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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

**The Critical Care Assembly remains the largest assembly in the ATS and continues to grow!**

This is encouraging news as it reflects the growing recognition of the ATS as an essential forum for critical care research, education, and advocacy. Continue to encourage your colleagues to join the ATS and get involved with the Critical Care Assembly.



Shannon Carson, MD

## Assembly Working Groups

The increasing size of the Critical Care Assembly provides new challenges, specifically related to opportunities for direct involvement. The assembly executive committee is encouraging assembly members to join a Working Groups within the assembly as one means for members to be more involved. The goals of working groups are to identify learning gaps in specific disease categories, assess assembly membership needs, and develop assembly project proposals. The ATS provides meeting space at the International Conference to organize and work on projects. Current working groups are the following:

- Women in Critical Care – Chair, Ellen Burnham
- ICU Directors – Chair, David Kaufman
- Pediatric Critical Care Medicine – Chairs, Adriene Randolph and Ira Cheifetz
- Taskforce on Emerging Viruses – Chair, Shannon Carson
- Critical Care Without Walls – Chair, Peter Hou

For more information on working groups, please contact Carolyn Calfee, the incoming Assembly Chair at [Carolyn.Calfee@ucsf.edu](mailto:Carolyn.Calfee@ucsf.edu).

## The Critical Care Clinical Website

Jason T. Poston, MD - Web Director

The Critical Care Clinical Website, directed by Jason Poston, serves as an educational resource for our assembly members. The recent launch of the new ATS Website is an opportunity to enhance the site and build upon the existing educational series and add breadth to the excellent existing content.

The Critical Care Quick Hits section has been well received since its launch just over a year ago. With a focus on the critical skills of bedside ultrasound and ventilator waveform interpretation, this section will ultimately provide as a brief educational encounter when you have five minutes to spare or serve as a reference when you have a focused questions. Michael Lanspa has spearheaded this effort, and his energy and talent will be evident as new material is added to this section in the months to come.

The Online Journal Club is a live interactive webcast review of an important critical care paper. Members may join the journal club in real time and even direct questions about the article to study authors. If you cannot attend the live journal club, it is archived for Assembly members to view at their convenience. Jason Elinoff orchestrates these wonderful reviews and discussions that are held at least quarterly.

In addition, the site is a wonderful place to find resources and links for topical issues in critical care (Ebola Virus Resources Center), expert reviews on core topics in critical care (refractory ARDS, hemodynamic monitoring, ventilator waveform interpretation), procedural training, interactive clinical case discussions, statements and guidelines, and links to podcast discussions with leaders in the field. The site is not only a resource, but also an opportunity for members to present teaching materials or cases to rest of the ATS.

## Early Career Professionals Working Group

Christopher W. Seymour, MD, MSc , Chair

The Early Career Professionals Working Group of the Critical Care Assembly, chaired this year by Christopher Seymour, promotes and encourages the recruitment, engagement, and active involvement of junior faculty as well as members in transition and training with the Critical Care Assembly. This includes aid in the identification of these members, highlighting Early Career members with substantial accomplishments relative to the CC Assembly/ATS mission, and assistance in the placement of junior faculty in the ATS International Conference program. Several approaches are currently underway to facilitate these processes. Benchmarks for 2015-2016 include:

- Continue to promote the recognition and involvement of assembly members who represent junior faculty in ATS activities including the International Conference.
- Work with leadership of the assembly to promote an ATS CC Assembly Ambassador Program for new, junior members of the CCA.
- Establish new outreach and collaboration with similar young academician groups, such as those in the EISCM
- Maintain an active list / directory of young members to assist leadership of the CCA in ATS conference involvement

One of the great successes of the Early Career Professionals Working Group last year was the establishment of the Assembly mentorship program where young Assembly members were connected formally with more experienced members to help them learn about the ATS and how to get involved. The program will continue this year. Many thanks to Assembly members who have volunteered to participate.

# Update from Planning Committee

Carolyn S. Calfee, MD , Chair

The Critical Care Assembly planning committee reviewed a total of 10 assembly related proposals, including both new proposals and renewals. Three new proposals for which Critical Care is a secondary assembly were approved for funding by the ATS:

1. Official American Thoracic Society research statement: Implementation Science in pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine
2. Assessment of the Failing Right Ventricle in the Research Setting - Current Approaches and Knowledge Gaps
3. An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities

In addition, the following Critical Care-related projects were renewed:

1. Mechanical ventilation in adults with ARDS: a clinical practice guideline (CC primary)
2. Official ATS/ACCP Clinical Practice Guidelines: Liberation from Mechanical Ventilation (CC primary)
3. Organizational Factors associated with ICU Outcomes: A Systematic Review (CC primary)
4. Evaluation of Respiratory Mechanics and Function in the Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units (CC secondary)
5. ATS/NIH CounterACT Workshop on Chemical Inhalational Disasters: Biology of Lung Injury, Development of Novel Therapeutics, and ICU and Public Health Preparedness (CC secondary)

The deadline for new project proposals will be at the end of the month of July. Begin planning now so that you can solicit help and feedback from colleagues at the meeting in Denver. Remember that budgets should not exceed \$15,000, and good ideas that cross assemblies tend to be reviewed favorably.

## Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2016!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2016. 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](http://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 Nuala Meyer, MD, MS at [nuala.meyer@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:nuala.meyer@uphs.upenn.edu).

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

# ATS 2015 - Denver

## Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Critical Care

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Postgraduate Courses</b>			
<b>Friday, May 15, 2015</b>			
PG2	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY: PART I	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG3	ECMO: COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH FOR PEDIATRIC AND ADULT CRITICAL CARE AND PULMONARY PRACTITIONERS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG7	NEUROCRITICAL CARE FOR THE MEDICAL INTENSIVIST	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Saturday, May 16, 2015</b>			
PG15	CRITICAL CARE ULTRASOUND AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY: PART II	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<b>Scientific Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2015</b>			
A4	LUMPERS AND SPLITTERS: PHENOTYPING IN CRITICAL ILLNESS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
B4	BEST PRACTICE IN ARDS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
B84	ICU FOLLOW-UP CLINICS: A NEW PARADIGM IN ICU CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
C4	CAN WE ANSWER BIG QUESTIONS IN CRITICAL CARE WITH BIG DATA?	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C7	NEW STRATEGIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT GRAM NEGATIVE BACTERIAL INFECTIONS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C84	TITRATING THERAPY TO PREVENT IATROGENOCIDE: WHEN ENOUGH IS ENOUGH	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</b>			
D4	ICU STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT: LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
D84	UNDERSTANDING FRAILITY: LINKING LUNG INFECTION WITH SKELETAL MUSCLE DYSFUNCTION	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
<b>Jointly-Developed Symposium</b>			
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
B90	FOLLOWING THE EVIDENCE: DE-ADOPTING INTERVENTIONS IN THE ICU	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Sunrise Seminars</b>			
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
SS110	TEAM-BASED APPROACH TO QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN THE ICU	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
SS211	RISK FACTORS FOR DELIRIUM IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</b>			
SS311	EARLY MOBILIZATION OF THE MORBIDLY OBESE ICU PATIENT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM

<b>Meet The Professor Seminars</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2015</b>			
MP409	NEUROLOGIC DISASTERS IN THE ICU	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
MP608	MANIPULATING ICD-10-CM CODING TO YOUR ADVANTAGE IN THE ICU	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
<b>Mini-Symposium</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2015</b>			
A14	SEPSIS ASSOCIATED TOLERANCE AND IMMUNOSUPPRESSION	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
B96	VILI AND REGIONAL LUNG EFFECTS OF MECHANICAL VENTILATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
C14	FRONTIERS IN ASSISTED VENTILATION	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C94	HIGH IMPACT CLINICAL TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</b>			
D16	PREDICTING RISK AND OUTCOMES FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
<b>Poster Discussion Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2015</b>			
A27	CURRENT TOPICS IN RESPIRATORY FAILURE AND VENTILATORY SUPPORT	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
A104	MOVING THE NEEDLE ON ICU-ASSOCIATED NEUROMUSCULAR WEAKNESS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
B24	MECHANISMS OF INJURY IN SEPSIS: INFLAMMATION, OXIDATION, AND ENDOTHELIAL DAMAGE	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
B105	IMPROVING PATIENT EXPERIENCE IN CRITICAL CARE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
C23	SEPSIS: RISK, RECOGNITION, AND RESUSCITATION	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C24	SEDATION, DELIRIUM, AND NEUROCOGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION IN CRITICAL CARE	9:30 AM	11:30 AM
C103	OPTIMIZING LIMITED ICU RESOURCES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</b>			
D105	ICU QUALITY AND SAFETY: IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
D106	RAISING THE BAR ON OUTCOMES IN CRITICAL ILLNESS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<b>Thematic Poster Sessions</b>			
<b>Sunday, May 17, 2015</b>			
A42	ARDS: RISK, TREATMENT, AND OUTCOMES	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
A43	EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES IN CRITICAL CARE	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
A44	INFECTIOUS DISEASE CHALLENGES IN THE ICU	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Monday, May 18, 2015</b>			
B43	MECHANISMS OF INJURY IN ARDS AND VILI	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
B44	INVASIVE AND NON-INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
B45	CARDIOPULMONARY CROSSROADS IN MEDICAL CRITICAL CARE	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Tuesday, May 19, 2015</b>			
C47	SURVIVING SEPSIS: MANAGING THE CARE CONTINUUM	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C48	RESUSCITATION: INCREASING BENEFIT AND DECREASING HARM	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C49	REFINING QUALITY AND COMMUNICATION IN THE ICU	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C50	ECMO AND ARTIFICIAL OXYGENATION SYSTEMS IN ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C51	TOXIC INGESTIONS AND EXPOSURES	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
C52	ILLUSTRATIVE DISEASE PRESENTATIONS IN CRITICAL CARE I	9:30 AM	4:15 PM
<b>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</b>			
D40	ILLUSTRATIVE DISEASE PRESENTATIONS IN CRITICAL CARE II	9:30 AM	3:30 PM

## ATS Foundation Research Grant for Critical Care

The ATS Foundation has consistently been meeting fundraising goals, which has enabled them to increase funding for young investigators. Thank you to all of the assembly members who contributed to the ATS Foundation. Please remember to contribute to the ATS Foundation this year to make sure that our contribution reflects the size of our assembly and the importance of our clinical issues. Designate either 'Research' or the 'Critical Assembly' to continue support for critical care research and projects. Every dollar contributed to the ATS Foundation goes directly to funded programs including research.

In addition to other established grants, an unrestricted grant will again be available specifically for a Critical Care topic. But of course critical care topics are appropriate for most of the other grant categories. I have noticed that the number Critical Care Assembly members who apply for ATS Foundation awards is small relative to the size of the assembly. **Please encourage your young faculty to apply for these awards so that the ATS can help support the development of investigators in our field!** Clinical research proposals are encouraged in addition to basic science.

# 2015 Assembly Membership Meeting and Reception Dinner

We look forward to seeing everyone at the International Conference in Denver. The Program Committee, led by Duncan Hite and Ivor Douglas, has arranged another outstanding program for critical care topics. Remember also to attend the Assembly Membership Meeting at the **Sheraton – Plaza Ballroom DE (Concourse Level) from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>**. The first 30 minutes will be devoted to refreshments and networking, and all business and updates will be concluded by 7:00.

Please sign up for the Assembly Reception to follow immediately at 7:00 **Plaza Ballroom F (Plaza Building-Concourse Level) from 7:00-9:00 PM**. The programming for the evening will begin with drinks and a buffet dinner. There will not be formal seating to allow mingling and networking amongst members, but seats and tables will be available. Later, the recipient of our new Early Career Achievement Award will give a brief presentation of his recent work and future directions. Finally, the recipient of the Seventh Critical Care Lifetime Achievement Award will be the keynote speaker for the evening. Members are free afterwards to continue socializing or attend other functions.

We would like to strongly encourage senior CC members to invite junior colleagues to join them at the reception (and consider paying their admission). This is a wonderful opportunity to gather, socialize, and engage the next generation of leaders in the activities of the Assembly and Society!! Our dinner was a wonderful success last year, enabling many to connect with old friends and to set up new interactions and collaborations. Remember that one must sign up for the Reception Dinner at ([insert link](#))

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve you. Please contact me with any questions ([scarson@med.unc.edu](mailto:scarson@med.unc.edu))

Shannon S. Carson, MD  
Chair, Critical Care Assembly

## Refer a Fellow to the ATS!

Do you know a Fellow who could benefit from ATS membership? Nearly 20 per cent of ATS members are currently in training, and many ATS leaders joined as Fellows too. And there's a BONUS! ATS Trainee Members receive their **first year of membership for FREE!** After the first year, trainee member dues are just \$100 per year for US members, and \$40 per year for international members, as long as the member is still in training. Read what Trainee members say about the value of membership:

*ATS membership helps you to keep up-to-date with innovations in pulmonary medicine with access to journals, publications, guidelines and the Fellows corner.*

Ajay Kasi, California

*The ATS membership is the best option to participate in the world's biggest thoracic society, be an important part of scientific exchange and access the best scientific publications.*

Adrian Ceccato, Argentina

*My membership gives me the opportunity to expand my knowledge on pulmonary diseases in general and in interstitial lung diseases in particular through news, e-mails, journals, special learning opportunities (like the ILD video series) and the annual meeting.*

Sandra Chartrand, Canada

# Meet Your Mentor **HERE!**



Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver, 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 Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel in room Plaza Court 5 (Concourse Level). The room will be available:

**Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> 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!**

Other opportunities to meet:

- 1) New Member Meet and Greet – this occurs 30 minutes prior each Assembly Membership Meeting
- 2) Early Career Professionals' Corner  
Science and Innovation Center (Denver Convention Center)  
Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7:00– 8:00 a.m.  
Light breakfast will be served

**For more information on the Mentorship Programs, contact Breana Portelli at [bportelli@thoracic.org](mailto:bportelli@thoracic.org).**

## Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2015 ATS International Conference in Denver

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Policy Statement, Research Statement, Clinical Practice Guideline, Workshop Report, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these free opportunities while you are in Denver at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop: Friday, May 15th from 6-9 PM, Governor's 14, Concourse Level, Plaza Building, Sheraton Denver Downtown. This session is required for both current and new guideline panel chairs, as well as the chairs of new document projects. The session is recommended for the chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to Katrina Gorres at [kgorres@thoracic.org](mailto:kgorres@thoracic.org) if you have not already done so. The schedule is as follows:
  - o 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.
  - o 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.
- Guideline methodology training program: All ATS clinical practice guidelines require the support of an experienced methodologist; however, there is a shortage of methodologists from which to derive the support. The ATS has a guideline methodology training program that provides on-the-job training to individuals who are interested in becoming a methodologist. Applications for the training program are available at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php>. An informational session is being held on Monday, May 18th from 7 pm until 8:30 pm at the ATS International Conference for anyone who is interested in learning more about the program. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Kevin C. Wilson, MD, ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs at [kwilson@thoracic.org](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org). Space is limited.
- Ad Hoc meetings: If your project committee is having a full day, half day, or meal meeting in Denver, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor and ATS Senior Director of Documents and Medical Affairs) 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](mailto:kwilson@thoracic.org) or Jan Brozek at [brozekj@mcmaster.ca](mailto:brozekj@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. Contact John Harmon at [jharmon@thoracic.org](mailto:jharmon@thoracic.org) for dates and times.

### ATS Patient Education Resources

- ATS continues to expand its patient education resources - there are currently more than 70 high quality patient oriented fact sheets on a range of pulmonary, critical care, and sleep topics including both common and rare diseases such as COPD, VCD, and HPS; common procedures and diagnostic tests such as sleep studies, lung function studies, and bronchoscopy; and special focus topics including palliative care and lung cancer prevention. These fact sheets are available at no cost via the ATS website at [www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org) under the Patients Tab. See pieces that you like? Feel free to use them in your practice and share them with others! Have new topics you'd like to propose? Contact Judy Corn at [jcorn@thoracic.org](mailto:jcorn@thoracic.org) with your ideas and feedback.

## ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

At the 2014 Leadership Summit, assembly leaders voted to establish an ATS Assembly Challenge in support of the ATS Foundation. The Challenge kicked off on #GivingTuesday, on December 2, 2014, a special day worldwide dedicated to the joy of giving, and ran all month long.

Gifts both large and small were received and much appreciated. December giving from assembly members rose from \$121,970 in 2013 to \$170,974 in 2014—an increase of \$49,000! These gifts are greatly meaningful to young investigators at risk of terminating their careers in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Your generous gifts to the ATS Foundation help launch careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care.



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology; Gregory P. Downey, MD, chair for the Assembly on Allergy Immunology & Inflammation; and Kristin A. Riekert, PhD, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, proudly display their 2014 ATS Assembly Challenge awards

Personal outreach from assembly chairs especially helped drive giving to the ATS Foundation.

“Without member support, amazing programs such as MECOR and young investigator research grants wouldn’t exist. If every ATS member gave even a small donation, even more ground-breaking research and training could be supported,” said **Kristin A. Riekert, PhD**, chair for the Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research.

Dr. Riekert sent personal messages to her fellow BSHR members to encourage them to give, and capitalized on the momentum of #GivingTuesday to encourage giving. That outreach made a tremendous difference.

**Naftali Kaminski, MD**, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, also sent messages to his fellow RCMB members and spurred giving through #GivingTuesday.

“For me the participation of RCMB members in the assembly challenge was very, very meaningful,” said Dr. Kaminski. “The fact that they made the effort and donated (and many did) demonstrated their commitment to our community and to the future of respiratory research.”

There were three ways to win the Challenge: be the assembly with the most dollars raised in 2014, be the assembly with the highest member participation rate, and be the assembly with the largest average gift per member.

**Allergy Immunology & Inflammation** raised the most dollars in the ATS Assembly Challenge with \$63,549. **Behavioral Science and Health Services Research** had the highest member participation with 20.86%, and the largest average gift per member with \$98.27. **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology**'s outstanding outreach efforts led to the creation of a brand new award in recognition of having the most first-time givers. Their outreach efforts inspired 26 members to give to the Foundation for the very first time during December alone!

Congratulations to the Allergy Immunology & Inflammation, Behavioral Science and Health Services Research, and Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology assemblies! They will receive special recognition in a number of ATS communications, at ATS 2015, and within their own assemblies.

*The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their generous support and for rising to the challenge. Your giving is life-changing for young investigators, patients, and communities worldwide. To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit [foundation.thoracic.org](http://foundation.thoracic.org).*



## Enter the BEAR Cage

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career investigators. 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 2015. You are invited to join us at the Science and Innovation Center 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.

**Connect with your ATS assembly on social networks for the latest on journal clubs, webinars, ATS International Conference activities, and much more!**

### On Facebook:

ATS All Assembly  
ATS SRN Assembly  
ATS MTPI  
ATS Assembly on  
Thoracic Oncology

ATS RSF Assembly  
RCMB Assembly  
of the American  
Thoracic Society  
ATS Section on Genetics  
and Genomics

ATS Environmental,  
Occupational and  
Population Health  
Early Faculty/Fellows  
ATS Nursing Assembly

### On Twitter:

@ATS\_All @PR\_Assembly  
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@ATS\_MTPI @ATSNursing  
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@ATS\_RSf

### Also look for the main ATS social media accounts:

Twitter: @atscommunity  
Facebook: American Thoracic Society

Instagram: atsccommunity  
LinkedIn: American Thoracic Society



## ***Assembly on Critical Care Membership Meeting***

***Monday, May 18th  
5:00-7:00 PM***

***Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel***

***Plaza Ballroom D-E  
Concourse Level***

## ***Assembly on Critical Care Reception***

***Monday, May 18th  
7:00pm-9:00pm***

***Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel***

***Plaza Ballroom F  
Concourse Level***

## ***Help Us Help You!***

Have you:

- moved,
- changed your title,
- added a new specialty, credential or other information?

Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

Please take a minute to update your contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile today. And now you can also upload your PHOTO to your member profile! Log in [HERE](#).

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By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are targeted to you, and it also ensures accuracy when you register for the International Conference.