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For 2005-2006, The CP Planning Committee received and recommended to the Program Review Subcommittee two new project proposals and five renewal projects. One of the new projects, Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: An Update of the International Consensus Statement on the Diagnosis & Treatment proposed by Drs. Ganesh Raghu, Fernando Martinez, and Jim Egan was accepted and funded. In addition, one of the renewal projects also received funding - ATS/ERS Guidelines on Flexible Bronchoscopy headed by Dr. Prashant Chhajed. The IPF project will result in a consensus statement and the bronchoscopy project in a clinical practice guideline. Ongoing projects that did not receive additional funding but are expected to be completed include Non-specific Interstitial Pneumonia: A Case-based Workshop to Define Diagnostic Criteria and Clinical Features, Task Force on Guidelines for the Clinical Use of Bronchoalveolar Lavage to Evaluate Interstitial Lung Disease, Patient Safety Practices for Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, and Smoking Related Interstitial Lung Disease. Proposals for the 2007 fiscal year should be submitted by early summer 2006.

Awards Committee Report

The CP Assembly will present its 3rd annual CP Clinician Educator Award this year. The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the recipient of the award this year is Dr Atul C. Mehta. Please join us at the CP Annual Dinner at the ATS International Conference where the award will be presented to Dr. Mehta. Previous winners have included Dr. Richard Matthay, Dr. John Hansenflashen, Dr. Richard Schwartzstein and Dr. Darryl Sue. Winners are honored at the CP Assembly dinner held at the International Conference. The goal of this award is to honor outstanding teachers who have also made significant contributions to pulmonary/critical care medicine. Criteria used to choose the clinician educator are:

- Active Clinician/Teacher
- Evidence of Recognition as outstanding teacher
- Evidence of participation in institutional and educational programs
- Evidence of significant contribution to clinical Pulmonary and Critical Care education
- Recognition by peers as outstanding clinician, teacher, and mentor
Project Update—Smoking Related Interstitial Lung Disease
Fernando Martinez, MD

In November, 2004 an international group of clinicians, radiologists, and pathologists with expertise in interstitial lung disease met in Ann Arbor, MI, under the sponsorship of the ATS and ERS, to review clinical histories, physiology, high resolution computed tomography scans, and surgical lung biopsies from patients with a history of cigarette smoking and diffuse parenchymal lung disease. These individuals identified features felt to be diagnostic of "smoking related interstitial lung disease". These cases were manifest by preserved pulmonary mechanics and decreased gas transfer. Radiographic features of emphysema, centrilobular nodules, respiratory bronchiolitis, and changes suggestive of nonspecific interstitial pneumonia were present. The most common pathologic features were emphysema/ emphysema-like airspace enlargement, respiratory bronchiolitis, desquamative interstitial pneumonia – like foci and bronchiolocentric stellate scars (with/without smooth muscle) simulating healed pulmonary Langerhans’ cell histiocytosis.

To test if these features truly represented a phenotype of “smoking related interstitial lung disease” investigators re-assembled in Ann Arbor, MI in November 2005. At that meeting cases of diffuse parenchymal lung disease from patients with and without a history of smoking were reviewed without knowledge of smoking history. Observers noted clinical, radiographic, and pathologic features and also rendered an opinion regarding if the changes were related to smoking. Data from this session is undergoing analysis. It is likely that a smoking-related, parenchymal lung disease phenotype will be identified.

Annual Clinical Problems Assembly Dinner

Assembly members and their guests are invited to join us for the annual Clinical Problems Assembly dinner. This will be an evening of good food, good company, and an entertaining program. The event will be held Monday, May 22nd at 6:30 pm, immediately following the annual CP membership meeting. The dinner will be held in the America’s Cup Room (Level 4) at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel. The hotel is within easy walking distance of the San Diego Convention Center.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner and presentations from our Clinician Educator Awardee Dr. Atul C. Mehta.

The total cost for the evening’s activities is only $30 per person. This includes appetizers, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. The ticket price has been substantially subsidized through the generosity of the AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical and Boehringer-Ingelheim Pharmaceutical Inc. To make a reservation please fill the registration form and send it to the ATS office. You can download the registration form at http://www.thoracic.org/sections/about-ats/assemblies/cp/news/resources/cpdinnerreg06.doc. Tickets are limited and reservations will be accepted only as long as tickets are available.

This will be an excellent opportunity for members of the Assembly to get acquainted in an informal setting. We hope that you will join us for this delightful evening and look forward to seeing you there.

Warmly,
Idelle Weisman, MD
Chair, Clinical Problems Assembly
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For your information, the FY2007 (January 1-December 31, 2007) project application forms for Assembly/Committee projects will be available on the ATS website in April 2006 at:

http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/projectform.asp

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project Application for Funding in FY2007!

The timeline for the application and review process follows:

April 2006: FY2007 forms are available

July 25, 2006: Assembly/Committee project applications are due to the ATS office. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Early-mid August 2006: abridged versions of the proposals will be posted on the ATS site and emails will be sent to ATS Leadership, Assembly Planning Committee Chairs, Assembly Chairs, ATS Committee Chairs, appropriate ATS staff and the PRS committee, to notify them that the current, un-reviewed proposals are available. This will give everyone an opportunity to touch base with any of the applicants if they would like to get involved with a project before it goes to the PRS for review.

August 1-18, 2006: Assembly Planning Committees will meet via conference call to review appropriate proposals. Any proposal that has indicated on the form that a specific ATS committee may want to become involved will be sent to the ATS committee chair and to the appropriate staff member. Committees are encouraged to work with appropriate ATS staff and review any proposals and to send recommendations to the applicant and to the PRS.

September 6, 2006: Revised proposals and all reviews from Assemblies and Committees are due to ATS office. This includes any proposal that has revisions based on a review by an Assembly Planning Committee or an ATS Committee.

Early October 2006: Program Review Sub-Committee (PRS) meeting

Please Consider Submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2007!

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Please Consider Submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2007! Cont’d

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Early November 2006: Program & Budget Committee (P&B) meeting. Recommendations from the PRS will be provided to the P&B Committee. At the discretion of the P&B Committee, specific projects will be added to the FY2007 budget as new items.

December 2006: ATS Board reviews FY 2007 Budget.

Please contact Elisha Malanga with any questions at tel: 212/315-8693 or email: emalanga@thoracic.org.

Patients to Speak at Sixteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at sixteen of the 2006 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposia for the last four years and at over 25 ATS symposia at the 2004 and 2005 International Conferences.

This is the third year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies’ Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation at the symposia to offer insight into their personal journeys; to address their diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyles, family, career and relationships. They will share their insight 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:

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ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) Symposium and Poster Session

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the fifth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in San Diego on Monday, May 22nd from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be “COPD and Co-morbidities: Treating the Whole Patient” chaired by Sharon I. S. Rounds, M.D and John W. Walsh. The program includes the following:

- COPD As A Systemic Condition - S. I. S. Rounds, M.D., Providence, RI
- Panel: Experience of Patients With COPD And Co-Morbidities - J. W. Walsh, Miami, FL
- COPD and Cardiovascular Disease - D. D. Sin, M.D., Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Obesity, Wasting and BODE Index - B. R. Celli, M.D., Boston, MA
- Skeletal Muscle Function in COPD - P. D. Wagner, M.D., La Jolla, CA
- COPD and Endocrine Issues: Diabetes - E. N. Schachter, M.D., New York, NY
- Depression and Anxiety In COPD Patients - J.R. Curtis, M.D., M.P.H., Seattle, WA
- Session Summary - S. I. Rennard, M.D., Omaha, NE

ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 21 until Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at the Center Terrace of the San Diego Convention Center. 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.
Documents Forum at 2006 International Conference

On Sunday, May 21 from 7-9 PM, the Documents Editor, Holger Schunemann, MD and Documents Staff Judy Corn will lead a forum on Official Documents: what they are, how they’re developed, and how they’re peer reviewed, approved and disseminated. New Board-approved policy guidelines for document development and their impact on the Society will also be addressed. All Assembly leadership, current writing committee members, as well as individuals interested in serving on writing committees in the future are urged to attend this informative session. Participants will receive a packet of highly cited ATS documents and procedural guidelines.

ATS Documents Forum
Sunday, May 21, from 7-9 PM
Randle Ballroom A/B
Manchester Grand Hyatt

Assembly on Clinical Problems
Membership Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2006
4:30PM-6:30PM

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