MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Members of the Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH):

With the onset of spring we look forward to the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, DC on May 19-24. Our conference continues to be the premier venue for pulmonary clinicians and researchers to acquire the latest scientific knowledge and best practices for advancing research, clinical care and public health in respiratory disease, critical illness and sleep disorders. Once again we are anticipating a high attendance due, in large part, to the outstanding scientific and educational programs that will be offered.

Special thanks to the hard work of our EOPH program committee in organizing and advocating for strong EOPH-sponsored and co-sponsored sessions that will be found throughout the meeting, and that will be well integrated among the sessions sponsored by the other ATS assemblies. While at the convention, I especially encourage you to attend our EOPH Assembly Membership Meeting. It is a great time to socialize with co-members, showcase our assembly to potential members, honor members for their achievements and contributions, and get updated on current ATS-wide and EOPH-targeted activities.

With the meeting site being in Washington D.C., the seat of our federal government, this also provides a unique opportunity for our members to participate in ATS Capitol Hill Day, Tuesday, May 23, 7:30-11:45 am, and meet with offices of their Congressional delegation to advocate for respiratory health. I urge you to register for this important event (see ATS 2017 website for more details). We live in challenging times where it is ever more important that we, as ATS members, take every opportunity to strongly advocate for research funding, tobacco control and clean air in order improve health worldwide.

We are especially pleased to announce that our fellow EOPH assembly member, Dr. Juan Celedón, will be installed as the secretary-treasurer of the ATS for the 2017-18 term. He will serve as president of the society for the 2020-21 term. This is the highest leadership position in the ATS that demands tremendous time and commitment. As we know, Juan exhibits outstanding leadership ability, a heart for health equality, and an overall love for our society that will serve him well in his new position on the executive council. Congratulations Juan, we are delighted and very proud that you have been chosen by the ATS membership for this important and prestigious position of leadership.

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By definition, assembly means a group of people gathered together in one place for a common purpose. We treasure the diversity in our membership, but we are also committed to a united purpose to discover, treat and prevent the health effects caused by environmental and occupational factors that contribute to the burden of lung disease, at both the personal and population level. In order to maintain and foster our assembly’s unity and diversity, and our many contributions to the ATS, we need your active involvement. The ATS board of directors and the EOPH assembly are dedicated to the goal of providing more opportunities for our membership to get involved and participate in societal and assembly activities. In this regard, the ATS, and through its individual assemblies, will soon unveil a variety of new and innovative communication formats for members to get more connected within assemblies and throughout the ATS.

I want to thank the members of the EOPH Executive Committee (EC), listed below, for their dedicated leadership in service for our assembly. In this newsletter, they have each provided a report highlighting their committee activities and accomplishments.

Agusto Litonjua, MD, Program Committee Chair
Tricia LeVan, PhD, Program Committee Chair-Elect
Juan Celedón, DrPH, MD, Planning Committee Chair
Paul Henneberger, MPH, ScD, Nominating Committee Chair
Kristina Bailey, MD, Web Director
Sadis Matalon, PhD, TID Section Chair
Carl White, MD, TID, Section Co-Chair
Kerri Johannson, MD, MPH, FRCPC, Early Career Professionals Working Group, San Francisco

Many thanks to you, my EOPH colleagues, for providing me the opportunity to serve as your Assembly Chair for the past two years. It has been a very rewarding experience and it has made me more than ever committed to, and proud of, the work of the EOPH and ATS.

And finally, I want to welcome Dr. Howard Kipen, my successor, to his new role as EOPH Assembly Chair.

See you all in D.C.,

Jack Harkema

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES
Paul K. Henneberger ScD, Chair

Juan C. Celedón, MD, DrPH (Chair of the Planning Committee) oversaw the successful funding of 2 new EOPH Assembly Projects, and the selection of the Val Vallyathan Senior Award. Giovanni Viegi, MD oversaw the selection of the John Peters Award.

In 2016, the EOPH Planning Committee evaluated a number of project proposals and award nominations. I want to thank the members listed below for their commitment and hard work. It truly was a group effort.

Paul K. Henneberger, DSc (Past Chair) Victoria Arrandale, MSc, PhD Muge Akpinar-Elci, MD, MPH Kevin Cromar, PhD Luke Naeher, PhD Amar Mehta, DSc, MPH, PhD Maria Mirabelli, PhD Benoit Nemery, MD, PhD, MSc Germania Pinheiro, MD, MSc, PhD Kerry Johannson, MD, MPH

Nirupama Putcha, MD, MHS Jean G. Ford, MD Frances Silverman, PhD Eleanor M. Summerhill, MD Giovanni Viegi, MD Gail Weinmann, MD David Weissman, MD Christopher Carlsten, MD, MPH Rafael de la Hoz, MD, MPH, MSc José Castro-Rodriguez, MD, MPH
EOPH Assembly members continue to have success obtaining funds for projects. The following summarizes the status of projects supported by EOPH in 2016.

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Prior to the 2017 ATS Annual Conference in May, the Planning Committee will consider nominations for several Assembly Awards (http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/awards/). These include the John M. Peters Award for outstanding contributions to environmental or occupational health through leadership in research, education, or public health and the Val Vallyathan Senior Faculty Award for applicants with outstanding contributions to basic and translational science in environmental or occupational respiratory diseases.

The 2016 EOPH Award recipients were:
John R. Balmes, MD – John Peters Award
Daniel L. Costa ScD – Val Vallyathan Senior Award
Emmanuel Paul, PhD – Val Vallyathan Junior Award
Mary Rice, MD, MPH – David Bates Award

If you are interested in serving on the EOPH Planning Committee, developing a new EOPH Assembly Project, or revising any of the older ATS EOPH Statements found at http://www.thoracic.org/statements/, please contact Incoming Committee Chair, Christopher Carlsten at carlsten@mail.ubc.ca. Assembly project applications will likely be due in July or early August.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP
Kerri Johannson, MD, MPH, FRCPC, Chair

The Early Career Professionals (ECP) working group serves to provide opportunities for networking, involvement and leadership within the EOPH Assembly, for individuals in early stages of their career. Our working group expanded over the past year and now includes 13 members representing North America, Europe and Africa!

The EOPH mentorship program was another success this year and we will soon be pairing up our mentee-mentor matches - stay tuned for an email about your match! The mentorship program has proven very successful over the past 5 years, matching senior Assembly members with junior members, fostering ongoing relationships and interest in EOPH and the ATS organization. Our Facebook page continues to serve as a resource for members, with frequently updated posts of interest about EOPH matters and the ATS conference (Like us at https://www.facebook.com/ATS-EOPH-Assembly-Early-Career-Professionals-800029990074931/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel). ATS EOPH is also on Twitter – follow @ATS_EOPH for up-to-date information on research, events and news!

I have served as the ATS EOPH ECP WG chair since 2013, and have valued this opportunity immensely. I have learned so much about ATS and most importantly have been honoured to have met and worked with so many incredible colleagues and friends. At this year’s ATS meeting, Dr. Peggy Lai and Dr. Alison Lambert will take the helm as co-chairs of this working group. I wish to extend my gratitude to ATS and to the EOPH Assembly for this opportunity and I look forward to working...
We have been publishing monthly newsletters since November 2015, highlighting EOPH member publications, activities and accomplishments. We look forward to continuing to add discussions on assembly advocacy, engagement, and other news of relevance to our assembly members. In addition, we are working to enhance the EOPH social media presence. We now have an active Twitter account (@ATS_EOPH) that highlights issues important to our assembly. We have also made one podcast interviewing Paul Blanc about the making of a career in occupational asthma. We look forward to continuing to engage with the members of our committee and welcome any suggestions or comments on how to encourage active participation and connectivity from EOPH members.

Getting involved in the web committee is a good introduction to how ATS assemblies work. Please encourage your trainees and junior faculty to contact us if they are interested in becoming more involved in the ATS. Tara Norgren tnordgren@unmc.edu and Kristina Bailey kbailey@unmc.edu.

The ATS International Conference is upon us and we are all excited about the program that promises to highlight issues that are important to the EOPH membership. I would especially like to thank the members of the 2017 EOPH Program Committee who devoted many hours reviewing abstracts and who helped us put together exciting sessions.

Finally, in the effort to try to make poster discussion sessions more lively, we are introducing a new format called RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion. We are trying this format in one poster discussion session this year - B106-PRENATAL, PERINATAL, AND CHILDHOOD EXPOSURES IN LUNG DISEASE, on Monday, May 22, from 2:15-4:15, in room 151 B at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. If you are free at that time, please come and observe the session and give us feedback on whether we should adopt this format for more discussion sessions for the coming conferences. Please send feedback about this poster discussion format to either Gus Litonjua (augusto.litonjua@channing.harvard.edu) or Tricia LeVan (tlevan@unmc.edu).
## Scientific Symposium

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## Jointly-Developed Symposium

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## Meet The Professor Seminars

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Meet Your Mentor HERE!

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, DC, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs’ Meeting spot will be located in the Renaissance, Washington DC Hotel in the Carnegie room on the (Ballroom Level). The room will be available from:

Friday May 19th to Tuesday May 23rd between 7AM. to 7PM

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Laptops and printers will be made available for use and don’t forget to pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program Ribbon and Pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Program’s Meeting spot!

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit our Assemblies homepage and click on ATS Mentoring Program to learn more or contact Melinda Garcia at mgarcia@thoracic.org
Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2018!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2018. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications. Applications will be available on the ATS website at www.thoracic.org.

Please consider submitting an 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 Christopher Carlsten, MD, MPH at carlsten@mail.ubc.ca.

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez at tel: 212/315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.
Please join us for the Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters (TID) Membership Meeting at the ATS International Conference in Washington DC.

TID Co-Chairs: Sadis Matalon, PhD & Carl White, MD

Judith Wolfe Laney, PhD
Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)
Department of Health and Human Services

Will be giving her talk entitled

BARDA’s Commitment to Developing Countermeasures for Chemical Threats

Time: Tuesday, May 23rd 4:30-6:30 pm
Location: Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel, Renaissance Ballroom A (Ballroom Level)

American Thoracic Society

PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS

Networking Exchange For Early Career Professionals
Saturday, May 20, 2017; 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Marriott Marquis • Washington D.C. University of DC/Catholic University (Level M1)
Free to all conference attendees

Attend a Workshop in the Center for Career (CCD)
Sunday, May 21 – Tuesday, May 23, 2017; 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Walter E. Washington Convention Center Hall D, (Middle Building, Level 2)

VISIT THE CCD TO PICK UP A ROAD MAP TODAY!

ATS 2017
Where today’s science meets tomorrow’s care

Washington, DC
May 19-May 24
conference.thoracic.org
Did you know that as an ATS member you:

- Receive a discount of 20% (average) on education products at the ATS Store?
- Benefit from FREE ABIM and ABP MOC self-assessment products?
- Have access to NEW member benefits that include:
  - Significant discounts on Springer respiratory books (print copies), and FREE online access to this book series,
  - Copies of our new ATS pocket guidelines.

Save $1,200 – or more – per year on ATS products and services over nonmember rates.

See why members love the ATS!

Assembly Members: Help Us to Help You!

Have you:

◊ Moved?
◊ Changed your title?
◊ Added a new specialty, credential or other information?
◊ Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

Please take a minute to update your contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile today. And now you can also upload your PHOTO to your member profile!

Log in: https://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php

By keeping your profile current, you help us provide programs and services that are most targeted to you.

Tell us!
As an ATS Assembly member your experience is central to inspiring others to join or renew their membership. Tell us why ATS membership matters to you! What is its value to you?

Send a sentence or two, or even a punchy quote, to MemberValue@Thoracic.org. We appreciate hearing from you within three weeks of the date of this newsletter. Be sure to provide your name, the name of your institution, city and state/country. We may use your quote in a future membership promotion!
ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM
2017-2018 GRANT CYCLE

The Research Program is excited to announce that it is now accepting letters of intent! In 2017, the Research Program has increased the number of available Unrestricted Grants for early career investigators. In addition to 15 Unrestricted Grants, the portfolio offers grants with Alpha-1 Foundation, American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific, Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network, ResMed, PCD Foundation, Pulmonary Hypertension Association, and the ATS Foundation Tobacco-Dependence Research Fund, and 4 MECOR Awards. The deadline for letters of intent is June 6, 2017.

For more information on the current opportunities, please visit thoracic.org/go/researchgrants.

Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS)

Do you have an amazing teaching video that you want to share with the world? Then consider submitting to the Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS).

For more information, please visit http://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/video-lecture-series/
ATS 2017 Exhibitors Doing Fundraisers for ATS Foundation

Actelion Pharmaceuticals US, Inc.
in Booth 525
Actelion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will donate $25 for each attendee who takes part in their “Join the Conversation” digital graffiti activity. They have pledged a maximum donation of $25,000.

AstraZeneca
in Booth 637
AstraZeneca will donate $5 for each attendee who completes their activity. They have pledged a maximum donation of $7,500.

Vitalograph, Inc.
in Booth 1630
Vitalograph, Inc. will donate $1 for each attendee who completes their respiratory quiz. They have pledged a maximum donation of $100.

ATS BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research)
Sunday, May 21, 2017
2pm – 4pm
Center for Career Development
Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D, (Middle Building, Level 2)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDDD) Committee, the 3rd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition encouraged early career investigators to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for the opportunity to participate in the live event at ATS 2017. Join us to see the top three finalists competitively “pitch” their proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors. Come support and cheer on the finalists as they compete for the $5,000 grand prize! All are encouraged and welcome to attend. For more information, please contact DDDD@thoracic.org.

2017 BEAR Cage Finalists

Marcus Y. Chen, MD
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
Chest CT at Chest X-ray Radiation Dose

Sanghyuk Shin, PhD
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
Unmasking Resistance: Impact of Low-frequency Drug-Resistance on Molecular Diagnosis of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis

Prema R. Menon, MD, PhD
University of Vermont Medical Center
Communicating with Mechanically Ventilated Patients
Patient Education Materials Available at the 2017 International Conference

The ATS now maintains over 100 patient education handouts as part of its Patient Information Series. The Series includes a wide variety of pulmonary/critical care/sleep and public health topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, VCD, TB, Emergency/Disaster, and Palliative Care. All pieces are available in English and many available in other languages, such as Spanish and Portuguese.

In addition to the Patient Information Series, a new Lung Cancer Screening Decision Aid is now available for free on the ATS Website, with bulk copies available for purchase.

All are encouraged to use these free-access materials, which are published in the AJRCCM, posted on the ATS Website at www.thoracic.org/patients and can be provided upon request in alternative formats for EMR systems. Stop by the ATS Center in Washington, D.C. to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at jcorn@thoracic.org for additional information or to suggest new topics.

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2017 ATS International Conference in Washington, D.C.

If you’re developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Statements, Clinical Practice Guidelines, Workshop Reports, or Technical Standards), please consider attending one or more of these opportunities while you are in Washington, D.C. at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 19th from 6-9 PM, Renaissance Washington Downtown, Meeting Room 8-9. This session is required for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. The session is recommended for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. Note: CPG Chairs are required to provide a brief verbal update at this session.
  - 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval); a light dinner will be served.
  - 7-9 PM – Current Guideline Chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New Guideline Chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the “trials and tribulations” of guideline development from experienced peers.

- Ad Hoc meetings: Whether you are developing or want to develop an official ATS document, you can schedule an appointment with Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist). To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.

- Documents Meeting Space: Meeting space will be available to document developers from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.

- Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session: Monday, May 22nd from 7-8:30 PM, Renaissance Washington Downtown, Meeting Rooms 12-13-14. Anyone who is interested in learning more about this new training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.

- Meet the Professors: A Meet the Professors Session entitled “Official ATS Documents: How to Get Involved” is being hosted by Dr. Raed Dweik (Chair of the Documents Development and Implementation Committee) and Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) on Tuesday, May 23rd from 12:15 until 1:15 pm. Registration is available through the Conference Registration Website.
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