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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Members of the Assembly on Pediatrics:

We hope this newsletter finds you well despite recent challenges. We recognize that colleagues throughout ATS continue to be overwhelmingly busy with patient care responsibilities, and we express our thoughts and hopes for your safety and well-being. And for all of us, the way in which we provide care and perform research has been altered.

Although the International Conference has traditionally been the focal point for many of our activities, this newsletter seeks to provide an update on the work of the committees, advisory groups, and interest groups within the Pediatrics Assembly and recognizes those who were honored at this year's virtual Assembly Meeting. I am grateful to the Executive Committee and to all of you who served in some capacity as we continue to focus on our mission of child respiratory health. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. I'd also like to express my gratitude to **Miriam Rodriguez**, Senior Director of Assembly Programs, and ATS staff who have been working remotely to keep ATS going through these challenging times.



Assembly Chair:
Paul E. Moore, MD, ATSF

Program Chair **Sharon McGrath Morrow** and Chair-Elect **Paul Robinson** did an amazing job in organizing the 2020 Conference. While we will not see the fruits of their labor in May, ATS 2020 Virtual will roll out later this year. Thank you to everyone who submitted programming and abstracts for the 2020 meeting. Abstract submissions were up 20% this year, and your work is not in vain. With ATS 2020 Virtual, you will have the opportunity to present your poster online with an associated audio clip. We recently received word that the 4 mini-symposia from the Peds Assembly, representing some of the highest ranked abstracts, will be presented in a virtual session. Peds Year in Review and Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds will also be recorded and available online. Congratulations to **Deepthi Alapati** and **Jonathan Gaffin** for receiving the Pediatrics Assembly Scientific Abstract Awards, as the highest ranked abstracts in the Assembly. Submissions for ATS 2021 for Scientific Symposium, Workshops, Postgraduate Courses, Sunrise Seminars, and Meet the Professor will be due later in the summer.

Thank you to **Erick Forno** for his leadership as Planning Committee Chair. The official ATS Workshop Report *Identifying Clinical and Research Priorities in Sickle Cell Lung Disease* was published in *ATS Annals* in September 2019. Funding for the Clinical Practice Guidelines Project *Outpatient Respiratory Management of Infants, Children, and Adolescents with Post-prematurity Respiratory Disease* was renewed, and this group recently met to finalize guidelines.

The Planning Committee also oversees the Assembly Awards, and we are delighted to recognize these 2020 recipients:

- Robert B. Mellins MD Outstanding Achievement Award: **Jennifer A. Wambach**, Washington University in St. Louis
- Clinical Educator Award: **Adam Shapiro**, McGill University
- Carole Marcus Outstanding Achievement Award: **David F. Smith**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Lifetime Contributions to Pediatric Respiratory Medicine: **Jules Allen**, Children's Hos-

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pital of Philadelphia and **Robert S. Tepper**, Indiana University

- Founders Award: **Philip Farrell**, Emeritus Dean and Chair of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

The 2020 recipients were announced at our 2020 Pediatrics Assembly meeting, and the recipients of the Lifetime Contributions and Founders Awards will have the opportunity to speak at the 2021 Founder's Dinner.

Thanks to **Stephanie Davis** for chairing the Nominating Committee and providing a slate of candidates for this year's election. Congratulations to Assembly Chair-Elect **Sharon Dell**, Program Chair-Elect **Terri Laguna**, and Nominating Committee members **Kenan Haver** and **Emily DeBoer**.

I am grateful to **Jane Taylor** for her leadership of the Web Committee and the amazing work of this committee in providing educational content in multiple formats, including Journal Clubs, Podcasts, QuickHits, Webinars, Podcasts, and Team InstaTweets. We are thrilled to highlight the announcement of the Virtual Pediatric Flexible Bronchoscopy Library, a collection of bronchoscopy images and videos narrated by **Dr. Robert Wood**. The Web Committee has also been particularly helpful in organizing 3 recent Town Halls related to COVID-19 and changes in clinical practice.

The Early Career Professionals Working Group, chaired by **Kristie Ross**, oversees our mentoring and apprenticeship programs for junior faculty within the Pediatrics Assembly. Thanks to Kristie and to all members of the Assembly who serve as mentors. New members of the Assembly receive a welcome letter from this group, and I encourage you to reach out if you have questions about become involved in the Assembly.

Thank you to **Christy Sadreameli** for her leadership of the recently established Advocacy Committee. This committee has been active in focusing on issues important to respiratory health in children, including e-cigarettes and tobacco, stock albuterol policy for schools, pediatric rare and chronic lung disease, and air quality and environment. The committee is hosting a webinar, *Talking to Parents about Tobacco Dependence: Important Skills for the Pediatric Health Care Provider*, scheduled for June 10 at 2:30 PM ET.

The International Relations Group, led by Co-Chairs **Ozge Yasmiz** and **Laura Gochicoa-Rangel**, has grown to include 70 international members. They have been active in overseeing translation of Patient Information Sheets into 7 languages and through the Virtual Pediatric Pulmonologist Network (VIPPN). This group organized a recent Breathe Easy Podcast on the International Perspective on COVID-19 and have another planned specific to pulmonary function laboratories in the COVID-19 era. Thank you for their ongoing efforts to engage ATS members from around the world.

The Pediatric Interest Groups have remained active over the past year. Thank you to the efforts of **Jessica Pittman** and the PEDS Infant and Preschool Lung Function Interest Group, **Larry Nogee** and the ATS Interest Group in Neonatal and the Developing Lung, **Sam Goldfarb** and the Interest Group on Pulmonary Complications of Childhood Cancer, and **Enrico Lombardi** and the ATS/SIMIR Interest Group. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to **Robin Deterding** for leading the Interest Group on Children's Interstitial and Diffuse Lung Disease Research Network (chILD RN) for many years, as leadership for this group is transitioning to **Alicia Casey**, **Elizabeth Fiorino**, and **Jennifer Wambach**. I am also grateful to **Denise Al Alam** for serving as the Pediatrics Assembly representative to the PhD and Basic and Translational Scientists Working Group, as we seek to focus on the inclusion of PhDs and physician and nurse scientists in all ATS activities. In addition, thanks to **Christopher Oermann** for leading the Pediatric Pulmonary Division Directors Association and to **Kristie Ross** for leading the Pediatric Pulmonology Training Directors Association and for bringing their concerns to the Executive Committee.

We hope to reunite in San Diego a year from now but recognize that we do not know what the future holds. I wish you the very best in your efforts to advance the care of respiratory health in children. Thanks for all that you do in your spheres of influence, and please know that your efforts are more important than ever during these challenging times. May you remain healthy and safe until we meet again.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Sharon McGrath-Morrow, MD, MBA, Chair

Paul Robinson MBChB MRCPCH FRACP PhD, Chair Elect

As you know, the 2020 International Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our outstanding program committee worked extremely hard throughout the year to provide a wide range of programming to address the interests of our Pediatric Assembly Members.

We would like to sincerely thank all of the members of the Program Committee who reviewed over 400 scientific abstracts and case reports and helped the chairs program exciting research findings into mini-symposia, poster discussion and thematic poster sessions.

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We are also sincerely grateful to ATS members who submitted outstanding proposals for symposia, workshops, and postgraduate courses and we truly appreciate all your great science.

Because of the sudden cancelling of the 2020 International Conference in Philadelphia, an abbreviated virtual meeting has been programmed for this summer. The following sessions will go forward; although the dates have not yet been finalized.

These virtual sessions will start in August, 2020 and occur throughout the year:

Selected symposia for virtual format

PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS

Programmed Mini-symposiums which will occur through a webinar format at a date to be announced.

- **FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PEDIATRIC WHEEZE AND ASTHMA**
- **BEST OF PEDIATRICS**
- **ADVANCES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA**
- **ADVANCES IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA**

All presenters of abstracts that were programmed for poster discussions and thematic poster sessions will have the option to upload their poster and an audio clip for virtual presentation as part of the virtual 2020 meeting.

I would also like to recognize all of the courses, symposia and abstracts selected and programmed for the 2020 International Conference in Philadelphia.

Postgraduate Courses.

1. Pediatric Diagnostic, Advanced Diagnostic and Interventional Bronchoscopy
2. Advances in the Diagnosis and Management of Severe Asthma
3. Pediatric Pulmonary Physiology in the ICU

Scientific Symposia. A total of 5 scientific symposia featuring diverse and timely topics will be presented:

- **PRECISION MEDICINE IN PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES: READY FOR PRIME TIME?**
- **CONTROVERSIES IN PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY**
- **EARLY PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF PEDIATRIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANT: UPDATE FROM NIH WORKSHOP**
- **ADVANCES IN RESPIRATORY DISEASES IN DOWN SYNDROME: BRIDGING BENCH AND BEDSIDE**
- **GENETIC AND MOLECULAR MECHANISMS OF ABNORMAL LUNG DEVELOPMENT**

Pediatric Year in Review. This popular session is on Monday afternoon and will focus on updates in:

Neuromuscular Disease in Children
Severe Asthma
Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia
Electronic Cigarettes and Youth

Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds. Features trainees who will be presenting 4 fascinating cases with a review by expert faculty discussants.

Workshops, Sunrise Seminars, and Meet the Professor Sessions: These will feature a number of experts within the Assembly who share their expertise. This year sessions will include topics of great interest to members of the pediatric assembly. Diverse topics such as Biologics for severe asthma in Children, Pulmonary complications of hematopoietic stem cell transplantation and Artificial intelligence in the application of genetics to clinical practice will be presented.

Other topics of interest; Telehealth for the pediatric Pulmonologist and sleep specialist, Teaching transitional care to pulmonary trainees, Management of OSA in Children with craniofacial conditions, and Multidisciplinary management of complicated Cystic Fibrosis infections,

Mini Symposia. These sessions highlight a handful of abstracts submitted to the Pediatric Assembly:

- **FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH PEDIATRIC WHEEZE AND ASTHMA**
- **BEST OF PEDIATRICS (Tuesday afternoon)**
- **ADVANCES AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN BRONCHOPULMONARY DYSPLASIA**
- **ADVANCES IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA**

Poster Discussion Sessions. There will be six poster discussion sessions in the Pediatric Assembly.

These poster discussion sessions will span a diverse number of topics including pediatric sleep*, cystic fibrosis, lung infections, BPD and congenital lung lesions, pediatric respiratory physiology, and E-cigarettes and acute lung injury*.

*Two of the poster discussion sessions will utilize RAPID (Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion). In these sessions each author will be given

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1 minute to present a single slide at the start of the session. The authors will be present at their posters for the next hour, followed by a discussion of relevant themes and issues in the final 30 minutes.

Thematic Poster Sessions. Remember to stop by the posters during the unopposed time mid-day each day to support your colleagues, including many of our trainees!

Case presentations are featured on Tuesday just prior to Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds.

***We hope that sessions not selected for virtual presentation will be resubmitted for the 2021 International ATS conference.**

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Erick Forno, MD, MPH, ATSF Chair

Among the new ATS Documents spearheaded by the PEDS Assembly, the Workshop Report on “Clinical and Research Priorities in Sickle Cell Lung Disease” was published in the September 2019 issue of AnnalsATS (<https://doi.org/10.1513/AnnalsATS.201906-433ST>). The PEDS Assembly Project on “Guidelines for Outpatient Respiratory Management of Infants, Children, and Adolescent with Post-Prematurity Respiratory Disease”, led by Dr. Aura Ioana Cristea, was successfully renewed for FY2020 by the ATS Board of Directors. We had six excellent new Assembly Project proposals. Applications were extremely competitive this year and the available budget was tighter than anticipated, and unfortunately no PEDS applications were funded; overall, the ATS was able to fund only 44 of 84 new or renewal projects. Authors of the six applications received feedback and are strongly encouraged to reapply.

Deadline for Assembly Project applications is usually at the end of July. ATS leadership is currently evaluating whether new applications will be accepted for FY2021, and whether there will be any changes to the usual timeline. **The chair and all members of the PEDS Planning Committee** will be happy to discuss and answer any questions regarding project proposals. The ATS has put together a comprehensive resource center, including videos and examples of successful applications: <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/about/assembly-project-application-resource-center.php>

The Planning Committee also reviewed all nominations for the PEDS Assembly Awards; we had many outstanding nominees that made the selection process extremely challenging. As you recall, we have four awards: The **Pediatric Founders Award**, the **Lifetime Contributions to Pediatric Respiratory Medicine Award**, the **Robert B. Mellins Outstanding Achievement Award**, and the **Pediatric Clinician Educator Award**. Dr. Phillip Farrell, MD PhD, received the 11th annual *Founders Award*, presented each year to a true “giant” in the field of pediatric pulmonology, pediatric critical care, or neonatal medicine. The 4th annual *Lifetime Contributions to Pediatric Respiratory Medicine Award*, presented to nominees who have dedicated their career to advancement in the field, had two exceptional and greatly respected awardees: Dr. Julian Allen, MD, and Dr. Robert S. Tepper, MD PhD. The *Pediatric Clinician Educator Award*, which is presented annually to an Assistant or Associate Professor level candidate who is an exemplary and innovative clinician and teacher, was given to Dr. Adam Shapiro, MD. The *Robert Mellins Award*, presented yearly to the Instructor, Assistant, or early Associate Professor level candidate who is recognized for his or her achievements in scholarship or research, was awarded to Dr. Jennifer A. Wambach, MD. In addition, Dr. David F. Smith, MD PhD, was selected to receive the 3rd **Carole L. Marcus Outstanding Achievement Award** in partnership with the Sleep Assembly; this award is presented to a junior faculty member for their accomplishments in the area of pediatric sleep and respiratory neurobiology. **Awardees were recognized at the ATS PEDS Assembly Virtual Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020.**

Assembly/Committee Project Applications for FY2021

Given the impact of COVID-19, ATS leadership is carefully evaluating whether there will be a call for NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2021, and whether there will be any changes to the usual timeline. Stay alert for updates! Keep in mind the usual deadline is in July, so all interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly and Committee Project Applications.

If you have a suggestion for a project application and need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee Chair, Erick Forno MD, at erick.forno@chp.edu

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

Please also see the ATS Project Application Resource Center at:

<https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/about/assembly-project-application-resource-center.php>

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP

Kristie R. Ross, MD, MS, Chair

The Early Career Professionals Group has had a great year, starting with a lunch meeting at the 2019 International Conference where some experienced PEDS Assembly members shared advice on how to get more involved in the Assembly with some very engaged early career members of ATS. Thanks to all who joined us! It is disappointing to not be able to meet up in person this year but we will be having a virtual meeting towards the end of June and hope many of you there. The mentorship program application deadline was extended this year and we are in the process of matching 20 Mentees with 15 Mentors in the PEDS Mentorship Program. We had a tremendous group of applicants again for this year's program and planning committee Apprenticeship Program. Please congratulate this year's Apprentices and thank their mentors when you see them!

Planning Committee Apprentice Prithvi Mondal (Penn State)

Planning Committee Apprentice Ajay Kasi (Emory University)

Program Committee Apprentice Ashley Deschamp (Children's Omaha)

Mentor Dr Robyn Cohen (Boston Medical Center)

Mentor Dr Don Hayes (Cincinnati Children's)

Mentor Stephanie Lovinsky-Desir (Columbia)

PEDIATRIC PULMONOLOGY TRAINING DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION

Kristie R. Ross, MD, MS, Chair

We have had a busy year even before the COVID19 pandemic, continuing work on several projects. PEPTDA's Board Member at Large Ben Nelson conducted a qualitative research study at the 2019 International Conference to better understand the factors that influence workforce issues in our field from a trainee and early career perspective, resulting in a manuscript currently under peer review. Board

Member at Large Liz Fiorino (Cornell) formed a working group on EVALI in pediatric patients. We held joint business meetings with the Pediatric Pulmonology Division Directors Association (PPDDA) at the 2019 International Conference, the 2019 North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference to learn from each other. We held a joint virtual meeting with PPDDA this spring to discuss the impact of COVID19 on our members. PEPTDA and PPDDA are working on a joint white paper discussing the workforce issues we are facing. While we are disappointed that we can't meet in person this year, PEPTDA will host a virtual business meeting in early June, where we will announce the election of a new Vice President and Secretary Treasurer, discuss recruitment strategies for our next class of Pediatric Pulmonology Fellows in the COVID19 year, the impact of telehealth and other changes related to COVID19 on training, and share results of a survey of the Program Directors on other issues. Jennifer Rama (Texas Children's Hospital) will take over as President for the coming year.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Jane B. Taylor MD, MsCR

The Web Committee would like to thank the PEDS assembly for their continued support and efforts in helping our web-based learning endeavors and communication strategies thrive! Your participation in Journal Clubs, the ATS Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Case Conference monthly webinar series, Podcasts and Quick Hits cases has continued to create a wonderful collection of educational tools for our assembly. Here are some highlights from the past year and ways that you can be involved:

Peds Assembly Journal Clubs: Past journal clubs this year have focused on neonatal lung function over time with vitamin C supplementation in mother's that smoke, MRI lung imaging strategies in neonatal chronic lung disease, and COVID-19. The peds journal club chairs include Drs. Joe Piccione from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Maria Teng Santiago from Cohen Children's Medical Center in New York, Emily DeBoer from Colorado Children's and Mitzi Go from Johns Hopkins. The hyperlink for the peds journal clubs is <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/peds/journal-club/journal-club-archive.php>. If you would like to participate or have an idea for a future journal club, please contact us at PiccioneJ@email.chop.edu, MSantiago@northwell.edu, Emily.DeBoer@childrenscolorado.org or mgo5@jhmi.edu.

ATS Pediatric Pulmonary and Sleep Case Conference Series: This is a monthly webinar series held the second Wed of each month for pulmonology and the third Wednesday of each month for sleep presentations. Centers take turns presenting in a round robin format at 12-1 CST (1-2 EST). There are two cases presented each month with a review of the literature afterwards and time for questions from the participating centers. The co-editors are Drs. Jane Taylor from UPMC-Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Dave Ingram from Children's Mercy Kansas City and Dennis Stokes from Vanderbilt University. If you would like to get on the conference distribution list, please contact Jane Taylor at jane.taylor@chp.edu or Dave Ingram at dgingram@cmh.edu.

Peds Assembly Podcasts: The chair of the podcast committee is Dr. Dave Ingram from Children's Mercy Kansas City. His group has produced podcasts on a variety of topics this year which have included the evaluation/management of VCD, integrative medicine treatments for pediatric sleep patients, social media for medical providers and COVID issues in both pediatric sleep medicine and the international pediatric pulmonology experiences in the COVID-19 pandemic. Drs. Ryan Thomas from Michigan State University and Christina Barreda from the University of Wisconsin-Madison have started a podcast series focused on educating residents and fellows on management strategies for common pulmonary conditions. Their first podcast on airway clearance management for SMA patients has been posted this spring with more to come. Please contact Dave Ingram at dgingram@cmh.edu if you would like to get involved.

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Quick Hits: A radiographic based vignette learning tool pertaining to pulmonology, sleep and ICU cases. An image with a vignette and question are presented to the learner. Once the learner has selected their answer from 4 options, the answer is revealed with a quick summary of the current literature on that topic. The hyperlink for the peds QuickHits link is <https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/peds/quickhits.php>. Anyone who has had a case accepted for the ATS meeting should also consider reformatting it and submitting it to Quick Hits for an additional way to highlight their work. If you would like to join the Quick Hits team contact Dr. Ben Kopp at Benjamin.Kopp@Nationwidechildrens.org.

Social Media: The social media co-chairs are Drs. Alvin Singh from Children's Mercy Kansas City and Devika Rao from UT Southwestern. You can follow us on the Twitter handle @ATSPeds for research highlights, advocacy, upcoming educational content and general peds assembly news. Twitter is quick and easy way to stay connected in our time-starved lives. If you are interested in joining the social media team contact Alvin Singh at avsingh@cmh.edu or Devika Rao at devika.rao@utsouthwestern.edu.

VIPPN: In addition to our assembly webpage, our fantastic partners in the International Relations Committee, led by Drs. Ozge Yilmaz and Laura Gochicoa-Rangel, have revamped the Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN). They are collecting significant educational lectures on pulmonary topics in multiple languages for our international trainees and helped provide translations for all ATS guideline statements, including COVID-19. Drs. Yilmaz and Gochicoa-Rangel assembled an international pediatric pulmonary podcast regarding responses to COVID-19 around the globe and helped facilitate communication and dispersal of information regarding clinical practices for COVID-19. If you would like to contact the VIPPN you can reach out to Ozge Yilmaz at ogilmaz_76@hotmail.com or Laura Gochicoa-Rangel at laura_gochicoa@icloud.com.

The Virtual Pediatric Flexible Bronchoscopy Library: <COMING SOON!> This is being created to help better educate residents, fellows and faculty on the different bronchoscopy findings that are seen in pediatric pulmonology and would not be possible without Dr. Robert Wood from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. While Dr. Wood is retiring from patient care this year, he will continue to push the frontiers of pediatric flexible bronchoscopy learning through the creation of this virtual library. The co-chairs are Drs. Joe Piccione from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (piccionej@email.chop.edu) and Dan Bencotter from Cincinnati Children's Hospital (dan_bencotter@cchmc.org).

Thank you again to our committee for all their hard work this year! This wouldn't be possible without the people listed above as well as Drs. Christy Sadreameli, Christopher Carroll, Stefania La Grutta, Enrico Lombardi, Adam VanMason and Hossein Sadeghi. If you are interested in participating in the Web Committee, as a fellow or faculty, please contact me at jane.taylor@chp.edu. We are a very enthusiastic group and would love to have more people join us!

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PhD AND BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Blanca Camoretti-Mercado, PhD, MBAIS, Chair
Denise Al Alam, PhD, MS, Pediatrics Assembly representative to the PhD and Basic and Translational Scientists Working Group

The "PhD and Basic and Translational Scientists Working Group" (PBTS WG) started in 2018 chaired by Blanca Camoretti-Mercado (RSF) and co-chaired by Tom Mariani (RCMB) and Beth Moore (AII) with the charge of focusing on the society's PhD members, identifying their concerns, developing ways of increasing ATS value delivered to them, and improving their overall ATS experience. The WG has members from all 14 assemblies and its name highlights the inclusion of PhDs, physician and nurse scientists, and other health professionals.

The activities of the PBTS WG are at the core of the mission of ATS, the ATS membership, and the structure of ATS as the leading professional society. Through partnership with various ATS committees and groups, the PBTS WG has advocated for PhDs, scientists and health professionals, seeking their retention and engagement, and has made efforts to educate and bring awareness to all levels of the ATS leadership and staff on matters concerning this important segment of the ATS membership.

The WG played a key role in providing content and guidance in the programming of sessions and activities organized by the Science and Innovation Center since 2018 and promoted the participation of PBTSs in the ATS Mentoring Program and the 2019 "Fellow to Faculty" *(continued on page 7)*

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Booth Camp”. This year, the WG developed the dedicated track for non-MDs of the “New Faculty Boot Camp” with sessions for trainees, fellows, and junior investigators whose goals are education, career development, networking, and gaining sense of community. In addition, the WG contributed to the Research News Quarterly, sponsored two Assembly Projects and two webinars on LungMap, and participated in the preparation of the ATS Researcher Education survey.

Two successful Receptions were held during the 2018 and 2019 International Conference (IC). Surveys available to 220+ attendees showed that almost half of responders were trainees, a third early career professionals, and about a fifth mid-career and senior professionals. The vast majority viewed costs as an obstacle to attend the IC, said that opportunities for career development and networking were the main reasons for attending the IC, and expressed a need for more sessions targeted to research post-docs and graduate students. For 2020, the WG had planned to improve the participation of mid and senior professionals at the Reception for the sake of advancing mentoring and network opportunities for the junior colleagues. In lieu of an in person reception, the PBTSs WG will be hosting a virtual reception/happy hour in the coming weeks.

Stay tuned and look out for an announcement and ample networking opportunities. Learn what the PBTS WG can do for you, and how you can get involve in advancing the mission of the PBTS WG!

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ozge Yilmaz, MD, Co-Chair

Prof. Laura Graciela Gochicoa-Rangel, Co-Chair

The main aim of the International Relations Committee (IRC) is to build a platform where specialists working in the clinical and research field of pediatric pulmonology can meet to

- Collaborate in multicenter projects
- Develop standards of care in pediatric pulmonology
- Express their needs in clinical care and research

The group has 57 members from many different countries including but not limited to Algeria, Arab, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Canadá, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iran, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, México, Morocco, Nigeria, Panamá, Perú, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, United States Of America

The group came together during the ATS International Conference 2019 to discuss new highlight and ideas to promote the IRC collaboration.

The most widely known project of the group has been the Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN) that aims to be the platform of IRC to communicate through members and other international Pediatric Pulmonologists. The website is open to announcement of international meetings and projects. You can visit the website from <http://vippn.thoracic.org/index.php>

Translation of the ATS patient documents into several languages is a continuing effort. International societies who wish to upload documents among these translations to their websites are welcome to contact the ATS team working on this.

We are looking forward to more suggestions for collaborative research and shared needs in the field. Please contact Dr. Ozge Yilmaz (oyilmaz_76@hotmail.com) or Dr. Laura Gochicoa (drgochis@gmail.com) to join the group and propose projects.

SIMIRI (Società Italiana Malattie Respiratorie Infantili) INTERST GROUP REPORT

Enrico Lombardi, MD, Chair

This Interest Group is one of the products of the PEDS International Relations Committee, that has created national delegates to strengthen the relationships with the local Societies of Pediatric Pulmonology around the world. It is intended to increase the collaboration between the ATS Pediatrics Assembly and SIMIRI (Società Italiana Malattie Respiratorie Infantili, Italian Pediatric Respiratory Society) by sharing information and experience on ongoing projects, with the aim of reviewing successful strategies, barrier identification to implementation, and unique aspects, and the goal of establishing joint projects between the two Societies.

The main goal of both ATS and SIMIRI is to promote research, education, patient care, and advocacy. The collaboration between the ATS and SIMIRI involves the participation in joint Webinars (one Journal Club was presented by SIMIRI members in 2019 and more papers are

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to be presented this year), the translation and dissemination of the ATS Patients' Fact Sheets (24 pediatric Fact Sheets were translated into Italian and posted in the SIMIRI website, most of the translated Fact Sheets are now available in the ATS website), and the participation in the PEDS ATS "Quick Hits" (one "Quick Hit" submitted by SIMIRI was published in the ATS website in 2019 and more cases will be submitted and hopefully published this year).

Also, the "Pediatric Lung" International Session during the SIMIRI National Congress every year has now become a regular event involving prominent members of the ATS PEDS Assembly. Since last year it has become a plenary session on the Friday morning of the SIMIRI National Congress with official interpreters. The "International Pediatric Lung" this year is planned to be in Verona on Sep 16th, but will probably be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

Sara Christina Sadreameli, MD, MHS, Chair

The Advocacy subcommittee is now in its second year, and things are going well. In the past year, we have:

Organized ourselves into subgroups by topic area (spring 2020):

E-cigarettes and tobacco subgroup

Subchair: Devika Rao Devika.Rao@UTSouthwestern.edu

Assistant Subchair: Hal Farber halfarb@sonic.net

Stock albuterol subgroup

Subchair: Lynn Gerald lgerald@email.arizona.edu

Assistant Subchair: Joe Gerald geraldj@email.arizona.edu

Air quality and environment subgroup

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Submitted a jointly sponsored symposium on the topic of pediatric advocacy and its evidence base with the Environmental Assembly (not programmed for the 2020 conference, but well-received and almost made the cut)

Published a policy piece in *Annals on Primatene Mist*

Had legislation introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates for emergency stock albuterol in schools as a direct result of this committee. This was a big deal and the legislation was well-received in committee. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the legislative session was dismissed early and a vote was not taken. We plan to try again next year. We garnered a lot of support (AAP, American Lung Association, Asthma and Allergy Association, and Med Chi (Maryland's state physician lobbying group)).

Many members networked/shared expertise and resources and participated in various media opportunities related to the EVALI outbreak in the fall of 2019.

We have planned an upcoming webinar: Talking to Parents about Tobacco Dependence: Important Skills for the Pediatric Health Care Provider. Wednesday, June 10th at 2:30 pm (EST). Please join us!

We are planning collaborations with the web committee for future podcasts, webinars, and similar.

We have been kept abreast of many important federal legislative developments by ATS Federal Advocacy Staff members.

The committee enjoys a diverse membership from around the U.S. and a nice mixture of geographic representation and a mix of junior and senior members. We are a new committee, and we continue to gain momentum. Our goals for the upcoming year are to increase our collaborations with the web committee and to increase our deliverables. Please feel free to contact us with questions, including if you would like to become involved in the committee.

Best,

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Stephanie D. Davis, MD, ATSF, Chair

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the election of Sharon Dell, MD, ATSF as Pediatric Assembly Chair Elect and Terri Laguna, MD as Pediatric Program Chair Elect. Kenan Haver, MD and Emily DeBoer, MD were also elected as new members of the Nominating Committee. Stephanie D. Davis chaired the Nominating Committee and extends her gratitude to Adam Shapiro, MD and Debra Boyer, MD for serving on the committee.

PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER INTEREST GROUP REPORT

Samuel B. Goldfarb, MD, ATSF, Chair

The mission of ATS Pulmonary Complications of Childhood Cancer Special Interest Group is to provide a discussion forum for ATS members from diverse assemblies with an interest in pulmonary complications of childhood cancer therapy, including both acute complications occurring during therapy as well as the late pulmonary complications identified in pediatric and adult childhood cancer survivors. The group is particularly important for junior ATS members who have an interest in scholarship in these areas and provides a mechanism for both adult and pediatric pulmonologists as well as basic scientists interested in mechanisms of pulmonary fibrosis, radiation injury, immunologic lung injury related to HSCT, etc. to interact and develop educational and scholarly work that benefits ATS members.

We have meet annually at ATS over the past few years and continue to meet on a monthly basis over the past two years. Each monthly meeting includes research updates, patient discussions and strategic planning. To date we have had one NIH workshop to assess gaps in knowledge of pulmonary complications after stem cell transplants. Our upcoming goals include ATS Clinical Guideline statement for Pulmonary Complications for Stem Cell Transplant, publication of standard of care survey and collaborative research planning with NIH multicenter submission. Our group was very excited to have both a meet the professor session and symposium B10-EARLY PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF PEDIATRIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANT: UPDATE FROM NIH WORKSHOP be accepted for ATS in Philadelphia.

Please contact Samuel Goldfarb Goldfarb@email.chop.edu with questions and to be added to our email list serve.

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