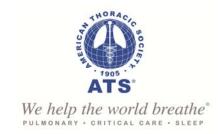
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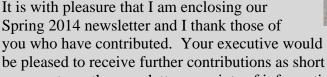
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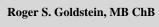
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MESSAGE FROM
THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly colleagues,





comments on the newsletter or points of information that may be of interest to our members. Just send them to the Rehabilitation Assembly at "PR@thoracic.org".

This newsletter comes just before the Spring ATS meeting and the program this year is as varied and engaging as ever. Hopefully we will see many of you in San Diego. Please feel welcome to attend our annual PR Assembly Business Meeting on Monday May 19th at 5:00 p.m. It is friendly and doesn't go on for too long, leaving an opportunity for you to network with colleagues and meet the Assembly Executive.

For those unable to attend, please use our newsletter as a way of staying in touch. In this issue we start with a message from our outgoing President of the ATS Patricia Finn, who has served the society with great distinction. Other items include updates from our colleagues in the ERS (Martijn Spruit), updates from our web committee chair (Frits Franssen) and an article on the highly successful MECOR program (Fran Du Melle).

Carly Rochester who co-chairs our Program Committee along with Anne Holland will be commenting on the process of identifying topics for the meeting. This involves a considerable amount of work from them as they collaborate with the other Assembly Program Chairs.

COMMENTARY FROM ATS PRESIDENT

Patricia W. Finn, MD

Patricia W. Finn, MD is the Earl M. Bane Professor and Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is trained as an immunologist whose investigations focus on immune-mediated pulmonary diseases, including transplantation, lung injury, and asthma. She has an impressive history of NIH funding, and is a PI on a T32 training grant. Dr. Finn was kind enough to comment on one of her major achievements during her term as our President.

I am honored and humbled at all the ATS has done to address health equality this year. At the beginning of the year, I charged all the ATS committee to define and address health equality through presidential benchmarks. The Health Equality Subcommittee under the Health Policy Committee will continue to provide a home for health equality initiatives at ATS. I am proud of the efforts of all of the ATS members and staff who have put ideas and energy into new projects. For example, the May edition of Annals ATS focuses on health equality and includes articles on the economic consequences of public policy, an overall strategy to address health equality, diversity in healthcare leadership, improving patient access, and commitment to the next generation through the formation of a "lung corps".

PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Carly Rochester, MD and Anne Holland, PhD

Carly Rochester and Anne Holland, our Program Co-Chairs from the US and Australia respectively, have done a superb job of bringing in an excellent program for the ATS meeting in San Diego. The pulmonary rehabilitation assembly is well represented, with several sessions distributed across all the days of the meeting. Carly and Anne have summarized the following activities at which all are welcome. They also encourage any of our members who would like to have greater involvement in planning for the 2015 meeting.

ATS Pulmonary Rehabilitation Sessions 2014

Friday May 16th

Postgraduate Course: Laboratory and Field Exercise Testing (Course co-chairs Anne Holland PhD and Matthew Bartels MD)

Sunday May 18th

AM: Symposium: The Updated ATS/ERS Statement on skeletal muscle dysfunction

Also Sunday: PR Assembly Thematic Poster Sessions:

- 1. Pulmonary rehabilitation: symptoms and disease management
- 2. Pulmonary rehabilitation: patient evaluation and rehabilitation outcomes

Monday May 19th

Sunrise seminar: Changing behavior in COPD: Action plans and physical activity (Tania Effing and Job van der Palen)

AM: Clinical Year in Review: Exercise and Rehabilitation Presentation: Anne Holland

AM: PR Poster Discussion session 1: Novel approaches to patient assessment and outcomes measures in pulmonary rehabilitation

PM: Mini-symposium: Highlights in Pulmonary Rehabilitation 2013

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PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

Carly Rochester, MD and Anne Holland, PhD

Tuesday May 20th

AM: Sunrise seminar: Managing the fear of death by talking about dying (Daisy. Janssen)

AM: PR Poster Discussion Session 2: Exercise assessment and rehabilitation

Noon-1: Meet the Professor: Optimizing the effects of exercise training in pulmonary rehabilitation (Richard Casaburi)

PM: Symposium: Scientific advances in early rehabilitation for our sickest patients

Wednesday May 21st

PM: Symposium: Tele-technology in the management of COPD (Sally Singh and Roger Goldstein)

Program Planning for Spring 2015

We encourage all members of the PR assembly to get involved in the planning for next year's ATS meeting! The first discussions regarding possible session topics will take place at the PR Assembly business meeting on Monday evening May 19th at 5:00 p.m. These initial ideas will be discussed further at the Program Committee Meeting at ATS. Ideas for symposia can also be discussed after the ATS meeting with Anne Holland, the incoming Program Committee Chair for 2014-2015, or with other members of the Program Committee or the PR Assembly leadership. Session Proposals are developed and then uploaded onto the ATS website for submission in early June.

Each year, the Assembly Program committee reviews grades and ranks all sessions submitted for consideration, including sunrise seminars, major symposia, meet the professor sessions and ideas for postgraduate courses. The number of sessions each assembly gets on the program is determined by the number of scientific abstract submissions that each assembly receives (**keep those abstracts coming!**).

Currently, based on the number of abstracts received, the PR assembly is allocated two major symposia, one minisymposium, two poster discussion sessions and two thematic poster sessions. Additional symposia sessions can occasionally be obtained and programmed if accepted to the program as a joint proposal between the PR assembly and one or more other ATS assemblies. The actual dates and time for each assembly's sessions are determined at the International Conference Committee Meetings in the fall. Day and time slots for the major symposia for all of the ATS assemblies are determined by drawing "out of a hat" in an effort to maintain fairness across Assemblies.

We encourage everyone to get involved, by submitting abstracts and ideas for all the various types of sessions. We look forward to hearing from you!

PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 2014

Rebecca Crouch, PT, DPT, CCS

Rebecca Crouch continues to guide our planning committee. We are always keen to welcome new members and are currently looking for a co-chair to work with Rebecca for the next year and then assume a term as Chair. If you are interested or know anyone who wishes to be more involved, please let us know. The work is not onerous and brings you close to both the Assembly Executive and the ATS Leadership.

The Pulmonary Rehabilitation Planning Committee meeting at the ATS annual meeting will be **Sunday**, **May**, **18** from 12 noon – 1:30 PM at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego. The room is yet to be announced so please watch for it in the meeting calendar. Please come with ideas of project proposals for this year. Last year was very successful. Most of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assembly proposals submitted were accepted and we were encouraged to continue to submit proposals, especially in collaboration with other Assemblies. I would be

PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 2014 (Cont'd)

Rebecca Crouch, PT, DPT, CCS

delighted to work with the upcoming chair for the next year (2014-2015), completing the transition at the time of 2015 annual conference next year. I am certainly willing to discuss committee membership and the Chair's responsibilities with any of you who may be interested.

WEB COMMITTEE

Frits Franssen, MD

Dr. Frits Franssen has played a key role in the development of our web committee. The results of his initiatives and perseverance have turned this committee into one of our most exciting. Here are his comments:

Journal Clubs

Since October 2013 we have organized four Journal Clubs. Topics included were 'Nonlinear exercise training in COPD', 'One-legged training in COPD', 'Pulmonary rehabilitation in patients with comorbidities' and 'Clusters of objectively identified comorbidities in COPD'. Each of the webinars starts with the invited speaker introducing the paper, followed by an live discussion led by international experts in the field of respiratory disease most closely associated with the selected articles. Participants from all over the world contribute online and by phone. The discussion is attended by the authors of the papers and the panelists. Our Journal clubs were well received and attended by a maximum of one hundred participants. We are planning the sessions for next year and welcome your proposals for interesting articles. Please contact Dr. Frits Franssen, "fritsfranssen@ciro-horn.nl" with any suggestions or ideas.

Gallery

The PR Assembly web site now includes a new gallery of officers and committee members. In this way, we have increased the visibility of the Assembly members in order to encourage easier interactions among our assembly. The photographs include email addresses. In the near future, the web committee aims to expand this function by identifying our general PR Assembly members as well as including pictures of events and rehabilitation programs.

European Respiratory Society Martijn Spruit, MD

Dr. Martijn Spruit has been a very active member of our Assembly especially involved with the new ATS-ERS Statement on Rehabilitation. In addition he is an Executive Member and the current chair of the ERS Scientific Group 01.02., which is the group most similar to our rehabilitation assembly. We asked Martijn to comment on the activities of this group.

The ERS Scientific Group 01.02 offers the opportunity to exchange information on the latest developments related to Rehabilitation and Chronic Care of individuals with chronic lung disease. It offers an international platform for

European Respiratory Society (Cont'd) Martijn Spruit, MD

interdisciplinary discussions on rehabilitation and chronic care.

At the annual ERS international congress this group covers all aspects of rehabilitation in COPD and non-COPD, including exercise training, nutritional counselling, psychology and occupational therapy, as well as physical inactivity, care following rehabilitation and the many extra pulmonary aspects of chronic lung disease. The chronic care aspect of the group includes palliative care, advance life directives, end-of-life communication, home care, E-health, self-management and more.

We are truly multi-disciplinary and welcome everybody who is interested in rehabilitation and chronic care of those with chronic lung disease. Therefore our group includes; respiratory physicians, geriatricians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, nurses, social workers, dieticians, respiratory function technologists, movement scientist, epidemiologists, enhanced art therapists and behavioural scientists.

The group members receive a monthly literature update of clinically relevant English-language articles, which we are happy to share with the ATS PR Assembly members. We encourage everybody, including non-members, to submit congress abstracts on the abovementioned topics that will stimulate discussion between experts and novices in our areas of expertise.

Joint projects with the ATS PR Assembly include: The New ATS/ERS Statement on Pulmonary Rehabilitation (Spruit et al AJRCCM October 2013), the upcoming ATS/ERS Statement on Skeletal Muscle Dysfunction in COPD (Maltais et al AJRCCM May 2014), the upcoming Official Systematic Review of "Measurement Properties of Field Walking Tests (Singh et al. Eur Respir J, 2014), and the upcoming Official ERS/ATS Technical Standard: Field Walking Tests in Chronic Respiratory Disease (Holland et al. Eur Respir J, 2014). By working together with the ATS, we can also better understand whether and to what extent regional differences exist in the content, components, structure and organization of pulmonary rehabilitation programs worldwide.

The ATS MECOR PROGRAM

Fran Du Melle, Senior Director of International Activities

We asked Fran Du Melle, Senior Director of International Activities to summarize the ATS Methods in Epidemiological, Clinical and Operations Research (MECOR) Program. Below is what she submitted to our Assembly newsletter. If anyone is interested in becoming a MECOR faculty please contact either: A. Sonia Buist, MD, ATS MECOR Program Director (buists@ohsu.edu) or Fran Du Melle (fdumelle@thoracic.org).

The MECOR program is aimed at physicians and public health professionals who see patients with respiratory problems and would like to increase their research skills as well as academic physicians who would like to have more training in clinical research methods. It is designed to 1) help clinicians and health care professionals use data from the literature to improve their clinical practice 2) develop skills to study local, national or international problems 3) develop and evaluate interventions 4) use date to inform public policy 5) improve clinical practices and guidelines 6) improve academic and teaching programs.

Over 20 years there have been more than 1000 graduates from middle and low-income countries including; Latin America, Africa, the Mediterranean, India, South East Asia, China and Indonesia. The overall vision is improved global lung health through the development of local and regional lung disease research capacity. It builds on the idea of developing local research skills to improve health by designing studies to evaluate interventions most

The ATS MECOR PROGRAM (Cont'd)

Fran Du Melle, Senior Director of International Activities

likely to be locally effective. It includes mentoring of local country faculty and students to become future faculty who will increase research capacity in host countries.

MECOR is a multi-level program with competencies ranging from basic research design to data analysis and developing study publications. Students are able to move up the ladder to successively higher levels with more advanced content.

MECOR partners include the Asociación Latinoamericana de Tórax, the Pan African Thoracic Society, the Turkish Thoracic Society, US Centers for Disease Control, University of Sydney/National TB Program of Vietnam, University of Peking/George Institute for International Health and US National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and Indonesian Society of Respirology.

ATS FOUNDATION

James F. Donohue, MD

James F. Donohue, MD, Chairman of the Foundation of the American Thoracic Society, Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine – Chapel Hill, continues to do magical leadership volunteer work in developing and sustaining our ATS foundation. His work is indispensable in order for us to continue to grow and to sustain high level clinical care, teaching, training and research.

The Foundation of the American Thoracic Society was established 10 years ago and each year, the amount of funding for research has increased. I am proud that the Foundation has been a leader amongst all professional medical associations in the number and size of grants that we have awarded to early stage investigators in pulmonary critical care and sleep medicine. Many of the funds are raised from ATS members. In fact, over 1,000 members or 12% are contributing to our young investigators. In 2013, to forestall the loss of early stage investigators discouraged by current funding situation, the Foundation was able to increase its support significantly by launching recognition awards for outstanding early career investigators. The Foundation hopes to increase the number of unrestricted grants for each of the ATS 3 pillars: Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. We also continue to work with Mecor with their research grants as well as supporting specific grants with the PARS. I am very pleased with the support that the Foundation has received from the ATS PR Assembly. I look forward to encountering many of the members at the ATS Benefit and the International Congress in San Diego.

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Subject: Do you have something to ask the ATS Executive Committee or the ATS Journal Editors? Send us your Questions!

ATS Executive Committee welcomes questions from ATS Members

Rather than provide a formal presentation as has been done in years past the ATS Executive Committee would like to answer questions posed by you in the time allotted for their visit to each Assembly. The current Executive Committee includes President Patricia Finn, President-Elect Thomas Ferkol, Vice President Atul Malhotra, Secretary-Treasurer David Gozal and Immediate Past President Monica Kraft. Now is your chance to have the EC representative address your specific questions or concerns about the Society.

The ATS PR Assembly Membership Meeting will take place at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel on: Monday, May 19th at 5.00pm.

Please email all questions to PR@thoracic.org

ATS Journal Editors welcome questions from ATS Members

The ATS Journal Editors are also willing to entertain specific questions rather than making a formal presentation. Current ATS Journal Editors include Jacob Iasha Sznajder (AJRCCM), Kenneth B. Adler (AJRCMB), and John Hansen-Flaschen (Annals of ATS). If you have ever wondered about the inner workings of the journals or how you can get more involved, this would be the time and place to ask. The editors will do their best to answer these questions during the Assembly Membership Meetings at the International Conference.

Please email all questions to PR@thoracic.org

Assembly Chair Roger Goldstein, MC ChB

Our assembly continues to thrive as seen by our many activities. Please encourage colleagues to join. You may choose to make this your primary Assembly, or to include it as one of your secondary Assemblies. Either can be accomplished by sending your request to http://thoracic.org/membership/index.php. If you live outside of the US, membership fees are considerably less e.g. \$40 for full membership. See http://www.thoracic.org/membership/categories-and-fees.php for an outline of fees and categories. The strength and clinical messages of Pulmonary Rehabilitation are best seen in the abstracts and presentations at the Spring ATS international conference in San Diego (May 16-21).

Roger Goldstein Assembly Chair

Assembly on Pulmonary Rehabilitation Membership Meeting

Monday, May 19th 5:00pm-7:00pm

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

Harbor Ballroom E-F Second Floor

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2015!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2015. 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 Rebecca Crouch, DPT, MS, PT at rebecca.crouch@duke.edu

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

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!

LUNG DISEASE WEEK AT FATS

January~December, 2014

In 2014, the ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) continues its successful program "Lung Disease Week at the ATS," which represents a society-wide initiative to recognize the many rare lung disorders for which ATS PAR member organizations provide support and guidance to patients and their families. For a series of one-week periods throughout 2014 ATS PAR will bring patient issues to the front and center of the Society's agenda. Working with its PAR partners, the ATS will develop, aggregate and host links to disease-specific content on its Web site. Material will include patient stories, testimonials, interviews, videos, photos, support group information, details on ongoing legislative efforts and clinical trial updates. The ATS will foster interaction between patients, clinicians and researchers by hosting online question-and-answer sessions, Webinars and/or podcasts featuring lung disease experts. See the full calendar of lung disease weeks below.

2014 Date	Disease Week	PAR Member	ATS Board Member
Feb 9-15	Sarcoidosis	Andrea Wilson	Carrie Redlich,
		(Foundation for Sarcoidosis	MD
		Research)	
Mar 2-8	Cystic Fibrosis	Beth Sufian	Samya Nasr, MD
		(Cystic Fibrosis Foundation)	
Apr 6-12	ARDS	Eileen Rubin	Shannon Carson,
		(ARDS Foundation)	MD
Apr 20-26	Sleep Disorders	Ed Grandi	Atul Malhotra,
		(American Sleep Apnea	MD
		Association)	
Jun1-7	LAM	Mary Harbaugh	Charlie Strange,
		(The LAM Foundation)	MD
Jun 22-28	Scleroderma	Kerri Connolly	Nick Hill, MD
		(Scleroderma Foundation)	(ATS Past President)
July 6-12	Pulmonary	Debbie Castro (Pulmonary	Jason Yuan, MD
	Hypertension	Hypertension Association)	
	LUB	*Also local onsite event	D. I
Aug 3-9	chILD	Greg Porta	Robin Deterding,
		(chILD Foundation) *Also local onsite event	MD
Aug 24-30	Rare Lung Diseases	Jack Kelly (Lymphangiomatosis	Jess Mandel, MD
Aug 24-30	Mare Lung Diseases	& Gorham's Disease Alliance)	Jess Manuel, MD
		& Gorriani s Disease Amance)	

Sep 7-13	Lung Transplant	Jeff Goldstein (Lung Transplant Foundation) *Also local onsite event	Various
Sep 21-27	Pulmonary Fibrosis	Teresa Barnes	Jesse Roman,
		(Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis)	MD
Oct 5-11	Asthma	Charlotte Collins (Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America)	Greg Downey, MD
Nov			
Dec 7-13	Lung Cancer	Regina Vidaver (Free to Breathe, <i>formerly NLCP</i>)	Linda Nici, MD

Please join us in honoring William W. Busse, MD, during ATS 2014 in San Diego on Saturday, May 17, at 7 p.m., at the Sixth Annual American Thoracic Society Foundation Research Program Benefit.



His impassioned advocacy and generosity towards the ATS Foundation Research Program has given promising young investigators in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine a "lifeline" at a crucial moment in their careers.

Because Dr. Busse's clinical and research interests are central to both the ATS and the AAAAI, the Foundation invites friends and colleagues in both organizations to celebrate his remarkable dedication to helping patients.

There are several ways you may pay tribute to Dr. Busse:

- If you are planning to attend ATS 2014, please register for the Benefit at http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefit.
- If you are unable to attend the Benefit but wish to place an ad or make a donation to the Research Program in honor of Dr. Busse, please visit http://www.thoracic.org/go/benefitcontributions.

For more information, contact ErinMarie Nebel at EMNebel@thoracic.org or at 212-315-6464.

Every dollar contributed will go directly to support research awards for early career scientists.

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2014 ATS International Conference in San Diego

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

 Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 16th from 6-9 PM, Golden Hill A/B, 3rd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt.

This session is required for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new document projects. The session is recommended for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at iharmon@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.

Update: A second session has been added for current Guideline Panel Chairs or new Guideline Panel Chairs who cannot attend the Friday evening session. The second session will be held on Saturday, May 17 from 5-6 PM, TBA, Manchester Grant Hyatt.

- Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session: Monday, May 19th from 7-8:30 PM, Balboa A/B, 2nd Floor, Manchester Grand Hyatt. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this new training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in San Diego, 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 discuss and answer questions about Official ATS Documents. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozeki@mcmaster.ca Please indicate the name of your panel and a range of time that would be appropriate for their visit.
- Office Hours: Stop by our second annual "Office Hours" to meet and talk with Dr. Kevin Wilson and/or Dr. Jan Brozek about any Official ATS Document related matters. Office hours will be held from 10-11 am on Sunday May 18 and Monday May 19 in the Manchester Grand Hyatt (Room TBA).