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## CLINICAL PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

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# Message From the CP Assembly Chairman

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The Clinical Problems Assembly continues to be a focus for clinicians and researchers to advocate the causes of providing clinical care to patients with respiratory diseases, researchers involved in patient oriented research and those serving as clinical links to translational research. In these fronts members of the CP assembly have joined forces with individuals from other assemblies to actively participate in numerous projects with partial or complete ATS support. The 'Non-specific Interstitial Pneumonitis: A Case-based workshop to define diagnostic criteria and clinical features' project led by Drs. William Travis, Talmadge King and Gary Hunninghake has generated a sentinel document that has been recently accepted for publication to the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine. The ATS/ERS Task force entitled 'Outcomes for COPD Pharmacological Trials: From Lung Function to Biomarkers' generated a comprehensive document providing detailed guidance to investigators in COPD which has recently been published in the European Respiratory Journal with ATS endorsement. The ATS/ERS Smoking Related Interstitial Lung Disease Workgroup has utilized a novel investigative approach with validation and derivation phases to complete an important study. A manuscript is undergoing internal review by the committee. The ATS/ERS/JRS/KATRD 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 has evolved considerably over the past year, with an adoption of an evidence based approach to the review and synthesis of the available data. Dr. Holger Scheunemman, the ATS Documents Editor and Chair of the Documents Development & Implementation Committee, has provided invaluable assistance in assuring the appropriate use of state of the art GRADE methodology. Three new projects have been recently approved and a fourth refunded. Dr. Keith Meyers has proposed an ambitious project titled 'Management of the Lung Transplant Recipient: A Comprehensive, Evidence Based Guideline.' Dr. William Travis has embarked on an important project titled 'International Multidisciplinary Consensus Sub classification of Adenocarcinoma' with partial ATS support. A fourth project, the IPF Statement detailed above, was renewed. A draft of the Clinical Policy Statement titled: Guidelines for the Clinical use of Bronchoalveolar Lavage to Evaluate Interstitial Lung Disease has been completed and is currently going through the peer review process.

The CP Assembly Planning Committee under the direction of David Ost has proceeded with a number of continuing and new projects as noted in Dr. Ost's commentary.

## CP Assembly Planning Committee Report

David E. Ost, MD, Chair

For 2007-2008, the Clinical Problems Assembly Planning Committee has been working on four main issues. These include the ATS pro-

jects, administering and revising the Clinician Educator Award, interacting with other assem-

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## CP Assembly Planning Committee Report

David E. Ost, MD, Chair

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blies regarding awards relevant to clinical problems, and systematizing our committee structure.

### *ATS Projects*

For 2007, there were seven new projects proposed by the Clinical Problems Assembly membership. Four of these, with a total budget of \$37,206, were approved. Three were detailed above. The fourth is 'Career Talk: The Book' which will be available on CD-Rom. All projects will be available for review on the website.

The CP Planning Committee reviewed the project application process. In order to meet the needs of the membership, an electronic survey will be sent to ATS members to identify what topics and problems would be most useful for future ATS projects. This survey tool will be updated yearly with new entries so that projects focus on the needs of members rather than being focused too narrowly. This will provide ATS members direct input into the structure and content of future projects.

### *Clinician Educator Award*

We reviewed the Clinician Educator Award given out by the Clinical Problems Assembly and have tried to systematize the process to reduce year-to-year variation and to institutionalize the award more fully. This is now the 5<sup>th</sup> year the award has been given out. The process begins with soliciting nominations

from the general membership. The criteria for scoring will be posted on the website as part of the award description for transparency. Nominees may come from any assembly in the ATS, not just clinical problems. An awards subcommittee is formed to evaluate and score the nominees. The subcommittee consists of physicians recently out of fellowship (5-years) and intermediate level faculty. The subcommittee will be chaired by a former clinician educator award winner. The scoring of nominees will be done by the subcommittee and will use criteria previously established. The planning committee will present this to the clinical problems chair for approval and the award will be given out at the ATS meeting.

### *Other Awards*

The planning committee, on behalf of the Clinical Programs Assembly, worked with the regional chapters on a proposal to have a new award ATS Outstanding Clinician Educator Award developed. The criteria for the award will be presented to ATS Executive Committee this year and the award, if approved, would become active the following year. The award would be given out at the ATS general meeting rather than in the meeting of the clinical problems assembly.

### *Planning Committee Structure*

We reviewed the by-laws and are adjusting the structure of the planning committee to more closely match the needs and goals of the ATS. Specifically, the plan-

ning committee is supposed to have anywhere from 10-15 members, with approximately 25% international membership representation. Approximately 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the committee members should be rotating off yearly.

In the past the needs of the ATS were different and as a result the committee structure had grown a bit large. Using the 1/3<sup>rd</sup> rotation guideline, we setup a spreadsheet listing the committee membership for each year for the past 5 years. As committee members go from their 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> years and "age", new members will be rotated on as the oldest go off. The goal will be to come into compliance with the 10-15 members target. Since 1/3<sup>rd</sup> rotate off, the average duration will be about 3 years on the committee. This will help to keep new people and new ideas moving into the ATS.

We will need to balance the competing need to bring in new people with new ideas with the need to maintain continuity and institutional memory. For example, since some committee members cannot serve more than 1 year because of other time constraints a few members may need to serve longer. Similarly, members most knowledgeable about the development and administration of the awards process and the ATS projects may need to serve an extra year. Overall, we will try to make sure these exceptions make up no more than 20% of the total committee size.

## Please consider submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2009!

This year for the first time there will be an **Online Application Process** using an electronic grants submission process called proposalCENTRAL. All interested applicants must submit their Assembly/

Committee Project Applications online through proposalCENTRAL. To avoid being rushed at deadline time, applicants are encouraged to register and complete

a professional profile at proposalCENTRAL as early as possible. There will be a link to proposalCENTRAL on the ATS homepage at

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www.thoracic.org along with new comprehensive instructions that have been designed to correspond with the numbered fields within the online application. Please consider submitting an online 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 at David E. Ost, MD at david.ost@med.nyu.edu.

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

## CP Assembly Website Report

Victor Kim, MD, Web Director

The Website, under the direction of Dr. Victor Kim, has achieved important milestones. To make the CP Assembly Website a more attractive resource to those involved in clinical education or patient care, the CP Assembly Website has been updated with new links to the following:

1. The ATS Reading List, which provides crucial literature for pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine fellows;
2. The ATS Patient Education Site, which provides numerous

downloadable brochures on a variety of topics, including disease states such as COPD and sarcoidosis and outpatient procedures like bronchoscopy and thoracentesis;

3. A compilation of the State of the Art series in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, to provide a central location where physicians can access the latest updates on clinical medicine and translational research.

We have worked hard to maintain a high standard for the ATS Clinical Cases, a monthly clinical case in an interactive format, designed to provide education to practitioners, faculty, fellows, residents, and medical students in the areas of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Finally, we are working in conjunction with Tom Stibolt, MD to develop a Palm OS based application for the BODE index.

## CP Assembly Program Committee Report

Gerard J. Criner, MD, Chair

The CP Assembly Program Committee has continued to be very active in ensuring the optimal educational activities for participants in the ATS Annual Program. This year will be quite successful with

almost 1000 abstracts submitted to the CP Assembly alone. At the programming meeting CP programmed 144 sessions total, including 7 postgraduate courses, 25 sunrise seminars, 26 meet the

professor programs, 8 minisymposia, 10 poster discussion sessions, 34 thematic poster sessions and 14 clinical topics symposia.

## ATS 2008 – Toronto Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Clinical Problems

### Postgraduate Courses

Friday, May 16, 2008

PG3	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: WHAT THE CLINICIAN NEEDS TO KNOW	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PG4	INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY WITH PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION: SOMETHING FOR EVERY PULMONOLOGIST	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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#### Postgraduate Courses cont'd

#### Friday, May 16, 2008

PG5	MANAGING CYSTIC FIBROSIS IN THE ERA OF GENOMIC MEDICINE	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PG6	CARDIOPULMONARY EXERCISE TESTING FOR THE PRACTICING CLINICIAN: PUTTING ADVANCES INTO PRACTICE	8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

#### Saturday, May 17, 2008

PG17	COPD: EVOLVING CONCEPTS IN 2008	8:00 AM – 3:45 PM
PG18	PRACTICAL CHEST IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
PG19	PLEURAL DISEASES: WHAT PRACTICING CLINICIANS NEED TO KNOW	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

#### Symposia

#### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A90	LUNG CANCER TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH: INTEGRATING INNOVATIONS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
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#### Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine

#### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A2	MEASURING OUTCOME IN COPD: HOW DO WE MOVE THE FIELD?	8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
A3	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IN IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS	8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
A82	COPD EXACERBATIONS: EPIDEMIOLOGY, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

#### Monday, May 19, 2008

B2	IPF: ISSUES IN MANAGEMENT FROM DIAGNOSIS TO TRANSPLANT	8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
B3	ONCE AND FUTURE PATHOGENS: A REASSESSMENT OF FUNGAL-ASSOCIATED LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
B82	MOLECULAR BIOMARKERS IN LUNG DISEASE: ARE THEY READY FOR PRIMETIME?	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
B83	BRONCHOSCOPY CLINIC: WHAT IS READY FOR PRIMETIME AND WHAT IS NOT IN 2008	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

C2	CHANGING THE NATURAL HISTORY OF COPD: RESULTS OF MAJOR CLINICAL TRIALS	8:15 AM – 11:00 AM
C82	THE EVOLVING ROLE OF ANTI-INFLAMMATORY THERAPY IN LUNG DISEASE: A PRO-CON DEBATE BASED ON RECENT THERAPEUTIC TRIALS	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM
C83	INTERNATIONAL LUNG CANCER STAGING UPDATE 2007-2008: SIXTH REVISION OF THE IASLC (INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LUNG CANCER) LUNG CANCER STAGING PROJECT	1:30 PM – 4:15 PM

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#### Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine cont'd

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

D2	CONNECTIVE TISSUE-ASSOCIATED DIFFUSE PARENCHYMAL LUNG DISEASE: RECENT PROGRESS AND FUTURE CHALLENGES	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
D3	CONTROVERSIES IN PLEURAL DISEASES: PRO-CON DEBATE	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
D82	LIVING TO ADULTHOOD WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS: CURRENT CONCEPTS IN DISEASE MANAGEMENT	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM
D83	BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS FOLLOWING LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: WHAT ARE ITS CAUSES AND WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

#### Clinical Workshops

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**

WS1	ENDBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM
WS2	TOOLS FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM

**Monday, May 19, 2008**

WS3	MASTER CLINICIANS: PLEURAL DISEASES	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM
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**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

WS5	THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY DIAGNOSIS OF DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE: CASE STUDIES	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM
WS6	CLINICAL MANAGEMENT DILEMMAS IN SARCOIDOSIS	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

WS7	REAL-TIME IMAGE-GUIDED BRONCHOSCOPIC NAVIGATION TO THE PERIPHERAL LUNG LESION: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC CONSIDERATIONS	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM
WS8	BRONCHIECTASIS AND NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIUM: CASE BASED WORKSHOP	12:00 PM	-	1:30 PM

#### Evening Postgraduate Seminars

**Monday, May 19, 2008**

E4	COPD: WHAT IS DISEASE MODIFICATION? ARE WE THERE YET?	7:00 PM	-	9:00 PM
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**Tuesday, May 20, 2008**

E8	PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF COPD AND THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION	7:00 PM	-	9:00 PM
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#### Meet the Professor Seminars

**Sunday, May 18, 2008**

MP404	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL LUNG DISEASE: WHAT DO THE ATS GUIDELINES SAY TO CLINICIANS?	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP405	MEDIASTINAL TUMORS	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP406	MANAGEMENT OF AIRWAY AND PLEURAL SPACE COMPLICATIONS AFTER LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: AN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM

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#### Meet the Professor Seminars cont'd

#### Sunday, May 18, 2008

MP407	EVALUATING THE PATIENT WITH DYSPNEA: BRINGING PHYSIOLOGY TO THE BEDSIDE	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP408	THERAPEUTIC OPTIONS IN SARCOIDOSIS MANAGEMENT	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP409	EXPIRATORY CENTRAL AIRWAY COLLAPSE	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP410	VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA CAN BE PREVENTED	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP411	IMPAIRMENT AND DISABILITY EVALUATION: A PRIMER FOR THE PRACTICING PULMONOLOGIST	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM

#### Monday, May 19, 2008

MP502	UPDATES ON THE SOLITARY PULMONARY NODULES: WHAT'S NEW FROM SCREENING TO THE LATEST GUIDELINES	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP503	ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY: STATE OF THE ART	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP504	MEDIASTINAL STAGING OF LUNG CANCER	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP505	ANTIMICROBIAL STRATEGIES FOR THE MDR BACTERIA IN VAP	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP506	ENDBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND: PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP507	ADVANCES IN SMOKING CESSATION	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP508	ROLE OF BRONCHOSCOPY IN SMALL PULMONARY NODULES	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP509	UPDATE ON COPD EPIDEMIOLOGY	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP510	AIRWAY CLEARANCE, MUCOLYTICS AND HYPEROSMOLAR AGENTS FOR SUPPURATIVE AIRWAYS DISEASES: CF AND NON-CF BRONCHIECTASIS	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

MP602	A GLOBAL VIEW OF CAP GUIDELINES	12:00 PM		1:00 PM
MP603	IMAGING OF INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS	12:00 PM		1:00 PM
MP604	PULMONARY ZEBRAS: UNCOMMON DISORDERS MIMICKING COMMON DISEASES	12:00 PM		1:00 PM
MP605	ADULT TRACHEOMALACIA: RECOGNIZE THE DISEASE AND RECOMMEND THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION	12:00 PM		1:00 PM
MP606	UPDATE ON BRONCHIAL CARCINOID TUMORS	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP607	ENDOSCOPIC LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP608	UPDATE: EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC COUGH	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP609	DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF CYSTIC LUNG DISEASE IN THE AGE OF GENETICS AND TARGETED THERAPIES	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM
MP610	BRONCHIECTASIS IN 2008: WHO HAS IT, HOW SHOULD IT BE TREATED? A CASE BASED DISCUSSION	12:00 PM	-	1:00 PM

#### Sunrise Seminars

#### Monday, May 19, 2008

SS105	PALLIATING THE PLEURAL SPACE: DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS106	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IN IPF	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM

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#### Sunrise Seminars cont'd

#### Monday, May 19, 2008

SS107	OBESITY HYPOVENTILATION SYNDROME: UNDERRECOGNIZED, UNDER-REPORTED, AND UNDERTREATED	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS108	"IDIOPATHIC" NSIP: AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS109	PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF ANTIRHEUMATIC THERAPY	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS110	FROM REFERRAL TO LISTING AND BEYOND: THE NON-TRANSPLANT PULMONOLOGIST IN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS111	STENTING FOR AIRWAY BYPASS IN SEVERE COPD	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

SS203	SURGICAL THERAPY FOR COPD: TRANSPLANTATION, LVRS, AND BEYOND	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS204	CLINICAL PREDICTORS OF SURVIVAL IN IPF	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS205	OPTIMAL IMMUNOSUPPRESSION AFTER HUMAN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: TOO MANY CHOICES OR TOO FEW?	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS206	CURRENT APPROACH TO LUNG CANCER STAGING AND MANAGEMENT: INTERACTIVE CASE STUDIES	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS207	A CASE-BASED APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION: CAN WE PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH?	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS208	MANAGEMENT OF BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS SYNDROME IN LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS209	RATIONAL USE OF BLOOD PRODUCTS IN THE ICU	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS210	SHOULD WE SCREEN FOR COPD? DO ALL SMOKERS NEED A SPIROMETRY? WHO NEEDS BODY PLETHYSMOGRAPHY?	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS211	COMPLIANCE WITH CAP GUIDELINES	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM

#### Wednesday, May 21, 2008

SS303	ACUTE EXACERBATION OF IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS304	THE USE OF NON-INVASIVE POSITIVE PRESSURE VENTILATION IN 2008	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS305	SUPPLY AND DEMAND: HOW DO WE CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN AVAILABLE LUNGS AND PATIENTS LISTED FOR TRANSPLANTATION?	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS306	MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN COPD	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS307	DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF PULMONARY INFILTRATES IN LUNG TRANSPLANT RECIPIENTS	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS308	TRANSBRONCHIAL NEEDLE ASPIRATION: TIPS AND TRICKS	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS309	CARDIOPULMONARY EXERCISE TESTING: WHOM AND WHEN?	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS310	WHAT IS (AND WHAT IS NOT) AN EXACERBATION OF COPD? DEFINING THE INDEFINABLE	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM
SS311	LUNG TRANSPLANTATION FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS: RECIPIENT SELECTION AND POST-TRANSPLANT OUTCOMES	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM

#### Mini-Symposia

#### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A13	INNOVATIONS IN EMPHYSEMA TREATMENT: LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION AND LUNG VOLUME REDUCTION SURGERY	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
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#### Mini-Symposia cont'd

##### Monday, May 19, 2008

B14	CLINICAL COPD PHENOTYPES: CHARACTERIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS WITH OUTCOMES	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
B92	GENETICS OF COPD	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

##### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

C12	SARCOIDOSIS: NEW ASPECTS OF CLINICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
C13	THE ROLE OF NEWER BRONCHOSCOPIC TECHNIQUES: ENDOBRONCHIAL ULTRASOUND AND VIRTUAL BRONCHOSCOPY	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
C95	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: EVALUATIONAL TREATMENT	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

##### Wednesday, May 21, 2008

D92	COPD PATHOGENESIS IV: INSIGHTS INTO AIRWAY AND LUNG REMODELING	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM
D93	COPD PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY: NEW RESULTS FROM CLINICAL TRIALS	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

#### Poster Discussions

##### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A25	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MARKERS OF DISEASE ACTIVITY	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
A102	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MORTALITY, MORBIDITY AND COMORBIDITIES	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

##### Monday, May 19, 2008

B23	PREDICTING COPD EXACERBATIONS	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
B24	LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: PATHOGENESIS OF ISCHEMIA-REPERFUSION AND OB	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
B25	LUNG CANCER: TUMOR MARKERS AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
B102	COPD OUTCOMES: MORTALITY, LUNG FUNCTION AND QUALITY OF LIFE	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM
B103	SARCOIDOSIS: PRESENTATIONS AND PROGNOSIS	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

##### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

C102	COPD COMORBIDITIES: ANEMIA, CHD, AND OBESITY	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM
D22	BRONCHOSCOPY: LARGE AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS, PATIENT EXPERIENCE AND TOPICAL ANESTHESIA	8:15 AM	-	11:00 AM
D106	CANCER: EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PLEURAL DISEASE	1:30 PM	-	4:15 PM

#### Thematic Posters

##### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A48	LYMPHANGIOLEIOMYOMATOSIS	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A49	COPD EXACERBATIONS: MORTALITY, MORBIDITY AND CO-MORBIDITIES	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A50	COPD EXACERBATIONS: TREATMENT	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A51	DYNAMIC HYPERINFLATION IN COPD: EVALUATION, PHYSIOLOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL CORRELATIONS AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A52	COPD: DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A53	COPD: PULMONARY REHABILITATION	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM
A54	PLEURAL DISORDERS I	8:15 AM	-	4:15 PM

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#### Thematic Posters cont'd

#### Sunday, May 18, 2008

A55 PLEURAL DISORDERS II 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

#### Monday, May 19, 2008

B44 LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: CLINICAL OUTCOMES 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B45 TREATING REJECTION FOLLOWING LUNG TRANSPLANTATION 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B46 LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: IMPACT OF ALLOGRAFT INFECTIONS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B47 LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: ORGAN ALLOCATION AND PREDICTION OF POST TRANSPLANT SURVIVAL 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B48 COPD EPIDEMIOLOGY: ASSESSING PREVALENCE AND RISKS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B49 LUNG CANCER: DIAGNOSTIC ISSUES I 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B50 LUNG CANCER: DIAGNOSTIC ISSUES II 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B51 LUNG CANCER: MANAGEMENT 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B52 THORACIC SURGERY: NEW TECHNIQUES AND OUTCOMES 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

B53 ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

#### Tuesday, May 20, 2008

C42 COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY I: EFFECTS OF BRONCHODILATORS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

C43 COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY II: EFFECTS OF INHALED OR SYSTEMIC STEROIDS AND PDE4 INHIBITORS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

C44 COPD PHARMACOTHERAPY III: NEW AGENTS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

C45 COPD PATHOGENESIS I: OXIDATIVE STRESS, CELLULAR AND STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION, POLYMORPHISMS AND CLINICAL PRESENTATION 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

C46 OXYGEN AND OTHER NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL THERAPY IN COPD 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

#### Wednesday, May 21, 2008

D30 NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF CYSTIC FIBROSIS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D31 COPD PATHOGENESIS II: EFFECTS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D32 COPD TREATMENT: MANAGED CARE, COST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES, DISEASE AWARENESS AND BARRIERS TO CARE 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D33 PULMONARY FUNCTION 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D34 COPD PATHOGENESIS III: ROLE OF CHEMOKINES, CYTOKINES AND INFLAMMATORY CELLS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D35 PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D36 INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: STRUCTURE-FUNCTION RELATIONSHIPS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D37 INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: PATHOGENESIS 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D38 BRONCHOSCOPY I 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D39 BRONCHOSCOPY II 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

D40 COUGH: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT 8:15 AM - 4:15 PM

## Patients to Speak at Fourteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at fourteen symposia at the 2008 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium for the last six years and at an increasing number of sessions at the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 International Conferences.

This is the fifth 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; to address their 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
BS	A7	Obesity and it's Impact on Lung Health Across the Lifespan	Sunday, May18 8:15-11:00 am
CP	A82	COPD Exacerbations: Epidemiology, Prevention and Treatment	Sunday, May 18 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	A85	Sleep Medicine Grand Rounds	Sunday, May 18 1:30-4:15 pm
Joint CP-RCMB-RSF	A90	Lung Cancer Translational Research: Integrating Innovations for Diagnosis and Treatment	Sunday, May 18 1:30-4:15 pm
CP	B2	IPF: Issues in Management from Diagnosis to Transplant	Monday, May 19 8:15-11:00 am
NRSB	B9	Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Different Settings for Different Needs	Monday, May 19 8:15-11:00 am
PC	B88	Novel Therapeutic Targets for Reverse Remodeling Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: From Bench to Bedside	Monday, May 19 1:30-4:15 pm
Joint BS-AII-CC	B89	Status Asthmaticus	Monday, May 19 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	C10	Sleep Apnea as a Mechanism of Atherosclerosis: From Bench to Bedside	Tuesday, May 20 8:15-11:00 am
EOH	C86	Candidate Interactions for Asthma and COPD	Tuesday, May 20 1:30-4:15 pm
RNS	D6	Finding a Home for Portable Monitor Testing in Sleep Apnea	Wednesday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PED	D7	Personalized Medicine: The Future of Asthma Care	Wednesday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
CP	D82	Living to Adulthood with Cystic Fibrosis: Current Concepts in Disease Management	Wednesday, May 21 1:30-4:15 pm
BS	D85	Asthma Severity vs. Asthma Control: What Should we Use in Clinical Practice? A Pro/Con Debate	Wednesday, May 21 1:30-4:15 pm

## ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the seventh ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in Toronto on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be "Rebuilding the Pulmonary Patient – From Laboratory to Lifestyle" chaired by John E. Heffner, MD and Donna J. Appell, RN. The program includes the following:

- ◆ Reevaluation, Rehabilitation and Resiliency: An Alpha-1 Patient's Journey from Diagnosis and Lung Transplant to Today –Len Geiger, Jacksonville, FL
- ◆ Cellular and Molecular Strategies for Rebuilding the Lungs of the Pulmonary Patient – Dan Weiss, MD, Burlington, VT
- ◆ The Role of Inflammation as a Limiting Factor in Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Annemie Schols, MD, Maastricht, The Netherlands
- ◆ Targeting Skeletal Muscles in Pulmonary Rehabilitation" – Francois Maltais, MD, Ancienne-Lorette, QC Canada
- ◆ Strategies for Post-Hospital Rehabilitation After Critical Illness – Margaret Herridge, MD Toronto, ON Canada
- ◆ Benefits of Pulmonary Rehabilitation on the Critical Care Patient: My Top 10 List" – Dee Storey, Saginaw, MI
- ◆ The New Evidence Base for Rehabilitation in Chronic Respiratory Disease – Andrew Ries, MD, San Diego, CA
- ◆ Putting the Patient in Charge: the Benefits of Self-Management Education– Jean Bourbeau, MD, Montreal, QC Canada
- ◆ Disease Modification Strategies in Chronic Lung Disease: Implications for Pulmonary Rehabilitation – Bartolome Celli, MD, Wellesley, MA

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 18 until Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the Exhibit Hall of the Metro Toronto 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.

### ATS Public Advisory Roundtable's Second Annual

## *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. This year the panelists will focus on pulmonary rehabilitation and its benefits.

#### Panel Includes:

Roger S. Goldstein, MD  
Richard ZuWallack, MD  
Suzanne C. Lareau, RN, MS, FAAN  
Len Geiger

If you have any patients in the Toronto 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.

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel located at 123 Queen Street West Toronto, Canada

RSVP by: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 by emailing [par@thoracic.org](mailto:par@thoracic.org) or call

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# CLINICAL PROBLEMS ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 4:30-6:30 PM  
SHERATON CENTRE TORONTO HOTEL  
BALLROOM EAST (LOWER CONCOURSE)

## Fellows Get First Year of ATS Membership for Free!

ATS is offering a free year of ATS membership to all first-year pulmonology, critical care, sleep fellows and post-doctoral PhD fellows! This special program is intended to welcome fellows to the ATS community. The Society would like these junior entrants to the fields of respiratory medicine to take advantage of the benefits of membership and look to ATS as their professional home for post graduate and continuing medical education, networking on a global scale, and for helping them to serve the needs of patients and the public at large.

Today's fellows will be the research and clinical professionals who will achieve the next major advancement in the science and treatment of pulmonary disease, critical illness and sleep disorders critical to advancing science and practice of the fields.

To learn more about this newly launched program, send an e-mail to [fellows@thoracic.org](mailto:fellows@thoracic.org) or visit the ATS Web site at [www.thoracic.org](http://www.thoracic.org) and click "Free Year for Fellows" under the Membership drop down menu. Program directors are encouraged to share this information with their fellows and other colleagues.