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Dear EOPH Members,

We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue to navigate and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. ATS has rescheduled portions of the 2020 international conference that will be held virtually August 5th-10th. We have also included some resources to help everyone stay informed as to the current status of the pandemic.

Also included in this June 2020 newsletter are some of our members' recent and "epub ahead of print" articles from the months of April 2020 to June 2020.

If you have a recent publication that you would like to share in the upcoming newsletter, please send the title and citation link to Sophia.Kwon@nyulangone.org and TID Section relevant publications to satya.achanta@duke.edu.

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Sincerely,

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Recent Publications

This section highlights some of our assembly members' exciting research that was recently "e-published" or were submitted for inclusion in this newsletter. It is possible that our search may miss your best work, so please send your recent publications to Sophia.Kwon@nyulangone.org.

Air Pollution and Environmental Exposures

The Need for a Tighter Particulate-Matter Air-Quality Standard.

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Respir Med 2020 [in press, doi: 10.1016/j.rmed.2020.106058].

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Asthma and Allergy

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Updates from Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters Section



Congratulations to the new executive committee of TID Section!!!



Incoming Chair:

Rakesh Patel, Ph.D.

Professor and Vice Chair for Research,
Dept. of Pathology
Director, Center for Free Radical Biology
University of Alabama at Birmingham



Elected Co-Chair:

Shama Ahmad, Ph.D.

Associate Professor, Dept. of Anesthesiology
and Perioperative Medicine
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Thank you, outgoing Chair!

Erik Svendsen, PhD,

Director
Division of Environmental Health Science & Practice
Center for Disease Control
for your leadership and services to TID Section





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Section on Terrorism and Inhalation Disasters



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Stella Hines, MD, MSPH



Satya Achanta, DVM, PhD, DABT
Web Director

**TID Section had a successful virtual membership meeting on June 24th
12:00 noon – 2:00 PM EST via Zoom!**

More than 60 people have attended the event!

The keynote speaker Dr. Matt Karwowski, MD, MPH, FAAP delivered a talk on EVALI and it was very well received.



Keynote Speaker for TID Section Membership Meeting
Dr. Matt Karwowski, MD, MPH, FAAP
Chief Medical Officer of the Division of Laboratory Sciences
National Center for Environmental Health, Center for Disease Control
**CDC Laboratory Investigation of Lung Injury
Associated with E-cigarette Use, or Vaping**

The entire session has been recorded and it will be made available to membership very soon!



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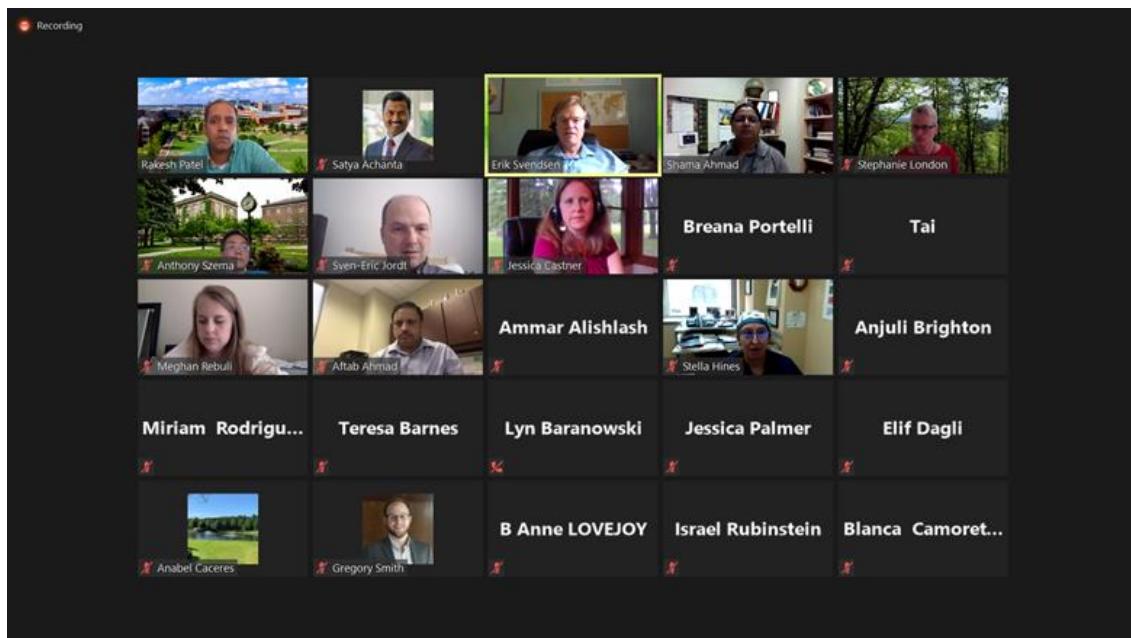
Dr. Erik Svendsen, PhD talked about the efforts of CDC in managing COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD talked about the use of tear gas agents during the BLM protests.

EOPH President, Dr. Stephanie London, MD, DrPH gave her remarks and particularly highlighted the collaboration between EOPH Assembly and TID Section. Further, Dr. London appreciated the efforts of TID Section in getting the statement of ATS on tear gas agents.

Co-chairs of EOPH Early Career Working Group (ECPWG), Jason Rose, MD, MBA and Meghan Reboli, PhD presented accomplishments in 2020 and goals in 2021. If you are interested to get involved in ECPWG, please reach out to co-chairs. Jason Rose (rosejj@upmc.edu) & Meghan Reboli (meradfor@email.unc.edu)

Virtual moment for TID Section members!!!



The highly controversial use of tear gas agents during COVID-19 pandemic



(<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/03/us/tear-gas-risks-protests-coronavirus.html>)

Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD and Satya Achanta, DVM, PhD, DABT shared their expert opinion on toxic effects of tear gas agents, potential cumulative effects during COVID-19 pandemic, and possible spike in the number of positive COVID-19 cases.

Corrosive Effects of Tear Gas Could Intensify Coronavirus Pandemic

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/03/us/tear-gas-risks-protests-coronavirus.html>

White House says police didn't use tear gas and rubber bullets in incident that cleared protesters with chemical irritants and projectile munitions

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/media/trump-demands-journalists-correct-stories-on-the-use-of-tear-gas-according-to-the-cdc-it-was-tear-gas/2020/06/02/bf68726c-a544-11ea-bb20-ebf0921f3bbd_story.html

From tear gas to rubber bullets, here's what 'nonlethal' weapons can do to the body

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Tear-Gassing Protesters During An Infectious Outbreak Called 'A Recipe For Disaster'

https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/06/05/870144402/tear-gassing-protesters-during-an-infectious-outbreak-called-a-recipe-for-disast?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=quoted%20on%20National%20Public%20Radio&utm_campaign=dukedailyjune8_20

Here's why tear gas could worsen symptoms of coronavirus — and prompt more spread

https://money.yahoo.com/heres-why-tear-gas-could-worsen-symptoms-of-coronavirus-and-prompt-more-spread-181427002.html?soc_src=social-sh&soc_trk=tw

Tear Gassing Protesters Could Increase Their Risk for COVID-19

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Tear gas: Treatment, tips, and practical advice for protestors

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/features/how-to-treat-tear-gas/>

Tear-gassing protesters “is a very effective way of spreading coronavirus,” doctors say

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(<https://www.eenews.net/stories/1063309747>)



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ATS calls for moratorium on tear gas use



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Tear Gas Use During COVID-19 Pandemic Irresponsible; Moratorium Needed, Says American Thoracic Society

June 11, 2020 -- [The American Thoracic Society](#) calls for a moratorium on the use of tear gas and other chemical agents deployed by law enforcement against protesters participating in demonstrations, including current campaigns sparked by the death of George Floyd.

"The use of chemical crowd control agents is outlawed in the time of war. They cause significant short- and long-term respiratory health injury and likely propagate the spread of viral illnesses, including COVID-19," said ATS President Juan C. Celedón, MD, DrPH, ATSF.

"Recent research calls into question the assumed safety of tear gas such as 2-chlorobenzalmalononitrile (CS), and the highly concentrated pepper oil used in exploding shells and grenades," said Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD, a leading researcher in tear gas and related lung injury. Those studies have identified chronic bronchitis, compromised lung function, and acute lung injury (in military recruits) as consequences of tear gas exposure.

<https://www.thoracic.org/about/newsroom/press-releases/journal/2020/tear-gas-use-during-covid-19-pandemic-irresponsible-moratorium-needed,-says-american-thoracic-society.php>

Dr. Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD, Associate Professor at Duke University School of Medicine and executive committee of TID Section contributed to drafting of this statement on tear gas agents.



(<https://www.discovermagazine.com/health/tear-gassing-protesters-could-increase-their-risk-for-covid-19>)



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Key points of ATS statement on tear gas agents (courtesy of Dr. Sven-Eric Jordt, PhD) –

"Based on the lack of crucial research, the escalation of tear gas use by law enforcement, and the likelihood of compromising lung health and promoting the spread of COVID-19, the American Thoracic Society calls for a moratorium on CS tear gas and OC pepper weapons use", said Dr. Celedón.

- Outlawed in the time of war
- Significant short- and long-term respiratory health injury
- Likely propagate the spread of viral illnesses, including COVID-19
- Chronic bronchitis, compromised lung function, and acute lung injury (in military recruits)
- Exposes uninvolved persons such as innocent bystanders and the media.

"Outcomes of a study by the U.S. military are a clear warning sign. Recruits exposed to CS tear gas in training just once had a strongly increased likelihood to develop respiratory illnesses such as influenza, pneumonia, or bronchitis, conditions often caused by viral infections."

Mil Med. 2014 Jul;179(7):793-8. doi: 10.7205/MILMED-D-13-00514.

Covid-19 patients :

"... loss of their sense of smell. "

"...lose their capability to sense irritants, increasing their risk of inhaling tear gas and developing chemical injuries.. "



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Session: A90 - EMERGING DANGERS FROM E-CIGARETTES: LET'S HAVE A VAPE DEBATE

Chairs: Ilona Jaspers, Ph.D and Sven Eric Jordt, Ph.D

Date & Time: **Wednesday, 08/05/2020, 08:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

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Session: C11: EVOLVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE EFFECT OF CANNABIS AND CANNABINOIDS ON THE LUNG

Chairs: Kristina Bailey, MD and Laura E Crotty Alexander

Date & Time: pending

Room: **ATS 2020 Virtual**

Session: D85: ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURES AND THE AIRWAY MICROBIOME

Chairs: Christopher Carlsten, MD and Ilona Jaspers Ph.D

Date & Time: pending

Room: **ATS 2020 Virtual**

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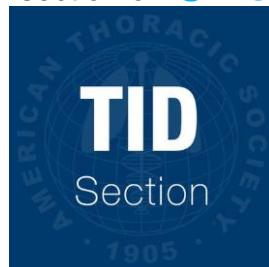
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COVID-19 RESOURCES

ATS Resources

The ATS Clinical Problems (CP) Assembly has a closed, internal Facebook page hosted by MeiLan Han that is being consistently updated with COVID-19 updates/resources for rapid dissemination among members. All ATS members may have access to this page—you will need to enter your ATS member number to join. The link to the Facebook page is [HERE](#). A major goal of this resource is to also add to knowledge by posting experiences with clinical care associated with COVID-19, as well as more general news regarding coronavirus.

Also, with information evolving as quickly as it is and responding to requests from members, ATS has created a new channel through Slack that might be useful if you wish to share information with each other and your colleagues. We are sending this to ATS leaders only, however, you are welcome to invite other ATS member colleagues to join. The ATS channel ats-covid19.slack.com can be accessed [HERE](#).

Disclaimer: Staff will be monitoring postings but will not be able to judge content, and thus, these are simply platforms for exchange, with everyone understanding that nothing posted is official, ATS-vetted information. Also, please keep in mind HIPPA regulations when sharing information.

Other Resources

The New York Times has made their very extensive, frequently updated, coronavirus coverage freely available without a subscription. You can access this information by navigating from the [New York Times homepage](#), or click the link [HERE](#) to go directly to the resources.

The Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University is providing a map of the global spread of COVID-19 that updates regularly. You can access the site [HERE](#).

Advice for Pulmonary Function Testing

Very important PFT advice that you might have missed was issued late last month by members of the ATS Proficiency Standards for Pulmonary Function Testing Committee, called "Advice Regarding COVID 19 For Pulmonary Function Laboratories." Its link is here: [HERE](#) - you have to scroll to the bottom of the page. It states that:

"Concern has been raised that pulmonary function testing could represent a potential avenue for COVID 19 transmission due to the congregation of patients with lung disease and because of the potential for coughing and droplet formation surrounding pulmonary function testing procedures."

The Committee recommends "that pulmonary function testing be limited to tests that are only essential for immediate treatment decisions, that the type of pulmonary function testing be limited to the most essential tests when possible, and that measures to protect both the staff and individuals being tested should be put in place."

Based on ACOEM's and CAOHC's recommendations about postponing non-essential routine spirometry and hearing tests, OSHA issued an enforcement guidance on postponing various testing and training activities during the pandemic. News release here: <https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/04162020-0>



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Enforcement memo here (with specific examples of types of testing to be postponed):

[https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-16/discretion-enforcement-when-considering-employers-good-faith-efforts-during.](https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-04-16/discretion-enforcement-when-considering-employers-good-faith-efforts-during)

Also NIOSH continues to recommend that NIOSH-approved spirometry courses be suspended due to the risk of cross-contamination from asymptomatic infected students to non-infected students.

Webalogue by the Ecohealth Knowledge to Action Research Group

Check out the recorded Webalogue by the Ecohealth Knowledge to Action Research Group: Learning for Planetary Health: Early Lessons from a Pandemic, available [HERE](#) (link directly to video [HERE](#)). The summary of the Webalogue is as follows:

We are experiencing the greatest challenge for public health in several generations with the COVID-19 pandemic, and with this challenge will emerge unprecedented opportunity as governments and citizens prepare for a post-COVID future. This webinar will begin by exploring the origins of the outbreak with lessons from the animal-human interface. We will then learn from previous economic collapses and what these lessons teach us about the coming weeks and months as we emerge from the current wave of disease and devastated economy to become a more healthy planet. We will begin exploring the relationships and resources needed for a recovery that makes us stronger and better able to face the challenges to planetary health that are even more critical than the COVID-19 pandemic, but that appear less imminent to society. One goal is to articulate a shared vision of this future where society bounces back, but bounces back to a better place than our pre-pandemic world.

Moderator: Chris Buse, Centre for Environmental Assessment Research, UBC

Speakers:

- Mira Ziolo, Consulting Veterinarian at Wildlife Rescue Association of BC, PhD Student, UBC Interdisciplinary PhD student
- Tim Takaro, Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University
- Trevor Hancock, Retired Professor and Senior Scholar, School of Public Health and Social Policy, University of Victoria

Other News

Tara Nordgen, PhD won the magnificent mentor award from U. of California Riverside from students in the biomedical sciences graduate program.



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