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I would like to update you on Clinical Problems Assembly activities that have occurred over the past year and updated plans for program improvements over the next year. These activities have been centered on the principle of better serving the CP Assembly members by engaging more members at various levels of training, experience and geographic location into the planning and development of CP educational activities.

Specifically, the development of concentrated efforts to improve the educational content of the CP website, expand international member participation, enhance young physicians and trainee participation and facilitate the development of translational planning and international meeting projects and presentations is currently underway. Below are brief updates of website, international meeting and planning committee activities of the Assembly over the past year

Clinical Problems Assembly Website

Victor Kim, MD, Web Director

The CP Assembly Website has published their first survey of their members. This survey is meant to identify what topics and problems would be most useful for future ATS projects. The results of the first survey have been published online. All members are encouraged to take the survey to guide the planning process for future proposals for CP Assembly projects.

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A Website Subcommittee has been formed, with the goals of enhancing the CP Assembly Website. This subcommittee will develop and execute new plans for improving the appeal and utility of the website to the clinicians, scientists, and doctors in training that comprise our assembly membership. The CP Assembly Website Subcommittee members 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. A PDA application of the BODE index is being developed with the aid of Tom Stibolt. Future PDA programs include Lung Allocation Score and SPN malignancy prediction calculators.

The Website continues to be a source for Assembly news, CP Assembly projects in progress, current CP Assembly ATS statements, awards, and links to the state of the art series in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine, the fellows reading list, and patient education materials.

Clinical Problems Assembly Program Committee

Barry J. Make, MD, Chair

The Program Committee of the Assembly on Clinical Problems (CP) has been hard at work to ensure the latest and best topics are presented at the 2009 ATS International Conference in San Diego, California, May 15 to 20. The CP Assembly is sponsoring *more than 120 sessions* on topics ranging from interventional bronchoscopy to LAM. Programming includes scientific symposia, mini-symposia, poster discussions, thematic poster sessions, postgraduate courses, evening postgraduate seminars, meet-the-professor seminars and sunrise seminars.

We are implementing a new opportunity, the Thematic Seminar Series, to provide a comprehensive experience in a small intimate setting for those with a particular interest in COPD and ILD.

Although you should have already received the Advance Program by mail, the program is also available on the ATS Web site at www.thoracic.org/go/international-conference, where you can register electronically if you wish.

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Postgraduate Courses

Friday, May 15, 2009

PG3	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PROGRESS IN 2009	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
PG4	PRACTICAL CHEST IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
PG5	THORACIC PATHOLOGY FOR CLINICIANS	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 16, 2009

PG17	INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY WITH PRACTICAL DEMONSTRATION: SOMETHING FOR EVERY PULMONOLOGIST	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
PG18	NUTS AND BOLTS OF MANAGEMENT OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
PG19	LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: STATE OF THE ART	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine

Sunday, May 17, 2009

A2	GENETICS AND GENOMICS OF LUNG DISEASES	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A3	CONTROVERSIES IN LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: A PRO-CON DEBATE	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A82	HIGH IMPACT DISEASE MODIFYING THERAPIES IN ADVANCED CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: CURRENT STATUS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 18, 2009

B2	DEMYSTIFYING IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE LABORATORY AND BEDSIDE	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B3	COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES RELATED TO DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B82	CLINICAL PROBLEMS IN SARCOIDOSIS	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
B83	THE IMPORTANCE OF CLINICAL, PHYSIOLOGIC AND RADIOGRAPHIC PHENOTYPES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Clinical Topics in Pulmonary Medicine

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

C2	TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS OF THE SMALL AIRWAYS: SIX WAYS OF LOOKING AT BRONCHIOLITIS	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C82	THE CHANGING FACE OF LUNG DISEASE: GENDER ISSUES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AND OTHER PULMONARY DISORDERS	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
C83	PLEURAL INFECTION AND MALIGNANCIES: TRANSLATIONAL ADVANCES WITH CLINICAL IMPACT	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

D2	LUNG CANCER CLINIC: STATE OF THE ART	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
D3	CONTROVERSIES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
D82	HOSPITALIZATION FOR ACUTE CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE EXACERBATIONS: WHAT IS KNOWN AND WHAT IS NOT	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
D83	THE DIAGNOSIS OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MAKING THE CLINICAL-RADIOLOGIC-PATHOLOGIC CORRELATION	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Clinical Workshops

Sunday, May 17, 2009

WS1	ENDOBONCHIAL ULTRASOUND	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
WS2	MASTER CLINICIANS: PLEURAL DISEASES	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Monday, May 18, 2009

WS4	BRONCHIECTASIS: MANY CAUSES, SHARED CHALLENGES	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
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Tuesday, May 19, 2009

WS5	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIAL LUNG INFECTIONS: CASE-BASED DISCUSSION OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
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Wednesday, May 20, 2009

WS7	CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASE-ASSOCIATED INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: A COMBINED PULMONARY AND RHEUMATOLOGY CASE-BASED APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
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Evening Postgraduate Seminars

Sunday, May 17, 2009

E2	THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT WITH CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
E3	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: A SYSTEMIC DISEASE?	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

E6	THE TREATMENT OF BRONCHIECTASIS: INSIGHTS INTO UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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Meet the Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 17, 2009

MP403	GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX AND LUNG DISEASE: IMPLICATIONS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
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Meet the Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 17, 2009

MP404	EXERCISE TESTING IS A USEFUL TOOL TO ASSESS PATIENTS WITH LUNG DISEASE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP405	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF MALIGNANT PLEURAL EFFUSIONS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP406	AN UPDATE ON BRONCHIECTASIS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP407	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION IN PATIENTS WITH INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASES, INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA, AND SARCOIDOSIS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP408	GM-CSF INHALATION THERAPY FOR PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP409	THE CASE FOR AUTOIMMUNITY IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP410	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: CASE-BASED DISCUSSION OF UNUSUAL MANIFESTATIONS OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Monday, May 18, 2009

MP503	MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY VASCULITIS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP504	ALPHA-1 ANTITRYPSIN DEFICIENCY: STATE OF THE ART	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP505	TBNA: HOW TO IMPROVE THE YIELD, STEP BY STEP, FOR NOVICES TO EXPERTS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP506	HFA-MDIs AND BEYOND: EMERGING AEROSOL TECHNOLOGY	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP507	CHALLENGES FACED BY THE LONG TERM LUNG CANCER SURVIVOR	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP508	MANAGEMENT OF COMPLICATIONS DURING BRONCHOSCOPY	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP509	MINIMALLY INVASIVE ENDOSCOPIC STAGING OF LUNG CANCER	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

MP603	ACUTE EXACERBATIONS OF FIBROTIC LUNG DISEASE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP604	PULMONARY PATHOLOGY FOR CLINICIANS: THE BASICS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP605	IMAGING OF INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP606	NOVEL BIOMARKERS FOR IPF: CROSSTALK BETWEEN LAB AND CLINIC	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP607	THE APPLICATION OF CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP608	RATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE AMBULATORY OXYGEN PATIENT	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP609	THE MEDIASTINAL MASS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
MP610	CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES IN SELECTION FOR LUNG TRANSPLANTATION	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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Sunrise Seminars

Monday, May 18, 2009

SS102	WHICH OF MY PATIENTS WITH PULMONARY HYPERTENSION NEEDS A HEART CATH?	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS103	AIRWAY DISEASE IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: THE CURRENT UNDERSTANDING AND FUTURE DIRECTION	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS104	IMMUNOSUPPRESSION FOR ADVANCED LUNG DISEASE AND TRANSPLANTATION: AN UPDATE AND REVIEW	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS105	CHURG-STRAUSS SYNDROME	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS106	CONTROVERSIES IN RED CELL TRANSFUSION	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS107	SARCOIDOSIS: AN AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE?	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

SS203	HOW TO MANAGE THE PATIENT ON CHRONIC IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE THERAPY	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS204	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: A RHEUMATOLOGIST'S PERSPECTIVE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS205	CARING FOR THE PATIENT WITH END-STAGE IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS: REVIEWING THE EVIDENCE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS206	THE LEG BONE'S CONNECTED TO THE LUNG BONE: MANAGEMENT OF METABOLIC BONE DISEASE IN CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS207	CARE OF THE CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PATIENT IN THE ICU	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS209	CO-MORBIDITIES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

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SS304	HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS305	PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF LIVER DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS306	GENDER AND CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS307	THE EMERGING ROLE OF SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS308	IPF: PRACTICAL PATIENT MANAGEMENT	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS309	CHALLENGES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF HUMORAL REJECTION AFTER LUNG TRANSPLANTATION	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
SS310	RECENT ADVANCES IN OBESITY HYPOVENTILATION SYNDROME	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Thematic Seminar Series

Monday, May 18, 2009

TSS1	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: Pulmonary Fibrosis: What We Know And What We Don't Know About Pathogenesis	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
TSS2	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: Pathogenesis Of COPD	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

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Thematic Seminar Series

Monday, May 18, 2009

TSS2A CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: Use Of CT Imaging In Emphysema: Clinical And Research Applications 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

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TSS1A INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: Avocations, Occupations AndILD 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

TSS2B CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: Pulmonary Rehabilitation In COPD: For Whom And How? 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

TSS2C CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: Endoscopic Lung Volume Reduction 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

TSS1B INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: Challenges In The Treatment Of IPF: Outcome Variables And Efficacy 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Mini-Symposia

Sunday, May 17, 2009

A13 INSIGHTS IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PATHOGENESIS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

A93 NEW INSIGHTS INTO THE PATHOGENESIS OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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B15 CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PHARMACOTHERAPY 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

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C14 MESOTHELIOMA - BENCH TO BEDSIDE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

C15 INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE AND CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS I 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

C16 INNATE LUNG DEFENSE IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

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D13 CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE EXACERBATION - MECHANISM AND MANAGEMENT 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Poster Discussion Sessions

Sunday, May 17, 2009

A22 CLINICAL TOPICS IN LUNG CANCER 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

A23 INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: OUTCOMES AND SELECTED CLINICAL ISSUES 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

A102 NEW FINDINGS IN SARCOIDOSIS 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 18, 2009

B22 IMPROVING LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AFTER LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: INSIGHTS FROM CLINICAL, TRANSLATIONAL AND BASIC RESEARCH 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

B104 CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE BIOMARKERS: WHAT CAN THEY TELL US 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

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Poster Discussion Sessions

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

C22	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE COMORBIDITIES - CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, DEPRESSION, OSTEOPOROSIS	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C23	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: MANAGEMENT AND COMORBIDITIES	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

D101	NEW ASPECTS OF INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY/BRONCHOSCOPY	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
D102	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PHARMACOTHERAPY	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
D103	IMAGING OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASES II	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Thematic Poster Sessions

Sunday, May 17, 2009

A36	ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A37	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE COMORBIDITIES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A38	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: DIAGNOSIS AND EVALUATION	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A39	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE EXACERBATIONS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
A40	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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B34	CLINICAL ISSUES IN CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B35	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: NON-PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B36	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE OUTCOMES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B37	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PATHOGENESIS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B38	CLINICAL ASPECTS OF INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B39	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: GENETICS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B40	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE - PATHOGENESIS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
B41	PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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C34	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE PHENOTYPES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C35	NEW FINDINGS IN LAM	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C36	LUNG CANCER: CLINICAL ASPECTS I	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C37	LUNG CANCER: CLINICAL ASPECTS II	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C38	LUNG CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C39	LUNG REDUCTION	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C40	DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C41	NEW FINDINGS IN PULMONARY FUNCTION	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C42	LUNG CANCER CLINICAL TREATMENT	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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Thematic Poster Sessions

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

C43	PLEURAL DISEASE I - DIAGNOSTIC ISSUES	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C44	PLEURAL DISEASE II - CHEST TUBES, MANAGEMENT, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C45	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE AND CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISORDERS II	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C46	THORACIC SURGERY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C47	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE EPIDEMIOLOGY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C48	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT BETA AGONIST	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C49	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT LAMA	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C50	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT ICS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C51	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C52	CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE: PHARMACOLOGICAL TREATMENT NEW AGENTS	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
C53	LUNG TRANSPLANTATION: DONOR SELECTION AND RECIPIENT MANAGEMENT	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

D35	CLINICAL ISSUES IN COUGH	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D36	TOPICS IN BRONCHOSCOPY AND INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM
D37	ENDOBONCHIAL ULTRASOUND	8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Clinical Problems Assembly Planning Committee

David E. Ost, MD, Chair

The Clinical Problems (CP) Assembly Planning Committee has received funding for 8 projects this year. Overall funding for CP assembly projects has increased despite increased competition and difficult financial times. The planning committee also implemented new procedures to help make submitting projects easier, more streamlined, and more competitive. For the first time last year, each application received input from the guideline and development staff at ATS prior to submission. This helped to make our applications more competitive and also lessen the burden of physicians who are busy putting together the applications. We plan to continue using this successful strategy and will be developing new initiatives for this year's program.

Additionally, we have started an initiative to simplify efforts to develop collaborative project proposals with the ERS. If you have a new project proposal, and would like to have ERS collaboration (which makes it more competitive and also more affordable for everyone) please contact Miriam Rodriguez (mrodriguez@thoracic.org) and she will put you in touch with her counterparts at the ERS.

The CP Assembly annual membership survey identified areas that ATS members believe would be useful in terms of future guideline development. These results will be used to help inform and guide decisions on future projects and priorities. The survey results are available online. As per member requests, new categories were added and undesirable and/or redundant categories were deleted. The 2nd annual survey is now underway and is open to all members.

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Clinical Problem Assembly Planning Committee

David E. Ost, MD, Chair

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The annual Clinician Educator Award, sponsored by the CP assembly, is open for nominations. The award will be given out at the ATS Assembly meeting. Please send all nomination inquiries to Miriam Rodriguez.

I would like to thank the individual contributions of Victor Kim, MD the Website Subcommittee chair, Barry Make, M.D. and Scott Palmer MD the Chair and Co-Chair of the program committee, David Ost MD the chair of the Planning Committee and Roger Yusen, Chair of the Nominating Committee for their outstanding contributions to CP Assembly leadership over the past year.

It has been my great pleasure to serve you as Assembly Chair this past year. I hope that you find the above Assembly activities of interest and fosters your active participation, collaboration and enables you to meet your educational and scientific needs.

If you have any questions about the above, please feel free to contact me. I hope to see you in San Diego.

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Please consider submitting an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2010!

This year we will once again use an **Online Application Process** using an electronic grants submission site 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 www.thoracic.org along with comprehensive instructions that have been designed to correspond with the fields in 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 Shannon S. Carson at scarson@med.unc.edu.

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

Patients to Speak at Fifteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at fifteen symposia at the 2009 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 2008.

This is the sixth 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:

Patients to Speak at Fifteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
CP/AII	A3	Controversies In Lung Transplantation: A Pro-Con Debate	Sunday, May 17 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
CP/BS/NRSG/ RCMB	A82	High Impact Disease Modifying Therapies In Advanced COPD: Current Status And Future Directions	Sunday, May 17 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
PC/RCMB	A85	Selective Kinase Or Multikinase Inhibitors In Pulmonary Hypertension	Sunday, May 17 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
SRN	A87	Sleep-Disordered Breathing Beyond Obesity: The Role Of Gender, Race, And Genetics	Sunday, May 17 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
EOH/AII	B9	Fat And Flow: Implications Of Diet And Obesity For Asthma	Monday, May 18 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
CP/AII	B82	Clinical Problems In Sarcoidosis	Monday, May 18 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
PC/AII/CP	C5	Scleroderma-Related PAH: A Paradigm For Vascular Remodeling	Tuesday, May 19 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
SRN	C8	New Frontiers in the Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea	Tuesday, May 19 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
RCMB/AII/CP/CC/ PC/RSF	C85	Mechanotransduction In Lung Injury, Repair And Fibrosis: May The Force Be With Us	Tuesday, May 19 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
RSF/CP/CC/NRSG/ PC/RCMB	C86	Causes Of Multi-organ Failure In Critically Ill Septic Patients	Tuesday, May 19 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
CP	D2	Lung Cancer Clinic: State Of The Art	Wednesday, May 20 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
CC/CP	D4	Therapeutic Frontiers In Acute Lung Injury	Wednesday, May 20 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
BS/CP/NRSG/PED/ PR	D10	Medication Availability And Access: Issues Of Value And Affordability	Wednesday, May 20 8:15 AM-10:45 AM
RCMB/AII/CP	D89	Targeting Tumor Microenvironment Interactions In Lung Cancer	Wednesday, May 20 1:30 PM-4:00 PM
CC	D93	Non-Pulmonary Problems in the ICU	Wednesday, May 20 1:30 PM-4:00 PM

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the eighth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in San Diego on Sunday, May 17, 2009 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.. The topic of the symposium is “Lung Fibrosis” and it will be jointly chaired by David H. Ingbar, M.D. and Donna J. Appell, RN. The program includes the following:

- New Molecular Targets In Pulmonary Fibrosis - P.B. Bitterman, M.D., Minneapolis, MN
- Patient's Perspective - *TBD*
- Lessons From Pulmonary Fibrosis In Hermansky Pudlak Syndrome NHGRI - B.R. Gochuico, M.D., Bethesda, MD
- Genomics And Pulmonary Fibrosis - J.E. Loyd, M.D., Nashville, TN

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- Molecular Diagnostics And Biomarkers In IPF - N. Kaminski, M.D., Pittsburgh, PA
- Where Are We With Clinical Trials In IPF? - *TBD*
- Novel Treatments For Pulmonary Fibrosis: Stem Cells And All That Jazz - L.A. Ortiz, M.D., Pittsburgh, PA
- Wrap-Up Interactive Discussion - D.H. Ingbar, M.D., Minneapolis, MN

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 19 2009 in the Exhibit Hall of the San Diego 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 Third 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 oxygen management and quality of life issues.

Panel Includes:

Patrick Strollo, MD
Sam Giordano, MBA, RRT, FAARC
Rell Trey Schwab

If you have any patients in the San Diego 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 16, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel located at One Market Place, San Diego, CA

RSVP by: April 30th, 2009 by emailing cwhite@thoracic.org or call

Courtney L. White at (212) 315-8640

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 program, send an e-mail to fellows@thoracic.org or visit the ATS Web site at 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.

ATS Foundation to Host Inaugural Benefit Dinner for the ATS Research Program at ATS 2009 in San Diego

The Board of Trustees of the Foundation of the American Thoracic Society invites you to attend our Inaugural **Gala** Dinner benefiting the ATS Research Program on Saturday, May 16, 2009 in San Diego, California. The **evening** will begin with a **reception** at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:45 PM. The **event** will be held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt on the Fourth Level in the Randle Ballroom. During the dinner, we will recognize ATS Research Program **awardees** and honor the **recipients** of the 2009 Breathing for Life Award. Please join us! **Please register early as seating is limited.**

To register for **the conference and reception/dinner** go to:
<http://foundation.thoracic.org/web/ats-research-program-dinner.html>
or call (212) 315-6822 for more information.

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MONDAY MAY 18TH 4:30-6:30 PM
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