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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that I am nearing the end of my term as Chair of the Behavior Science and Health Services Research Assembly. It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve in this position with such an inspiring group of people in the best ATS Assembly! I especially would like to express my gratitude to all members of our executive committee who worked together to implement our agenda.

It is impressive how often a topic is raised at an ATS Board of Director's meeting as being critical to the ATS mission where BSHSR Assembly members have the expertise to lead the way-- ranging from guideline development, health disparities, patient-centered research, implementation science, to medical education research. We are a diverse group that is respected as leaders in the Society. Keep up the amazing work! Here are some assembly highlights:

Our Mentoring Program was relaunched last year under the leadership of Graham Carlos with much success! If you are signing up as a mentee, please consider paying-it-forward and sign up to be a mentor too! Even if you aren't "senior" you can be a valuable mentor to medical students and fellows who are looking for specific career or work-life balance advice and would rather get it from someone for whom the issue isn't a distant memory. You can signed up to be a mentor or a mentee here: [BSHSR Assembly Mentoring Program](http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/bshsr/mentoring-program/) (<http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/bshsr/mentoring-program/>).

Our Web Committee has also had an especially busy year. The BSHSR Assembly has entered the 21st century and has joined social media via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009626712540> and Twitter https://twitter.com/ATS_BSHSR. Please like, post, hashtag etc. the BSHSR! They've also done several journal clubs including the second most attended session of 2015 "Writing Accountability Groups (WAGs): Establishing Sustainable Writing Habits" done in conjunction with the Medical Education Section. Please read Michelle Eakin's report for details. As you know, the way abstracts are assigned and reviewed underwent a major overhaul this year. A big thank you to Renda Wiener and Collin Cooke for



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their advocacy for the BSHSR Assembly and doing the extra work change brings with it. An even bigger thank you to the Program Committee; we received twice the historical number of abstracts and the committee did a great job managing the increased workload. The Assembly leadership would love to hear your feedback and experiences with the new abstract process.

A thank you to all BSHSR members who donated to ATS Foundation during the ATS Assembly Challenge in December. We just missed winning the highest member participation recognition yet again by a couple of percentage points to the Nursing Assembly. Please consider giving during the 2016 Assembly Challenge. The Foundation helps support MECOR, a program near and dear to many BSHSR members' hearts as well as providing research grants for cutting edge research. The ATS leadership and ATS Foundation have continued to increase the number of research grants available each year. The word is getting out about the availability of funding, and the pay line is still pretty good. Therefore, I highly encourage BSHSR members to apply! For more information, see ATS Foundation Research Funding.

Hope to see you at our Assembly Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 15, 2016, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 10-12 (Lower B2 Level). It is a great opportunity to connect with colleagues and meet new ones! We will also get updates from the ATS leadership, Editors of ATS Journals, and members of the BSHSR Executive Committee.

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, Chris Goss, incoming BSHSR Assembly Chair, and the rest of the BSHSR Assembly leadership. We would happy to answer questions you may have about our Assembly, including opportunities to join committees (Program, Planning, Web, Nominating) or working groups (Evidence Synthesis Methodology and Mentoring Working Group). See you in San Francisco!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Renda Wiener, MD, MPH Chair and Colin Cooke, MD, MSc, Chair-Elect

The BSHSR Program Committee just completed scheduling of programs for the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco. Thank you to the committee members for all of the hard work and attention to detail in review of abstracts submitted and your suggestions for programming.

The impact of the BSHSR Assembly will be felt throughout the conference. This year we begin with two Post Graduate Course offerings. The first course, "Scientific Writing: Publishing for Academic Success," has been very popular in prior years and is sure to be invaluable again! The second course, "Palliative Care in the ICU: Clinical, Ethical, and Research Challenges," is a comprehensive look at how to improve and integrate palliative care into the ICU, from both a clinical and research perspective. Both Post Graduate courses feature a combination of didactic and interactive break-out sessions that are dynamic and high-yield for learners.

We have three major scientific symposia that are sure to resonate with the ATS membership. The first, BUILDING E-BRIDGES: TOOLS AT OUR FINGERTIPS FOR ENHANCING COLLABORATIVE CARE, explores novel strategies to promote shared decision-making in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. The second, IMPROVING REAL WORLD CARE THROUGH INNOVATIVE TRIAL DESIGNS, highlights the work of several BSHSR members who have secured funding to conduct large studies using novel alternatives to the traditional RCT. The third, THE PATIENT-CENTERED JUGGERNAUT: THE RIGHT MOVE FOR CLINICAL CARE, POLICY, AND RESEARCH?, will feature a lively debate on current controversies surrounding patient-centered care. In addition to these three primary BSHSR symposia, we are jointly sponsoring three additional scientific symposia: one on improving rounding in the ICU, one on strategies to reduce disparities in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine, and one on global approaches to improve lung cancer care. Finally, BSHSR is a secondary sponsor of several other scientific symposia with other assemblies.

We also have 4 Mini-Symposia (as well as several others co-sponsored with other assemblies including Clinical Problems; Critical Care; Environmental, Occupational, & Population Health; Nursing; Pediatrics; and Thoracic Oncology), 5 Poster Discussion Sessions, and 3 Thematic Poster Sessions. We have 2 Meet the Professor Sessions (Dona Upson, MD will speak about e-cigarettes and Jerry Krishnan, MD, PhD will provide insight into securing PCORI funding) and 2 Sunrise Seminars (Minal Patel, PhD will discuss behavioral economics and Don Sullivan, MD will cover palliative care topics). We also co-sponsored a series of noon lectures on reducing COPD readmissions. Finally, we have a workshop on how to make the most of social media for networking, enhancing teaching, and promoting research. Our science is very well represented this year throughout the IC!

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 Section, we have also focused on programming medical education for the 2016 program, resulting in daily noon seminars Sunday-Tuesday as well as both a dedicated poster discussion session and thematic poster session.

We hope you will not only attend, but also engage in discussions, at the outstanding BSHSR programming at this year's conference! Thank you to our Program Committee Members for their time reviewing and suggestions for programming. We also thank those who submitted abstracts and program proposals. It is not too early to begin thinking of ideas for 2017, particularly in reference to Post-Graduate course offerings. The upcoming International Conference is a great time to meet with others and begin to solidify the ideas into concrete proposals for submission in early Summer 2016.

The 2016-2017 BSHSR Program Committee will be chaired by Colin Cooke, MD, MSc. The next BSHSR Program Committee meeting will be held early on Tuesday morning, at 6:30 AM on May 17 at the Marriott Marquis, Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 12. 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. Colin Cooke at cookecr@umich.edu. See you in San Francisco!

ATS 2016 - San Francisco

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 13, 2016			
PG4	PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE ICU: CLINICAL, ETHICAL, AND RESEARCH CHALLENGES	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 14, 2016			
PG17	SCIENTIFIC WRITING: PUBLISHING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B6	BUILDING E-BRIDGES: TOOLS AT OUR FINGERTIPS FOR ENHANCING COLLABORATIVE CARE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B88	IMPROVING REAL WORLD CARE THROUGH INNOVATIVE TRIAL DESIGNS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D88	THE PATIENT-CENTERED JUGGERNAUT: THE RIGHT MOVE FOR CLINICAL CARE, POLICY, AND RESEARCH?	1:30 PM	3:30 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Jointly-Developed Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A11	GLOBAL LUNG CANCER HEALTH ISSUES	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A91	HOT TOPICS IN DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C91	OPTIMIZING ICU ROUNDS: EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING PATIENT CARE AND TEACHING	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
WS6	TO TWEET OR NOT TO TWEET: SOCIAL MEDIA IN HEALTH CARE AND EDUCATION	11:45 AM	1:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
SS102	EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
SS202	BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS AND PATIENT DECISION-MAKING IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ERA	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
MP502	ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES: POTENTIAL HARMS AND BENEFITS, PERSONAL AND PUBLIC	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
MP602	A GUIDE TO SUBMITTING A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO PCORI	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A14	ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND PALLIATIVE CARE: PATIENTS TO POLICY	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C14	FINDING THE SWEET SPOT BETWEEN TOO MUCH AND TOO LITTLE CARE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
C95	OUTSTANDING EPIDEMIOLOGY AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH IN CRITICAL CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D14	IMPROVING CARE AND REDUCING DISPARITIES IN ASTHMA AND SLEEP	9:00 AM	11:00 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A22	TECHNOLOGY FOR DISEASE IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
A102	HIGHLIGHTS IN PATIENT-CENTERED RESEARCH: METHODS AND OUTCOMES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B22	BURDEN OF PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE: COST AND UTILIZATION	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
B102	STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE CARE QUALITY IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL ILLNESS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D22	REDUCING HARMS OF TOBACCO USE	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A41	THE SPECTRUM COPD CARE: FROM IDENTIFICATION TO POLICY	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B35	INNOVATIONS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C38	NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ASTHMA CARE, METHODS, AND OUTCOMES	9:00 AM	4:15 PM
Medical Education Seminar Sessions			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
ME1	HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR BEDSIDE TEACHING	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Monday, May 16, 2016			
ME2	DELIVERING TIMELY RELEVANT FEEDBACK IN CLINICAL SETTINGS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
ME3	PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR TEACHING IN SMALL GROUPS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Erin K. Kross, MD, Chair

The BSHSR Assembly Planning committee is pleased to report on another successful year as our Assembly members continue to advance the mission of the ATS with many funded and completed projects. We have maintained our excellent representation and unique contribution to the Society this year through important ATS projects. For FY2016 we received support for 2 new and 5 renewal projects. In addition, the BSHSR Assembly is co-sponsoring 4 new projects with other assemblies for FY2016.

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Erin K Kross, MD , Chair

The 2 new projects for which the BSHSRA is the primary assembly are: 1) **Reducing COPD Hospital Readmissions: Concepts and Models for Success** led by Valerie Press, Laura Feemster and David Au and involving Clinical Problems, Nursing and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Assemblies; and 2) **ATS Patient Reported Outcome Measures Resource** led by Michelle Eakin and involving the Sleep Respiratory & Neurobiology Assembly as a secondary sponsor. We are very excited to support these important and timely projects. The 4 new projects for which the BSHSRA is a secondary sponsor include: 1) **Determining the Outcome Measures for Assessment after Critical Illness**, sponsored by the Critical Care Assembly and led by Bronwen Connolly and Terri Hough; 2) **An Official American Thoracic Society Policy Statement: Tobacco Dependence Harm Reduction**, sponsored by Clinical Problems and led by Frank Leone and Patricia Folan; 3) **Standards for Evaluating Molecular Biomarkers of Lung Cancer Risk, Early Detection, and Lung Nodule Management: When is the biomarker ready for clinical use?**, sponsored by Thoracic Oncology with additional secondary sponsorship from Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and led by Peter Mazzone and Catherine Rufatto Sears; and 4) **Optimizing Smoking Cessation Interventions in Lung Cancer Screening Programs**, sponsored by Thoracic Oncology with additional secondary sponsorship from Clinical Problems and Nursing, led by Hasmeena Kathuria and Renda Wiener.

Five out of five projects submitted for renewal through the BSHSR Assembly were approved: 1) **Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement: Implementation Science in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine** led by Curtis Weiss, Carey Thomson and Jerry Krishnan ; 2) **Patient Centered Outcomes Research in Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine** led by Laura Feemster, Howard Saft, Erin Kross, Susan Bartlett and Sai Parthasarathy; 3) **A Strategic Framework for Addressing Multiple Chronic Conditions in Clinical Practice Guidelines** led by Kevin Wilson, Michael Gould and Jerry Krishnan (currently in press); 4) under the primary sponsorship of Environmental, Occupational and Population Health, **An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities** led by Juan Celedón and Jean Ford; and 5) under the primary sponsorship of Critical Care, **Organizational Factors associated with ICU Outcomes: A Systematic Review** led by Meeta Kerlin, Colin Cooke and Neill Adhikari.

Finally, several projects successfully completed their work and have been published this year: **Preparing for Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening in the US** led by Renda Weiner; **An Official ATS/ERS Research Statement: Gaps in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Research** led by Kevin Wilson; and **Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis – Evidence Based ATS-ERS-JRS-ALAT Guidelines for Treatment** led by Ganesh Raghu.

The BSHSR Assembly continues to help lead the ATS through its successful projects. We look forward to another highly productive year working and completing current projects while identifying and developing ideas for new projects. New ATS project instructions and applications are generally available in June or July on the ATS website, with a deadline for submission in late July. If you have an idea for a new project, please contact the Chair of the Planning Committee, Dr. Erin Kross at ekross@uw.edu, or we can discuss together at the International Conference in San Francisco in May.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Michelle Eakin, MD, Chair

This year the Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Assembly Web Committee continued their commitment to hosting online journal clubs as an opportunity for BSHSR members to discuss current research. We had two journal clubs and one webinar. In September we focused on a recent evidence demonstrating that use of e-cigarettes may lead to an increase in combustible cigarettes among adolescents and in January we discussed

an RCT of different teaching methodologies. For both events we had lively discussion and interaction about these important topics in respiratory health. We also co-hosted a webinar on “how to improve your writing productivity” with the Section on Medical Education. This was very well received by over 100 attendees. We are continually looking for nominations on important articles that should be highlighted as well as potential presenters or discussants.

We also were fortunate to have our program project grant funded in partnership with the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Assembly. This project will focus on developing a web database of patient reported outcome measures that will transition our previous Quality of Life website to a searchable format.

Ann Wu, MD has been leading our social media efforts which provides unique updates on research performed by our assembly members. I would encourage everyone to follow these accounts: Twitter: @ATS_BSHSR or on Facebook. I am very excited to announce that Dr. Wu will be taking the lead of the ATS BSHSR web committee in May 2016, as my tenure is ending. It has been great to serve as the web director and I really appreciate all of the BSHSR web committee members. If you have questions or would like to join this committee, please contact Dr. Michelle Eakin at meakin@jhmi.edu.

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.

Clinical Practice Guideline Methodology Training Program

The ESM-WG is home to the ATS' Clinical Practice Guideline Methodology Training Program, which is looking for young individuals 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 a need to identify, train, and retain such individuals, in order to increase the society's methodological capacity to develop ATS clinical practice guidelines.

Individuals who are selected to participate in the program attend a two-day workshop that introduces the trainees to the steps of guideline development. Following the workshop, the trainees are eligible for assignment to an actual ATS clinical practice guideline committee. They work under the mentorship of the ATS methodologist or the ATS Chief of Documents and Patient Education to provide methodological support to the committee. The trainees are authors on the guidelines that they support and are able to publish systematic reviews performed in the context of guideline development as first authors. After participating in one or two guidelines, most trainees are ready to venture out as independent methodologists. Participation in the program is competitive. For information about the program or to apply, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org.

ATS Projects

Members of the ESM-WG work together to propose, complete, and publish ATS projects related to evidence synthesis or guideline development. The working group has recently published "Developing Performance Measures from Clinical Practice Guidelines" and "A Framework for Addressing Multimorbidity in Clinical Practice Guidelines". This year, the working group plans to meet to brainstorm new project ideas in anticipation of submitting a project proposal this summer. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org for additional information.

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EVIDENCE SYNTHESIS METHODOLOGY WORKING GROUP (Cont')

Research

The ESM-WG would like to facilitate research in topics related to evidence synthesis and guideline development. In particular, the ATS has an interest in research related to guideline implementation. If you have a research idea for which you are seeking feedback or collaborators, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org.

SECTION ON MEDICAL EDUCATION

Patricia A. Kritek, MD, Section Chair

The newly born Section on Medical Education thrived in its first full year. Membership currently stands at 817 and growing. We have an engaged and active group. Notable events of the last year include broadcast of several webinars, production of our first podcast, and beginning to develop a process to fund medical education research. **We will have our second section meeting at the International Conference on Sunday, May 15th at 11:00 in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Yerba Buena Ballroom 13-15.** Please come join us! We have also created a Roadmap for Educators for the International Conference which has gone out to all members.

Webinars

Under the leadership of Alison Clay, the SoME broadcast four new webinars.

Practical Tips for Large Group Teaching

Speaker - Andy Luks

Measuring Milestones: Fellow Assessment in the Next Accreditation System

Speaker – Hank Fessler

Bronchoscopy Training and Competency Evaluation

Moderators – Rosemary Adamson & Garth Garrison

In partnership with BSHSR Establishing Sustainable Writing Habits

Speaker - Kimberly A. Skarupski

We have had excellent enrollment of the webinars and have them all posted on our new website. Our next webinar will focus on Effective Posters for International Conferences and will be available prior to our conference in San Francisco. Later this spring, the webinar leadership will transition to Garth Garrison with several new webinars planned for 2016.

Podcasts

Rosemary Adamson has taken on the task of developing a series of webinars for the SoME. She has just produced her first one, an interview with me about the new Section and what we hope SoME will bring to the ATS membership. She is actively planning multiple other podcasts with topics relevant to medical educators. All podcasts will also be available on our website.

International Conference

We are excited to have a myriad of education-related programming for the international conference. We have created a Roadmap for Educators which can be accessed at our [website](#).

In addition to our Section meeting in San Francisco, we will also have a SoME Programming meeting on Tuesday evening, 4:30 -6:30 in San Francisco Marriott Marquis, Pacific G .

Next Steps

The SoME leadership has begun discussions with ATS Leadership to develop a pathway to funding for medical education research. We will be working this coming year on delineating how we can make create a sustainable system to support these endeavors.

We are planning to roll out two new Working Groups within the SoME. Stay tuned for more information on these in the next few months.

We are in the process of selecting the next leadership group for the section. Voting will happen prior to the International Conference. Please participate in the elections.

We look forward to other member-driven new initiatives in 2016 and continued national and international collaborations!

Trish Kritek, MD, EdM
Chair, Section on Medical Education

Mentorship Working Group

William Graham Carlos, MD, MSCR, Chair

Our BSHSR Mentorship Program is benefiting from changes the ATS is making to increase participation throughout the society. This year mentees and mentors will be able to sign up via a link on the homepage that helps triage participants to the assembly that best fits their needs. Based on our data from last year, we are in need of more mentors. Please consider signing up and encourage your colleagues to do the same. In addition to improvements in awareness and accessibility, the ATS will be helping assemblies “match” mentees and mentors through a computer algorithm. The “match list” will be reviewed by our working group to ensure the matches make sense. If you have questions or would like to join the working group please contact the Chair Dr. Graham Carlos at wcarlos@iu.edu.

Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research Membership Meeting

*Sunday, May 15th
6:30pm-8:30pm
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*YERBA BUENA BALLROOM– SALON 10-12
Lower B2 Level*

Section on Medical Education Membership Meeting

*Sunday, May 15th
11:00am-12:15pm
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*YERBA BUENA BALLROOM– 13-15
Lower B2 Level*



Meet Your Mentor HERE!

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in the Willow room on the B2 Level of the Hotel. The room will be available:

Friday May 13th – Tuesday May 17th, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday May 18th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Also in the room there will be laptops and printers available for use. You can also pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program ribbon and pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot!

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit the Assemblies homepage and click on [ATS Mentoring Program](#) to learn more or contact Breana Portelli at bportelli@thoracic.org

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2017!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2017. 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 Erin K. Kross at ekross@u.washington.edu.

For questions regarding submission please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDEES

The ATS Foundation is pleased to announce the grant and award recipients for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. The support of our members, donors, and partners helps make these awards possible—thank you! These grants and awards support research encompassing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep illnesses. In addition, they provide crucial support for early stage investigators from around the world. To see the awardees please click here.

(<http://foundation.thoracic.org/what-we-do/2015-research-awardees.php>)

Deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted: **June 20th, 2016**



Attend the BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Moscone Center, Room 105 (South Building, Lower Level)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 2nd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career in-

vestigators. Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2016. You are invited to join us to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco

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

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 13th from 6-9 PM, San Francisco Marriott Marquis.
This session **is required** for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline 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.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a meeting in San Francisco, 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 schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.
- Office Hours and Documents Meeting Space: Stop by our 4th annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Drs. Kevin Wilson and Jan Brozek about document-related matters. Contact Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or cell 617/771-6589 to secure an appointment. The Documents meeting space will also be available to document developers when office hours are not in session from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.



First Annual ATS Walking Challenge

*Think you walk a lot at an ATS conference?
Let's see how you compare to other attendees.*

Step up to the First Annual ATS Walking Challenge.

Every step helps raise money for the ATS Foundation. Walk around the Exhibit Hall, meet new people, move from session to session and engage in friendly competition against other attendees with the ATS Walking Challenge. The top 3 overall steppers win a prize. Watch it all unfold in real-time on leaderboards in the Teva Respiratory booth #419 or at the ATS Walking Challenge booth.

The first 2,000 registrants receive a free ATS wireless activity tracker to use with the ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App (distributed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis). The ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App also supports attendees that prefer to use their own FitBit, Jawbone or iPhone/Android smart phone step counters.

The three individuals who log the most steps will win prizes!

- **Grand Prize** – Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- **2nd prize** – Fitbit Surge
- **3rd prize** – Zolt Laptop Charger Plus

Visit the Teva Respiratory booth #419 each day for a step booster.

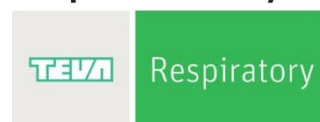
Use the Walking Challenge mobile app to scan the QR code booster each day to earn your bonus steps. The more you visit, the more you receive:

First Day Visit - 500 steps
Second Day Visit - 750 steps
Third Day Visit - 1,000 steps

Walk for a good cause! For every participant who walks 30,000 steps, Teva Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000. Remember - 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. Learn more at Foundation.Thoracic.org.

Learn more and pre-register online at cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016 or stop by the Walking Challenge Booth in the South building lobby of the Moscone Center, beginning 5/13/16.

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ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

Thank you for participating in the [2015 ATS Assembly Challenge](#) in support of the [ATS Foundation Research Program](#)!

The Research Program has been outstandingly successful in launching careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Member gifts also support core ATS mission-related programs including MECOR, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and Assembly Awards and Scholarships.



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge awards from James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair

Gifts both large and small were received—and much appreciated—throughout the Assembly Challenge. **Thank you!**

Many assembly chairs sent personal messages to their members to encourage giving to the Foundation during the challenge. That outreach provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for young investigators.



DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge award from Atul Malhotra, MD, ATS President (left) and James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair (right)

Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, hopes the challenge will continue to "ignite a healthy competition among the assemblies, and that next year we will see a dramatic rise in donations and new donors from all assemblies. This will have a great impact on the availability of research funds, and on pulmonary research and medicine."

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach efforts and generosity during the 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge.

- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$95,741
- **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 17.46%
- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 37 new donors

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and Nursing assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2016, and within their own assemblies.

Thank you for everything that you do for the ATS Foundation, young investigators and clinicians, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

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