

# ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIRMAN Blakeslee E. Noyes, MD

Best wishes to the members of the Pediatrics Assembly as we look forward to getting together at the ATS International Conference in San Diego this May. It's been an exciting and rewarding past eight months since I assumed the Chairmanship of the Assembly. Among many experiences, it has been particularly gratifying to witness the enthusiasm and dedication of Assembly members who have participated in the activities not only of the PEDS Assembly but also those of the ATS. Assembly members have taken part in consensus conferences, worked in advocacy roles at the federal government level, reviewed position statements for ATS endorsement, have served in leadership roles on ATS committees, have helped to formulate the International Conference program, have served on the Chapter of Council Representatives, and have garnered financial support from the ATS for a variety of projects unique to our Assem-

bly. Just a few highlights in the past year include:

1. Ann Halbower from Hopkins has devoted considerable time and effort working with a variety of organizations (including the AAP and the Institute of Medicine) as the ATS representative to promote legislation that will improve the availability of pediatric medical devices and assure post-marketing surveillance. This effort has included testifying for, and meeting with, bipartisan members of the Senate staff as the legislative process has now moved towards Congress. Ann will present information about her work at the PEDS Assembly business meeting in San Diego.
2. The ATS was asked to provide a representative to an initiative sponsored by the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases to in-

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crease influenza vaccine rates in children with asthma. Marianna Sockrider from Baylor was kind enough to attend as a member of the PEDS Assembly and has helped to develop a consensus statement that has been approved by the ATS Board of Directors; it is scheduled to be published in the Fall of 2006.

3. Two ATS documents coming from the PEDS Assembly and previously approved by the Board of Directors were published in the Blue journal in 2005. The first, chaired by Larry Lands, was titled: "Research Opportunities and Challenges in Pediatric Pulmonology". The second (chaired by Sooky Lum and Janet Stocks) arose from the ongoing, highly productive collaboration of a joint ERS/ATS group on PFT's: "Raised Volume Forced Expirations in Infants". Congratulations to both groups on their efforts.
4. Appointment of Susanna McColley, immediate past PEDS Assembly Chair, as Chair of the ATS Planning Committee. Jeff Wagener is the immediate past Chair of

the Council of Chapter Representatives.

5. Funding of six PEDS Assembly projects (see below for more information).

It is a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of individuals who enhance the visibility of the Assembly and that of the ATS as well. We owe them all (and many other members) a debt of gratitude for their tireless efforts on behalf of the ATS. Please know that as a member of the Assembly, your input and willingness to volunteer for any ATS activities are always appreciated. I've heard from many of you but am always willing to have additional names for a variety of ATS efforts.

The ATS as an organization continues to flourish since the formal separation from the ALA as we build budgetary reserves that are critical to the viability of the organization. One concern expressed by the ATS leadership is the heavy reliance on income generated by the International Conference for the annual budget; this leaves the ATS vulnerable to external factors that might have an impact on attendance at the annual meeting (the 9/11 sce-

nario) and the dollars that accrue from the IC. The establishment of the ATS Foundation (chaired by Homer Boushey) and the money brought in by the Funds for the Future program, have provided a framework for the ATS to fund meritorious research grants through a competitive application process. Although the funds currently allocated to research grants are relatively small (~\$1 M in '06), these monies have grown considerably over the last three years. The ATS will continue to rely on the generosity of its membership to help fund this program; thanks to those of you who have contributed in the past and a gentle reminder to others to consider an annual donation to the Funds for the Future.

I would like to thank Peter Hiatt for serving so ably as the Planning Committee Chair for the past two years and also Howard Panitch, who will be serving as Chair for the next two years. Many thanks also to Clement Ren, the Program Chair for this year's meeting, and his committee for putting together a terrific set of sessions for San Diego. Michael Schechter is the Program Chair-Elect for the '07 International

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Conference and he would be happy to receive suggestions from the membership for symposia, post-graduate courses, meet the professor seminars, sunrise sessions, etc. David Walz, Nominating Committee Chair, and his committee are putting together a slate of candidates for open PEDS Assembly slots.

Please plan to attend the PEDS Assembly Membership meeting on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00p.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt, Randle D-E Ballroom (Level 4). Please note that this year's meeting will be held on **Sunday** night (vs. the traditional Monday night meeting).

### Update on funded PEDS Assembly Projects

1. **"Diagnosis and Management of Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia";** Principal Investigator: Margaret W. Leigh, MD. The PCD interest group has previously met on two occasions to discuss diagnostic criteria (including genetic testing and use of nasal nitric oxide measurement as a potential screening test), development of specific PCD Centers (similar to CF Centers), and the development of a

PCD registry. A dinner meeting will be held in conjunction with this year's International Conference on **Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** to address a variety of issues including finalizing a consensus for diagnostic criteria, review priorities in management of PCD, and finalize writing assignments that will lead to a manuscript outlining guidelines for diagnosis and management for publication in an ATS journal. If you wish to be a participant and attend the dinner meeting, you must contact Magee Leigh ahead of time so an accurate count of dinner attendees is available (mleigh@med.unc.edu).

2. **"Working Group on Infant and Young Children Pulmonary Function Testing";** Co-Principal Investigators: Stephanie Davis, MD and Enrico Lombardi, MD  
This project represents a unique collaboration between the Pediatric Assemblies of the ATS and ERS with members who are experts in the field of infant and preschool lung function testing. The current objectives of this multinational taskforce are to promote knowledge in the field of

preschool/infant lung function testing through workshops and published statements summarizing current knowledge and suggesting avenues for new research. The taskforce has submitted eight manuscripts that detail guidelines and clinical implications for different preschool lung function techniques including gas mixing, spirometry, tidal breathing, forced oscillometry, interrupter resistance, and bronchial challenge testing. These manuscripts have been combined into one large submission, which will be reviewed by both the ATS and ERS boards. These documents will promote standardization among users and manufacturers of infant and preschool lung function testing equipment. Co-chairs of this working group were Stephanie Davis (ATS) and Nicole Beydon (ERS) this past year with Marcus Jones assuming the ATS slot and Dr. Beydon continuing on as the ERS co-chair this year.

3. **"Recommendations for the Evaluation, Diagnosis, and Treatment of the Infant**

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**with Suspected Interstitial Lung Disease”**; Co-Principal Investigators: Robin Deterding, MD, Leland Fan, MD, Susanna McColley, MD, Claire Langston, MD, Geoffrey Kurland, MD. The Children’s Interstitial Lung Disease (chILD) research cooperative first formed in March of 2004 at a meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio with the help and support of the NIH funded Rare Lung Disease Consortium. Multidisciplinary working groups have been developed to include: 1) pathology led by Claire Langston, MD, 2) imaging led by Alan Brody, MD, and 3) clinical medicine led by Robin Deterding, MD and Leland Fan, MD.

ChILD has also benefited from funding through the PEDS assembly and a very well-attended and well-received symposium at ATS ’05. A follow up meeting was held in Denver, CO in October ’05 with several Children’s Interstitial Lung Disease (ChILD) working groups participating. Thirty members attended this meeting from 12 different institutions in the disciplines of imaging, pa-

thology, and clinical medicine. Among the objectives achieved:

- Writing group for ATS consensus statement met to continue their work
- Full day review of retrospective biopsy cases in children under 2 years of age who had a primary growth abnormality. Multidisciplinary groups reviewed and discussed cases from a radiologic, pathologic, and clinical perspective. An abstract for the ’06 ATS meeting was generated and a manuscript is expected.
- Current projects underway include a new retrospective lung biopsy review for diffuse lung disease in children 2-18 years of age and planning for a prospective study of chILD in children under 2 years of age.
- Rare Lung Disease Conference: chILD clinical and research groups and chILD Foundation meeting for patients with ILD 3/31-4/1/06.
- Manuscript in preparation to report new classification scheme and the retrospective lung biopsy review in children under 2 years of age.

- “Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Inpatient Management of Bronchiolitis”**; Principal Investigator: Mark Brown, MD. This is a project partially funded by the ATS in conjunction with funding for representatives from the AAP, ERS, AAFP, and ACCP. All sections of the draft guidelines have been reviewed by the interested parties and it is anticipated that the guidelines will be forwarded to the respective governing boards for approval in the early part of 2006. Projected publication is anticipated in *Pediatrics* in the fall of 2006 with postings on the web sites of all organizations.
- “Virtual International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (VIPPN)”**; Co-Principal Investigators: Bruce Rubin, MD, Heather Zar, MD. The intent of this project is to bring together pediatric specialists in critical care and pulmonology throughout the world via a common internet based home. The web site will include links to global thoracic societies (ATS, ERS, APSR, ALAT etc), pediatric pulmonary specialty journals, pediatric

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guidelines such as those published by the ATS, education support and information for families, specialty meetings (such as NACF, CIPP, etc), and the pediatric pulmonary listserv among others. It is anticipated that an initial phase with links to meetings, guidelines, societies, and journals will be ready at the time of the ATS meeting in San Diego.

6. **“Pediatric Organization for World-wide Respiratory Research (POWRR) Meeting”**; Principal Investigator: Larry Lands, MD, PhD. The goal of this organization is to foster and promote collaborative international research in the promotion of pediatric lung health. For the past two years, this initiative has received organizational funding from the

ATS. There are ongoing efforts to develop the optimal format for bringing investigators together. The group will meet during the ATS meeting this May to develop a workshop for the 2007 conference on the theme of environment and pediatric lung health. For more information, contact Larry Lands at [larry.lands@muhc.mcgill.ca](mailto:larry.lands@muhc.mcgill.ca).

## PLEASE CONSIDER SUBMITTING AN ASSEMBLY/COMMITTEE PROJECT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN 2007!

For your information, the FY2007 (January 1-December 31, 2007) project application forms for Assembly/Committee projects will be available on the ATS website in April 2006 at:

<http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/projectform.asp>

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have an idea for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee chair Peter Hiatt [pwhiatt@texaschildrenshospital.org](mailto:pwhiatt@texaschildrenshospital.org)

The timeline for the application and review process follows:

April 2006: FY2007 forms are available

July 25, 2006: Assembly/Committee project applications are due to the ATS office. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Early-mid August 2006: abridged versions of the proposals will be posted on the ATS site and emails will be sent to ATS Leadership, Assembly Planning Committee Chairs, Assembly Chairs, ATS Committee Chairs, appropriate ATS staff and the PRS committee, to notify them that the current, un-reviewed proposals are available. This will give everyone an opportunity to touch base with any of the applicants if they would like to get in-

involved with a project before it goes to the PRS for review.

August 1-18, 2006: Assembly Planning Committees will meet via conference call to review appropriate proposals. Any proposal that has indicated on the form that a specific ATS committee may want to become involved will be sent to the ATS committee chair and to the appropriate staff member. Committees are encouraged to work with appropriate ATS staff and review any proposals and to send recommendations to the applicant and to the PRS.

September 6, 2006: Revised proposals and all reviews from Assemblies and Committees are

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due to ATS office. This includes any proposal that has revisions based on a review by an Assembly Planning Committee or an ATS Committee.

Early October 2006: Program Review Sub-Committee (PRS) meeting

Early November 2006: Program & Budget Committee (P&B) meeting. Recommendations from the PRS will be provided to the P&B Committee. At the discretion of the P&B Committee, specific projects will be added to the FY2007 budget as new items.

December 2006: ATS Board reviews FY 2007 Budget.

Please contact Elisha Malanga with any questions at tel: 212/315-8693 or email: [emalanga@thoracic.org](mailto:emalanga@thoracic.org)

### PEDS NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**CHAIR: DAVID A. WALTZ, MD**

At the ATS Scientific Assembly on Pediatrics Business Meeting on Sunday, May 21st in San Diego, the Assembly membership will elect the following: Assembly Chair, Program Committee Chair-Elect, two members of the Planning Committee, and two members of the Nominating Committee. This year's Nominating Committee has asked the following individuals to stand for election:

Assembly Chair (1): **Margaret Rosenfeld**, Children's Hospital Regional Medical Center/University of Washington; **Pamela Zeitlin**, Johns Hopkins Children's Center/Johns Hopkins University.

Program Committee Chair-Elect (1 elected): **Thomas Ferkol**, St. Louis Children's Hospital/Washington University, St. Louis.

Planning Committee (2 elected): **Robin Deterding**, Children's Hospital Denver/University of Colorado; **Jonathan Finder**, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh/University of Pittsburgh; **Benjamin Gaston**, UVA Children's Hospital/University of Virginia.

Nominating Committee (2 elected): **Suzanne Beck**, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children/Drexel University College of Medicine; **Samuel Moskowitz**, Children's Hospital Regional Medical Center/University of Washington.

The Program Committee Chair-Elect candidate has made significant contributions in the planning of the program in previous years and will have an additional year working with the Program Chair and Program Committee before taking

on the burden of planning the annual meeting.

Additional candidates for the Nominating Committee members election, but not the other elections, may be put forward at the time of the meeting.

Biographies of the candidates will be available at the Membership Meeting.

I would like to thank all the candidates for their willingness to serve the Assembly on our behalf.

## ATS ASSEMBLY ON PEDIATRICS 2006 SAN DIEGO SESSIONS

### POSTGRADUATE COURSE

Friday, May 19

PG10	Hot Topics In Pediatric Critical Care Medicine	8:00 am	4:00 pm
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### SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIA

Sunday, May 21

A9	Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia: Recent Advances In Pathogenesis, Diagnostics, And Treatment	8:15 am	11:00 am
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Monday, May 22

B5	Pediatric Obesity And Respiratory Function	8:15 am	11:00 am
B75	Controversies In Pediatric Asthma	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

Tuesday, May 23

C77	Congenital Cystic Lung Lesions: From Embryology To Pathology	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
C79	The Link Between Pediatric And Adult Asthma: What Have We Learned From Asthma Cohort Studies?	1:30 pm	4:15 pm

### CLINICAL WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, May 23

WS6	The Insider's Guide To The Grant Review Process	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
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Wednesday, May 24

WS7	Children's Interstitial Lung Disease (ChILD): Integrating New Concepts And Approaches	12:00 pm	1:30 pm
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### CLINICAL TOPICS IN PULMONARY MEDICINE

Tuesday, May 23

C3	Pediatric Clinical Chest Rounds	8:15 am	11:00 am
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### YEAR IN REVIEW SESSION

Sunday, May 21

A71	Pediatric Year In Review	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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### EVENING POSTGRADUATE SEMINAR

Monday, May 22

E10	Advances In The Understanding And Treatment Of Cystic Fibrosis In Adults	7:00 pm	9:00 pm
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### SUNRISE SEMINARS

Monday, May 22

SS115	Anti-Inflammatory Effects Of Macrolides In Treating Lung Disease	7:00 am	8:00 am
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Tuesday, May 23

SS216	Performing Spirometry In The Preschooler	7:00 am	8:00 am
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### SUNRISE SEMINARS Cont'd

#### Wednesday, May 24

SS315	Incorporating Infant PFT's Into Clinical Practice	7:00 am	8:00 am
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### MEET THE PROFESSOR SEMINARS

#### Sunday, May 21

MP416	Update On Cystic Fibrosis Clinical Research	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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#### Monday, May 22

MP514	Noninvasive Ventilation In Children	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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#### Tuesday, May 23

MP616	Advances In The Management Of Pediatric Chest Wall Disorders	12:00 pm	1:00 pm
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### MINI SYMPOSIA

#### Sunday, May 21

A16	Environmental Factors Affecting Pediatric Respiratory Diseases	8:15 am	11:00 am
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#### Monday, May 22

B17	Assessment Of Respiratory Function In Infants And Young Children	8:15 am	10:45 am
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#### Tuesday, May 23

C17	Molecular Mechanisms Of Lung Development	8:15 am	11:00 am
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C84	Novel Approaches To The Assessment And Treatment Of CF Lung Disease	1:30 pm	4:00 pm
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#### Wednesday, May 24

D14	The Role Of Innate And Adaptive Immune Responses In The Pathogenesis Of RSV Bronchiolitis	8:15 am	11:00 am
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### POSTER DISCUSSION SESSIONS

#### Sunday, May 21

A27	Assessment And Treatment Of Childhood Asthma	8:15 am	11:00 am
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A97	New Insights Into Pathogenesis And Treatment Of BPD	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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#### Tuesday, May 23

C25	New Concepts In Pediatric Sleep Disordered Breathing	8:15 am	11:00 am
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C95	Advances In Pediatric Critical Care Medicine	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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#### Wednesday, May 24

D94	Effects Of Early Life Exposures On Respiratory Disease In Later Life	1:30 pm	4:15 pm
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### THEMATIC POSTER SESSIONS

#### Sunday, May 21

A128	Epidemiology (Pediatric): Risk Factors	8:15 am	4:15 pm
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A129	Epidemiology (Pediatric): Outcomes And Management	8:15 am	4:15 pm
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A130	Pediatric Clinical Studies: Asthma	8:15 am	4:15 pm
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### THEMATIC POSTER SESSIONS Cont'd

#### Sunday, May 21

A131	Pediatric Clinical Studies: General	8:15 am	4:15 pm
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#### Monday, May 22

B118	Pediatric Critical Care	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B119	Cystic Fibrosis	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B120	Pediatric Respiratory Infections	8:15 am	4:15 pm
B121	Pediatric Sleep And Control Of Breathing	8:15 am	4:15 pm

#### Tuesday, May 23

C136	Developmental Lung Biology	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C137	Neonatal Lung Disease And BPD	8:15 am	4:15 pm
C138	Pulmonary Function Testing In Infants And Children	8:15 am	4:15 pm

## PATIENTS TO SPEAK AT SIXTEEN DESIGNATED ATS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at sixteen of the 2006 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposia for the last four years and at over 25 ATS symposia at the 2004 and 2005 International Conferences.

This is the third year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation at the symposia to offer insight into their personal journeys; to address their diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyles, family, career and relationships. They will share their

insight into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships; and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

The symposia at which a patient-perspective will be presented are listed below:

ASSEMBLY	SESSION	TITLE	DATE/TIME
AII	B7	Genotypic and Phenotypic Predictors of Response to Asthma Therapy: What do NHLBI Clinical Research Studies Tell Us?	Monday, May 22
BS	A7	Respiratory Lung Health and the Family: The Influence of Family on Adherence, Disease Management, and Health Outcomes	Sunday, May 21
BS	D9	Community Involvement in Pulmonary and Critical Care Research: What, Why and How?	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am
CP	A2	Novel Outcomes for Novel Therapies in COPD	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
CP	D2	Update in the Diagnosis and Management of Pulmonary Vasculitis	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am

## PATIENTS TO SPEAK AT SIXTEEN DESIGNATED ATS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA CONT'D

ASSEMBLY	SESSION CODE	TITLE	DATE/TIME
CC	B74	Genetic Influences on the Susceptibility To and Outcome of Critical Illness	Monday, May 22 1:30-4:15 pm
CC	C7	Clinical Studies in the Pediatric ICU: Update From the Pediatric Acute Lung Injury and Sepsis Investigator's (PALISI) Network	Tuesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
MTPI	C6	Diagnosis and Management of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Infections - The New ATS Guidelines	Tuesday, May 23 8:15-11:00 am
NRSNG	A8	Critical Care of the Geriatric Patient	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
NRSNG	B6	Biobehavioral Considerations in Prolonged Mechanical Ventilation	Monday, May 22 8:15-11:00 am
PED	A9	Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia: Not Just the Other Inherited Lung Disease	Sunday, May 21 8:15-11:00 am
PC	D75	Taking the Next Step, Improving Outcomes in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension	Wednesday, May 24 1:30-4:15 pm
RCMB	B77	Evolving Concepts of Stem Cells and Lung Repair	Monday, May 22 1:30-4:15 pm
RCMB	D7	New Developments in the Genetics of Respiratory Disorders	Wednesday, May 24 8:15-11:00 am
RNS	D76	Sleep, Breathing and Metabolic Function	Wednesday, May 24 1:30-4:15 pm
RSF	A79	Impact of Smoking on Lung Function: Therapeutic Implications and Biological Mechanisms	Sunday, May 21 1:30-4:15 pm

## ATS PUBLIC ADVISORY ROUNDTABLE (PAR) SYMPOSIUM AND POSTER SESSION

### ATS PAR Symposium

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to announce the fifth ATS PAR Symposium to be presented at the ATS International Conference in San Diego on Monday, May 22nd from 8:15-11:00 a.m. The topic will be "COPD and Co-morbidities: Treating the Whole Patient" chaired by Sharon I. S. Rounds, M.D and John W. Walsh. The program includes the following:

- COPD As A Systemic Condition - S. I. S. Rounds, M.D., Providence, RI
- Panel: Experience of Patients With COPD And Co-Morbidities - J. W. Walsh, Miami, FL
- COPD and Cardiovascular Disease - D. D. Sin, M.D., Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Obesity, Wasting and BODE Index - B. R. Celli, M.D., Boston, MA
- Skeletal Muscle Function in COPD - P. D. Wagner, M.D., La Jolla, CA
- COPD and Endocrine Issues: Diabetes - E. N. Schachter, M.D., New York, NY
- Depression and Anxiety In COPD Patients - J.R. Curtis, M.D., M.P.H., Seattle, WA
- Session Summary - S. I. Rennard, M.D., Omaha, NE

### ATS PAR Poster Session

The ATS PAR Annual Poster Session will be open from Sunday, May 21 until Wednesday,

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May 24, 2006 at the Center Terrace of the San Diego Convention Center. Public Interest Organizations (PIO's) concerned with lung and sleep disorders

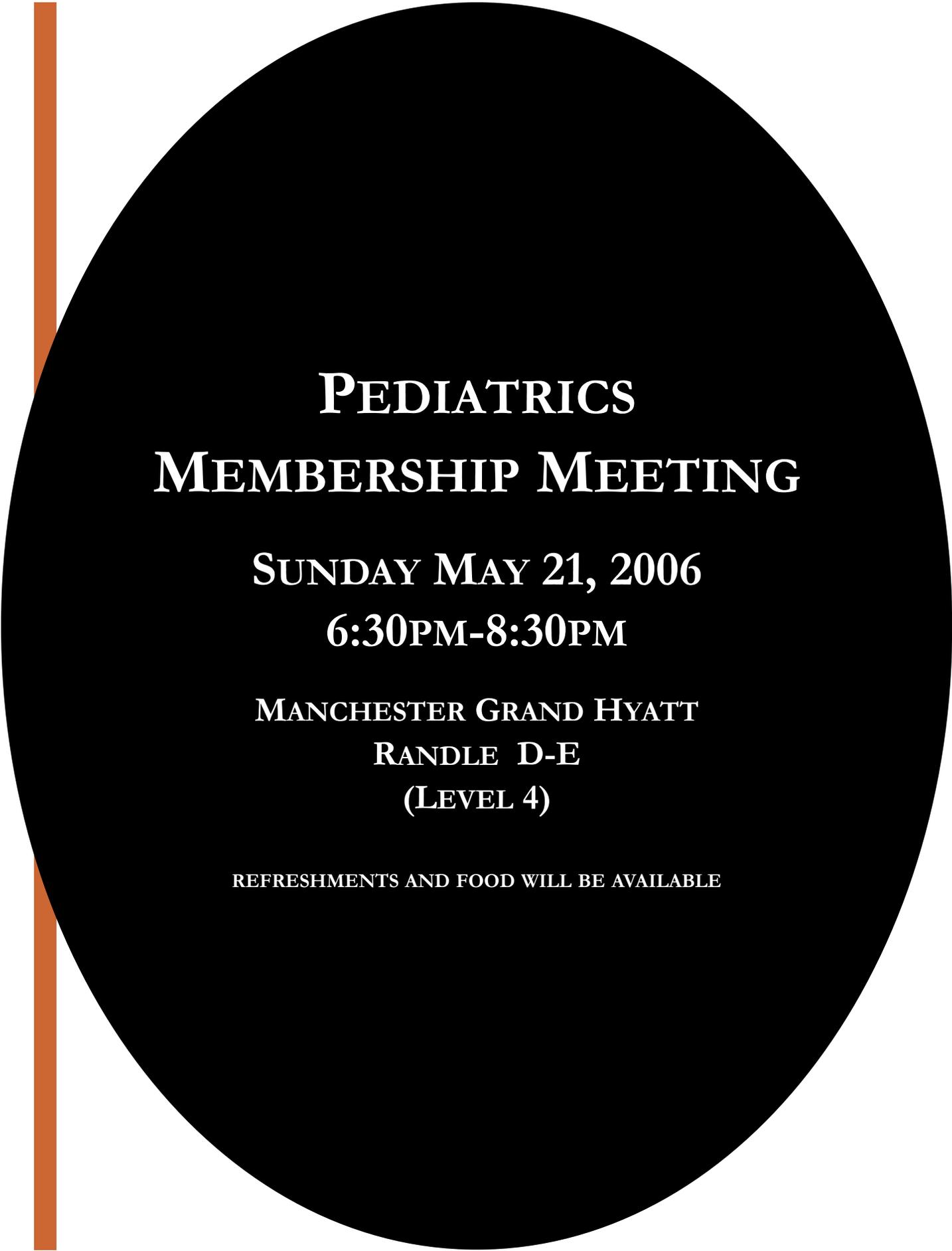
will present information about their organizations. A representative from each organization will be present at the

poster session to provide additional information.

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**DOCUMENTS FORUM AT  
2006 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
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On Sunday, May 21 from 7-9 PM, the Documents Editor, Holger Schunemann, MD and Documents Staff Judy Corn will lead a forum on Official Documents: what they are, how they're developed, and how they're peer reviewed, approved and disseminated. New Board-approved policy guidelines for document development and their impact on the Society will also be addressed. All Assembly leadership, current writing committee members, as well as individuals interested in serving on writing committees in the future are urged to attend this informative session. Participants will receive a packet of highly cited ATS documents and procedural guidelines.

**ATS DOCUMENTS FORUM  
SUNDAY MAY 21, 7-9 PM  
MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT  
RANDLE BALLROOM A/B**



**PEDIATRICS  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SUNDAY MAY 21, 2006**

**6:30PM-8:30PM**

**MANCHESTER GRAND HYATT**

**RANDLE D-E**

**(LEVEL 4)**

**REFRESHMENTS AND FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE**