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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Welcome to the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly and our Spring Newsletter! This newsletter is full of information about the Assembly and especially the activities and sessions at the upcoming International Conference taking place in San Diego, CA May 18-23, 2018. As with all International Conferences, this year will bring the very best opportunities to hear the latest in research, clinical care and health care policy while allowing for attendees to connect, reconnect and network.

I recall my first International Conference as a fellow 21 years ago. I was overwhelmed! There were so many sessions that I wanted to attend to hear from the titans of the pulmonary circulation world and explore the symposiums and sessions featuring the work of investigators, some junior just like me. What surprised me the most, maybe not at the time but certainly in retrospect, was the importance of attending the PC Assembly Meeting at my first Conference. As a fellow, junior investigator and now as a senior faculty member, the PC Assembly has provided me with mentorship, critical feedback, opportunities to serve and a network around the world of peers and friends.

The Assemblies of the ATS have a central role in the overall functioning of the Society as a whole. They allow the membership to identify themselves with specific clinical and scientific themes and groups (most often more than just one!) and provide a “home” for members to create within the larger Society. The Assemblies allow opportunities for the membership to share priorities and provide direction to the ATS Leadership in setting the agenda not only for the International Conference but also for the ATS activities as a whole (such as promoting legislation to support research, focusing public policy on respiratory health, global outreach, etc.). The first step to participation is to attend the Membership Meeting and let it be known that you want to be part of this important ATS group. For those who have been attending, bring someone (fellow, post-doc, friend, etc.) who has not attended before to introduce them to this great group.

The PC Assembly Membership Meeting will be held Monday, May 21 at 4:30 PM in the Grand Hall C on the lobby level of the Manchester Grand Hyatt hotel. The formal Membership Meeting will begin at 5:30 PM and will be preceded by opportunities to unwind with some liquid refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres. For those hoping to get involved, we will hold a brief information session at the front of the room at 4:30 PM. Please join us!



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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (*Continued*)

Highlights of the Assembly meeting include updates from ATS Leadership and Assembly Committees, recognition of trainee travel awards for outstanding abstract submissions, recognition of the Outstanding Junior Investigator and awarding of the PC Assembly Leadership Award and the prestigious Grover Prize. From past experience, this meeting is engaging, informative and filled with good humor (and often some really bad jokes!).

Please use this newsletter to gather more information about the many different activities of the Assembly including a special listing of sessions and symposium that the PC Assembly has had direct involvement in planning for the International Conference.

The Assembly Membership Meeting is a highlight of my ATS Conference experience and I fully expect it to be so again in San Diego. See you there!

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Eric P. Schmidt, MD, Chair

The Planning Committee serves to develop and implement long range plans for the PC Assembly, including implementation of projects conducted outside of the ATS International Meeting. The Planning Committee is comprised of the Committee Chair, appointed for a 2 year term by the PC Assembly Chair, and at least 10-12 other members of the Assembly who are appointed by the Planning Committee Chair with the goal to represent a diverse array of interests (and expertise) relevant to the PC assembly. A primary responsibility of the Planning Committee is to review and prioritize the development of Assembly Projects, which can range from Clinical Practice Guidelines to Workshop reports from scientific meetings of relevance to the PC Assembly. These projects have the potential for significant impact since most official documents of the ATS are derived from this process.

Critical projects supported by the Planning Committee in 2017-2018 included:

- The 17th Grover Conference (**Endothelium at the frontline of Vascular Pathobiology and Therapeutic Targeting in Lung Vascular Disease**), chaired by Dr. Konstanin Birukov (University of Maryland). This conference was highly successful and well-attended; a copy of the program is available for review at on the Pulmonary Circulation Assembly website: <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/pc/grover-conference/2017-program-grover-conference.pdf>. Notably, several promising junior investigators received the Young Investigator Award at this meeting, including Sarah Voth BSc (University of South Alabama), Suellen D'Arc dos Santos Oliveira PhD (University of Illinois at Chicago), Karthik Suresh MD (Johns Hopkins University), and Arun Pradhan (University of Cincinnati).

The Planning Committee is actively soliciting applications for the 2019 Grover Conference; details can be found at <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/pc/grover-conference/>

- The following PC Assembly (primary) projects were supported by the PC Planning Committee for 2018:
Assessment of the Failing Right Ventricle in the Research Setting - Current Approaches and Knowledge Gaps. Research Statement: Lead proposer—Tim Lahm. This project was approved as a “Renewal” for ATS funding in 2018
Health Equality for Patients with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension: A Blueprint for Action. Research/Policy statement: Lead proposer—Vinicio de Jesus Perez. This project was published in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine in 2017.

Three additional new projects were proposed by PC members and supported by the PC Planning Committee in 2017, but were unfortunately not funded by the 2018 budget allocated by the ATS executive committee.

These projects provide a valuable service to both the ATS and to the professional community as a whole, and they represent an impactful way for shaping important clinical and research issues relevant to our areas of expertise. The development of strong proposals will increase our profile within the ATS and allow PC members to increase their visibility within the Society. Any PC Assembly Member interested in leading a project submission for 2018 should contact me at eric.schmidt@ucdenver.edu for details. As these projects often lead to formal ATS statements, there is a substantial amount of official oversight governing the processes of submission. We will be discussing ideas for new project submissions during a lunchtime meeting of the PC Planning Committee on Sunday May 20 at the ATS International Conference. Please contact me if you are interested in attending. Potential proposals will then be formally submitted (online) by authors to the PC Planning Committee for review; after comments are provided, final edited proposals will be submitted in Fall 2018 to the ATS for funding decisions.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Tim Lahm, MD, Chair, and Vinicio De Jesus Perez, MD, Chair-Elect

The PC Assembly Programming Committee has been led this year by Tim Lahm, MD who, with the help of Chair-elect Vinicio de Jesus Perez, MD and the other outstanding committee members, has worked diligently to produce an exciting program at the ATS International Conference. There will be an assortment of core topics presented by both early career and established investigators of the PC Assembly, led by both national and international experts. Two *postgraduate courses* will focus on acute and chronic pulmonary embolism as well as forgotten and controversial topics in pulmonary hypertension. *Scientific symposia* will include a pro-con debate on disease mechanisms in PAH, an in depth discussion of emerging concepts in chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension, an overview of systemic manifestations of PAH, an update on the status of repurposing approved medications as novel clinical therapeutics in PAH, and a discussion of the role of cell proliferation signaling hubs in pulmonary hypertension, pulmonary fibrosis and cancer. *Sunrise seminars* will cover various aspects of pulmonary embolism and pulmonary hypertension.

Selected abstracts have been arranged into a variety of mini-symposia, poster discussion sessions, and thematic poster sessions. *Mini-symposia* will include oral presentations on a wide variety of basic, translational and clinical topics related to the pulmonary circulation including genetics, endothelial function, metabolomics, vascular remodeling, RV function, extrapulmonary manifestations, phenotyping, and risk assessment in pulmonary vascular disease. *Poster discussion sessions* will include half-day sessions on diverse topics such as lung endothelial cell biology, molecular studies, exercise and RV function, pulmonary embolism and CTEPH, as well as diagnosis, prognostication and treatment of PAH and other types of pulmonary hypertension. *Thematic poster sessions* will complement these topics with a wide and diverse range of basic, translational, and clinical research being presented throughout the conference.

New this year: Some of the poster discussion sessions will be organized in the form of *Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions (RAPiD)* sessions. These sessions will entail a 30 minute “rapid fire” section, where each presenter will get 90 seconds to discuss one slide with the highlight/take home message of their poster, followed by general poster viewing and 45 minutes of group discussion centered on common themes identified throughout the session. Several assemblies have trialed these sessions at last year’s ATS, and the feedback from presenters and attendees was uniformly positive.

Please also check out the mini-symposia and poster discussions focusing on various aspects of pulmonary vascular disease programmed by our colleagues in the RCMB, Peds and RSF assemblies – we have collaborated to offer a broad and multi-assembly representation of pulmonary vascular disease topics.

We would like to thank everyone who submitted abstracts to the PC Assembly and appreciate those who have designed and will moderate our sessions. We would also like to thank the entire Program Committee for all of their hard work this year. The quality and diversity of the offerings from the PC Assembly this year at the International Conference are a testament to the high quality of science being performed by our assembly members and the hard work of the Program Committee. We look forward to seeing you and engaging in great and stimulating discussions in sunny San Diego!

ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON PULMONARY CIRCULATION

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 18, 2018			
PG13	FORGOTTEN AND CONTROVERSIAL TOPICS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2018			
PG25	PULMONARY EMBOLISM: A JOURNEY FROM SUBMASSIVE TO CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A8	CURRENT CONTROVERSIES IN PAH DISEASE MECHANISMS: A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A89	EMERGING CONCEPTS IN CHRONIC THROMBOEMBOLIC PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B89	NOT JUST THE LUNGS: PAH AS A SYSTEMIC VASCULAR DISORDER	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C87	WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN: REPURPOSING APPROVED MEDICATIONS FOR NOVEL THERAPEUTICS IN PAH - EARLY CLINICAL STUDIES	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D7	FROM CANCER BIOLOGY TO NEW THERAPEUTICS: TARGETING CELL PROLIFERATION SIGNALING HUBS IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AND FIBROSIS	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
SS114	PULMONARY HYPERTENSION: DIFFERENT GROUPS, DIFFERENT TREATMENT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
SS216	LIFE AFTER LYTICS: UPDATES ON POST PULMONARY EMBOLISM CARE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
SS314	CREATING A PULMONARY EMBOLISM RESPONSE TEAM	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
MP512	CTEPH: MEDICINE, SURGERY OR ANGIOPLASTY?	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
MP610	CHALLENGES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY HYPERTENSION GROUPS 2 AND 3	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A94	BRAVE NEW WORLD: THE CUTTING EDGE OF PH RESEARCH	2:15PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B19	SURF'S UP: RIDING THE WAVE OF CLINICAL RESEARCH IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D96	CRACKING THE CELLULAR CODE IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A27	YOU GOT ANOTHER THING COMING: DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSTICATION IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C109	SURF CITY: EXERCISE AND RV FUNCTION IN PH	2:15PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D26	WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE: INSIDE THE SPECTRUM OF PE AND CTEPH	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
RAPiD Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B27	THE EVIL THAT ENDOTHELIAL CELLS DO: IMPLICATIONS FOR PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASE	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C27	BALLROOM (PH) BLITZ: BASIC BIOLOGY	9:15 AM	11:15 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
RAPiD Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions			
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D108	GOOD VIBRATIONS: NOVEL TREATMENT APPROACHES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A63	RIDE THE LIGHTNING: BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL STUDIES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A64	LET'S GO TRIPPIN': DIAGNOSTICS AND RISK ASSESSMENT IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A65	RIDE THE WILD SURF: RV FUNCTION AND EXERCISE RESPONSES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B58	WHO'S BAD: CASE REPORTS IN PULMONARY VASCULAR MEDICINE I	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B59	SHOOT THE CURL: SPLASHING INTO MECHANISMS OF ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTION AND VASCULAR REMODELING IN PH	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
B60	HERE WE CLOT AGAIN: CLINICAL STUDIES IN PE AND CTEPH	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C69	USE YOUR ILLUSION: NOVEL THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES IN PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C70	WHO'S NEXT? NEW INSIGHTS INTO ATYPICAL WHO GROUP 1 AND GROUP 2-5 PH	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C71	CALIFORNIA DREAMING: NEW INSIGHTS INTO ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION IN ARDS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D49	SURFING SAFARI: CASE REPORTS IN PULMONARY VASCULAR MEDICINE II	9:15 AM	3:30 PM
D50	CLOT ON THE ROCKS: CASE REPORTS OF PE AND CTEPH	9:15 AM	3:30 PM
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO PC ASSEMBLY			
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 18, 2018			
PG2	EXPANDING HORIZONS IN SUPPORT FOR RESPIRATORY FAILURE: ECMO AND BEYOND	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG12	PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY: TESTS OF LUNG FUNCTION AND DISEASES THEY TEST FOR	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2018			
PG20	THORACIC IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST AND CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN: A CASE-BASED REVIEW	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG25	PULMONARY EMBOLISM: A JOURNEY FROM SUBMASSIVE TO CHRONIC COMPLICATIONS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B6	PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE IN PULMONARY REHABILITATION: A PRO/CON DEBATE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B7	GENETICS, EPIGENETICS, AND GENOMICS OF CHILDHOOD LUNG DISEASES	9:15AM	11:15 AM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C12	CHOOSING RIGHTLY: AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERSONALIZED MEDICINE AND DE -ADOPTION OF LOW-VALUE CARE	9:15AM	11:15 AM
C82	SHIFTING FOCUS: HOW TO STUDY LUNG HEALTH INSTEAD OF DISEASE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
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

WEB DIRECTOR UPDATE

Dustin Fraidenburg, MD, Roberto Machado, MD, Co-Web Directors

We hope that you have enjoyed the changes that have come to the ATS website over the past year. The launch of MyATS in early 2018 has created your individual launch page from the ATS site. Members can login and move quickly to assembly and working group pages as well as save favorites within the ATS site for quick and easy return to impactful webpages. Additionally, MyATS simplifies access to membership renewal and various society related activities and assignments. This launch remains a work in progress and we encourage feedback or requests for additional services that you would like made available for the website.

The PC assembly Journal Club has continued to create exciting new content with webinar and important journal recaps with expert commentary coming out nearly every month. A discussion of Pulmonary Circulation highlights from the International Conference was a particularly impactful webinar last year and our journal club editors look forward to presenting this again after the conference, so keep your eye out for our emails. We encourage submissions for potential articles or topics for the future and this is a great way for early career professionals to build their CV. Please feel free to contact one of the journal club editors, Drs. Kara Goss, Heather Jones, Andrea Frump, or Jason Elinoff with your ideas. We continue to work on improving the design and content of the PC assembly website and we hope to increase our recurring content with a PC focus; including interesting clinical cases, critical care “quick hits” for teaching hemodynamic tracings, and a new podcast series.

The social media presence of ATS has continued to grow with more than 100,000 followers on Facebook and more than 17,000 followers on twitter for the ATS community. Instagram was added last year [@ATScommunity](#), and most recently you can now find ATS on LinkedIn. We encourage all of our members to join ATS on these platforms which are updated frequently with new and interesting content related to pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. We encourage you to check out the latest from our website, journal club, and social media sites. As always, please feel free to contact us (dfraiden@uic.edu) if you have content to share or are interested in being part of the website committee.

Assembly on Pulmonary Circulation Membership Meeting

*Monday, May 21st
5:00pm - 7:00 pm
Renaissance Washington Downtown*

*Grand Ballroom North
Ballroom Level*



Be sure to follow us at [@ATS_Assemblies](#) for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!

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 Eric P. Schmidt, MD at eric.schmidt@ucdenver.edu.

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.

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
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Pulmonary Diseases
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Surgery, Trauma, and Transplantation
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Neurologic Disorders
- Hematologic and Oncologic Disorders
- Ethics, Research and Administration

Learn more, order, and begin studying by [visiting](#) the ATS Store

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.

Assembly Members: Help Us to Help You!

Have you:

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

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

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

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

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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ASSEMBLIES



Want to know how the ATS Assemblies and Committees really work?

Would you like to get more involved?

This is your chance! You can now register here to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both. There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.

www.thoracic.org/go/get-involved



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