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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH) Assembly members:

As spring nears we look forward to the 2018 ATS International Conference, in San Diego, on May 18-23. Our conference is clearly 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 robust attendance due, in large part, to the outstanding scientific and educational programs that are offered.

Our EOPH program committee, led by Tricia LeVan, has again done a stellar job in organizing and advocating for strong EOPH-sponsored and -co-sponsored sessions that will be found throughout the meeting. We should be especially excited that our assembly is presenting its first Post Graduate Medical Education course in many years on Friday, May 18, 2018. Please take a look at the excellent line-up of speakers, many of whom are active in the assembly and will provide valuable new insights for clinical and scientific approaches relevant to environmental and occupational respiratory disease. While at the conference, I especially encourage you to attend our EOPH Assembly Membership Meeting on Monday night. It is a great time to socialize with old and new colleagues, showcase our assembly to potential new members and early career professionals, honor members for their achievements and contributions, and get updated on current ATS-wide and EOPH-targeted activities.

I want to personally thank those of you who have taken advantage of the opportunity to be mentors and mentees, or peer mentors, in the excellent opportunity arranged by our Early Career Working Group, led by Allison Lambert and Peggy Lai. I heartily recommend the post-graduate course above to mentees and trainees as well as more experienced members. It is not too late to revisit your registration and sign up to attend the course.

I want to give a special shout out to Ms. Maya Rajaval, a high school student in Kent Pinkerton's lab who will be presenting at Mini Symposium C16 on her timely study, "Age-related Modulation of Pulmonary Innate Immunity by Environmental Tobacco Smoke against Influenza A/PR/8/34 in Mice." Maya is truly early in her career and I hope many of you will attend.

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

Although we will be in sunny San Diego and cannot carry our message promoting respiratory health directly to Capitol Hill as we did last year, we clearly live in challenging times for EOPH where it is critical that we, as ATS members, take every opportunity to strongly advocate for research funding, tobacco control and clean air in order to improve health worldwide. Through the honor of your choosing me as assembly chair I have become much more aware of how much the ATS Board values and supports the important and unique work done by the EOPH Assembly. The hurricanes of last fall, and the wild fires in California each prompted requests from ATS leadership for us to produce brief educational materials to meet the needs of practicing pulmonologists and patients regarding health effects and remediation of mold and health effects of fire smoke (see EOPH website). Moreover, our fellow EOPH assembly member, Dr. Juan Celedón, is now secretary-treasurer of the whole ATS and will serve as president of the society for the 2020-21 term, further demonstrating our importance to the broader ATS. We should be proud of the work we do and the leaders we produce.

I want to personally thank those of you who have taken advantage of the opportunity to be mentors and mentees, or peer mentors, or apprentices in the excellent opportunities arranged by our Early Career Working Group, led by Allison Lambert and Peggy Lai. I heartily recommend the post-graduate course above to mentees and trainees as well as more experienced members. See you in San Diego.

Howard M. Kipen, MD, MPH

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Tricia D. LeVan, PhD, Chair and Alison Baurer, PhD, Chair-Elect

The ATS International Conference is upon us and we are excited about the program that highlights so many topics that are important to the EOPH membership. Based on the overwhelming positive feedback from last year, we are implementing the RAPiD (Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion) format for the majority of our poster discussion sessions in 2018. This format has resulted in more informative and lively sessions compared to the traditional organization. Please stop by at one of our poster discussion sessions to experience RAPiD.

I would especially like to thank the members of the 2018 EOPH Program committee who devoted many hours reviewing abstracts and help put together stimulating sessions.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT AND PROJECT UPDATES

Christopher Carlsten, MD, MPH, Chair

We have received a nice group of nominations for the John Peters Award and the Val Vallyathan Junior & Senior Award and will be deliberating announcing Awardees shortly. Thank you to all who contributed nominations — it is extremely important that we take the time to honour those who serve and act as role models for us all.

In 2017, 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. The process is a real team effort and I appreciate everyone's input.

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EOPH Assembly members continue to have success obtaining funds for projects. The following summarizes the status of projects supported by EOPH in 2017.

Project Name	Lead(s)	Status
Chemical Inhalational Disasters: Biology of Lung Injury, Development of Novel Therapeutics, and ICU and Public Health Preparedness	Eleanor M. Summerhill, MD	Ongoing ATS project
An Official ATS/NHLBI Workshop Report: Respiratory Health Disparities	Juan C. Celedón, DrPH, MD, ATSF	Published May 2017 Annals Am Thorac Soc
The Occupational Burden of Respiratory Disease	Paul D. Blanc, MD	Ongoing ATS/ERS project
6th Jack Pepys Workshop on Occupational Airways Disease	Susan M. Tarlo, MBBS	Ongoing ATS project
Air Pollution Monitoring for Health Research and Patient Care	Kevin Cromar, PhD	New ATS Project
Respiratory Health in Migrant and Refugee Populations	Juan C. Celedón, DrPH, MD, ATSF and Giovanni Viegi, MD	New ATS/ERS Project
Personal Interventions to Reduce Exposure Levels and Health Risks from Outdoor Air Pollution	Robert J. Laumbach, MD, MPH and Kevin Cromar, PhD	New ATS Project
Air Pollution and New Onset of Airway Disease	George D. Thurston, DSc	New ATS Project

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Kristina L. Bailey, MD , Chair & Tara M. Nordgren, PhD, Co-Chair

The web committee has been increasingly active in the past year. We have been publishing monthly newsletters since November 2015, highlighting EOPH member publications, activities and achievements. These newsletters continue to increase engagement and traffic to the EOPH Assembly web page, and we enjoy the opportunity to remain updated with the activities of our assembly members! We look forward to continuing to add newsletter discussions on assembly advocacy, engagement, and other news of relevance to our assembly members.

We are continuing to enhance the EOPH social media presence. We have an active Twitter account (@ATS_EOPH: https://twitter.com/ATS_EOPH) with nearly 200 followers that highlights issues important to our assembly. Our presence is also growing on Facebook where you can follow ATS EOPH here: <https://www.facebook.com/ATS.EOPH/> to learn about the current activities and opportunities within the assembly. We also recently sponsored a Breathe Easy podcast with Michael Lanspa interviewing EOPH Assembly member Kent Pinkerton regarding Lung Health in the California Wildfires. This podcast posted on December 20, 2017.

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. If you have any suggestions for podcasts, journal clubs, or newsletter spotlights, please contact us at tara.nordgren@medsch.ucr.edu or kbailey@unmc.edu. In addition, if you are interested in getting involved in the web committee, please reach out. 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 Nordgren tara.nordgren@medsch.ucr.edu and Kristina Bailey kbailey@unmc.edu.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP

Allison Lambert, MD, MHS, Chair and Peggy S. Lai, MD, MPH, Co-Chair

The Early Career Professionals Working group is a wonderful opportunity for fellows and junior faculty members to network with peers and senior colleagues, and provide opportunities for involvement in the EOPH Assembly. This past year we have launched a number of initiatives as described below:

1. Peer-to-peer mentoring in addition to the more traditional mentoring program that pairs junior with senior members. Our traditional mentoring program has been extremely successful, but we realized that this does not replace peer-to-peer networking that leads to exchange of ideas and tips for professional advancement from our peers across institutions.

To learn more or to sign up for this opportunity for the 2018 ATS meeting, please see: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/mentoring-program/>

2. Apprenticeship program. The Environmental, Occupational and Population Health (EOPH) Assembly's Apprenticeship Program is designed to provide early career EOPH Assembly members with an opportunity to be directly involved in guiding the future of ATS. Apprentices may serve with either the Program or Planning Committee. Under the mentorship of a committee member, Apprentices will get a 'behind the scenes' look at the operations of the EOPH Assembly while developing skills for evaluation of committee applications and development of committee projects.

To learn more or to sign up for this opportunity for the 2018 ATS meeting, please see: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/eoph/apprenticeship-program/>

- Submitting successful proposals for ATS 2019. Our third major initiative was to support at least one Early Career Professional in submitting a successful application for a post-graduate education course, seminar, or workshop to be programmed for upcoming ATS conferences. This year we were able to successfully program a post-graduate education course titled "Does my patient have environmental or occupational lung disease?" We will discuss proposals for ATS 2019 at this year's meeting in San Diego.

To learn more about the PGME course, please see: <http://conference.thoracic.org/program/session-information/>

We look forward to having others join our working group. To join the Early Career Professionals Working Group, please email the co-chairs at pslai@hsph.harvard.edu or aalamb@uw.edu

ATS 2018 - San Diego, CA

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 18, 2018			
PG9	DOES MY PATIENT HAVE ENVIRONMENTAL OR OCCUPATIONAL LUNG DISEASE?	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A91	REDUCING DISPARITIES IN ENVIRONMENTAL LUNG DISEASE: EMERGING METHODS IN EXPOSURE MITIGATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B87	PAYING TOO HIGH A PRICE! THE LUNG HEALTH COST OF ENERGY EXTRACTION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D88	PERSONALIZED PREVENTION OF LUNG DISEASE	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A86	ATS MYTHBUSTERS: BIOENGINEERING APPROACHES WILL REVOLUTIONIZE RESPIRATORY MEDICINE IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B91	AT THE INTERACE OF ENGINEERING AND RESPIRATORY MEDICINE: UPDATES AND APPLICATIONS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
SS213	AN UPDATE IN PULMONARY ALVEOLAR PROTEINOSIS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
SS311	UP IN SMOKE: THE EFFECT OF ALTITUDE AND SMOKE EXPOSURE ON LUNG GENE EXPRESSION	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
MP508	SUBSTANCE ABUSE, INCLUDING THE OPIOID CRISIS AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL BURDEN OF RESPIRATORY DISEASES	12:15 PM	1:15 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A16	AIR POLLUTION AND PEDIATRIC ASTHMA	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B96	GENETICS, EPIGENETICS, AND SMOKING	2:15PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C16	CIGARETTE, E-CIGARETTE, AND MARIJUANA SMOKING: HUMAN AND MOUSE STUDIES	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D16	AIR POLLUTION EXPOSURE, SYMPTOMS, AND INFLAMMATION	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Poster Discussion Session			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B24	AN UPDATE ON INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR POLLUTION	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
RAPiD Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A105	DUST AND PARTICULATE MATTER EXPOSURE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B23	ENVIRONMENTAL EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN ASTHMA	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C106	OCCUPATIONAL LUNG EPIDEMIOLOGY	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D106	CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A53	ASTHMA EPIDEMIOLOGY	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A54	INDOOR AND OUTDOOR AIR POLLUTION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A55	ENVIRONMENTAL AND OCCUPATIONAL GENETICS, GENOMICS, AND EPIGENETICS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B49	OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B50	COPD	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B51	CIGARETTES, E-CIGARETTES, AND HOOKAHS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C55	HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL EXPOSURE	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C56	SARCOIDOSIS AND IDIOPATHIC LUNG DISEASE	9:15 AM	4:15 PM

**ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO EOPH ASSEMBLY**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 19, 2018			
PG19	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE: UPDATE AND EVOLVING TRENDS IN DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG28	WHAT THE PULMONOLOGIST AND THE INTENSIVIST SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SLEEP APNEA	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A6	GLYCOBIOLOGY AND GLYCOMICS OF LUNG DISEASES	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A7	LEVERAGING MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF GRANULOMA FORMATION IN SARCOIDOSIS TO IMPROVE CARE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A10	PATHOBIOLOGY OF AGE-RELATED LUNG DISEASE: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A11	ATS/JRS/CTS/ERS SYMPOSIUM ON SEVERE ASTHMA: RATIONALIZING TARGETED THERAPEUTICS	9:15AM	11:15 AM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B2	INTERSTITIAL LUNG DISEASE (ILD), IDIOPATHIC INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIA (IIP) AND HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS (HP): CONTROVERSIES IN MANAGEMENT. A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B6	PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE IN PULMONARY REHABILITATION: A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B9	TH17 CELLS: FRIEND, FOE OR BOTH IN CHRONIC LUNG DISEASES	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B88	JUST DO IT: REDUCING PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY HEALTH DISPARITIES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C5	MITOCHONDRIA-TARGETED THERAPEUTICS FOR PREVENTING OR TREATING LUNG DISEASES	9:15AM	11:15 AM
C82	SHIFTING FOCUS: HOW TO STUDY LUNG HEALTH INSTEAD OF DISEASE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
C89	FUTURE RESPIRATORY HEALTH IN CHILDREN: CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCREASING WORLD POPULATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
C92	DISEASE MODIFICATION IN COPD: ARE WE THERE YET?	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D3	WOMEN AND LUNG DISEASE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
WS5	CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: SWIMMING IN THE SEA OF BIG DATA FOR PULMONARY RESEARCH	11:45 AM	1:15 PM

***Assembly on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health
Membership Meeting***

Monday, May 21st

4:30pm-7:00pm

Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego

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Fourth Level

Please join us for the **Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters (TID) Membership Meeting** at the ATS International Conference in San Diego, CA.

TID Chair - Carl White, MD & Co-Chair Sven Jordt, PhD



FEATURING A SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY

Dr. Jonathan Forman

Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
(OPCW), SCIENCE POLICY ADVISER

will give his talk entitled

***International Chemical Disarmament, New Challenges and
Keeping Pace with Scientific Change***

Time: Tuesday, May 22nd 4:30-6:30 pm

Location : Manchester Grand Hyatt

Hotel, Seaport Ballroom B

(Second Level Seaport Tower)



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Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego, CA, 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 at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in the Balboa A room on the Second Level in the Seaport Tower. The room will be available:
Sunday May 20th – Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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 FY2019!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2019. 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 XXXX at XXXX@XXXX.

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez at
tel: (212) 315-8639 or email: mrodriguez@thoracic.org.

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: <https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/video-lecture-series/index.php>

2nd Annual ATS Walking Challenge

Walk for a good cause! Track steps and stay active with the Second Annual ATS Walking Challenge. For every participant who walks 30,000 steps TEVA Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000.

Remember – 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. [Click here](#) for more details.

Invitation to Join ATS Signature Global Health Program: Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical and Operations Research (MECOR)

Loyal to its tagline, the American Thoracic Society helps the world breathe; the ATS has been working to build research capacity in low- and middle-income countries through its Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical, and Operations Research (MECOR) program for 25 years. This intensive course for physicians and related health care professionals increases capacity and leadership in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine research beyond its US borders and US membership.

This spring, the ATS launched MECOR 2.0, which includes a ground-up redesign of the curriculum, course organization, and faculty/mentorship offerings. The updated program capitalizes and builds upon the program's extensive experience and expertise. The curriculum utilizes a "flipped classroom" teaching model with seminar style classroom sessions and a focus on one to one instruction with a learning management system for students, faculty, and alumni (CANVAS).

Since its initiation in 1994, the scope of the ATS MECOR program has grown tremendously. Today, its footprint is truly global with more than 1800 graduates from its global network of courses. Courses and partners include in **Africa**, the Pan African Thoracic, in **China**, the Chinese Thoracic Society, in **India**, the US Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Council for Medical Research, in **Indonesia**, the Indonesian Society for Respiriology, in the **Mediterranean**, the Turkish Thoracic Society, in **Latin American** the Latin American Thoracic Society, and in **Southeast Asia**, the Vietnamese National TB Program and the University of Sydney.

To join the ATS MECOR program as a faculty member or mentor, please use the link below to complete an application. For more information on the ATS MECOR Program, please go to the ATS website at:

[ATS MECOR Program](#)

[ATS MECOR Faculty Application](#)

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Clinical Practice Guidelines, Policy Statements, Research Statements, Workshop Reports, or Technical Statements), please consider attending one or more of these opportunities while you are in San Diego at the ATS International Conference:

- **Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting:** Friday, May 18th from 6-9 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Golden Hill AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). This session is required for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. It is also recommended for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Anyone who is interested in Official ATS Documents is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. A light dinner will be served.
 - ⇒ 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)
 - ⇒ 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 to discuss your idea 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 21st from 7-8:30 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Hillcrest AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). The guideline methodology training program provides mentored training in the skills necessary to serve as a lead methodologist for a clinical practice guideline project. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the 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 22nd from 12:15-1:15pm. Registration is available through the Conference Registration Website.

EDUCATION

ATS 2018 SCIENCE & INNOVATION CENTER

San Diego Convention Center | Sails Pavilion (Upper Level)

The Science & Innovation Center is a forum for scientists and researchers to meet, network, learn, and rest. The Science & Innovation Center is organized by representatives of the Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (All), Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB), Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (RCMB), and Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF).

DAILY:

- + Complimentary breakfast served at 7 a.m.
- + Light refreshments served at noon
- + Informal networking & rest area all day

Sunday, May 20, 2018	Monday, May 21, 2018	Tuesday, May 22, 2018
ATS 101 Series 7:15 - 8 a.m. Topic: iPSC: Innovation and Promise for Lung Disease Speaker: Amy Firth, PhD, University of South California	ATS 101 Series 7:15 - 8 a.m. Topic: Mass Cytometry (CyTOF) for Translational Lung Research Speaker: Jeffrey Atkinson, MD, Washington University in St. Louis	Early Career Professionals Coffee Corner 7:15 - 8 a.m. Meet representatives from Early Career Working groups from All, RCMB, RSF and PI-TB
ATS 101 Series 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Topic: Pathogenesis of Pneumonia Speaker: Joseph P. Mizgerd, Sc.D., Boston University	ATS 101 Series 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Topic: Mitochondria Biology Speaker: Navdeep Chandel, PhD, Northwestern University	Special Meet and Greet Session with NIH Officials 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m. Topic: Meet and Greet with NHLBI Program Officers Speaker: Matt Craig, PhD Neil Aggarwal, MD, National Institutes of Health
Rising Stars 1:15 - 3 p.m. All Rising Stars: 1:15 - 2 RCMB Rising Stars: 2 - 2:45	Rising Stars 1:15 - 3 p.m. PI-TB Rising Stars: 1:15 - 2 RSF Rising Stars: 2 - 2:45	SIC Abstract Awards 1:15 - 3 p.m. All Abstract winner: 1:20 RCMB Abstract winner: 1:45 PI-TB Abstract winner: 2:10 RSF Abstract winner: 2:35
Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers Sunday, May 20, 2018 3:30 - 5 p.m.		



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Physicians planning to take the ABIM critical care MOC assessment have a new resource to prepare for the exam: the ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards

The ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards and Questions Book provide an in-depth review of critical care topics that will be on the American Board of Internal Medicine Critical Care Medicine Certification examination. Chapters include:

- Renal, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders
- Infectious Diseases
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Education Committee to offer Educational Consulting Office Hours during the 2018 International Conference

- Are you planning to submit a proposal for programming at the 2019 International Conference, but don't know where to start?
- Do you want to maximize your chances of having your Postgraduate Course Proposal programmed in 2019?
- Would you like to review feedback you received on a 2018 proposal that wasn't programmed?
- Would you like feedback on a presentation you're giving at this year's International Conference?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, stop by the Science and Innovation Center, where members of the Education Committee will be available to answer questions, no appointment necessary. Consulting will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on:

Monday 5/21 from 10-11AM, 12-1 PM, and 3-4 PM
Tuesday 5/22 from 10-11AM, 12-1PM, and 3-4PM
Wednesday 5/23 from 10-11AM, and 12-1PM

Restoring Joy in Health Care Booth

What does burnout look like and how can we change things personally and professionally for the better?

Explore the **Restoring Joy in Health Care booth (#904)** to crowd source ways to improve the professional environment, get a chair massage or visit with a therapy dog to bring you back to center. Therapy dogs are in the booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Interactive booth in the Exhibit Hall (with puppies)
San Diego Convention Center
Hall C (Ground Level), Booth 904
May 20-22, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Have you:

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- ◇ Changed your title?
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- ◇ Or perhaps we just do not have a complete profile for you!

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Help Available for Assembly Members on Clinical and Research Ethics and Conflict Management

The ATS Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee is a society-wide committee appointed by the ATS President to be a resource and contribute to ATS education on biomedical and organizational ethics. Its seventeen members are from many ATS assemblies and sections, and many have leadership roles in their institution's ethics committees, advanced degrees in medical or nursing ethics, and have published on related issues.

Assembly members are encouraged to use the committee for advice and help in developing programs, statements, and conference sessions relevant to clinical or research ethics or managing conflicts of interest (COI), as well as in dealing with the ethical issues you face in the workplace. In recent years, the committee developed ATS statements on Managing Conscientious Objections and Responding to Requests for Potentially Inappropriate Therapies, and produced podcasts on other topics that are available within the ATS Breathe Easy podcasts on the ATS website. It also oversees ATS management of COI. The Committee is chaired by David Chooljian, MD, JD. Questions and requests for help can go through the committee's staff member, Shane McDermott, at smcdermott@thoracic.org or 212-315-8650.

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