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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Colleagues,

This has been an exciting year for the Behavioral Science Health Services Research (BSHSR) Assembly, home to ATS members with expertise in behavioral science, clinical epidemiology, comparative clinical efficacy and effectiveness research, health economics, health services research, implementation science, medical education, patient-centered outcomes research, performance measurement, quality improvement, psychology, and statistics.



Jerry A. Krishnan, MD, PhD

I have had the privilege of working with an outstanding Executive Committee and active Assembly membership. A summary of our Assembly's diverse portfolio of activities this past year is included in this newsletter. As you will see, we have been busy!

Hope to see you at our Assembly Membership Meeting on **Sunday, May 18, 2014, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego (Seaport Ballroom F-G, 2nd floor)**. It is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and meet new ones! The Assembly Meeting will begin with a tribute to Noreen Clark, PhD (1943-2013), a founding member of our Assembly, scholar, and gifted mentor. We will also get an update from the ATS leadership, Editors of AJRCCM, and members of the BSHSR Executive Committee. Assembly members will be invited to vote on our Assembly's Mission Statement and on a petition to establish a Section on Medical Education.

If you are new to ATS or to our Assembly, I encourage you to attend the Assembly meeting 30 minutes early (6:00 PM) to meet with me and the incoming Assembly Chair, Kristin Riekert. We would happy to answer questions you may have about our Assembly, including opportunities to join committees (Program, Planning, Web, Nominating) or working groups (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research, Medical Education, Evidence Synthesis Methodology).

See you in San Diego!

MESSAGE FROM INCOMING CHAIR

Kristen A. Riekert, PhD

I am looking forward to beginning my term as the BSHSR Assembly Chair. In addition to continuing the excellent work initiated by my predecessors, there are several new initiatives happening across the ATS that will benefit from BSHSR expertise and input.

The most significant initiative is an ATS-wide initiative on Health Equality. ATS President Patricia Finn has assembled a Health Equality Subcommittee within the Health Policy Committee and charged the subcommittee to define health equality, identify what ATS Assemblies and Committees have been doing to address health equality, and produce recommendations for an ATS strategy for addressing health equality through cross committee cross assembly collaboration. This fall Lynn Gerald (former BSHSR Assembly Chair) and I joined the subcommittee. One of my goals as Assembly Chair will be to ensure that the BSHSR Assembly's long history of research and clinical expertise as well as conference programming in health disparities is recognized and that our members' wealth of expertise is tapped to support this important initiative.

I also hope to revive a formal mentoring program to support new and early career BSHSR members to navigate the sometimes overwhelming International Conference, understand how the ATS and BSHSR can support their career through mentorship and professional networking opportunities. Finally, there has been expressed interest in reviving the Quality of Life webpage and possibly expanding it to other patient reported outcomes, which will serve as repository of pulmonary, critical care and sleep related measures that can be used for research or clinical care. All these initiatives take people-power and are an excellent way to become more involved in the BSHSR. Please contact me or other members of the BSHSR Executive Committee if you are interested in working on any of these ventures.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Christopher H. Goss, MD, MSc, Chair, and Melissa Valerio, PhD, MPH, Chair-Elect

The BSHSR Program Committee just completed scheduling of programs for the 2014 ATS International Conference in San Diego. The vast array of topics will make for a compelling conference. Thank you to the committee members for all of the hard work and attention to detail in review of abstracts submitted.

The impact of BSHSR Assembly will be felt throughout the conference with several of the presentations tapped for highlighting in the ATS Bulletin. We have three major scientific symposia that are sure to resonate with the ATS membership. The first focuses on Accountable Care Organizations and their role in reshaping the US health care system. The next one is on disseminating and accelerating evidence based care in lung disease. The third symposium involves harnessing the electronic medical record in respiratory health. Of course, we have several additional sessions planned with other assemblies that will also be of interest. We additionally will have one Workshop on public speaking and presenting, two Meet the Professor sessions, four Sunrise Seminars, three Mini-Symposia, three Poster Discussion Sessions and four Thematic Poster Sessions. We also have one of our Mini-Symposia that is designated a Named Symposia in honor of Noreen Clark, PhD, University of Michigan School of Public Health and the Center for Managing Chronic Disease. Dr. Clark was one of the founding members of our Assembly. BSHSR Assembly continues to take the lead in the programming of quality improvement studies for the International Conference. In addition with collaboration with the Medical Education Working Group specific programming focused on medical education has been a focus for the 2014 program.

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We hope you will avail yourself of all the outstanding BSHSR programming at this year's conference! Thank you to all of those who submitted abstracts and program proposals, and those who helped review the applications. It is not too early to begin thinking of ideas for 2014, particularly in reference to Post-Graduate course offerings. The International Conference is a great time to meet with others and begin to solidify the ideas into concrete proposals for submission in early Summer 2014.

The 2014-2015 BSHSR Program Committee will be chaired by Melissa Valerio, PhD, MPH. The next BSHSR Program Committee meeting will be held early on **Tuesday morning, at 6:30 AM on May 20, 2014 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego (Harbor Ballroom A, 2nd floor)**. We hope you will be able to join us in shaping future programs. If you have questions about this year's Program Committee, please contact Dr. Chris Goss (goss@uw.edu). See you in sunny San Diego!

ATS 2014 - San Diego

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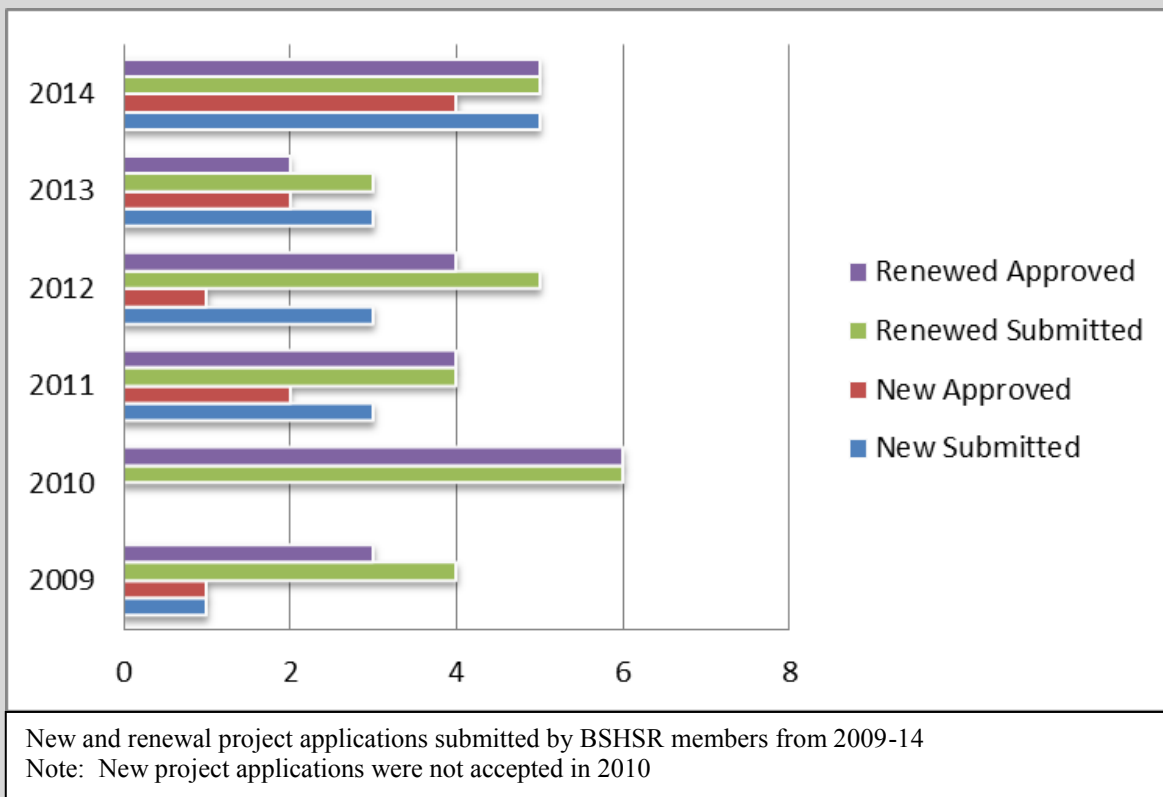
Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
WS5	SPEAK LIKE A PRO AND MAKE IT LOOK EASY: ENGAGING THE 21ST CENTURY AUDIENCE	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A86	ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS: WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B9	ASTHMA AND COPD IN MINORITIES: LESSONS FROM THE MOST RECENT EPIDEMIOLOGIC AND CLINICAL STUDIES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D5	ACCELERATING DISSEMINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EVIDENCE-BASE IN LUNG HEALTH	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A90	HEALTH INEQUITY IN TOBACCO USE AND DEPENDENCE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B11	HARNESSING THE ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C11	THE NEW VETERANS: CARE NEEDS AND LESSONS LEARNED	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 19, 2014			
SS103	IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES IN THE ICU	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
SS202	IMPLEMENTATION OF COPD GUIDELINES: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN EVIDENCE AND CARE DELIVERY	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
SS203	CARING FOR THE CRITICALLY ILL ELDERLY PATIENT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
SS302	MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING TO PROMOTE HEALTH BEHAVIOR CHANGE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
MP402	HOW TO DEAL WITH CHALLENGING INDIVIDUALS	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
MP502	ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION: CAREER ENHANCING OR CAREER KILLING?	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A94	ICU UTILIZATION AND OUTCOMES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C94	TACKLING HEALTH DISPARITIES: UNDERSTANDING AND ADDRESSING KEY DETERMINANTS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D13	USE OF E-HEALTH IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A22	TOBACCO: CESSATION, EXPOSURE, EDUCATION, AND EMERGING ISSUES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B102	COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS: TREATMENTS, RESEARCH, AND PRACTICE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20, 2014			
C23	ENVIRONMENTAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF ASTHMA AND COPD	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C101	GAME CHANGER: PHYSICIAN PERFORMANCE IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D22	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT: ADMISSION TO DISCHARGE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 18, 2014			
A37	COST, TECHNOLOGY, AND COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 19, 2014			
B36	IMPROVING PHYSICIAN PERFORMANCE AND TEACHING	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B37	QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21, 2014			
D37	EPIDEMIOLOGY: PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE RESEARCH	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Richard A. Mularski, MD, MSHS, MCR

The Planning Committee celebrates another very successful year with BSHSR Assembly members continuing to advance the mission of the ATS with many funded and completed projects. We have increased both the number of new/renewal ATS Project applications! For FY2014 we achieved the highest number of BSHSR submissions to receive support on record with 4 new and 5 renewal projects.



The new projects include **Preparing for Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening in the US** led by Renda Wiener and involving Clinical Problems and Nursing Assemblies. This ambitious project will conduct an online survey of all US members of the ATS Section of Thoracic Oncology and will inform a policy statement from the ATS on national preparedness for implementation of lung cancer screening. The project **Organizational Factors associated with ICU Outcomes: A Systematic Review** led by Meeta Kerlin in a joint effort with Critical Care and BSHSR Assemblies will systematically examine the literature regarding organizational models and patient outcomes; it will provide a foundation for the future development of an evidence-based clinical practice guideline for organization of critical care services. Another joint project spanning BSHSR, Clinical Problems, and Nursing Assemblies and the Documents Development and Implementation Committee is **A Strategic Framework for Addressing Multiple Chronic Conditions in Clinical Practice Guidelines** led by Kevin Wilson. The effort will formulate a practical approach to how multiple chronic conditions may be addressed within clinical practice guidelines. The fourth newly funded project for BSHSR Assembly in partnership with Nursing Assembly and others is a timely effort on **Patient Centered Outcomes Research in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine**; see report below from the Patient Centered Outcomes Working Group for more details.

All projects submitted by BSHSR for renewal were approved; three are anticipating completion in 2014 and three others have since been completed. These projects all target issues that have been prominent in the press in the past year and demonstrate how our Assembly members are helping the ATS remain at the forefront of leading science

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

Richard A. Mularski, MD

and policy around timely and controversial matters. The **ATS Research Statement on Recent Advances Tobacco Addiction and Smoking Cessation** led by Alexander White is a project being conducted in conjunction with the Tobacco Action Committee and the Allergy, Clinical Problems, Nursing, Pediatric, and Environmental Health Assemblies. The **Evaluation of Pulmonary Nodules: An Agenda for Research and Implementation in Practice** led by Chris Slatore is another project spanning multiple assemblies including RCMB, Clinical Problems, and Nursing. Lastly in partnership with the Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee, Gabe Bosslet is leading the **Statement on Futility and Goal Conflict in End-of-life Care in ICUs** that includes collaboration with the Critical Care and Nursing Assemblies. This interprofessional, multi-society (ATS, AACN, ACCP, ESICM, SCCM) effort has a draft manuscript under revision that emphasizes the prevention of intractable disputes, shared decision making, and a resolution process that allows for establishing appropriate boundaries for life sustaining therapies.

This past year saw the completion of two influential projects from our members. The **Comparative Effectiveness Research in Pulmonary, Sleep, and Critical Care Medicine** led by our outgoing Assembly chair, Jerry Krishnan, and project co-chairs Chris Goss, Sanjay Patel, and Shannon Carson was published in the AJRCCM in November 2013. The document summarizes key aspects of CER definitions and provides examples highlighting the complementary nature of efficacy and CER studies in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. The **Developing Performance Measures from ATS Guidelines** led by Jeremy Kahn, the outgoing chair of the Quality Improvement Committee, will be published in Annals ATS in April 2014. This framework will help guide the ATS in creating new performance measures that ensure clinical processes benefit patients and are supported by strong evidence. The project on **Palliative Management of Dyspnea Crisis** conducted jointly with BSHSR, Nursing, and Clinical Problem Assemblies was published in the Annals of the ATS in October 2013. The report coined the term *dyspnea crisis*, defined as “sustained and severe resting breathing discomfort that occurs in patients with advanced, often life-limiting illness and overwhelms the patient and caregivers’ ability to achieve symptom relief,” and offers recommendations into assessment, management, and further study.

Also noteworthy are two ATS Leadership projects that interface with BSHRS Assembly that were approved for FY2014. Scott Halpern and Renda Wiener have led joint efforts with other professional societies for the **ABIM Choosing Wisely** initiative, with recent releases of five target practices in both pulmonary and critical care medicine. The lists were published on the Choosing Wisely website and presented at the ATS, ACCP, and SCCM conferences. In addition, a companion piece with patient education is being prepared for consumer reports, an **ATS/ACCP Statement on the Pulmonary list** is in press in CHEST, and an **ATS/AACN/ACCP/SCCP Statement on the Critical Care list will be published in the AJRCCM** in 2014. Kevin Wilson will continue to lead the effort with Nursing and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assemblies to develop **An Official ATS/ERS Research Statement: Gaps in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Research**.

We look forward to supporting new ideas for projects! ATS Project applications and instructions are generally available in early July on the ATS website, with deadline for submission in mid-August. Topic ideas can be brought to the Planning Committee at its annual in-person meeting at the International Conference in May 2014. If you have questions about the Planning Committee or have ideas for a project, please contact Dr. Richard Mularski at Richard.mularski@kpchr.org.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Joe Gerald, MD, PhD, Chair

The Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Assembly established a formal web-committee to assist the web-director establish a more visible web presence on behalf of the Assembly. Inaugural members include Susan Bartlett, Noah Lechtzin, Michelle Meakin, Minal Patel, Jeremy Richards, Melissa Roberts, Hasan Shanawani, and Melissa Valerio. The committee has been charged with developing a plan to initiate a journal club activity, build a sustainable Quality of Life instrument database, and to create additional links to valuable web-based resources. The committee will communicate its initial plan to the assembly membership at the International Conference and will make a call for additional assistance.

PATIENT-CENTERED OUTCOMES WORKING GROUP

Susan Bartlett, PhD, Chair

In this first year, the Working Group collaborated in the successful submission of an Assembly project in partnership with Nursing Assembly. The project, led by Erin Kross, Susan Bartlett, Laura Feemster, Sai Parthasarathy & Howard Saft, will bring together a diverse group of participants for a workshop around patient-centered outcomes research in pulmonary, sleep and critical care medicine. The **Patient Centered Outcomes Research in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine** project leadership includes PAR members and patients to provide authentic patient-focused priorities to inform work in PCOR across the pillars of science in the ATS. The project will serve as a roadmap for future activities of this Working Group. If you have questions or would like to join this Working Group, please contact Dr. Susan Bartlett at susan.bartlett@mcgill.ca.

EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS METHODOLOGY WORKING GROUP

Kevin C. Wilson, M.D., Chair

The mission of the Evidence Synthesis Methodology Working Group (ESM-WG) is to provide a venue for ATS members who are interested in systematic reviews and/or clinical practice guideline methodology to collaborate, troubleshoot methodological challenges, and discuss cutting-edge developments in evidence appraisal and guideline development.

The ESM-WG is home to the ATS **Clinical Practice Guideline Methodology Training Program**, a program to attract new or junior members who want to learn how to perform a systematic review, appraise evidence, and/or formulate and grade recommendations using the GRADE approach. The ATS has an urgent need to identify, train, and retain such individuals, in order to increase the society's methodological capacity to support the development of ATS clinical practice guidelines. In December 2013, the training program held its inaugural introductory training workshop in Boston, MA and its participants are now being placed onto clinical practice guideline committees, where they will act as the methodologist with the mentorship of the ATS' methodologist.

The **Framework for Considering Multiple Chronic Co-morbidities in ATS Guidelines Workshop** will be held in conjunction with the ATS Assembly/Committee Summit in the Fall of 2014 in Orlando, FL. The goal of the workshop is to develop a systematic approach for considering multiple chronic co-morbidities in ATS clinical practice guidelines, since current guidelines tend to be written for a single chronic condition. The workshop is part of an initiative from the Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health to develop a "Strategic Framework on Multiple Chronic Conditions". The ATS has been invited to participate in this

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initiative. The full day workshop will feature morning talks on potential strategies to incorporate multiple chronic comorbidities into guidelines (e.g., including outcomes pertinent to comorbid conditions, downgrading evidence due to indirectness of the population, development of sets of recommendations, etc.) and an afternoon working session to develop an practical approach. The initial product of the workshop will be an Official ATS Workshop Report published in the Annals of the ATS. Anybody who is interested in participating in the workshop should contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org for additional information

Rigorous guideline methodology is effort and time-intensive. It is unknown which steps are vital and which are expendable, although such knowledge could prompt changes that improve the efficiency of clinical practice guidelines without sacrificing quality. The ESM-WG is interested in facilitating **original research into the methodology of clinical practice guidelines**, particular those that affect the balance of efficiency and quality. If you have a research idea for which you are seeking feedback or collaborators, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org

MEDICAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP

Tao Le, MD, MHS & David Roberts, MD, Co-Chairs

There have been many exciting developments for and achievements by the MEWG over the last year. Based on our growth and progress, and with the ongoing support of the entire BSHSR leadership team, we are proceeding toward the creation of a new ATS Education Section housed initially within BSHSR. Earlier this year, we successfully completed and analyzed the results of our ATS health professions education membership needs survey. The survey was completed by 443 participants, and 269 (or 69%) of the respondents indicated that they would be interested in joining an Education Section within ATS. The Education Section will aim to do the following:

- Program International Conference sessions focusing on topics in health professions education, education research and career development
- Provide networking opportunities for educators to discuss best practices and research
- Develop education-focused articles in ATS journals
- Write position papers and statements on education-related topics
- Create webinars and other curriculum resources for educators
- Serve as education advisors to Assembly and Committee projects

We are planning a **Medical Education Interest Luncheon** scheduled for **Sunday, May 18 at 12:00 pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego in Seaport Ballroom A (2nd Floor)**. We had 9 medical education proposals submitted to the BSHSR Program Committee. Two Meet the Professor sessions and one Workshop were accepted and programmed:

- MP402 – How to Deal with Challenging Individuals – James Beck – Sunday, May 18 at Noon
- MP502 – Academic Administration: Career Enhancing or Career Killing? – Lynn Gerald – Monday, May 19 at Noon
- WS5 – Speak Like a Pro and Make it Look Easy: Engaging the 21st Century Audience – Peter Lenz, Jennifer McAllister, Henry Fessler, Tao Le, Andrew Luks – Tuesday, May 20 at 11:30 AM

We had 31 health professions education abstracts submitted to the BSHSR program committee resulting in the programming of one poster discussion session and one thematic poster discussion.

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With the support and encouragement of *AnnalsATS* editor, Dr. John Hansen-Flaschen, we have developed a **new series in *AnnalsATS* called *ATS Reports: Medical Education***. The lead-off article (Career Development for the Clinician-Educator) in the series and the accompanying editorial was published last month. We have four additional articles in various stages of development. We also have initiated a new ATS Education Webinar series dedicated to topics in health professions education. The first webinar will feature Dr. Trish Kritek and a number of panelists discussing learner feedback.

We are developing an **ATS Pulmonary Board Review textbook**. This project involves over 30 authors and editors and will result in a 500-page textbook that will be freely available to all ATS members. We are also involved with collaborative advisory work with the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Assembly on an education project. We continue to welcome all interested educators and appreciate all ideas, input and support. Please contact us if you have any questions or wish to become involved in the MEWG activities.

In Memoriam - Noreen Clark, PhD (1943-2013)



Dr. Noreen Clark had a profound impact of many trainees, faculty, and the American Thoracic Society. She was a founding member of our Assembly and an expert in the management of chronic disease. She served as the Dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan from 1995-2005, and in 2005 became the founding director of a Center for Managing Chronic Disease. Please join us in honoring Dr. Clark at our Assembly meeting at the international conference in San Diego on Sunday, May 18th, 6:30 PM. Please contact Melissa Valerio, PhD, MPH for more information at melissa.a.valerio@uth.tmc.edu.

*Assembly on
Behavioral Science and Health Services Research
Membership Meeting*

*Sunday, May 18th
6:30pm-8:30pm*

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

*Seaport Ballroom F-G
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 Richard A. Mularski, MD at richard.a.mularski@kpchr.org

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

**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.

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 THE ATS

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

Sep 7-13	Lung Transplant	Jeff Goldstein (Lung Transplant Foundation) <i>*Also local onsite event</i>	Various
Sep 21-27	Pulmonary Fibrosis	Teresa Barnes (Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis)	Jesse Roman, 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

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 jharmon@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).