



CRITICAL CARE ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

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Message From Assembly Chair

Jesse B. Hall, MD

Welcome to the Spring newsletter from the Critical Care Assembly! Let me begin by expressing my wish to see as many of you as possible at the 2010 ATS International Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana on May 14-19, 2010. The members of our Program Committee, with the guidance of Cons Manthous (Chair, 2010) and Niall Ferguson (Chair-elect), have done a spectacular job in creating exciting sessions, including post-graduate courses, poster sessions, and mini-symposia that will offer cutting edge and challenging clinical and translational science presentations. To this add the food, music, and culture of New Orleans coupled with the spirit and collegiality of our membership and the gumbo will be just right~ Laissez les bon temps roulez!!!!

I am especially pleased that this year we will be able to gather after our business meeting on Monday, May 17th for cocktails and dinner. As many of you know, other assemblies have had this opportunity to gather together and enjoy and benefit from interaction with one another, and this will be a superb event, including a brief award ceremony and speaker. ***Remember, you must register for dinner!*** Announcements have been sent out concerning the details of registration in the past few weeks and another emailing should follow shortly.

I also encourage all of you who will be in New Orleans in May to attend the business meeting on Monday evening. An excellent slate of candidates for Assembly Chair, Program Committee Chair-Elect, and Nominating Committee will be presented and your selection of leadership for the Assembly in coming years is an extremely important function. I also want to discuss with the assembly membership the use of our website in the past year for posting information related to H1N1-related respiratory failure, and ways in which this exercise may inform future use of the website. In addition, I have created a committee to identify industry partners for the Assembly to generate relationships with the purpose of creating a research fund endowment, with the goal of increasing grant opportunities for the membership of the Assembly.

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Message From Assembly Chair

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On behalf of the Assembly I want to thank the many who have worked over the past year to carry forward the missions of the Assembly. The Program and Nominating Committees (Chair, Margaret Herridge) have prepared a program and slate for the membership second to none. Kudos to Shannon Carson and the Planning Committee, who will be updating you at the business meeting. Thanks as well to Nitin Seam, our Web Director!! And of course, our deepest thanks to Miriam Rodriguez and other ATS Staff for their tremendous service to the Assembly!

We would like to thank the American Thoracic Society Corporate Member Program, The National Emphysema Foundation Honoring Claude Lenfant, MD, ATS PAR Members, Sleep Group Solutions and Apex Medical for providing Travel Awards. ATS Assembly Program Committees selected awardees based on the abstracts submitted to the 2010 International Conference.

See you in New Orleans!!!!

Program Committee Report

Constantine A. Manthous, MD, Chair, Niall D. Ferguson, MSc, Chair-elect

Dear Critical Care Assembly Member,

Program development for the May conference has been very fruitful. Niall and I are very grateful to our 25 committee members and the many assembly members who contributed their efforts and excellence to the final program. While the program—of course—includes the core foundations (e.g., sepsis, ARDS, mechanical ventilation), faculty have been particularly innovative. There's something for everyone: translational sessions (e.g., genomics, biologic interventions and VILI), clinically practical sessions (e.g., ICU extension/rescue, congestive heart failure, NIV) and even some philosophical sessions (e.g., ethics debates, philosophy of science). Here's a quick look at the program.

On Sunday morning, you can choose from a symposium on the ICU manpower crisis, a mini-symposium on genomics in critical care and a poster discussion on sepsis. Sunday afternoon will feature debates on ethics/end-of-life issues, a symposium that reviews practical approaches to NIV and a poster discussion on ICU structure and management.

On Monday morning, our symposium will highlight the increasing appreciation for the neuropsychiatric and physical sequelae of critical illness, and there will be a poster discussion on ARDS/ALI. The afternoon offers a symposium on (lung protective) mechanical ventilation of ALI/ARDS and a creative mini-symposium on translational science in VILI.

On Tuesday morning, our main track symposium is a highly creative session considering the application of clinical science in day-to-day practice. Dr. Alan Morris is the headliner who gave a similar—brilliant—keynote for the

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Program Committee Report

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Roger Bone Memorial lecture at ACCP several years ago. Morning poster discussions include innovations in mechanical ventilation, and identifying and managing patients at risk of critical illness. Tuesday afternoon is very busy with a symposium on identification and management of VAP and two mini-symposia, one on the future of biotherapies in critical illness and another presentation/discussion session of five clinical trials.

Wednesday is perhaps the busiest day for critical care clinicians and scientists (determined by luck of the draw when formulating the program). In the morning, the symposium is on congestive heart failure, and there are two mini-symposia—one on neuropsychiatric sequelae of critical illness and another on selected case reports (a new feature). The afternoon offers two symposia, one that was a favorite of the Program Committee on "Critical Care Around the World" and another on the increasing role of intensivists to rescue critically ill patients on hospital wards and in emergency departments. Poster discussions on ethics/end-of-life care and neurologic complications of critical illness round out the afternoon.

In response to comments at last year's Assembly meeting, speaking and chairmanship duties have been delegated more broadly. Both senior and junior faculty from many countries are speaking, chairing and facilitating. Thematic poster sessions will (whenever possible) be facilitated by "dyads" of a senior and junior faculty member who will review eight to 10 posters that have been arranged topically and geographically. This will allow dyads who so choose to invite first authors to join in a larger group that moves from poster to poster (a model lauded at last year's conference).

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans and hope you'll stay through Wednesday to attend some of the highlights of the program.

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Postgraduate Courses

Friday, May 14, 2010

PG5	PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE REVIEWS: BUILT AROUND ABIM 2009 MODULES (UPDATES) IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	8:00 AM -	4:00 PM
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Saturday, May 15, 2010

PG20	ICU ACQUIRED WEAKNESS: THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ART	8:00 AM -	4:30 PM
PG21	THE SCIENCE OF HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT	8:00 AM -	4:00 PM

Critical Care Tracks

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A4	PRO-CON DEBATES IN CRITICAL CARE ETHICS: PRACTICING MEDICINE IN MORALLY PLURALISTIC SOCIETIES	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
A84	NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION IN ACUTE RESPIRATORY FAILURE: WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD	1:30 PM -	3:30 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B4	THE LEGACY OF CRITICAL ILLNESS: LONG TERM PATIENT OUTCOMES AND NOVEL SOLUTIONS	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
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Critical Care Tracks

Monday, May 17, 2010

B84 CLINICAL TRIALS OF LUNG PROTECTIVE VENTILATION: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C4 BACK TO BASICS IN THE ICU: MAKING SENSE OF CONTRADICTIONARY DATA AND MAKING CHOICES IN PRACTICE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

C84 VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA IN 2010 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D4 ADVANCES IN TREATING SEVERE ACUTE HEART FAILURE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

D84 CARE OF THE CRITICALLY ILL AROUND THE WORLD 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Scientific Symposia

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D89 RAPID RESPONSE TEAMS: ACTUALLY EFFECTIVE OR JUST HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS? 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Meet the Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 16, 2010

MP410 IS THERE STILL LIFE IN THE PULMONARY ARTERY CATHETER: A GUIDE TO ITS USE 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

MP511 OVERCOMING CONFLICT DURING END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING IN THE ICU 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

MP610 BASIC PHYSIOLOGY AT THE BEDSIDE: GAS EXCHANGE AND RESPIRATORY MECHANICS 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Sunrise Seminars

Monday, May 17, 2010

SS109 MANAGEMENT OF THE DIFFICULT AIRWAY IN THE CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT: AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

SS209 REANIMATION IN THE ICU: IMPROVING PATIENT OUTCOMES THROUGH EARLIER REHABILITATION 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

SS308 DESIGNING GENETIC ASSOCIATION STUDIES IN THE ICU 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Workshops

WS8 MOLECULAR BIOMARKERS AT THE BEDSIDE 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Mini Symposia

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A15 GENOMICS IN CRITICAL CARE: A COMING OF AGE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B95 DIAGNOSING AND MANAGING VENTILATOR-INDUCED LUNG INJURY 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Mini Symposia

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C94	5 RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE	1:30 PM	4:00 PM
C95	FUTURE BIO-THERAPIES IN CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE: OF MICE AND MEN	1:30 PM -	4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D15	CENTRAL AND NEUROMUSCULAR RAVAGES OF CRITICAL ILLNESS	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
D16	CRITICAL CARE CASES: CASE REPORTS IN THE HIERARCHY OF CLINICAL SCIENCE	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM

Poster Discussion Sessions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A24	SEPSIS: MECHANISMS AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
A105	RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ICU STRUCTURES/PROCESSES AND OUTCOMES	1:30 PM -	4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B23	CAN ACUTE LUNG INJURY/ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME CASES BE SUB-CATEGORIZED; EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PROGNOSIS	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
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Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C23	MECHANICAL VENTILATION - FROM START TO FINISH	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM
C24	IDENTIFYING PATIENTS AT RISK OF . . .AND RESCUING THEM	8:15 AM -	10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D103	ETHICS AND END-OF-LIFE IN THE ICU	1:30 PM -	4:00 PM
D104	NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHIATRIC SEQUELAE OF CRITICAL ILLNESS; ACUTE ILLNESS AND THE PERILS OF SURVIVAL	1:30 PM -	4:00 PM

Thematic Poster Sessions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A45	ICU MANAGEMENT AND OUTCOMES: PREDICTION, PROCEDURES AND POT POURRI	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
A46	VENTILATOR-INDUCED LUNG INJURY: RESEARCH AND CLINICAL ASPECTS	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
A47	ACUTE LUNG INJURY/ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL ISSUES	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B42	INVASIVE MECHANICAL VENTILATION: SOUP TO NUTS	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
B43	WEANING	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
B44	THE LATEST AND GREATEST IN NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
B45	TWO SIDES OF THE COIN: NOVEL TECHNOLOGY AND ITS BENEFITS; MISADVENTURES IN CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C44	CARDIOPULMONARY INTERACTIONS AND NON-PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
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Thematic Poster Sessions

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C45	DIAGNOSTIC TECHNIQUES AND MONITORING: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
C46	ALIENS AND UFO'S: INTERESTING INFECTIONS AND CURIOUS CANCERS	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D49	CLINICAL TRIALS IN CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
D50	PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
D51	STRANGE RANGERS IN THE ICU: SELECTED CASE REPORTS	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
D52	WHAT'S NEW IN SWINE FLU?	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM
D53	SEPSIS: MECHANISMS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM -	4:00 PM

Planning Committee Report

Shannon S. Carson, MD

Funds will be available for Assembly Projects this year. The Planning Committee encourages Assembly Members to submit proposals. The FY2011 Assembly / Committee Project Application and instructions can be found on the ATS website under Assemblies. The CC Planning Committee will develop a survey later on this year to assess the needs of the membership, gather today's hot topics and important issues within the CC membership. This year 2 Critical Care Renewal Projects were approved for additional funding:

Critical Care Primary Assembly Project: Acquired Weakness in Critical Illness: Assessments and Definitions – Chaired By Naeem Ali, MD

Critical Care Secondary Assembly Project: Medical and Ethical Issues of Donation after Cardiac Death – Cynthia Gries, MD

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2011!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2011. 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 beginning in May.

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 Shannon S. Carson, MD at scarson@med.unc.edu.

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

Nominating Committee Report

Margaret S. Herridge, MD, Chair

The Critical Care Assembly Nominating Committee (Chair: Margaret Herridge; Members: Jordi Mancebo, Greg Martin) have communicated by phone and email. The committee's charge was to select strong candidates for the upcoming available leadership positions and elections at ATS. The committee was delighted that so many accomplished individuals were willing to serve and give freely of their time to enhance the work of the Critical Care Assembly.

The following were chosen as candidates:

Assembly Chair:

Gordon Rubinfeld, MD
Antonio Artigas, PhD, MD

Program Committee Chair-Elect:

Greg Martin, MD, MSc
Derek Angus, MD, MPH

Nominating Committee:

Timothy W. Evans, MD, PhD
Stefano Nava, MD
Leonard D. Hudson, MD

The final vote for one Assembly Chair, one Program Committee Chair-Elect and two Nominating Committee members will take place at the Assembly meeting in New Orleans. In support of the excellent candidates and their ongoing work for the Assembly, we encourage as many members as possible attend the meeting and vote. Your participation is important.

Website Report

Nitin Seam, MD, Web Director

The last year has been a busy one for the Critical Care Website as www.thoracic.org has been revamped.

In the fall of 2009, in anticipation of H1N1 influenza, we posted expert reviews describing salvage therapies for ARDS. The articles review methods such as prone positioning, recruitment maneuvers, alternative modes of ventilation, inhaled vasodilators, and ECMO.

Our Critical Care Clinical Cases Section provide peer-reviewed pediatric and adult critical care cases framed by multiple choice questions and detailed discussions. Some recent cases describe a neonate with respiratory distress, a man with massive hemoptysis, and a patient who developed septic shock after a colectomy.

The Critical Care Journal Club critiqued original articles published in the areas of acute respiratory failure, mechanical ventilation, translational science, surgical and pediatric critical care. We have also utilized the Critical Care Forum to host a live chat journal club between Critical Care assembly members and Dr. Fredric Adnet, the senior author of the *Lancet* study comparing etomidate to ketamine for rapid sequence intubation.

The forum also serves as a means by which assembly members can discuss relevant critical care issues. In 2009, we started a specific forum for members to post their clinical experiences treating H1N1. We encourage members to utilize the forum to provide us with feedback about the content on the website.

Patients to Speak At Thirteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at thirteen symposia at the 2010 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium for the last seven years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2009.

This is the seventh year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys. This insight will address diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient perspective will be presented are listed below:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII/RCMB	A9	COPD: A Disease Of Accelerated Aging?	Sunday 5/16/10 8:15-8:30 am
AII	A12	Severe Asthma: The Last 10 Years And Moving Forward	Sunday, 5/16/10 8:15-8:20 am
AII/RCMB	A87	Mucus Plugs For 2010: Update On Mucus In Airway Homeostasis And Disease	Sunday, 5/16/10 1:40-1:45 pm
MTPI/AII/RCMB	B7	Keeping The Immunosuppressed Well: Clinical Infectious Challenges In Emerging Immunosuppressed Hosts	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
RSF/RCMB/AII/CP	B9	New Frontiers In Asthma Therapy	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/RCMB	B83	The Influence Of Histology And Molecular Analysis On Treatment Of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: "Tailored Therapy"	Monday, 5/17/10 1:30-1:35 pm
SRN/CP	B86	Should We Treat Asymptomatic Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients?	Monday, 5/17/10 3:30-3:35 pm
CP/PR	C2	Seven Questions Every COPD Patient Wants Answered	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/BS/PED	C10	Cystic Fibrosis: Bench, Bedside, And Beyond	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:20-8:25 am
CP/AII	C82	Six Questions Regarding Sarcoidosis	Tuesday, 5/18/10 3:05-3:10 pm
CP/NUR/PED	C85	How Well Do Patients Use Respiratory Inhalers, Nebulizers, And Other Devices? It's More Important Than You Might Think	Tuesday, 5/18/10 1:30-1:35 pm
PAR	D12	Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance (PAR SYMPOSIUM)	Wednesday, 5/19/10 9:55 am
CP/NUR/RSF	D6	Pulmonary Rehabilitation In Chronic Respiratory Diseases Other Than COPD	Wednesday 8/19/10 8:30-8:35 am

ASSEMBLY ON CRITICAL CARE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

4:30PM-6:30PM

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ASSEMBLY ON
CRITICAL CARE
DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

7:00PM-10:00PM

HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL

HEC BALLROOM C

SECOND LEVEL

The dinner is supported by Eisai, Inc

ATS DOCUMENTS UPDATE

1. Reminder to all Document Developers--We have launched submission of official ATS documents through the manuscript central website that the Society uses for all journal submissions. All official ATS documents must be submitted through this website <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/atsdocs>

2. We are pleased to announce that ATS has hired a new methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD. Dr. Brozek is based at McMaster University in Canada, and as the Society's methodologist, will provide expert consultation to Document Developers. Our Documents Editor, Dr. Holger Schunemann and Dr. Brozek will both be attending the Conference in New Orleans this year and will be visiting with many Document Developers to answer methods-related questions.

For further information about document development, visit the document development area of the ATS Website at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php> or contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org

2010 Guidelines Forum and Hands-on Workshop: What's new in document and guideline development?

All ATS members are invited to attend a free, hands-on guideline workshop conducted by the ATS Documents Editor, Holger J. Schunemann, MD, PhD, and the new ATS Methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD, to be held:

Sunday, May 16, 2009
6:45-9:45 pm
Versailles Ballroom, Third Level
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70140
Tel: (504) 561-0500 | 1-800-HILTONS

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served.

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the ninth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in New Orleans on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** The topic of the symposium is **“Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance”** and it will be jointly chaired by Jo Rae Wright, PhD, Michael Matthay, MD, and Teresa Barnes. The program includes the following:

- Michael A. Matthay, MD - *Cell-Based Therapy For Lung Injury*
- Bernard. Lo, MD - Ethical And Policy Issues Regarding Cell-Based Therapies: Anticipating and Addressing Potential Obstacles to Scientific and Clinical Innovation
- Jahar Bhattacharya, MD, PhD - Reversal of Lung Inflammation By Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- Landon S. King, MD - Role of Lymphocytes In Mediating Recovery From Acute Lung Injury
- Mark R. Looney, MD - Role of Neutrophils And Platelets In Mediating Acute Lung Injury
- Danielle Benich - LAM Patient Perspective
- Duncan J. Stewart, MD - Future Cell-Based Therapies

ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 18 2010 in the Exhibit Hall of the Ernest N Morial Convention Center Convention Centre. Public Interest Organizations (PIO's) concerned with lung and sleep disorders will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable celebrating **2010: Year of the Lung** is pleased to invite you to our fourth annual patient forum

Breathing Better with the ATS Forum

This is a forum at which patients will have the unique opportunity to network and learn more about their disease.

**SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

**Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(Grand Salon A, 1st Level)**

You'll have an opportunity to hear from patients and experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the meeting.

This year's discussions will focus on Lung and Environmental Health issues, and panelists include:

William Martin II, MD • Michael Busk, MD, MPH • Kenneth Paris, MD, MPH
David Schwartz, MD • Leon Zoller

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

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

SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Thoracic Society has opened the search for the Editor of its peer-reviewed publication, the *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society* (PATS), succeeding Alan R. Leff, M.D., who has been serving as Editor since the inception of the journal in 2004.

PATS publishes reviews of clinical or basic science commonly resulting from conferences or workshops organized or sponsored by the ATS and/or other organizations to provide a better understanding of diseases within respiratory, critical care medicine, and sleep. Publication is episodic.

It is anticipated that the Editor will be named in 2011 for a five-year term, but will not assume responsibility until March 2012. This timeline will allow the newly selected Editor to train with Dr. Leff for one year to ensure a smooth transition. The Search Committee is seeking candidates who are in a field relevant to lung health, critical care medicine, and/or sleep who have editorial experience.

Letters of interest, including a statement of plans for the Editorship, and curriculum vitae should be submitted by May 3, 2010 to:

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Second Annual ATS Research Dinner

WHEN

Saturday, May 15, 2010

WHERE

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For more information

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