



MICROBIOLOGY, TUBERCULOSIS AND PULMONARY INFECTION ASSEMBLY NEWSLETTER

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Message From Assembly Chair

Charles L. Daley, MD

It is hard to believe that my term as Chair of the Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis, and Pulmonary Infections (MTPI) is soon coming to a close. The past two years as Chair have been both exciting and rewarding so I would like to thank all of those who made it possible. As I noted in last year's Newsletter, the MTPI Assembly is one of the most productive Assemblies, producing many high quality workshops, statements, and guidelines. However, over the past two years, the global economic recession created unprecedented challenges for ATS, requiring temporary suspension of funding for new projects. ATS took advantage of this period to re-evaluate its policies involving conflict of interests (COI), an area that has garnered increasing attention over the past few years.

Last year a report from the Institute of Medicine called for increased policing of potential financial COI among physicians and researchers. For organizations like ATS, that provide continuing medical education and develop and publish documents that affect physician practice, the issue of managing COI is not only very important, it is essential. Over the past year, ATS has re-evaluated its COI policies and will be making changes that will affect the process of guideline development. Our Assembly has been one of the most active in developing such guidelines and thus, changes in ATS COI policies will impact our Assembly members. One change will be in the way we declare our potential COI. ATS is implementing a new centralized web-based system that should make it easier for members and ATS to declare, follow, and update COI declarations. At the same time, scrutiny of potential COIs has also increased, particularly for individuals chairing ATS projects. Ultimately, these changes will result in more transparent policies, but the transition has been difficult and slowed the process of guideline development. Fortunately, ATS is committed to supporting guideline development but the process will change in the near future. As these changes unfold MTPI leadership will make sure that they are communicated to our members.

The MTPI Assembly has been blessed with outstanding leadership. For

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almost as long as I can remember, the MTPI Assembly has had a leadership track that involved the election of one nominated candidate. However, in an attempt to provide more fairness and function more like other Assemblies, we will now nominate at least two individuals for leadership positions. We will continue to alternate leadership positions between individuals with tuberculosis and those with nontuberculosis interests as this approach has both strengthened and provided balance within our Assembly. At this year's Assembly Meeting you will see this change in our ballot and I encourage you to support this approach and vote for the candidate that you think will provide the strongest leadership.

As my term comes to a close I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their participation in our monthly conference calls and for their active participation in the leadership of the Assembly. Past-chair Andy Limper has continued to provide sage advice to our Committee and I hope that I will be able to do the same for Laurence Huang, incoming Assembly Chair, in the coming year. Program Committee Chair, Henry Koziel, and Chair-elect, Carol Hamilton, have worked extremely hard to develop a wonderful MTPI program for this year's annual meeting in New Orleans. Special kudos goes to the Program Committee this year because of the added volume of abstracts created by acceptance of case reports and late-breaker abstracts! Although Fred Gordin retired this year as our ACET representative, I was able to convince him to Chair our Nominating Committee along with Andy Vernon and Mark Metersky. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee for putting together an outstanding slate of candidates and special thanks to Fred for his many years of service to our Assembly. Because of the suspension of new projects, it has been a relatively slow year for the Planning Committee but hopefully this will change for 2011 and give David Lewinsohn and his committee more work! I would like to thank Chad Steele for his great work as our Assembly Web Director. Chad plans to retire from that position this year so we will be looking for a new person for this important position. As I step down as Chair in May at the annual meeting, I know that I leave the position in the very capable hands of Laurence Huang.

As all Chairs soon learn, the activities of the Assembly (and ATS!) would not proceed without the incredible efforts of ATS staff. Special thanks to Miriam Rodriguez, Bridget Nance, Nancy Guerrero, Lance Lucas, Judy Corn, Shane McDermott, and Graham Nelan for their guidance and support over the past two years. The ATS leadership has done a superb job during some of the most difficult fiscal times of our lives. I would like to thank Stephen Crane, our Executive Director, for his leadership and continued support of our Assembly work. During my tenure as Chair, ATS Presidents Jo Rae Wright and Randy Curtis have provided outstanding leadership and support for our Assembly. I am amazed at the time they were willing to spend dealing with issues affecting our Assembly. In May, Dean Schraufnagel, one of our own Assembly members, will take over as ATS President. ATS is in good hands! See you in New Orleans!

Planning Committee Report

David Lewinsohn, MD, PhD, Chair

Due to fiscal constraints for the year 2010 the ATS suspended new projects, while continuing to fund Renewal projects for 2010. It is planned that new projects will resume in 2011. Call for applications for new projects will begin in 2010 for the 2011 funding cycle. To take advantage of the hiatus in funding of new projects this year (June 2009 – May 2010), and to make the system more efficient and responsive to the ATS membership, the Pro-

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ject application process and the evaluation of projects have been reviewed with the goal refining and improving the current system.

The MTPI planning committee met in person during the last ATS meeting in 2009 to review these changes. The committee met by phone in the summer of 2009 to review and approve the following renewals:

“Treatment of Fungal Infections” was approved by the Board of Directors at the March, 2010 meeting and will be published sometime this year. Thanks to Andy Limper and the rest of the writing committee for their hard work on this important document. Several other projects including “Community-acquired Pneumonia Guidelines: A Living Document” (Chair – Richard Wunderink), “Diagnosis of Fungal Diseases” (Chair – Andy Limper), and “Updated Guidelines for Diagnosis and Treatment of HAP, HCAP, and VAP” (Chair - Michael Niederman) are temporarily on hold as we try to conform to new ATS COI rules and statement development guidelines.

Diagnostic Standards and Classification of Tuberculosis in Adults and Children (renewal) Statement, Chairs David Lewinsohn, Phil LoBue, and Michael Leonard

Estimated completion 2011

During the past year we have made substantial progress. Specifically, we have focused our efforts on developing GRADE - based recommendations for the diagnosis of tuberculosis (Lobue and Leonard) and Latent infection with Mtb (Lewinsohn). This was done through a series of conference calls, and was aided by meta-analysis performed by Dr. Madhu Pai. A draft has been prepared, and is under active review by the writing committee. Following the work of the writing committee, we anticipate a second review under MTPI prior to submission to the ATS statement working group.

Infections in Patients Receiving Tumor Necrosis Factor –Alpha Antagonists (renewal)

Co-chairs – Neil Schluger, MD/Charles Daley, MD/Carol Hamilton, MD

Estimated completion 2011

This statement is a collaborative effort involving ATS and the IDSA. The writing committee commissioned a systematic review of the literature, which is going through final updates. Once completed, the results will be used by the committee to answer specific questions regarding the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mycobacterial and fungal infections in patients receiving TNF-antagonists.

Management of Bronchiectasis (renewal)

Co-Chairs – Charles Daley, MD/Charles Feldman, MD/Grant Waterer, MD

Estimated completion 2011

The writing committee aims to provide a global view of the management of bronchiectasis enlisting members from seven countries. A systematic review was commissioned and is currently in the final stages of completion. Once completed the results will be used to address specific questions related to the management of patients with bronchiectasis.

Emerging Issues and Current Controversies in HIV associated Pulmonary Diseases

Workshop Proceedings, Chair Alison Morris

Estimated completion 2010

The workshop proceedings has been completed and submitted to ATS. We are expecting to publish this year.

Program Committee Report

Henry Koziel MD, Chair

Together with the MTPI Program Committee, Carol Hamilton (Program Chair-Elect) and I have completed programming MTPI sessions for the 2010 ATS International Conference scheduled for May 14-19, 2010 in New Orleans. We are extremely excited about the final program that provides an impressive breadth and depth of topics related to respiratory infections, offers timely and useful clinical information, highlights cutting-edge science, and reflects the diversity of interests of our Assembly and the ATS membership. Please see the attached table for a complete listing of sessions sponsored or cosponsored by MTPI.

For those unfamiliar with the process, programming of the ATS International Conference is accomplished through direct input and effort from the ATS membership, a truly remarkable feature for a meeting of such size and scope! For each Assembly, the ATS membership works through the respective Assembly Program Committees. For the MTPI Program Committee, conference programming include two major responsibilities: 1) evaluating scientific and clinical session proposals; and 2) evaluating and programming abstracts.

Following an organizational meeting at the ATS International Conference, the process starts with a general call for input by the MTPI Program Committee (typically due in June) soliciting suggestions and proposals for Major Scientific Symposia, Sunrise Seminars, Meet-the-Professor Seminars, Evening Courses, Workshops and Post-graduate Courses. These proposals, submitted by MTPI Program Committee members, MTPI Assembly members or the general ATS membership are critically reviewed, discussed and ranked by the MTPI Program Committee members, and top-ranking proposals are then submitted to the International Conference Committee (ICC) for final selection and programming (typically in September).

The next major Committee responsibility relates to abstract programming. After submission of ATS abstracts (typically due in November), each MTPI abstract is assigned for critical review and grading by MTPI Program Committee members (with each abstract reviewed by at least 5 members of the committee). Abstracts are ranked in the category submitted, and committee members propose specific formats for presentation of the abstracts (including Mini-Symposia, Poster Discussion Sessions or Thematic Poster Sessions). Based on direct input of the Program Committee members, final proposals are determined by the committee Chair and Chair-Elect, and the proposals are then submitted to the ICC for final programming (typically in December).

Final programming is determined by the ICC, a committee composed primarily of Program Committee Chairs and Program Chair-Elect members representing each of the 13 Assemblies. The number of specific slots available for programming the sessions is predetermined by the ATS in advance, varies by Assembly and is based in part on the number of abstracts submitted to the Assembly (for example, MTPI is allotted 4 slots for major scientific symposia). Scheduling of sessions for specific days of the ATS International Conference is done in an equitable but blinded manner, with specific days of the conference revealed only after each of the available program slots have been completely filled.

Carol and I extend our tremendous appreciation, gratitude and sincere thanks to the members of the MTPI Program Committee for their time and dedication, valuable input, excellent, thorough and thoughtful reviews of abstracts, and outstanding ideas and suggestions for the sessions. This dynamic and interactive Committee programmed >30 MTPI sessions in the final program, maintaining an appropriate balance between mycobacterial

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disease and bacterial, fungal and viral infections. The Committee received a record 447 abstracts, including 46 case reports (new feature this year) and 28 “late-breaker” abstracts (also new feature this year, with abstracts due in February). Select MTPI “late-breaker” abstracts will be featured in one of two special jointly sponsored Mini-Symposia programmed the morning of Tuesday May 18, 2010.

As you plan your travel to New Orleans this year, please note that MTPI has scheduled sessions on each of the days throughout the entire meeting. All sessions are of exceptionally high quality and afford the opportunity to interact with scientific and clinical colleagues. These sessions include three excellent postgraduate courses on Friday May 14 and Saturday May 15 prior to the start of the conference. We hope you take advantage and make time to attend these professionally exciting, scientifically stimulating sessions and educational opportunities. We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!

ATS 2010 – New Orleans Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Microbiology, Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Infections

Postgraduate Courses

Friday, May 14, 2010

PG7	CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TB CONTROL	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
PG8	HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS IN PULMONARY INFECTION	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday, May 15, 2010

PG23	CHALLENGES IN MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY INFECTIONS	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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Scientific Symposia

Monday, May 17, 2010

B7	KEEPING THE IMMUNOSUPPRESSED WELL: TB AND NOT TB	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B88	CONTROVERSIES IN PULMONARY INFECTION: CHALLENGING CONVENTIONAL WISDOM	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C86	SEVERE COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA: DEFINITION, GENETICS, TREATMENT	1:30 PM - 4:00 PM
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Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D9	ATS/IDSA/CDC STATEMENT ON DIAGNOSTIC STANDARDS FOR TUBERCULOSIS DISEASE AND LATENT TUBERCULOSIS INFECTION	8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
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Meet the Professor Seminars

Sunday, May 16, 2010

MP412	MANAGEMENT OF THE CRITICALLY ILL PATIENT WITH HIV/AIDS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
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Monday, May 17, 2010

MP513	DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INDEX CASES AND CONTACTS WITH MULTI AND EXTENSIVELY DRUG-RESISTANT TUBERCULOSIS	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
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Tuesday, May 18, 2010

MP612	MDR- AND XDR-TB IN THE U.S.	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
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Sunrise Seminars

Monday, May 17, 2010

SS111 CLINICAL AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

SS211 MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS IN HIV: NOVEL TREATMENT STRATEGIES 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

SS310 INFLUENZA PNEUMONIA: PANDEMICS AND NOVEL TREATMENTS 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Mini Symposia

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A93 NEW STRATEGIES FOR DIAGNOSING LATENT AND ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

A94 BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA: BENCH TO BEDSIDE 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C97 ACUTE PNEUMONIA: NOVEL HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS WITH THERAPEUTIC IMPLICATIONS 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D18 APPLYING EPIDEMIOLOGIC FINDINGS TO IMPROVE TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Poster Discussion Sessions

Monday, May 17, 2010

B24 NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA: BENCH TO BEDSIDE 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

B25 H1N1, SEASONAL INFLUENZA AND OTHER VIRAL PNEUMONIA: CLINICAL AND MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C104 HIV ASSOCIATED LUNG DISEASE INCLUDING PNEUMOCYSTIS 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D24 TUBERCULOSIS TREATMENT AND OUTCOMES: ANIMAL AND HUMAN STUDIES 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

D25 COMMUNITY ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA: CONTROVERSIES IN MANAGEMENT 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Thematic Poster Sessions

Sunday, May 16, 2010

A51 DIAGNOSIS OF LATENT AND ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

A52 PNEUMONIA: HOST DEFENSE MECHANISMS TO INFECTIOUS CHALLENGE 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Monday, May 17, 2010

B48 TUBERCULOSIS AND NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIUM: TREATMENT OUTCOME STUDIES AND CASE REPORTS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B49 BRONCHIECTASIS: CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND BEYOND 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B50 RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS: DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B51 MYCOBACTERIAL DISEASE: HOST DEFENSES 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

B52 VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED AND NOSOCOMIAL PNEUMONIA 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C51 UNUSUAL LUNG AND CHEST INFECTIONS (CASE REPORTS): HORSES, ZEBRAS AND UNICORNS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

C52 BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA: TREATMENT 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

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Thematic Poster Sessions

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

C53 EPIDEMIOLOGY OF LATENT AND ACTIVE TUBERCULOSIS 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

D54 PNEUMONIA: BENCH TO BEDSIDE 8:15 AM - 4:00 PM

Update from Web Director Chad Steel, PhD

The past year has seen a dramatic change in the format of the ATS website. Major changes have included a new group of drop-down menus found in the middle of the homepage for strategic items such as the Clinical, Education and Research. A second grouping of topics at the top of the homepage was developed to provide “mini-sites” to provide more direct access to areas such as ATS Assemblies, ATS Journals and the ATS Foundation. ATS has also become actively involved in social networking and now maintains a presence on such sites as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Changes have also migrated to the MTPI website with a more streamlined section list. In addition to sections such as Officers & Committees and MTPI Statements, new areas include an Awards section that lists the names and abstract titles of the MTPI travel awards winners. Finally, MTPI published its annual ATS Clinical Case in early 2010. The title of the clinical case was “A pregnant woman with fever and respiratory failure”, submitted by Drs. Sonia Vishin, Jody Hunt and Keith Willie from the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Medicine at University of Alabama at Birmingham. MTPI sponsors an ATS Clinical Case annually, which is normally due in late Fall. If you have an interesting clinical case that you would like to submit for review, please do not hesitate to contact the MTPI Chair or MTPI Web Director.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2011!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2011. 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 beginning in May.

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 David M. Lewinsohn at lewinsod@ohsu.edu.

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

Nominating Committee Update

Fred Gordin, MD, Chair

The MTPI Nominating Committee this year consisted of Fred Gordin as Chair and Andrew Vernon and Marc Metersky as additional members. Following a rousing telephone session the following names will be put forward at the upcoming MTPI Assembly Meeting in New Orleans for office positions during the 2010-2011 year:

For Program Committee Chair-Elect (where there is one position open):

Grant Waterer and Kristina Crothers have agreed to have their names placed in nomination.

For Nominating Committee Members:

Eric Nuermberger and Timothy Sterling have agreed to be nominated for the "TB" slot and Richard Wunderink and Shawn Skerrett have agreed to be nominated for the "non-TB" slot.

We look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans to cast your votes for these important Assembly positions.

Patients to Speak At Thirteen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at thirteen symposia at the 2010 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 2009.

This is the seventh 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:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII/RCMB	A9	COPD: A Disease Of Accelerated Aging?	Sunday 5/16/10 8:15-8:30 am
AII	A12	Severe Asthma: The Last 10 Years And Moving Forward	Sunday, 5/16/10 8:15-8:20 am
AII/RCMB	A87	Mucus Plugs For 2010: Update On Mucus In Airway Homeostasis And Disease	Sunday, 5/16/10 1:40-1:45 pm
MTPI/AII/RCMB	B7	Keeping The Immunosuppressed Well: Clinical Infectious Challenges In Emerging Immunosuppressed Hosts	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
RSF/RCMB/AII/CP	B9	New Frontiers In Asthma Therapy	Monday, 5/17/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/RCMB	B83	The Influence Of Histology And Molecular Analysis On Treatment Of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: "Tailored	Monday, 5/17/10 1:30-1:35 pm

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ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
SRN/CP	B86	Should We Treat Asymptomatic Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients?	Monday, 5/17/10 3:30-3:35 pm
CP/PR	C2	Seven Questions Every COPD Patient Wants Answered	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:15-8:20 am
CP/BS/PED	C10	Cystic Fibrosis: Bench, Bedside, And Beyond	Tuesday, 5/18/10 8:20-8:25 am
CP/AII	C82	Six Questions Regarding Sarcoidosis	Tuesday, 5/18/10 3:05-3:10 pm
CP/NUR/ PED	C85	How Well Do Patients Use Respiratory Inhalers, Nebulizers, And Other Devices? It's More Important Than You Might Think	Tuesday, 5/18/10 1:30-1:35 pm
PAR	D12	Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance (PAR SYMPOSIUM)	Wednesday, 5/19/10 9:55 am
CP/NUR/ RSF	D6	Pulmonary Rehabilitation In Chronic Respiratory Diseases Other Than COPD	Wednesday 8/19/10 8:30-8:35 am

ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the ninth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in New Orleans on **Wednesday, May 19, 2010 8:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** The topic of the symposium is **“Cells in Lung Injury and Repair of the Lung: Scientific and Translational Importance”** and it will be jointly chaired by Jo Rae Wright, PhD, Michael Matthay, MD, and Teresa Barnes. The program includes the following:

- Michael A. Matthay, MD - Cell-Based Therapy For Lung Injury
- Bernard. Lo, MD - Ethical And Policy Issues Regarding Cell-Based Therapies: Anticipating and Addressing Potential Obstacles to Scientific and Clinical Innovation
- Jahar Bhattacharya, MD, PhD - Reversal of Lung Inflammation By Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- Landon S. King, MD - Role of Lymphocytes In Mediating Recovery From Acute Lung Injury
- Mark R. Looney, MD - Role of Neutrophils And Platelets In Mediating Acute Lung Injury
- Danielle Benich - LAM Patient Perspective
- Duncan J. Stewart, MD - Future Cell-Based Therapies

ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 16 – Tuesday, May 18 2010 in the Exhibit Hall of the Ernest N Morial Convention Center 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.

The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable celebrating
2010: Year of the Lung is pleased to invite you to our fourth annual patient forum
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.

SATURDAY MAY 15, 2010
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Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Two Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(Grand Salon A, 1st Level)

You'll have an opportunity to hear from patients and experts in the pulmonary community and network with
them afterwards. The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference.

Hors d'oeuvres will be provided at the meeting.

This year's discussions will focus on Lung and Environmental Health issues, and panelists include:

William Martin II, MD • Michael Busk, MD, MPH • Kenneth Paris, MD, MPH
David Schwartz, MD • Leon Zoller

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

For further questions please contact Courtney L. White at (212) 315-8640.

**ASSEMBLY ON MICROBIOLOGY, TUBERCULOSIS
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

4:30PM-6:30PM

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ASSEMBLY ON MICROBIOLOGY, TUBERCULOSIS
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DINNER

MONDAY, MAY 17TH

7:00PM-10:00PM

HILTON NEW ORLEANS RIVERSIDE HOTEL

JEFFERSON BALLROOM

THIRD LEVEL

The dinner is supported by **Gilead Sciences Medical Affairs**

ATS DOCUMENTS UPDATE

1. Reminder to all Document Developers--We have launched submission of official ATS documents through the manuscript central website that the Society uses for all journal submissions. All official ATS documents must be submitted through this website <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/atsdocs>
2. We are pleased to announce that ATS has hired a new methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD. Dr. Brozek is based at McMaster University in Canada, and as the Society's methodologist, will provide expert consultation to Document Developers. Our Documents Editor, Dr. Holger Schunemann and Dr. Brozek will both be attending the Conference in New Orleans this year and will be visiting with many Document Developers to answer methods-related questions.

For further information about document development, visit the document development area of the ATS Website at <http://www.thoracic.org/statements/document-development/index.php> or contact Judy Corn at jcorn@thoracic.org

2010 Guidelines Forum and Hands-on Workshop:
What's new in document and guideline development?

All ATS members are invited to attend a free, hands-on guideline workshop conducted by the
ATS Documents Editor, Holger J. Schunemann, MD, PhD,
and the new ATS Methodologist, Jan Brozek, MD, PhD, to be held:

Sunday, May 16, 2009
6:45-9:45 pm
Versailles Ballroom, Third Level
Hilton New Orleans Riverside
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70140
Tel: (504) 561-0500 | 1-800-HILTONS

Refreshments and a light dinner will be served.

SEARCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Thoracic Society has opened the search for the Editor of its peer-reviewed publication, the *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society* (PATS), succeeding Alan R. Leff, M.D., who has been serving as Editor since the inception of the journal in 2004.

PATS publishes reviews of clinical or basic science commonly resulting from conferences or workshops organized or sponsored by the ATS and/or other organizations to provide a better understanding of diseases within respiratory, critical care medicine, and sleep. Publication is episodic.

It is anticipated that the Editor will be named in 2011 for a five-year term, but will not assume responsibility until March 2012. This timeline will allow the newly selected Editor to train with Dr. Leff for one year to ensure a smooth transition. The Search Committee is seeking candidates who are in a field relevant to lung health, critical care medicine, and/or sleep who have editorial experience.

Letters of interest, including a statement of plans for the Editorship, and curriculum vitae should be submitted by May 3, 2010 to:

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WHEN

Saturday, May 15, 2010

WHERE

Marriott New Orleans

For more information

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We would like to thank the American Thoracic Society Corporate Member Program, The National Emphysema Foundation Honoring Claude Lenfant, MD, ATS PAR Members, Sleep Group Solutions and Apnex Medical for providing Travel Awards. ATS Assembly Program Committees selected awardees based on the abstracts submitted to the 2010 International Conference.