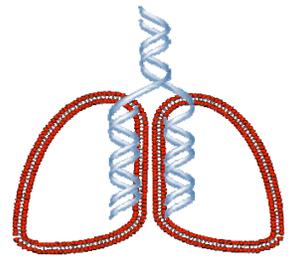




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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Its hard to believe the ATS meeting is almost upon us again! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in my old stomping grounds. San Francisco is always a great place for a meeting.

ATS Program Committee: I am happy to say we've got a great line-up of programming this year, thanks to our Program Committee Chair, Irina Petrache, Chair-elect, Martin Kolb, and the hard working program committee. As always, we get a tremendous number of symposium and session proposals and it is hard to narrow down (almost as tough as getting an R01 these days...). It is not too early to start thinking about a proposal for next year (ATS Philadelphia '13), as the deadline is fast approaching on July 2nd. Please make sure to come on Sunday afternoon to the Scientific Breakthrough Session on Biomarkers of Lung disease-Debbie Nickerson and Robert Gerszten will be giving state of the art talks on genetic epidemiology and metabolomics. It is a great opportunity to hear world-class scientists outside of pulmonary biology field discuss their work. The session is dedicated to Jo Rae Wright and will also feature outstanding abstract presentations from the next generation of scientists, chosen by assembly program committees.



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New at the conference! The Science and Innovation Center (SIC) will serve as a centralized venue to advance the scientific and educational goals of the Society and the International Conference on a very personal level, providing scientists with access to experts in pulmonary and critical care research for one-on-one discussions. The Center will be open Sunday through Tuesday, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (2:00 PM on Tuesday), with light food and beverages available throughout the day. We will have Scientific Expert Consultation Sessions, where leaders in a field will present a short overview of "dos and don'ts" in grant writing and experimental design related to their area of expertise, followed by informal discussion, and ability to discuss individual data. In addition, we will have several career development sessions, aims at basic science researchers, including Meet the Editor of the Red Journal, and Negotiating for an Academic Career. Please make sure to stop by during the meeting!

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RCMB Working Groups. We have a variety of working groups within RCMB that are quite active. I will just highlight a few here. For a full listings, please see our website (<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rcmb/working-groups--committees.php>).

The Junior Professional Working Group consists of fellows and junior faculty, led by Peter Chen, and next years chair, Barry Shea. They have put together a beautiful new brochure aimed at attracting new members to RCMB. They are also putting together the very first RCMB Assembly dinner that will be held immediately following our business meeting. The dinner will honor the in-training members who will be receiving Travel Awards, and the Basbaum Awardee, and feature an entertaining talk by Dr. Mark Krasnow, Stanford University, who has done seminal work in lung development.

Website Activities. We've got a new RCMB website director, Jeff Horowitz, who, along with the website committee, is actively working on revising the layout of our website and is adding new and up-to-date content. Check out the calendar listings of meetings of interest to RCMB members at <http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/rcmb/calendar-of-events.php>. Jeff is actively seeking new content, so please email him with ideas and suggestions: jchorow@umich.edu

Working Group on Lung Fibrosis: The group just submitted a paper summarizing the results of a state-of-the-art workshop exploring comparative pathobiology of lung fibrosis between humans and domesticated animals which identifies areas of common interest and provides recommendations for moving forward. Keep an eye for this manuscript to be published in Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society. Moving forward, the group is working on developing an official ATS/ERS Statement defining future directions in human lung fibrosis research."

Working Group on Aging: is, ironically, is our youngest working group Under the leadership of Dr. Mauricio Rojas (University of Pittsburg) and the assistance of Dr. Meiners (Munich University) and Dr. Jourdan Le Saux (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio), The goals of the group are to increase awareness of the effect of aging in lung health and disease, and provide a forum work towards the elucidation of molecular mechanisms involved in the susceptibility to acute and chronic lung diseases associated with aging. The group has organized scientific sessions for the upcoming ATS International Conference. Additionally, in conjunction with the European Respiratory Society, the aging group is planning a symposium on lung aging that will be held in Munich, Germany during last week of September 2013. If you are interested in this working group, please contact Dr. Mauricio Rojas (rojasm@upmc.edu).

Upcoming Meetings of Interest:

The 2012 Summer FASEB meeting: "The Lung Epithelium in Health and Disease" will convene on July 22-27 in Saxtons River, VT. This will be a very exciting event and we hope you will be to participate. A call for abstracts will be sent by FASEB soon. Trainees in particular are encouraged to submit their work, as there will be several slots allocated for oral presentations and three poster sessions.

Plenary Sessions will include topics, such as:

- Airway Epithelial Biology and Mechanisms of Disease
- Molecular Basis of Lung Developmental Abnormalities
- Modeling and Remodeling the Lung
- Road to Cancer: from Metaplasia to Metastasis
- Systems Biology Approaches to Lung Disease
- Epigenetic and Small RNA in Lung Biology and Disease
- Alveolar Homeostasis and Damage
- Beyond the Epithelium: Muscle and Matrix Regulation

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Save the date: 2013 Gordon Research Conference on Lung Development, Injury and Repair will be held **August 17-18, 2013 at Proctor Academy, Andover, NH.** Stay tuned for further details!

Finally, I'd like to express my sorrow at the death of **Dr. Jo Rae Wright.** In addition to being ATS President, Jo-Rae was a long term RCMB member, and former RCMB Assembly Chair. Jo-Rae was instrumental in getting me involved in ATS and RCMB activities, and was always a source of support and mentorship to myself and my other investigators. Her untimely death is a loss for all of us. However, we will work hard to ensure her legacy of mentorship and friendship will continue to flourish at ATS and RCMB Assembly. We are planning additional tributes at the meeting, details will be forthcoming.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions (lschnapp@uw.edu).

Best,
Lynn

Assembly on Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology Dinner

*MONDAY, MAY 21ST
7:00PM-10:00PM*

*SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
YERBA BUENA BALLROOM 7
LOWER B2 LEVEL*

*REGISTER FOR THE DINNER AT
<https://www.xpressreg.net/register/thor052/lookup.asp>*

Assembly on Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology Membership Meeting

*MONDAY, MAY 21ST
5:00PM-7:00PM*

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<u>Session Code</u>	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A8	ARRA-FUNDED LUNG STEM AND PROGENITOR CELL PROJECTS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A86	NEONATAL ORIGINS OF ADULT PULMONARY DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B89	UBIQUITINATION AND PROTEOLYSIS IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C11	IMAG(IN)E THE LUNG: NEW METHODOLOGIES FOR REAL-TIME VISUALIZATION OF THE LUNG IN EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS AND PATIENTS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C88	LUNG CANCER STEM CELLS AND THE ROLE OF THE MICROENVIRONMENT IN LUNG CARCINOGENESIS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D7	ALVEOLAR EPITHELIUM IN FIBROTIC LUNG REMODELING: INNOCENT BY-STANDER OR KEY PLAYER?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D89	LIVE AND LET DIE: LINKING ENDOPLASMIC STRESS, AUTOPHAGY AND APOPTOSIS IN LUNG HEALTH AND DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
MP415	THE DO'S AND DON'TS OF A K08 APPLICATION	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
MP515	THE PROCESS OF WRITING AND REVIEWING A SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
MP516	GENE THERAPY FOR LUNG DISEASES: A POSTPONED DREAM WHOSE TIME HAS COME?	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
MP615	GM-CSF INHALATION AS A LESS INVASIVE TREATMENT FOR PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminar			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
SS114	CONTEMPORARY TECHNIQUES FOR EPIGENETIC AND EPIGENOMIC STUDIES IN LUNG DISEASE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
SS115	PRACTICAL INTEGRATION OF NOVEL AND ESTABLISHED IMAGING TECHNIQUES FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND STAGING OF LUNG CANCER	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
SS214	OF MICE AND MEN: THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS OF PRECLINICAL MODELS OF IPF	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
SS313	MITOCHONDRIAL METABOLISM: A NOVEL THERAPEUTIC TARGET IN CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A16	THE MATRIX IN CONTROL: PATHOBIOLOGY DRIVEN BY MATRIX REMODELING AND RIGIDITY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM

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Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A16	THE MATRIX IN CONTROL: PATHOBIOLOGY DRIVEN BY MATRIX REMODELING AND RIGIDITY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C18	EMERGING PATHWAYS AND SECONDARY HITS IN PULMONARY FIBROSIS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C97	MECHANISM AND OUTCOMES OF CELLULAR AUTOPHAGY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
C98	NOVEL AIRWAY EPITHELIAL BARRIER AND IMMUNE RESPONSES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D98	NOVEL MECHANISMS OF TUMOR PROMOTION AND MOLECULAR TARGETED THERAPY IN LUNG CANCER	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
D99	REPAIR BY STEM CELLS: PARACRINE MECHANISMS AND INDUCED PLURIPOTENT STEM CELLS (IPSCS)	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Poster Discussion Session			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A30	PULMONARY VICES : CIGARETTE SMOKE, ALCOHOL AND OXIDATIVE STRESS RESPONSES OF THE LUNG	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B27	BALANCING ACT: NOVEL FUNCTIONS OF THE PROTEASE AND ANTIPROTEASES IN THE LUNG	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B28	EMERGING BIOMARKERS OF COMPLEX LUNG DISEASES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C29	FAT SIGNALS: CROSSTALK BETWEEN THE ADIPOSE TISSUE AND THE LUNG	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C109	EFFECTS OF SENESENCE AND MANIFESTATIONS OF AGING IN THE LUNG	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D28	DEVELOPMENTAL SIGNALING REBORN IN ADULT LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D29	STICKY SITUATION: MULTI-FATE OF CELL AND MATRIX INTERACTIONS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A59	FIBROBLAST BIOLOGY RELOADED	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A60	COPD: OMICS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A61	ANTIFIBROTICS AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS IN EXPERIMENTAL LUNG FIBROSIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A62	NEW INSIGHTS IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY: IN VIVO AND IN VITRO	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A63	NEW CONCEPTS IN THE ALVEOLAR SURFACTANT STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A64	LOCAL AND SYSTEMIC EFFECTS OF SMOKE EXPOSURE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B65	EPIGENETIC REGULATION OF LUNG CELL FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B66	THE FIBROBLAST POOL ON THE MOVE: DERIVATION AND TARGETING	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B67	ION TRANSPORT IN LUNG CELLS: IMPACT ON LUNG FUNCTION AND DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

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C67	TRANSLATIONAL "OMICS" DISCOVERIES IN LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C68	OLD AND NEW PATHWAYS TO PULMONARY FIBROSIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C69	CELLULAR SIGNALING OF OXIDATIVE STRESS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C70	REPAIR AND REGENERATION: STEM CELL FUNCTIONS AND APPLICATIONS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C71	MAJOR IMPACT OF MICRO-RNA FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

D71	ANIMAL MODELS OF LUNG FIBROSIS: BLEO AND BEYOND	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D72	CELL FATE DECISIONS: APOPTOSIS VS. SURVIVAL OF STRUCTURAL CELLS OF THE LUNG	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D73	RECEPTOR INPUT OF AIRWAY NETWORKING	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D74	MOLECULAR TARGETS AND MODEL THERAPIES FOR LUNG CANCER	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D75	MUCINS: NOVEL PATHWAYS OF REGULATION AND PREVIOUSLY UNSUSPECTED FUNCTIONS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D76	ALVEOLAR EPITHELIUM: NOVEL TOOLS AND PHENOTYPES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D77	AIRWAY CELL DIFFERENTIATION AND INJURY: TWO SIDES OF A COIN	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D78	PATHWAYS AND MODELS OF LUNG ONCOGENESIS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

Patients to Speak At Seventeen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at seventeen symposia at the 2012 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium (Session B90) for the last nine years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2011. This is the ninth 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	CODE	SESSION TITLE	TALK DATE/TIME
AII, RCMB	A85	THE IL33/ST2 AXIS: NEW BIOLOGY AND NEW POTENTIAL TARGETS IN ASTHMA	Sunday 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, AII, PEDS,	A86	NEONATAL ORIGINS OF ADULT PULMONARY DISEASE	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, AII, CC	A88	MICROPARTICLES: SMALL WONDERS OR A BIG DEAL IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY AND PULMONARY HYPERTENSION?	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, AII, CP	B5	'IDIOPATHIC' INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS/PULMONARY FIBROSIS: IS 'IDIOPATHIC' TRULY 'IDIOPATHIC'?	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am

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ASSEMBLY	CODE	SESSION TITLE	TALK DATE/TIME
MTPI, CP, PEDS	B10	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA UPDATE: GUIDELINES PLUS 5	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am
CP, EOH	B82	THE MANY FACES OF BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS: NEW INSIGHTS FROM OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TO HUMAN TRANSPLANTATION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
NUR, BSA, CP	B87	DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH PATIENTS	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, All, BSA	B88	WORK-EXACERBATED ASTHMA: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CLINICAL APPROACH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
SRN, RSF	C8	NO PAIN NO GAIN; WILL UPPER-AIRWAY EXERCISE TRAINING/ELECTRICAL STIMULATION WORK FOR SLEEP APNEA?	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
PR, BSA, NUR	C9	PULMONARY REHABILITATION ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF ILLNESS FOR PATIENTS WITH COPD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
BSA, CP	C10	IMPLEMENTING LUNG CANCER SCREENING: MOVING FROM RCTS TO THE REAL WORLD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
CP, BSA, NUR	C82	PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS OF HYPERINFLATION IN COPD: PATHOGENESIS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, All	C88	LUNG CANCER STEM CELLS AND THE ROLE OF THE MICROENVIRONMENT IN LUNG CARCINOGENESIS	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
PEDS, All, CP	D9	CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SICKLE CELL LUNG DISEASE	Wed 5/23 8:15-10:45 am
All, CP, EOH	D85	HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS: RECENT ADVANCES, FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, BSA, PR	D86	IMPACT OF EXERCISE ON CARDIOPULMONARY STATUS: IMPLICATIONS FOR PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PAR, CP, MTPI	B90	(PAR SYMPOSIUM) GOING FOR THE CURE: THE MYCOBACTERIA CASE	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm

ATS PAR Symposium

During ATS 2012, the Society's Public Advisory Roundtable will once again bring together clinicians, researchers and patients at its annual symposium on Monday, May 21, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

This year, the program will focus on nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) diseases. A host of experts will discuss various research agendas, all of which are designed to identify a cure to control and reduce the burden of these environmental disorders.

"Faculty members will first talk more generally about what is needed for a disease or condition to progress toward a cure or control using mycobacterial diseases as an example," said Teresa Barnes, chair of ATS PAR and vice president of patient outreach and advocacy at the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, who will co-chair the symposium with ATS Immediate-Past President Dean E. Schraufnagel, MD. "Then, presenters will highlight the areas of research that are most likely to produce breakthroughs in environmental mycobacterial diseases and focus on research and its application to these disorders."

The event will begin with Ms. Barnes giving out ATS PAR's 2012 awards, which honor individuals who are committed to advancing research and clinical care in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Next, Dr. Schraufnagel will introduce a patient speaker who will talk about NTM disease from the patient and family perspectives. Other faculty members will then focus on the importance of removing bacteria from the environment, the role of molecular methods in diagnosis and testing effective treatments.

For more information about this symposium, please visit <http://conference.thoracic.org> and search for session B90.

Breathing Better with the ATS

*The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to invite you to our sixth annual **FREE** patient forum “Breathing Better with the ATS.”*

**SATURDAY MAY 19, 2012
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
San Francisco Marriott Marquis
55 Fourth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(Room Golden Gate A, Golden Gate Level B2)**

The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference. You'll have an opportunity to hear from experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. This year's discussions will focus on quality of life and the panel includes:

Paul Wolters, MD • Jeffrey Swigris, DO • Jeffrey Golden, MD
Molly Bourne, MD • Sally McLaughlin, RN, MSN

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012

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

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2013!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2013. 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 Eric White, MD at docew@med.umich.edu.

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

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 18 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The San Francisco Marriott

Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2012.

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

Help Select Future ATS Leaders: Submit Your Nominations

The Society's Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for candidates to be elected ATS Secretary-Treasurer for 2013-2014. The successful candidate will advance through the leadership offices and serve as ATS President in 2016-2017.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is critical for the ATS, as this individual spends three years learning about the Society's structure and leadership. They will then serve as President in the fourth year; and finally serve as immediate past in the final year as an officer.

When making a nomination, it is recommended that you consider an individual's organizational ability, leadership skills, reputation in the field, willingness to devote time to the ATS, contributions to the work of the Society's and diplomacy.

The Nominating Committee has improved the process for submitting nominations; please visit <http://www.thoracic.org/go/secretary-treasurer> to learn more about this position and to nominate a colleague or to submit a self nomination.

Letters of Interest are due by July 31, 2012.

About the other ATS Journals

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (AJRCCM) continues its new initiatives, including faster review turnaround times, concise clinical reviews, an images section, the fellows recommended reading series, the redesigned cover, as well as podcast interviews and discussions.

American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (AJRCMB), now an online-only journal, has dramatically reduced its publag and offers free color art to members, as well as reduced rates to non-members. As a new initiative, AJRCMB will highlight in each issue one or more stellar papers written by a junior investigator.

The American Thoracic Society is relaunching *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society (PATS)* beginning in 2013 as a bi-monthly, online, clinician-oriented journal.

The ATS is pleased to announce that John Hansen-Flaschen, MD, is the new Editor-in-Chief of PATS. Dr. Hansen-Flaschen is Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Chief of the Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division, and Medical Director of the Penn Lung Center.

He envisions the new PATS as “a lively scholarly journal that is fully invested in ATS values of scientific inquiry and integrity and is complementary – but not qualitatively inferior – to the two ATS established journals.” The new PATS will target clinicians with current and concise reviews, original research, commentaries, education materials, and editorials. The spectrum of content will include pulmonary, critical care, sleep medicine, pediatrics, and evidence-based nursing. PATS will retain its special issues: Aspen, Transatlantic, and the Clinical Year in Review.

Please stop by the Clinician’s Center at the ATS Conference on Tuesday, May 22, from noon to 2 pm, to meet Dr. Hansen-Flaschen.

Please join us for the Fourth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on Saturday, May 19, 7:00 pm, at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco.

In response to past attendees’ requests for maximum time to socialize at the benefit, the Foundation has redesigned the format to be as interactive and fun as possible. Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of San Francisco’s delicious cuisines at food stations. There will be dancing to the sounds of a San Francisco DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Service, University of California at San Francisco. Dr. King will be the recipient of the 2012 Breathing for Life Award, the highest honor conferred by the Foundation on an individual for philanthropy.

The continuation of unrestricted and matching research partner grants will depend on the Foundation’s ability to raise funds from ATS members like you. Thanks to your past support, the Foundation will be funding three unrestricted grants, one more than last year. To register, please use this link: <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/thor052/foundation>. For more information, please visit: <http://foundation.thoracic.org>, or contact Lydia Neumann: Lneumann@thoracic.org.