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CP Planning Committee Chair

Janet Maurer, MD

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 ~ AT/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. Clinicians, radiologists and pathologists examined these cases in isolation and the entire group reviewed the same data as a group. 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 Astra-Zeneca 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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Postgraduate Courses			
<u>Friday, May 19</u>			
PG3	Interventional Pulmonology With Practical Demonstration: Something For Every Pulmonologist	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG4	Update On Cardiopulmonary Exercise Testing: Putting Recent Advances Into Practice	8:00 am	4:00 pm
<u>Saturday, May 20</u>			
PG15	Diagnostic And Management Dilemmas In Diffuse Interstitial Lung Disease	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG16	COPD: Update For The Clinician And Researcher	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG17	Practical Chest Imaging For The Pulmonologist	8:00 am	4:00 pm
Clinical Topics In Pulmonary Medicine			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
A2	Novel Outcomes For Novel Therapies In COPD	8:15 am	11:00 am
A3	IPF: Applying Data From Clinical Trials To Patient Care	8:15 am	11:00 am
A72	Autofluorescence Bronchoscopy And Advances In Detecting Bronchial Neoplasia: Is The Future Really Bright Or Has It Already Flickered Past Its Prime?	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
B2	Bronchoscopy Clinic Application Of Innovation In Interventional Pulmonology	8:15 am	11:00 am
B3	Pathogenesis Of IpF: Treatment Implications	8:15 am	11:00 am
B72	Difficult Management Issues In Sarcoidosis	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
B73	Obesity In Clinical Practice	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
C2	Pleural Controversies: A Pro/Con Session	8:15 am	11:00 am
C72	Controversial Topics In Lung Transplantation: A Series Of Pro-Con Debates	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
C73	Update In Venous Thromboembolism	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
D2	Update On The Diagnosis And Management Of Pulmonary Vasculitis	8:15 am	11:00 am
D3	Strategies In The Management Of Advanced Lung Diseases	8:15 am	11:00 am
D72	Is COPD An Inflammatory Disease?	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D73	Rheumatoid Ruminations: The Pulmonary Spectrum Of Rheumatoid Arthritis And Its Expanding Treatment Repertoire	1:30 pm	4:00 pm
Clinical Workshops			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
WS1	Electromagnetic Navigational Bronchoscopy	12:00 pm	1:30 pm

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Clinical Workshops Cont'd			
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
WS3	A Clinical-Radiographic-Pathologic Approach To The Patient With Suspected Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
WS5	Master Clinicians: Pleural Diseases	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
WS8	Bronchiectasis: Answers To The Five Top Dilemmas Faced By Clinicians	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
Scientific Symposia			
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
C71	Lung Cancer: Management In The Year 2006	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
D79	Significant Gerontological Issues Impacting Pulmonary Rehabilitation	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
Evening Postgraduate Seminars			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
E2	Bronchiectasis: New Insights And Approaches To An Old Disease	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
E3	Exploring Therapeutic Options For COPD: Current And Future Implications	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
E7	Activity Limitation In COPD: Links To Functional Status And Quality Of Life	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
E12	Modifying The Clinical Course Of COPD	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
Meet The Professor Seminars			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
MP403	Connective Tissue Disease And The Lung	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP404	Pulmonary Hypertension In The Elderly: Assessment, Diagnosis And Management	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP405	Lung Transplantation: A Glass Half-Empty Or Half-Full?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP406	Controversies In The Diagnostic Evaluation And Treatment Of Bronchiectasis	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP407	Fibrosing Lung Disease: IPF And Beyond	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP408	Endobronchial Ultrasound: State Of The Art	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP409	Management Of "End Of Life Care In ICU"	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP410	Clinical Application Of Pulmonary Exercise Testing	12:00 pm	1:00 pm

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Meet The Professor Seminars Cont'd			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
MP411	Imaging Of Interstitial Pneumonias	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
MP503	Update On The Evaluation And Management Of Chronic Cough	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP504	Can I Take Care Of My Patient After Lung Transplantation And How? A Guide To Integrated Management Of A Lung Transplant Recipient In The Community	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP505	Medical Thoracoscopy: Indications, Complications, And Startup Problems	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP506	How Do You Work Up That Undiagnosed Pleural Effusion?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP507	ABCs Of Exercise Physiology	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP508	Clinical Evaluation Of Occupational Lung Disease	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP509	Challenges In Diagnosis And Management Of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
MP603	The Eosinophilic Lung Diseases	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP604	New Perspectives In Evaluation And Treatment Of The Solitary Pulmonary Nodule	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP605	Bronchoscopic Lung Volume Reduction	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP606	The Mediastinal Mass	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP607	Extra-Pulmonary Sarcoidosis: Treatment Options In 2006	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP608	Improving Outcomes After Lung Transplantation	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP609	Management Of Benign Tracheal Stenosis In 2006	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP610	Evidence-Based Medicine In Pulmonary Rehabilitation	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP611	COPD: Update	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP612	Medical Thoracoscopy: Why, How And When?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
Sunrise Seminars			
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
SS102	Etiologies And Treatment Of Vocal Cord Dysfunction	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS103	Infection Vs. Rejection: Treating The Lung Transplant Patient At Presentation	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS104	Management Of Wegener's Granulomatosis	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS105	Evaluation Of Thoracic Pain	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS106	"Hospital At Home" - Intermediate Care For Exacerbations Of COPD	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS107	Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonias: Making Sense Of Alphabet Soup	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS108	Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS109	Recent Advances In Lung Transplantation	7:00 am	8:00 am

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Sunrise Seminars Cont'd			
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
SS110	Non-Chemotherapeutic Drug Induced Lung Injury	7:00 am	8:00 am
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
SS203	Ultrasound For The Intensivist: Pleural And Vascular Access	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS204	Pulmonary Lch (Histiocytosis X): Recent Advances In The Understanding And Therapy Of A True Dendritic Cell Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS205	Fluid Management In Acute Lung Injury	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS206	Non-Steroid Therapy For Sarcoidosis	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS207	Scleroderma Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS208	The Role Of Lung Transplantation In The Treatment Of Advanced Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS209	Infections In The Critically Ill	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS210	Pulmonary Hypertension In Sleep Apnea	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS211	Pulmonary Nodules: How Will Technology Affect Clinical Decision Making?	7:00 am	8:00 am
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
SS304	Pulmonary/Critical Care Complications Of Bone Marrow Transplantation	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS305	Staging Of Lung Cancer	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS306	The Emerging Role Of Chemotherapy In Non-Small Cell Lung Carcinoma	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS307	Infectious Complications After Lung Transplantation	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS308	Flexible Bronchoscopy: EBM Based Guidelines	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS309	Preventative Strategies For Aspiration Pneumonia Among Older Persons	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS310	Management Of Pulmonary Hypertension: Beyond Prostacycline	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS311	How To Do It: Practical Issues For Choosing And Managing Immunosuppressive Agents In Inflammatory Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
Mini Symposia			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
A13	Pleural Diseases: Infection, Neoplasm, Management And Research	8:15 am	11:00 am
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
B14	COPD Exacerbations: Etiology, Biomarkers And Consequences	8:15 am	11:00 am
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
C13	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	8:15 am	11:00 am
C82	Interstitial Lung Diseases And Related Conditions	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
C83	COPD: Diagnosis, Management And Outcome	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

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Mini Symposia Cont'd			
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
D12	Lung Cancer: 2006	8:15 am	11:00 am
D13	COPD: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis, Laboratory Science	8:15 am	11:00 am
D84	Lung Transplantation: Recognizing Rejection	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
Poster Discussion Sessions			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
A94	Interstitial Lung Disease: ".....To The Bed Side"	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
B93	Pleural Diseases: Infection, Neoplasm, Management And Research	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
B94	COPD: Laboratory Science, Diagnosis And Management	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
C21	Lung Transplantation: "From Animals To Humans!"	8:15 am	11:00 am
C22	Interventional Pulmonology And Thoracic Surgery	8:15 am	11:00 am
C23	COPD: Epidemiology And Pathogenesis	8:15 am	11:00 am
<u>Wednesday, May 24</u>			
D24	Interstitial Lung Disease: "From The Bench....."	8:15 am	11:00 am
D91	COPD Exacerbation	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D92	Lung Cancer: In The Twenty First Century	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D93	COPD: General	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
Thematic Poster Sessions			
<u>Sunday, May 21</u>			
A112	Lung Cancer: In The New Millennium	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A113	Sarcoidosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A114	ILD: LAM, PAP, WG, HHT, ETC!	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A115	ILD: "Six Minute Walks To Few Other Talks"	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A116	ILD: Lab Bulletin	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A117	COPD: Therapy:I	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A118	COPD: Therapy:II	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A119	COPD: Outcomes	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A120	COPD: Diagnosis And Evaluation	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A121	COPD: General	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A122	Laboratory Science	8:15 am	4:15 pm

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Thematic Poster Sessions Cont'd			
<u>Monday, May 22</u>			
B107	Pleural Effusion	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B108	Transplantation: 2006	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B109	Adult Cystic Fibrosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B110	Cough	8:15 am	4:15 pm
<u>Tuesday, May 23</u>			
C120	COPD Exacerbations	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C121	Interventional Pulmonology And Thoracic Surgery	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C122	COPD: Epidemiology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C123	COPD: Pathogenesis: I	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C124	COPD: Pathogenesis: II	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C125	COPD: Pathogenesis: III	8:15 am	4:15 pm

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

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. If you have an idea for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee chair Janet R. Maurer at janet.maurer@cigna.com

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! 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:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII	B7	Genotypic and Phenotypic Predictors of Response to Asthma Therapy: What do NHLBI Clinical Research Studies Tell Us?	Monday, May 22 8:15-11:00 am
BS	A7	Respiratory Lung Health and the Family: The Influence of Family on Adherence, Disease Management, and Health Outcomes	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
BS	D9	Community Involvement in Pulmonary and Critical Care Research: What, Why and How?	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am
CP	A2	Novel Outcomes for Novel Therapies in COPD	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
CP	D2	Update in the Diagnosis and Management of Pulmonary Vasculitis	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am
CC	B74	Genetic Influences on the Susceptibility To and Outcome of Critical Illness	Monday, May 22 1:30-4:15 pm
CC	C7	Clinical Studies in the Pediatric ICU: Update From the Pediatric Acute Lung Injury and Sepsis Investigator's (PALISI) Network	Tuesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
MTPI	C6	Diagnosis and Management of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infections - The New ATS Guidelines	Tuesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am

Patients to Speak at Sixteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia Cont'd

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
NRSG	A8	Critical Care of the Geriatric Patient	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
NRSG	B6	Biobehavioral Considerations in Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation	Monday, May 22 8:15-11:00 am
PED	A9	Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia: Not Just the Other Inherited Lung Disease	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PC	D75	Taking the Next Step, Improving Outcomes in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Wednesday, May 24 1:30-4:15 pm
RCMB	B77	Evolving Concepts of Stem Cells and Lung Repair	Monday, May 22 1:30-4:15 pm
RCMB	D7	New Developments in the Genetics of Respiratory Disorders	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am
RNS	D76	Sleep, Breathing and Metabolic Function	Wednesday, May 24 1:30-4:15 pm
RSF	A79	Impact of Smoking on Lung Function: Therapeutic Implications and Biological Mechanisms	Sunday, May 21 1:30-4:15 pm

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

information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the poster session to provide additional information.

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

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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