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Message from the CP Assembly Chair

Fernando J. Martinez, MD

For 2006-2007, there have been six active projects within the CP Assembly. These include the Non-specific Interstitial Pneumonia: A Case-based Workshop to Define Diagnostic Criteria and Clinical Features led by Drs. William Travis, Talmadge King and Gary Hunninghake. A manuscript from the work of this committee is currently under revision. The Task Force on Guidelines for the Clinical Use of Bronchoalveolar Lavage to Evaluate Interstitial Lung Disease under the direction of Drs. Ganesh Raghu and Keith Meyer has generated a document that is under review. The Smoking Related Interstitial Lung Disease workgroup under the direction of Drs. Fer-

nando J. Martinez, Talmadge King and Ulrich Costabel has completed data collection and collation. Data analyses are ongoing and a draft manuscript is anticipated in the second quarter of this year. The ATS/ERS Guidelines on Flexible Bronchoscopy has met at the ATS Annual Meeting during the past two years and a draft statement has been completed. The most recent is the ATS/ERS/JRS task force on Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: An update of the International Consensus Statement on the Diagnosis and Treatment under the direction of Drs. Ganesh Raghu, James Egan and Fernando J. Martinez. This group has identified a full complement of participants

who have agreed on the methodology for data review/assessment and initiated data searches. The ATS/ERS Task Force entitled 'Outcomes for COPD Pharmacological Trials: From Lung Function to Biomarkers' has been approved by the ERS and a manuscript has been accepted. The document is under final review by the ATS.

Importantly, the CP Assembly is pleased to announce that Dr. David Ost has agreed to serve as the CP Planning Committee chair. We are indebted to Dr. Maurer for the incredible work that she has supervised during her tenure.

Awards Committee Report

The CP Assembly will present its 4th annual CP Clinician Educator

Award this year. The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that

the recipient of the award this year is Dr.

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Awards Committee Report

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Bartolome Celli. Please join us at the CP Annual Membership Meeting at the ATS International Conference where the award will be presented to Dr. Celli. Previous winners have included Dr. Atul Mehta, Dr. Richard Matthay, Dr. John Hansen-Flaschen,

Dr. Richard Schwartzstein and Dr. Darryl Sue. Winners are honored by the CP Assembly 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

Website Update

The Clinical Problems Assembly is pleased to report that Victor Kim of Temple University has agreed to serve as the website director. He is

exploring a series of novel initiatives to bring added value to the CP website. This includes a series of links to appropriate internal and exter-

nal sites as well as updated content that will be of interest to clinical problems assembly members. Any thoughts or concepts that may fa-

cilitate Dr. Kim's work would be greatly appreciated.

Get Involved In Our Assembly

Fernando J. Martinez, MD, MS, Assembly Chair

The ATS is a large organization with a broad range of clinical, academic and legislative interests. Its work is highlighted by the Annual International Meeting, which represents one of the premier meetings of individuals with an interest in thoracic

diseases. It allows a wonderful opportunity for scientific exchange, networking and education. On the other hand, the ATS provides much more opportunity for expanding health care, education and research. Numerous assemblies allow focused groupings

of individual with similar interests. The Clinical Problems Assembly provides a forum for discussion and evaluation of issues concerning clinical problems in respiratory disease, including serving as a point source for translational studies. As such, there

are many opportunities at the Annual Meeting and in between meetings to participate in the many active committees to serve the Assembly and thereby the ATS in general. Consider volunteering for one of the Assembly's committees or to ongoing projects.

Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: New Guidelines for Clinical Management

Ganesh Raghu, MD, FCCP, FACP; Jim Egan, MD & Fernando Martinez, MD, MS

This international effort to update the 2000 ATS/ERS statement on the

diagnosis and management of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis has

made substantial progress over the last year. Through the efforts of

participating members and close collaboration

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Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: New Guidelines for Clinical Management

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with the ATS Document Development and Implementation Committee, an extensive, evidence-based revision is well underway.

Specific accomplishments during the last year include: expansion of the committee membership roster to include 31 experts from 13 countries and 4 conti-

nents; completion of an extensive systematic review of the literature; development of a revised document outline that incorporates evidence-based methodology into diagnosis and treatment recommendations using the ATS Document Development and Implementation Committee recommended GRADE ap-

proach; assignment of primary authorship responsibilities for individual sections and progress in revising working drafts of these sections. New information on genetics and epidemiology, natural history (acute exacerbation), prognostic factors, and novel therapies will be included.

The timeline for completion and submission remains late 2007. It is hoped that this document will provide clear guidelines to practicing clinicians and identify areas of focus for future research.

Please Consider Submitting An Assembly/Committee Project Application For Funding In FY2008!

For your information, the FY2008 (January 1-December 31, 2008) project application forms for Assembly/Committee projects will be available on the ATS website (www.thoracic.org) on May 1, 2007. There will be a link to the project submission forms on the ATS homepage. 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 David E. Ost at david.ost@med.nyu.edu.

The timeline for the application and review process follows:

- ◆ May 2007: FY2008 forms are available
- ◆ July 23, 2007: Assembly/Committee project applications are due to the ATS office. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- ◆ Early-mid August 2007: 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 Commit-

tee 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 1-17, 2007: 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 4, 2007: 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 Commit-

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- tee or an ATS Committee.
- ◆ Early October 2007: Program Review Subcommittee (PRS) meeting.
 - ◆ Early November 2007: 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 2007: ATS Board reviews FY 2008 Budget
- Please contact Monica Simeonova with any questions at tel: 212/315-8696 or email: msimeonova@thoracic.org.

ATS 2007 – San Francisco Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Clinical Problems

Postgraduate Courses			
<u>Friday, May 18</u>			
PG2	Practical Chest Imaging For The Pulmonologist	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG3	COPD: Update For The Clinician And Researcher	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG4	Diagnostic And Management Dilemmas In Diffuse Interstitial Lung Disease	8:00 am	4:00 pm
<u>Saturday, May 19</u>			
PG17	Interventional Pulmonology With Practical Demonstration: Something For Every Pulmonologist	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG18	Current Concepts In Lung Transplantation	8:00 am	4:00 pm
PG19	Clinical Controversies: A Physiological Approach To Patient Care	8:00 am	4:00 pm
Clinical Topics In Pulmonary Medicine			
<u>Sunday, May 20</u>			
A2	COPD Assessment: Novel Approaches To Identify Response To Therapy	8:15 am	11:00 am
A3	Sarcoidosis: Evidence-Based Approach To An Unknown Disease	8:15 am	11:00 am
A82	Controversies In IPF: A Pro/Con Debate	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
<u>Monday, May 21</u>			
B2	Patient Selection And Outcomes Of Lung Volume Reduction Surgery In Severe Emphysema: A Clinician's Guide By The National Emphysema Treatment Trial Research Group	8:15 am	11:00 am
B3	Optimal Strategies For Perioperative Respiratory Management	8:15 am	11:00 am

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Clinical Topics In Pulmonary Medicine

Monday, May 21

B82	Lung Adenocarcinoma: Progress And Promise	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
B83	Emerging Issues In Drug Induced And Iatrogenic Lung Disease	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 22

C2	Lung Cancer Clinic: State Of The Art	8:15 am	11:00 am
C82	Collagen Vascular-Associated Interstitial Lung Diseases: Clinical Challenges And Opportunities	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
C83	Health Care Associated Pneumonia: Updates On Diagnosis, Prevention, And Treatment	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Wednesday, May 23

D2	IPF: Unraveling The Pathobiology, Formulating New Treatments	8:15 am	11:00 am
D3	Eosinophilic Lung Diseases	8:15 am	11:00 am
D82	Bronchoscopy Clinic: State Of The Art	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D83	Pleural Disease: Advance Practice Changes You Should Adopt	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Evening Postgraduate Seminars

Sunday, May 20

E1	Activity Limitation In COPD	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
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Monday, May 21

E5	Understanding COPD Exacerbation: The Next Goal In Treating Our Patients	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
E7	Pathophysiology Of COPD And Therapeutic Intervention	7:00 pm	9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 22

E11	The Pulmonologist And Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: Dynamic Case Discussions	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
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Clinical Workshop

Sunday, May 20

WS1	Endobronchial Ultrasound	12:00 pm	1:30pm
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Monday, May 21

WS3	Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia: A Multidisciplinary Approach To Diagnosis	12:00 pm	1:30pm
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Tuesday, May 22

WS5	Bronchiectasis: International Perspectives On Evaluating And Treating An Old But Resurgent Disease	12:00 pm	1:30pm
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Clinical Workshop

Wednesday, May 23

WS7	Aspergillus Lung Disease	12:00 pm	1:30pm
WS8	Master Clinicians: Pleural Diseases		

Meet The Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 20

MP403	Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP404	Treatment Of IPF: Where We Are And Where We Are Going	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP405	Tropical Pulmonary Medicine	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP406	How To Reduce Your Waiting Times In Patients That Require Lung Transplantation	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP407	Bronchoscopy Education, Training And Certification	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP408	Airway Clearance Devices And Drugs: What's The Evidence?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP409	Clinical Epidemiology In The ICU	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP410	Self Expanding Airway Stents	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP411	Non-CF Bronchiectasis: Case-Based Approach To Diagnosis And Therapy	12:00 pm	1:00 pm

Monday, May 21

MP502	Clinico-Pathologic Manifestations Of Sarcoidosis: The Usual And The Unusual	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP503	Endobronchial Ultrasound: How Do I Learn?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP504	Sleep In COPD	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP505	Tracheobronchomalacia: Work Up And Management Of An Under-treated Disorder	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP506	Where Are All The Alpha-1 Patients And What Do I Do When I Find One?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP507	Management Of Complications During Flexible Bronchoscopy	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP508	Algorithmic Approach To Multiple Pulmonary Nodules	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP509	Lung Transplantation Should Be Embraced By All Pulmonologists: A Critical Review Of Benefits And Risks	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP510	Ventilatory Management Of ARDS In ICU	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP511	What's New In Bronchiectasis?	12:00 pm	1:00 pm

Tuesday, May 22

MP603	Endoscopic Lung Volume Reduction	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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Meet The Professor Seminars

Tuesday, May 22

MP604	Teaching In The ICU: Getting Past See One, Do One, Teach One	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP605	Practical Interventional Pulmonology: Techniques That Are Important And Feasible In Everyday Practice	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP606	Imaging Of Interstitial Pneumonias	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP607	Safety Of Bronchial Thermoplasty For Asthma	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP608	Novel Bronchoscopic Therapy For Emphysema	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
MP609	Upper Airway Dysfunction	12:00 pm	1:00 pm

Sunrise Seminars

Monday, May 21

SS102	Palliative And End Of Life Research In The ICU	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS103	Advances In The Management Of PAH: What, When, How?	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS104	Staging Of Lung Cancer In 2007	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS105	Challenging Pleural Disease Cases	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS106	Management Of Advanced COPD	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS107	Role Of Lung Transplant In The Management Of Patients With Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS108	Therapeutic Options For Systemic Sclerosis-Related Interstitial Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS109	Severe Asthma And Status Asthmaticus	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS110	Bayesian Methods In Medicine	7:00 am	8:00 am

Tuesday, May 22

SS204	Immunosuppression In Lung Transplantation: Which Agents, How Much, When And Why?	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS205	COPD: Influence Of Race And Gender On Presentation	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS206	Dynamic Hyperinflation In COPD: The Effect On Exercise Performance, How To Measure It, And Therapeutic Options	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS207	Pulmonary Fibrosis: Current Concepts Of Pathobiology	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS208	Updates In Screening For Lung Cancer	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS209	Practical Approach To Staging Sarcoidosis: The Initial Assessment	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS210	Diagnosis And Management Of Scleroderma-Related Interstitial Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am

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Sunrise Seminars

Tuesday, May 22

SS211	Bronchial Thermoplasty For Asthma: How I Do It	7:00 am	8:00 am
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Wednesday, May 23

SS303	Lung Volume Reduction Surgery Or Lung Transplantation In COPD: Choosing The Optimal Procedure	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS304	Differentiating Asthma And Vocal Cord Dysfunction	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS305	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis: Current Therapies	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS306	Tracheobronchomalacia And Excessive Dynamic Airway Collapse	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS307	Management Of The Adult Patient With Cystic Fibrosis	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS308	Evaluation And Treatment Of Special Cases In Pulmonary Hypertension	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS309	A Novel Approach To The COPD Patient	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS310	Pulmonary Exercise Testing	7:00 am	8:00 am
SS311	How To Build An Interventional Pulmonology Program In A Community Hospital	7:00 am	8:00 am

Mini-Symposia

Monday, May 21

B13	ILD And Connective Tissue Disease	8:15 am	8:15 am
B91	ILD: Therapeutic Intervention	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 22

C12	COPD Pathogenesis: New Insights	8:15 am	11:00 am
C13	Long Term Oxygen Treatment In COPD	8:15 am	11:00 am
C97	COPD Treatment III: Lessons From The Torch And Others	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
C98	Prioritizing Candidates And Predicting Outcome In Lung Transplantation	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Wednesday, May 23

D13	Dynamic Hyperinflation (DH) In COPD: Evaluation And Treatment	8:15 am	11:00 am
D14	Interventional Bronchoscopy	8:15 am	11:00 am

Poster Discussions

Sunday, May 20

A108	COPD: Costs Of Care And Impact Of Self Management Strategies On Outcome	8:15 am	11:00 am
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Poster Discussions

Monday, May 21

B26	Lung Cancer 2006	8:15 am	11:00 am
B102	COPD And Cardiovascular Disease	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
B103	Rejection And Lung Transplantation	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 22

C21	IPF: Diagnosis And Prognosis	8:15 am	11:00 am
C22	Novel Markers Of Inflammation In COPD	8:15 am	11:00 am

Wednesday, May 23

D27	Worldwide Epidemiology Of COPD	8:15 am	11:00 am
D105	Interstitial Lung Disease: Biology	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D106	Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Disease: Evaluation, Pathogenesis And Treatment	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
D107	Infections And COPD Exacerbation	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Thematic Posters

Sunday, May 20

A47	COPD Treatment I: Bronchodilators, Inhaled Corticosteroids And PDE4 Inhibitors	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A48	Predicting And Treating COPD Exacerbations	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A49	ILD: Pathobiology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A50	Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A51	Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm
A52	Interstitial Lung Disease	8:15 am	4:15 pm

Monday, May 21

B36	Sarcoidosis: Diagnosis, Treatment, And Complications	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B37	Connective Tissue Disease And The Lung	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B38	Exercise In COPD: Functional Assessment	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B39	Exercise Limitation In COPD: Treatments And Non-Pulmonary Factors	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B40	Infectious Complications In Transplantation	8:15 am	4:15 pm

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Thematic Posters

Monday, May 21

B41	Morbidity And Comorbidities In Lung Transplantation	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B42	Transplantation: Animal Models/Xenographing	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B43	Cough: Clinical	8:15 am	4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 22

C30	Pulmonary Function Testing: Standards And Techniques	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C31	Pulmonary Function Testing: Clinical Application	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C32	COPD Diagnosis: Radiologic Imaging	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C33	COPD Diagnosis: Predicting Outcomes	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C34	Interventional Pulmonology: New Methods	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C35	Interventional Pulmonology: Bronchoscopy And More	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C36	Pleural Disease: Treatment	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C37	Inflammation In COPD: Assessment And Treatment	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C38	COPD Epidemiology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C39	COPD Treatment Ii: Other Therapy	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C40	Depression, Fatigue And Other Comorbidities In COPD	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C41	COPD Pathogenesis I: Inflammation And Response To Cigarette Smoke	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C42	COPD Pathogenesis II: Cell Signaling And Inflammatory Mediators	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C43	COPD Pathogenesis III: Airway And Lung Parenchymal Reponses	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C44	Diagnosis In COPD: Pulmonary Function Testing	8:15 am	4:15 pm

Wednesday, May 23

D30	Thoracic Surgery: General	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D31	Pleural Disease/Mesothelioma: Biology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D32	Pleural Disease/Mesothelioma: Diagnosis And Outcome	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D33	Lung Cancer: Imaging	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D34	Lung Cancer: Treatment	8:15 am	4:15 pm

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Thematic Posters

Wednesday, May 23

D35	Lung Cancer: General	8:15 am	4:15 pm
D36	Adult Cystic Fibrosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm

Patients to Speak At Eleven Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at eleven of the 2007 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposia for the last five years

and at an increasing number of sessions at the 2004, 2005 and 2006 International Conferences.

This is the fourth year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute pres-

entation 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 research-

ers 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
NRSG	A7	Controversies in Pulmonary Rehabilitation	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
PED	A85	State of the Art Update: Prevention and Management of Neonatal Chronic Lung Disease (Parent's Perspective on BPD)	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
MTPI	A86	New Tools and New Challenges: Interferon Gamma Release Assays in the Diagnosis of TB Infection and Disease	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	A87	Improving Outcomes after Human Lung Transplantation: Insights Gained Through Translational Proteomics, Genetics and Genomics Studies	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
EOH	A88	The Upper Airway and the Environment	Sunday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	A9	Vascular Homeostasis in Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Sunday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
AII	B8	Challenging the Current Paradigm for Treating Asthma	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PED	B9	Pathophysiology of OSAS in Children: New Questions, New Answers	Monday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am

Patients to Speak At Eleven Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
CC	D4	Update on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Severe Sepsis	Wednesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
PED	D90	Current and Emerging Treatments For Cystic Fibrosis	Wednesday, May 23 1:30-4:15 pm
PC	PG9	Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis and Treatment: State of the Art 2007	Friday, May 18 8:00-4:00 pm

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the sixth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in San Francisco on Tuesday, May 22nd from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be "Pulmonary Hypertension – Basic, Translational and Clinical" chaired by Peter D. Wagner, M.D. and Judith Simpson, RN, EdS. The program includes the following:

- Classification of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – D. B. Badesch, M.D., Denver, CO
- Genetics of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – C. G. Elliott, MD, Salt Lake City, UT
- Pathogenesis of Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension – L. Rubin, M.D., San Diego, CA
- Fueled By Hope: Living with Pulmonary Hypertension – C. S. Tillman Dick Baltimore, MD
- Current Therapies: Prostanoids, Endothelin Receptor Antagonist and Phosphodiesterase Inhibitors – R.J. Barst, MD, New York, NY
- Stem Cell Therapy – D.J. Stewart, M.D., Toronto, Canada
- Future Therapies: Antiproliferatives and Others – J.H. Newman, M.D., Nashville, TN
- Our Meghan’s Fight to Breathe – C. Hicks, Gig Harbor, WA

Moscone 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.

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 20 until Tuesday, May 22, 2007 in the Exhibit Hall of the San Francisco

ATS Public Advisory Roundtable’s First Annual

Breathing Better with the ATS Forum

May 19th, 2007, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PARC 55 Hotel located at 55 Cyril Magnin St., San Francisco

RSVP by: March 30th, 2007 by emailing par@thoracic.org or call Karen Belgiovine at (212) 315-8640

If you have any patients in the San Francisco area, please encourage them to attend. They will have an opportunity to hear from and network with other patients and experts in the pulmonary community.

CLINICAL PROBLEMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY MAY 21ST 4:30-6:30 PM

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