

South Asian Sub-Continent Organization (SASCO) ATS Interest Group

SASCO Committee Name: SASCO Collaborative Research

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Committee Prioritized Attainable Objectives (Short/Long):

Short Term Goals:

- 1) Identify members within ATS, pulmonary, critical care, sleep and allergy societies in Asia particularly India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Shri Lanka who are interested in developing collaborative projects.
- 2) Arrange for networking time at the ATS for the interested members to discuss a) identify areas of interest for collaborative projects b) Discuss specific goals of the projects and plan to execute them in the near future.
- 3) Identify one person in each area (leader of each society in each country)
- 4) Encourage abstract submission from SASCO countries- recognize important work presented by junior investigators and fellows with awards a) certificate of excellence b) raise funds for scholarship awards.

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- 5) Extend research opportunities to the SASCO countries and vice versa
- 6) Leverage current ATS process to facilitate small grants opportunities (Scholarships)
- 7) Get companies to support specific research awards
- 8) Communicate with the SASCO Outreach committee with specific objective
- 9) Develop a social media (Facebook/twitter/website) to encourage regular communication between SASCO leaders in Asia and US

Long Term Goals:

- 1) Develop robust collaborative projects of importance in areas of unmet medical need within the SASCO members and US investigators from SASCO countries.
- 2) Encourage grant submission to both NIH and Industry to support the SASCO goals to work towards improving respiratory health in SASCO countries.

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End Goal or Expected Product:

We will develop robust scientific and clinical collaborations from SASCO members in Asia and US and work to improve lung health within the SASCO countries through ATS and SASCO respiratory societies.