Courses.

The topics covered in these sessions are broad, reflecting the wide interests of the RSF membership. Translational science is a particular focus of the assembly and spans topics of remodeling in airway disease to biological mechanisms of acute lung injury as well as technological advances in imaging.

New at ATS 2013 is the introduction of a Science Core, a thematically linked set of symposia and abstract-based sessions. It is hoped that the Science Core will provide basic scientists with compelling content that can change the course of their research in lung disease. This year, sessions were jointly organized by current and former leaders of three assemblies, RCMB, AII and RSF. Sessions feature internationally known scientists and focus on lung tissue injury and repair, with particular emphasis on mechanobiology, extracellular matrix, and methods to study injury and repair and will take place on consecutive days during the meeting.

Science Core Sessions at ATS 2013

- A Hitchhiker’s Guide to Mechanobiology: How Matrix-Cytoskeleton Interactions Drive Cell Behavior
- Methods to Study Lung Injury and Repair
- Exciting Technological Advances for Understanding the Extracellular Matrix
- Scientific Breakthroughs of the Year: Mechanisms of Tissue Repair
- Forcing the Issue: The Lung Response to Injury

Program Committee Report

Leigh Ann. P. Callahan, MD, Chair & Gregory King, PhD, Chair-Elect

- Poster Discussion: It Takes a Village to Repair the Lung: Cells, Pathways and Methods

It has been my privilege to serve as 2013 Program Chair for the RSF assembly and to work with Chair-elect Gregory King over the past year. In addition, I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the RSF Program Committee for their willingness to contribute their time and effort into organization of these sessions. I am confident that the 2014 RSF Program Committee, under Dr. King's leadership, will strive to provide an excellent program for next year's International Conference, and I wish them all the very best.

ATS 2013 - Philadelphia Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Functions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG20	RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY MASTER CLASS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
WS2	PRIORITIZING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A85	METHODS TO STUDY LUNG INJURY AND REPAIR	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B5	EXCITING TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES FOR UNDERSTANDING THE EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B8	EMERGING CONCEPTS DRIVING AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS IN ASTHMA	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B85	SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGHS OF THE YEAR: MECHANISMS OF TISSUE REPAIR	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C85	FORCING THE ISSUE: THE LUNG RESPONSE TO INJURY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
C87	SEX, STEROIDS, AND LUNG: GOOD, BAD, UGLY?	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D10	DIFFERENT TARGETS IN LUNG INJURY AND REPAIR: THE NEW GENERATION OF INVESTIGATORS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A91	THERAPEUTIC STRATEGIES IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS: DEBATES BETWEEN BENCH AND BEDSIDE: A PRO-CON DEBATE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B91	CARDIOPULMONARY INTERACTIONS AND PULMONARY VASCULAR CHANGES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: HISTORY, MOLECULAR BASIS, IMAGING, AND POTENTIAL THERAPIES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C90	OBESITY, ADIPOKINES, AND LUNG DISEASES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
MP412	CLINICAL COURSE AND PREDICTION OF SURVIVAL IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
MP413	DIAPHRAGM EMG: CURRENT CONCEPTS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
MP513	WHAT THE FORCED OSCILLATION TECHNIQUE CAN TELL YOU ABOUT LUNG FUNCTION	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
MP612	STEROID RESISTANCE IN SEVERE ASTHMA: ROLE OF AIRWAY STRUCTURAL CELLS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 20, 2013			
SS116	SMALL AIRWAY MEASUREMENTS FROM TODDLER TO OLD AGE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
SS214	CELL AND MATRIX-DERIVED MECHANOTRANSDUCTION IN LUNG FIBROSIS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
SS215	ASTHMA CONTROL IN OBESE ADULTS: UNDERSTANDING THE PHYSIOLOGY TO GUIDE TREATMENT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
SS316	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND MONITORING OF RESPIRATORY MUSCLE DYSFUNCTION IN THE ICU	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A19	UNDERSTANDING VENTILATION DISTRIBUTION IN AIRWAYS DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A98	PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC MECHANISMS IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B18	REGIONAL VASCULAR MARKERS OF LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B99	EXCESSIVE AIRWAY NARROWING AND CLOSURE IN ASTHMA: CELLS TO MECHANICS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D19	WHAT'S GOING ON? MECHANISMS OF REMODELING AND HYPERRESPONSIVENESS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A29	ADVANCES IN UNDERSTANDING THE PATHOGENESIS OF ACUTE LUNG INJURY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A108	AIRWAY SMOOTH MUSCLE: NEW WAYS TO RELAX AND BEHAVE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B109	TECHNOLOGIC ADVANCES IN IMAGING FOR PHENOTYPING LUNG DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C30	AIRWAY HYPERRESPONSIVENESS: DO WE HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE EXPLANATION?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D29	USE OF EMERGING IMAGING TECHNIQUES AS BIOMARKERS OF LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A60	ASSESSING PULMONARY FUNCTION: AIRWAYS, MECHANICS, AND GAS EXCHANGE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A61	MODELING LUNG STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A62	LUNG TISSUE REMODELING: AIRWAYS AND PARENCHYMA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A63	ADVANCES IN LYMPHANGIOLEIOMYOMATOSIS AND TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

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Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C74	RESPIRATORY AND PERIPHERAL MUSCLE DYSFUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C75	ANIMAL MODELS OF EMPHYSEMA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C76	EXERCISE, HYPOXIA, AND ALTITUDE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C77	IMAGING: PHYSIOLOGIC AND CLINICAL CORRELATES, EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C78	ACUTE LUNG INJURY: BIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C79	NEUROGENIC MECHANISMS OF AIRWAY CONTROL	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

Other Sessions That Might Be Of Interest To You

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 17, 2013			
PG5	MODELING HUMAN LUNG DISEASE: A TOOLBOX FOR MEANINGFUL MEASUREMENTS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG11	MANAGING CYSTIC FIBROSIS IN 2013: THE ERA OF GENOMIC MEDICINE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG22	BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMS AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGE: THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW AND SHOULD HAVE LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A2	CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE TREATMENT	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A5	A HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO MECHANOBIOLOGY: HOW MATRIX-CYTOSKELETON INTERACTIONS DRIVE CELL BEHAVIOR	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A6	RIGHT VENTRICULAR METABOLIC SHIFT AND ISCHEMIA IN PULMONARY ARTERIAL HYPERTENSION	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A86	MITOCHONDRIA AND THEIR GENOME: MORE THAN JUST A POWERHOUSE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
A88	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE IN NON-SMOKERS: THE TROJAN HORSE IN A GLOBAL TROY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B2	EXACERBATIONS OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: CURRENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B12	CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM: ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C8	AUTOPHAGY: FRIEND OR FOE IN LUNG DISEASE?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C10	THE NIH LUNG REPAIR AND REGENERATION CONSORTIUM (LRRC): AN UPDATE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C88	ARTERIAL STIFFENING IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AND OTHER LUNG DISEASES: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D7	GENOMIC INSIGHTS IN OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAYS DISEASES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D8	THE MULTIFUNCTIONAL BASAL CELL: MORE THAN A PROGENITOR	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D87	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION WITH LEFT HEART DISEASE: VENTRICLES, VESSELS, AND HEMODYNAMICS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

Members in Transition and Training (MITT) Working Group

Richard A. Johnson, Ph.D, Chair

During the past year, the Assembly on RSF MITT Working Group, which consists of trainees and junior faculty from Australia, Europe, and North America, has continued to make substantial progress to enhance career and networking opportunities for trainees and junior faculty within the Assembly. I would like to personally thank each member of the Working Group for their dedication, enthusiasm, and industriousness, which has resulted in many exciting opportunities for trainees and junior faculty at this year's International Conference.

In the summer of 2012, the Working Group submitted a Workshop proposal entitled "Prioritizing for Academic Success" to the Assembly Program Committee. We are pleased to announce that this Workshop has been programmed at this year's International Conference. The Workshop will be held on Sunday, May 19 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Ramaswamy Krishnan, Ph.D. and Amir A. Zeki, M.D., members of the Working Group, will co-chair this Workshop. This Workshop will provide practical advice with regard to scientific writing, presentation skills, and the constituents of a good scientific question. We are very fortunate to have three highly distinguished lung biologists participate in this Workshop: Jeffrey J. Fredberg, Ph.D, Joe G.N. Garcia, M.D., and Serpil C. Erzurum, M.D. We encourage all trainees and junior faculty within the Assembly to register for this Workshop.

I am also pleased to announce that the Working Group has established an Assembly Mentoring Program, which will debut at this year's International Conference in Philadelphia. I would like to thank two members of the Working Group, Janette K. Burgess, Ph.D. and Pawan Sharma, Ph.D., for their tremendous effort in getting this Program up and running. The goals of this Program are to support the career development of trainees and junior faculty through individualized mentorship and to increase trainee and junior faculty involvement within the Assembly. To find out more information regarding the Assembly Mentoring Program or to participate in this Program as either a mentee or mentor, please [click here](#).

The Working Group has also generated an Assembly-specific newsletter for trainees and junior professionals. This newsletter contains pertinent information regarding the activities of the Working Group and also highlights Assembly-specific events, which trainees and junior professionals can participate. This newsletter has been e-mailed to the members of the Assembly and has also been posted on the RSF website.

The Working Group will continue to plan career development and networking opportunities for trainees and junior faculty within the Assembly in the upcoming year. If you would like to be considered for membership on the Working Group or have any questions or suggestions with regard to the Working Group's activities, please feel free to contact me (Richard.A.Johnston@uth.tmc.edu) at your convenience.

Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function Membership Meeting/Reception

*MONDAY, MAY 20TH
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 5:00PM-7:00PM
RECEPTION: 7:00PM-10:00PM
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MILLENIUM BALLROOM
2ND FLOOR*

The ATS Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC), which sets policies for the development of Official ATS Documents, will be holding a hands-on workshop in conjunction with the ATS International Conference

What: "Document Development: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers"

When: Friday, May 17 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The Loews Hotel (Room: Washington C)

Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2013.

Others with an interest in guideline development, or in official documents in general, are encouraged to attend as well.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the ATS Methodologist, Documents Editor, and members of the ATS DDIC - we hope to see you there!

RSVP to Jessica Wisk at jwisk@thoracic.org

**Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application
for funding in FY2014!**

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2014. 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 Y.S. Prakash, MD, PhD at prakash.ys@mayo.edu.

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

Forum on Collaboration

“Inclusion and Collaboration Among University, Government and Industry at the ATS: A Road Map for the Future—Principles and Practice”

MONDAY MAY 20, 2012
FROM: 12 Noon to 1:00pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Room 107 A-B (100 Level)

In order for the ATS to foster solutions to increasingly complex scientific and patient care challenges, a diversity of scientific and clinical approaches is required. This goal requires the ATS to provide an environment to its members that values diversity, inclusiveness, and collaboration.

To achieve these ends, our ideas need to be translated into practical action plans. This forum will offer these ideas for input and discussion from the membership. Moderated by society leaders, we will examine our differences and synergies, and try to come to some synthesis to achieve our overlapping aims. All who are interested in confronting these challenges are encouraged to actively participate in the discussion. Based on this dialogue, recommendations to ATS leadership will be made for implementation.

All ATS Members and ATS 2013 Attendees are encouraged to attend.

CHAIRS: Theodore F. Reiss, MD, MBE, Nicholas H. Hill, MD, Leonard Sicilian, MD

PANELISTS: Courtney C. Crim, MD; Joel Moss, MD, PhD; Molly Osborne, MD, PhD; Amy Simon, MD

Nursing Contact Hours through a partnership with National Jewish Health

The ATS is pleased to announce that it has partnered with National Jewish Health to provide Nursing Contact Hours for 25 sessions. The Nursing Assembly selected sessions with content that is appropriate for and relevant to the needs of its members.

Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours for selected sessions is provided through National Jewish Health™, a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number, CEP 12724.

For more information please visit <http://conference.thoracic.org/2013/program/nursing-contact-hours/>



Help Us Help You!

Have you moved, changed your title, added new skills, credentials or other information? ATS members can now update their contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile quickly and easily online with the Member Profile Update form.

Keeping your profile current ensures accuracy during the ATS International Conference registration process and also helps the ATS provide you with valuable member benefits. To streamline the process, the ATS has updated and combined demographic categories, which makes it easier for you to send us pertinent information to serve you better.

The Member Profile Update form is safe and secure, and your updates will be reflected immediately in our database. **Please take a minute to login and update your member record today at** <http://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php?rl=https://thoracic.secure.force.com/MPU>

At this same web link members can now also print their own, personalized **membership certificate!**

Please join us for the Fifth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown (Grand Ballroom)

Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of delicious offering at food stations throughout the ballroom. There will be dancing to the sounds of a Philadelphia DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Gerard M. Turino, MD, Director of the James P. Mara Center for Lung Diseases in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine in New York City. Dr. Turino is the recipient of the 2013 Breathing for Life Award and a legend in the pulmonary world. The Breathing for Life Award is the highest honor conferred by the Foundation on an individual for philanthropy.

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