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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

As the International Conference in San Francisco draws near, I realize with some sadness that my time as Nursing Assembly Chair is coming to a close. This has been one of the most fulfilling things that I've ever done—I know it's cliché, but serving a society such as ATS truly benefits you the most! It's fascinating to learn about the inner workings of a large and successful society such as ATS. The benefits include lifelong friends and colleagues who otherwise would have only been authors' names in my mind. The society is truly a grass-roots organization and amazingly open to ideas. Volunteering to serve gives you the opportunity to implement your ideas. Volunteer service with ATS is highly regarded on your CV or resume'. Working in an interdisciplinary capacity such as ATS strengthens the nursing voice in healthcare and research. Many additional benefits for serving ATS include a sense of satisfaction for a job well-done.

Editor: DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD



DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC

I'm hoping to encourage every nursing assembly member to find a niche to actively participate in ATS activities. Please consider this your personal invitation! And if you're not sure how, please email me or connect with me in San Francisco and I'll do my best to help you find the best place to use your talents. See the column in this newsletter with a list of volunteer opportunities. I'm aware of one logistic issue that sometimes interferes with ATS volunteer placement, and want to make sure this doesn't discourage you. All committee and work group members are designated in the Spring, prior to the International Conference, and the term of service goes from May to May each year. Therefore, it's important to get your name out to the chairs of the committees prior to January if you want to serve on a committee or workgroup for the following year. I suggest that you contact the committee or workgroup chair now where you would like to serve, and then contact them again next January to remind them of your desire to serve. In the meantime, you can assist them in an unofficial capacity—most chairs will welcome you to attend their meeting, even if you are not officially on their committee this year. And if you are unofficially assisting them all year, you will be a natural addition to their committee next year!

Looking forward to seeing everyone again at the International Conference. And if you are not able to attend, we will miss you, and hope that reviewing this newsletter will give you a sense of the many ways that the Nursing Assembly is representing you with ATS!

Top 10+ Suggestions for Getting the most out of ATS Intl Conference

10. Look for helpful publications such as the Daily Bulletin, the Highlights for Clinicians, and the Roadmap for Professionals in Transition and Training, and use them to help you identify sessions and meetings of interest to you.
9. Check out the resources at the ATS Center, including samples of Patient Education materials, purchase a commemorative T-shirt, and receive a free DVD of all the abstracts from the conference.
8. Be sure to attend the Nursing Meet & Greet on Sunday morning at 11:00 am in the Clinician's Center, the Nursing Year in Review Symposium on Monday afternoon, and the Assembly Meeting with orientation for new members on Monday evening starting at 4:30 pm.
7. Whenever you attend Year in Review sessions, look for the publication with annotated bibliography and highlights from each presentation that is typically available in the back of the room.
6. If you like FREE coffee, attend the morning and afternoon coffee breaks in the exhibit hall. And if one coffee station is crowded, look around... there are several coffee service tables set up.
5. If you need a professional head shot photo of yourself, stop by the free photo booth, compliments of ATS!
4. Thematic poster sessions are a wonderful way to meet people with interests that are similar to your own. Look through the program in advance to find the posters that interest you the most, and make a point of attending the thematic poster session during author times so you can meet the author and possibly others from their research team. I can assure you that the authors will be thrilled to talk with you and learn of your interest in their research!
3. Wear comfortable shoes!
2. Use the online resources and conference app to plan your itinerary in advance. If you need additional assistance, come to the Nursing Meet & Greet on Sunday morning and ask someone who looks like they know what they're doing—they will be happy to help you! Look through this newsletter for all of the activities and sessions specific to nursing, and make sure those opportunities are included on your itinerary.
1. If you recognize a nametag of an author or speaker whose work you appreciate, please introduce yourself! Most attendees are thrilled to learn that you appreciate their work and they are happy to meet you. Another option—contact an author or speaker prior to the conference, and make an appointment to meet them for coffee. Many of us have found life-long mentors or friends by doing this.

AND

Bonus #1 Did I say, you should wear comfortable shoes? Trust me! (and wear a pedometer, you'll meet your goal when you are at ATS!)

Bonus #2 Tweet your experience (or post to the Nursing Assembly's Facebook page)

Bonus #3 Take advantage of mentoring opportunities! The mentors have been assigned for this year, but look for an email next Spring and be sure to sign up for mentoring, and to mentor—there is always someone more junior than you who could benefit from your expertise!

Bonus #4 Plan to get involved in the Nursing Assembly by talking to leadership in the areas that interest you now. Then please contact them again in January (and attach your CV) when assignments to committees and workgroups are being made so that your name is top of mind for them. Trust me, they will appreciate knowing your expertise!

Update from the Planning Committee

Susan S. Jacobs RN, MS

The Nursing Assembly Planning Committee (APC) has undertaken significant projects over the past year as part of the committee's role in supporting assembly projects and initiatives, as well as review of project applications assigned by the ATS staff.

1. New and Renewal Project Application Reviews: The APC received 10 projects applications last fall from a variety of ATS assemblies. After completing the reviewing and scoring process, most were approved or renewed, including a new project application from the International Working Group led by Maureen George PhD, RN, *International Nursing Research Priorities: CARES [Critical care, Adult REspiratory Health, and Sleep* "which is a major reinvention of the original and outdated 2006 "Research Priorities in Respiratory Nursing" document. This Workshop Report will incorporate an international nursing perspective and a framework incorporating patient and family-reported outcomes and experiences. The product will be a "roadmap to identify and prioritize research needs across the three pillars of the ATS."
2. Review of the Patient Information Series documents: The APC has begun a review of a significant number of existing Patient Information documents to make recommendations to the Patient and Family Education Committee (PFEC) as needed for revisions. Mary Kapella from the PFEC discussed ways the PFEC is working to incorporate patient input for some of these materials, as well as implementing different platforms to deliver them, such as videos or other on-line methods. These are important materials for our patients and thus important to keep updated.
3. Creation of an "Oxygen Working Group": Reports from both patients and healthcare providers of problems with access to adequate portable and home oxygen systems is increasing. As a result, the APC has established an Oxygen Working Group to address these important issues by reaching out to healthcare providers, DME providers, competitive bidding liaisons, ATS Government Relations, ATS PAR, and others to create a forum to investigate the problem and potential solutions. The Oxygen Working Group will focus on 1. Creating a patient survey, 2. Developing an educational document for providers, 3. Writing an editorial in a professional journal to increase awareness of the problem, and finally 4. Planning a virtual or in-person 'Oxygen Summit' to bring all the various parties (providers, payors, patients) together to address potential solutions.

Update from the Programming Committee

Janelle Yorke, RN, MRes, PhD, Chair & Jiyeon Choi, PhD, RN, Chair-Elect

There is an exciting Nursing program planned for San Francisco with a variety of topics and international representation. In the Nursing Year In Review [B81], main highlights will be on sharing advances and challenges in practice and research in pulmonary nursing from different international perspectives. Nursing will have two Scientific Symposia on management of respiratory symptoms including cough and self-management of respiratory disease in vulnerable populations. Both symposia feature presentations from USA and international scientists, including Australia, United Kingdom and China. There is also a vibrant program of Sunrise Seminars and Meet the Professors - all led by nursing leaders.

Our abstract program is also varied and interesting although we did receive fewer abstract submissions this year compared to previous years (42 in total). ATS implemented a new abstract submission process this year which seems to have had an impact on the number of abstracts submitted to the Nursing Assembly. Fortunately, the collaborative nature of the International Conference Committee meant that we were able to pull a fantastic program together for mini-symposium and poster sessions. The new process ensures that regardless as to which assembly is selected to 'review' any one abstract, all abstracts in a category reviewed and shared with other category relevant assemblies – this ensures that the best program is developed. Nonetheless, the number of abstracts submitted to an assembly is, rightly or wrongly, used to gauge its strength and therefore we invite you to mark "Nursing Assembly" on all abstracts you submit for 2017. This will assure that you have personalized advocacy for your abstract and it will be placed in the best session to advance your science.

ATS 2016 - San Francisco

Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Nursing

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 13, 2016			
PG8	CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDERS (NP/PA)	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B81	NURSING YEAR IN REVIEW	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C86	SELF-MANAGEMENT AND RISK REDUCTION CHALLENGES IN VULNERABLE POPULATIONS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
D5	IMPROVING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS, REFRACTORY CHRONIC COUGH AND INTERPROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 15, 2016			
A91	HOT TOPICS IN DISPARITIES IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE AND SLEEP MEDICINE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C91	OPTIMIZING ICU ROUNDS: EVIDENCE-BASED APPROACHES FOR IMPROVING PATIENT CARE AND TEACHING	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
SS115	IMPLICATIONS OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT IN CHRONIC LUNG AND SLEEP DISEASE	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Wednesday, May 18, 2016			
SS313	UNTANGLING PATIENT REPORTED OUTCOME AND EXPERIENCE MEASURES	6:45 AM	7:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
MP512	IMPAIRED SLEEP AND SYMPTOMS MANAGEMENT IN ACUTE AND CHRONIC ILLNESS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
MP611	A DIFFICULT CONVERSATION: TALKING TO YOUR PATIENT ABOUT SEX	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Monday, May 16, 2016			
B18	SYMPTOM ASSESSMENT: THE PRACTICAL REALITY	9:00 AM	11:00 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C26	FAMILY CENTERED CRITICAL CARE WITHIN AND BEYOND THE ICU	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Tuesday, May 17, 2016			
C59	TOPICS ON SELF-MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORTIVE CARE ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF CHRONIC RESPIRATORY CONDITIONS	9:00 AM	4:15 PM

Update from the Web Committee

Kathleen Abode, BSN, RN, MPH

The ATS Nursing Assembly Webpage has a streamlined look with improved search capabilities. This year the Web Committee introduces a series of podcasts with our initial offering, "A Multidisciplinary Approach to Pulmonary Rehabilitation." We are expanding our use of social media during the 2016 International Conference to keep members informed of presentations by Nursing Assembly colleagues and those our Assembly members won't want to miss! We encourage members to send photos during the Conference for our expanding photo gallery. Our nursing profiles are a great resource to get to know nursing assembly members and identify common areas of interest. The full listing of officers and committee members on our Webpage allows assembly members to keep in touch, share news, and ideas.

Message from the Nominating Committee

Kathleen O. Lindell, PhD, RN

Are you new to ATS? Are you a member? Do you want to meet other Nursing Assembly members? Do you want to get involved, but don't have a lot of time to offer?

If you've answered yes to those four questions, the Nursing Assembly Nominating Committee might be a good fit.

The Nominating Committee assembles the candidates for the ballot of ATS Nursing Assembly leadership positions.

And it takes less than 10 hours of your time! That's right.... Less than 10 hours in one calendar year.

To learn more, please visit our Nursing Assembly webpage: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/nur/index.php>

And come to our Nursing Assembly Membership Meeting on Monday, May 16th from 5-7 PM.

We welcome your involvement in the Nursing Assembly. Please email doranne.donesky@ucsf.edu if you would like to participate in one of the following areas:

- Write or edit patient education materials***
- Personal profile on the Nursing website***
- Tweet or Facebook topics related to pulmonary, critical care, or sleep nursing***
- Join a workgroup or committee***
- Participate in the Integrative Therapies interest group***
- Submit pictures of ATS Nursing Assembly members for the website history in pictures***

Tobacco Action Committee

Patricia A. Folan, RN, DNP

Publications from the Tobacco Action Committee this year:

Smita Pakhale, Jonathan Samet, Patricia Folan, Frank Leone, Alexander White, and on behalf of the American Thoracic Society Tobacco Action Committee. Annals ATS. The Case for Requiring Graphic Warning Labels on Smokeless Tobacco Product Packages. Read More: <http://www.atsjournals.org/doi/abs/10.1513/AnnalsATS.201512-814PS>

Douglas I, Albertson T, Folan P, Hanania N, Tashkin D, Upson, D, & Leone F. Implications of Marijuana Decriminalization on the Practice of Pulmonary, critical Care, and Sleep Medicine. *Annals of the American Thoracic Society Volume 12, No 11, pp 1700-1710, November 2015.*

Pakhale, S., Folan, P., Neptune, E., & Sachs, D. Retail Tobacco Sale in the Community: Should Pharmacies Sell Tobacco Products?. *Annals of the American Thoracic Society Vol 12, No 8, pp 1116-1117, August 2015*

Folan P., Juster, H., Lennon, S., Briest, P., & Gero, B. Improving Tobacco Dependence Treatment Delivery: Medical Student Training and Assessment. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine, April 2015*

Leone, F., Carlsen, K., Folan, P., Latzka, K., Munzer, A., Neptune, E., Pakhale, S., Sachs, D., Samet, J., Upson, D., & White, A. on behalf of the ATS Tobacco Action Committee. An Official ATS Research Statement: Current Understanding and Future Research Needs in Tobacco Control and Treatment. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine Volume 192 Number 3 | August 1 2015*

Wrote and submitted collaborative recommendations to HUD regarding Smoke-free housing mandates (January 2016)

Members of the Tobacco Action Committee presented at the White House (November 2015) about the FDA final rule deeming authority over all tobacco products (including e-cigs and cigars) before the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). We hope the rule will cover:

- Product registration
- Disclosure of ingredients
- Good manufacturing processes
- Warning labels
- Purchase age restrictions
- E-liquid packaging requirements
- Pre-market product review

Their key messages included:

No exemption for any cigar product

Warning labels for all cigars

Flavoring bans for cigars/cigar clearly being designed to attract kids

Members developed an E-cigarette survey regarding beliefs, attitudes, and knowledge of health care providers related to e-cigarettes. The survey will be distributed before the annual conference in May 2016 to ATS membership.

Members sent 3 documents to the Patient Education Committee for review and publication on the Patient Education website in the near future. Topics include Vaping, Nicotine Dependence, and Adolescent Tobacco Use. Keep your eyes on the Patient Education website if you are interested in those topics to share with your patients.

Members have received approval for a 2016 official ATS project entitled “An Official American Thoracic Society Policy Statement: Tobacco Dependence Harm Reduction”; to be developed this year.

Clinicians Advisory Committee

Ann M. Schneidman, MS, CNS, RN

The Clinicians Advisory Committee (CAC):

- recommends strategies that promote the active involvement and leadership of clinicians in the ATS
- partners with other ATS Committees and Assemblies to foster interprofessional collaboration and encourages the development of innovative education programming to meet practicing clinicians' needs
- enables ATS to function as a resource to directly improve the health of patients with respiratory, critical care and sleep medicine disorders.

Work of the committee during the past year:

- Collaborated with Health Equality Subcommittee and the Council of Chapter Representatives on the Innovations in Health Equality Award.
- Participated in the Practical Skills working group.
- Contributed to the Patient Information Series with the Patient and Family Education Committee.
- Diversified committee membership to include Pulmonary Fellows and interprofessional members.
- Increased use of Clinicians Center as a venue for networking, informal educational sessions, and ATS resources. At the 2015 IC, the attendance at each interactive, demonstration session exceeded 55, which reached the capacity of the Learning Lab. Approximately 75 conference attendees viewed the live-stream of the Discovery Series at the Clinicians Center. The Clinicians Center has become the preferred venue for the Nurses Meet and Greet and Outstanding Clinician Award receptions.
- Updated charge and benchmarks.

The Nurses Meet & Greet at the 2016 International Conference is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Clinicians Center, which will be located in the Moscone Center Lobby (West Building, Level 1). Additional information on educational sessions and presentations taking place in the Clinicians Center can be accessed at <http://conference.thoracic.org/attendees/resource-centers/clinicians-center.php>

Patient and Family Education Committee (PFEC)

Kathleen O. Lindell, PhD, RN

A patient & family education document is now required for all document proposals funded within ATS. The PFEC will be working with the Documents Development and Implementation Committee to help develop patient education documents. The “Patient Education Materials: Guidelines for the American Thoracic Society (P-Gats)” is available for guidance on development, submission, review, approval and dissemination of patient education materials.

The PFEC is exploring new platforms and content areas for patient education. Ideas being discussed include skill building and motivational videos, podcasts, interactive webcasts, patient education related to self-management of chronic illness, apps and decision aids. The Committee is discussing ways to include patients and families in the development of patient education documents and how to involve early careerists in the process. We are also considering if there are other agencies we can partner with to develop quality patient education materials.

ATS Membership Committee

Linda L. Chlan, PhD, RN

This committee plans the ATS Women's Luncheon including selection of the speaker, as well as selection of the Diversity Forum Speaker. The Membership Committee has selected two very outstanding speakers for 2016 so be sure to attend both events during the international conference.

Early Career Professionals Working Group

Sharron J. Crowder, PhD & Kathleen Abode, BSN, RN, MPH

The Early Career Professionals Working Group focused on two major projects this year. We participated with other ATS assemblies to develop a unified format for mentoring programs. NEW THIS YEAR IS OUR NURSING ASSEMBLY'S MENTORING PROGRAM! Designed to foster formal facilitated mentoring connections to help mentees grow and advance their careers, the program provides support through individualized attention. This unique approach to mentoring provides the opportunity for members to take advantage of a 1:1 mentoring session only held during the conference. Therefore, participation in the program requires that both the mentor and mentee attend the International Conference.

We encourage all Nursing Assembly members, new or experienced, to become a mentor or mentee (or both!) as an important step in career development. Participants must complete a brief mentoring survey on the ATS website. Look for the Mentoring Program next year in the Spring and please participate!

One of our group's major responsibilities is to extend a warm welcome to all nurses and student nurses attending the International Conference, participating as a coauthor on an accepted abstract, and/or joining the Nursing Assembly. We welcomed first-time conference attendees via email prior to arrival. We also host a "MEET AND GREET" in the Clinician's Center Sunday morning at the International Conference from 11:00 AM to 12:00PM to welcome attendees interested in learning about the Nursing Assembly, introduce them to current Nursing Assembly members, and provide valuable information to get the most out of the conference. This event is a great way to start to the conference!!



Tweet your experiences at the International Conference in San Francisco! Use #ATSNurse in your tweet to share the exciting things you're doing; and search for #ATSNurse on Twitter if you want to follow the escapades of your fellow nurses at the conference. If you prefer Facebook, like the ATS Nursing Assembly official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/pages/ATS-Nursing-Assembly/1575558556066802, and share your experiences there.



Assembly on Nursing Membership Meeting

*Monday, May 16th - 5:00pm-7:00pm
Nursing New Member Orientation - 4:30pm - 5:00pm*

*San Francisco Marriott Marquis
Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 10-12
Lower B2 Level*

Please plan to stay after the business meeting to enjoy appetizers, drinks and networking opportunities with your nursing colleagues, compliments of UCSF School of Nursing



Assembly on Nursing Invites you to join us at this year's ATS

- ◆ **Clinical Research Coordinators Forum**
Saturday, May 14, 12:00-4:00 PM Marriott Marquis—Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 1-2 (Lower B2 Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Early Career Professional Working Group**
Sunday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 AM Marriott Marquis—Sierra E (5th Floor)
- ◆ **Nursing Meet & Greet Reception**
Sunday, May 15, 11:00-12:00 PM Clinician's Center—Moscone Center Lobby (West Building, Level 1)
- ◆ **Integrative Therapies Interest Group Meeting**
Monday, May 16, 11:45-1:15 PM Marriott Marquis—Pacific H (4th Floor)
- ◆ **Nursing Year in Review**
Monday, May 16, 2:15-4:15 PM Moscone Center—Room 307 (South Building, Esplanade Level)
- ◆ **Nursing New Member Orientation**
Monday, May 16, 4:30-5:00 PM Marriott Marquis—Yerba Buena Ballroom 10-12 (Lower B2 Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Membership Meeting**
Monday, May 16, 5:00-7:00 PM—Marriott Marquis—Yerba Buena Ballroom 10-12 (Lower B2 Level)
- ◆ **Nursing Global Working Group**
Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-8:30 AM—Marriott Marquis—Pacific G (4th Floor)
- ◆ **Research Funding Opportunities**
Wednesday, May 18, 12:15-1:15 PM Moscone Center—Room 2001/2003 (West Building 2)

Come to the Nursing Membership Meeting and enter for a chance to win a One Year ATS Membership!

Patient Education Materials Available at the 2016 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 topics including: Bronchoscopy, Pneumonia, Mechanical Ventilation, Oxygen Therapy, Asthma, COPD, PFTs, Sleep Testing, Lung Cancer, COPD, VCD, and Palliative Care.

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 ARJCCM, 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 San Francisco to view copies of these materials. Contact Judy Corn, ATS Staff, at jcorn@thoracic.org for additional information.

ANNOUNCING ATS FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM AWARDEES

The ATS Foundation is pleased to announce the grant and award recipients for the 2015-2016 grant cycle. The support of our members, donors, and partners helps make these awards possible—thank you! These grants and awards support research encompassing pulmonary, critical care, and sleep illnesses. In addition, they provide crucial support for early stage investigators from around the world. To see the awardees please click here.

(<http://foundation.thoracic.org/what-we-do/2015-research-awardees.php>)

Deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted: **June 20th, 2016**



Meet Your Mentor HERE!

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2016 ATS International Conference in San Francisco, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentees to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located in the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in the Willow room on the B2 Level of the Hotel. The room will be available:

Friday May 13th – Tuesday May 17th, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday May 18th from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Also in the room there will be laptops and printers available for use. You can also pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program ribbon and pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot!

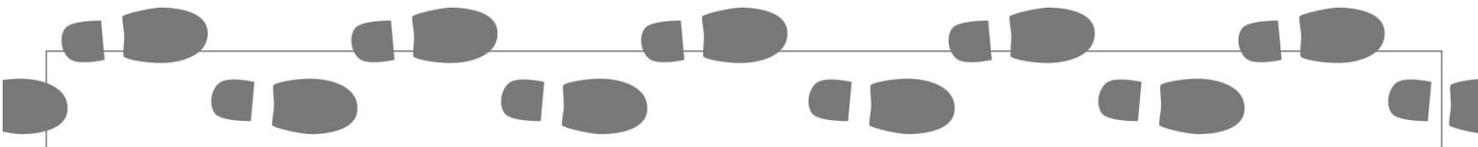
Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit the Assemblies homepage and click on [ATS Mentoring Program](#) to learn more or contact Breana Portelli at bportelli@thoracic.org

Assembly on Nursing Integrative Therapies Interest Group Meeting

*Monday May 16th
11:45pm-1:15pm
San Francisco Marriott Marquis*

*Pacific H
4th Floor*

Join us for a rousing pro/con debate on integrative therapies as well as a discussion of ATS membership attitudes on Integrative Therapies as revealed in a recent member survey. Also meet others who share your interest in Integrative Therapies and learn how you can become involved with this interest group.



First Annual ATS Walking Challenge

*Think you walk a lot at an ATS conference?
Let's see how you compare to other attendees.*

Step up to the First Annual ATS Walking Challenge.

Every step helps raise money for the ATS Foundation. Walk around the Exhibit Hall, meet new people, move from session to session and engage in friendly competition against other attendees with the ATS Walking Challenge. The top 3 overall steppers win a prize. Watch it all unfold in real-time on leaderboards in the Teva Respiratory booth #419 or at the ATS Walking Challenge booth.

The first 2,000 registrants receive a free ATS wireless activity tracker to use with the ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App (distributed on a 'first-come, first-served' basis). The ATS Walking Challenge Mobile App also supports attendees that prefer to use their own FitBit, Jawbone or iPhone/Android smart phone step counters.

The three individuals who log the most steps will win prizes!

- **Grand Prize** – Microsoft Surface Pro 3
- **2nd prize** – Fitbit Surge
- **3rd prize** – Zolt Laptop Charger Plus

Visit the Teva Respiratory booth #419 each day for a step booster.
Use the Walking Challenge mobile app to scan the QR code booster each day to earn your bonus steps. The more you visit, the more you receive:

First Day Visit - 500 steps
Second Day Visit - 750 steps
Third Day Visit - 1,000 steps

Walk for a good cause! 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. Learn more at Foundation.Thoracic.org.

Learn more and pre-register online at cloud.hekahealth.com/ats2016 or stop by the Walking Challenge Booth in the South building lobby of the Moscone Center, beginning 5/13/16.

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ATS Assembly Members Give Generously to the ATS Foundation

Thank you for participating in the [2015 ATS Assembly Challenge](#) in support of the [ATS Foundation Research Program](#)!

The Research Program has been outstandingly successful in launching careers dedicated to scientific discovery and better patient care. Member gifts also support core ATS mission-related programs including MECOR, Medical Education Research, the Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award, and Assembly Awards and Scholarships.



DorAnne M. Donesky, PhD, ANP-BC, chair for the Assembly on Nursing, receives Nursing's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge award from **Atul Malhotra, MD, ATS President** (left) and **James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair** (right)



Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, receives RCMB's 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge awards from **James F. Donohue, MD, ATS Foundation Chair**

Gifts both large and small were received—and much appreciated—throughout the Assembly Challenge. **Thank you!**

Many assembly chairs sent personal messages to their members to encourage giving to the Foundation during the challenge. That outreach provided a big boost to Foundation year-end giving campaigns—and a boost to our upcoming grant-making capacity for young investigators.

Naftali Kaminski, MD, chair for the Assembly on Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology, hopes the challenge will continue to "ignite a healthy competition among the assemblies, and that next year we will see a dramatic rise in donations and new donors from all assemblies. This will have a great impact on the availability of research funds, and on pulmonary research and medicine."

The ATS Foundation would like to thank all ATS assemblies for their outreach efforts and generosity during the 2015 ATS Assembly Challenge.

- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** raised the most dollars with \$95,741
- **Nursing** had the highest member participation with 17.46%
- **Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology** had the highest number of first-time givers in December with 37 new donors

Congratulations to the Respiratory Cell & Molecular Biology and Nursing assemblies! They will receive special recognition in ATS communications, at ATS 2016, and within their own assemblies.

Thank you for everything that you do for the ATS Foundation, young investigators and clinicians, patients, and respiratory health worldwide.

To learn more about the ATS Foundation or to make a gift, visit foundation.thoracic.org.

2nd Annual BEAR Cage



Attend the BEAR Cage

(Building Education to Advance Research)

Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Moscone Center, Room 105 (South Building, Lower Level)

Hosted by the ATS Drug Device Discovery and Development (DDDD) Committee, the 2nd Annual BEAR Cage (Building Education to Advance Research) competition was open to all ATS members who are early career investi-

gators. Applicants were asked to submit an innovative clinical or translational research proposal for consideration and the opportunity to participate in the live BEAR Cage at ATS 2016. You are invited to join us to see the selected top three finalists competitively “pitch” their highly innovative research proposals to a panel of translational science experts representing academia, industry, and governmental sectors in front of a live audience. The panel, with audience participation, will vet the proposals with each presenter and ultimately award a grand prize winner a \$5,000 prize as well as two runner-up proposals, each receiving \$2,500. The goal of this unique event is to promote productive discussion of these innovative research ideas in the setting of a fun, yet competitive, forum promoting opportunities for collaboration, mentorship, and improvement of the research proposal. To build on this concept, a DDDD committee-sponsored “project advisory team” will provide feedback and distance mentorship to the awardees over the ensuing year.

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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 free opportunities while you are in San Francisco at the ATS International Conference:

- Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting: Friday, May 13th from 6-9 PM, San Francisco Marriott Marquis. 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.
- 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: If your project committee is having a meeting in San Francisco, you have the opportunity to schedule an appointment for Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist) to stop by your committee meeting. To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.
- Office Hours and Documents Meeting Space: Stop by our 4th annual “Office Hours” to meet and talk with Drs. Kevin Wilson and Jan Brozek about document-related matters. Contact Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or cell 617/771-6589 to secure an appointment. The Documents meeting space will also be available to document developers when office hours are not in session from Sunday-Wednesday; contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.

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We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2017. 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 Susan S. Jacobs, RN, MS at ssjpulm@stanford.edu.

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