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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

With winter all but behind us and spring quickly approaching, our attention will once again turn to the upcoming American Thoracic Society (ATS) International Conference in San Francisco, California. I want to update you in advance of the meeting about some of the activities that have been going on within the Assembly. Several constituents of our Assembly have been busy since our last meeting developing and promoting activities of interest to Assembly members at large. It's been great to receive requests and notices about several projects our members are involved in, from a conference on childhood interstitial lung diseases to organization of a focus group for patients with Sickle Cell lung disease. I must thank the members of the Executive Committee for the Scientific Assembly on Pediatrics (PEDS) in particular, for their creativity, energies and support in moving several objectives forward that I will list below. In addition, I'm indebted to Tom Ferkol for his continued guidance following his transition from Assembly Chair to Treasurer of the ATS. A special thanks also goes out to Marc Hershenson who, as a member of the ATS Education Committee, has worked tirelessly to promote the Pediatric Assembly. His efforts, together with those of ATS staff members, have led to applications to the American Board of Pediatrics to award Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 2 credit for one or two of the pediatric Postgraduate Courses offered this year.



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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Robin Deterding, MD, Chair

Robin, Carolyn Kerckmar, and the International Conference Program Committee have created a stellar and diverse program for everyone interested in pediatric lung disease. There is something for everyone, including topics like lung transplantation, lung development, pediatric asthma controversies, Cystic Fibrosis outcomes and biomarkers, and Sickle Cell Disease. There will be terrific reviews of the most current literature in the Pediatric Year in Review, and sessions designed to show you how to enhance your teaching. Whether you're a clinician (critical care, neonatologist or pulmonologist) or basic scientist there is a terrific session this year for you!

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Robin Deterding, MD, Chair

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Furthermore, the Program Committee secured three Postgraduate Courses of interest to members of the Assembly, including one on the cellular and biochemical basis of pediatric lung diseases, another on the physiologic basis of pediatric lung diseases, and the third on pediatric sleep disorders. A complete schedule of pediatric sessions is listed below.

Of special note, the Pediatric Program Committee and Executive Committee of the Pediatric Assembly approved naming the Pediatric Year in Review session this year in memory of Dr. Mary Ellen Avery, a pioneer in Neonatology and neonatal respiratory physiology. A special memorial to her will be delivered during the session by Dr. Ann Stark, who will recount many of Dr. Avery's contributions to Medicine, medical training, and the role of women in medicine.

ATS 2012 - SAN FRANCISCO Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<i>Postgraduate Course</i>			
Friday, May 18, 2012			
PG9	THE CELLULAR FOUNDATION OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG10	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING AND ASSOCIATED CO-MORBIDITIES IN CHILDREN: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2012			
PG21	THE PHYSIOLOGIC BASIS OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
<i>Clinical Topics In Pulmonary Medicine</i>			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
		2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<i>Scientific Symposium</i>			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A6	THE PRICE OF PROGRESS: LUNG INJURY BEFORE AND AFTER PEDIATRIC LUNG TRANSPLANTATION	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A90	PEDIATRIC NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B6	CONTROVERSIES IN THE TREATMENT OF CHILDHOOD ASTHMA: A PRO-CON DEBATE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C83	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D9	CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SICKLE CELL LUNG DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
<i>Year In Review</i>			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B81	PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<i>Meet The Professor Seminars</i>			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
MP413	PEDIATRIC MECHANICAL VENTILATION	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
MP512	VIRAL INFECTIONS AND CHILDHOOD ASTHMA	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
MP612	CHILDREN'S INTERSTITIAL AND DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASE IN THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
<i>Sunrise Seminar</i>			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
SS112	MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING DRUG-RESISTANT STRAINS OF BACTERIA THAT CAUSE PNEUMONIA IN CHILDREN	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
SS211	FLEXIBLE BRONCHOSCOPY IN THE PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
SS311	SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING IN PEDIATRIC NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
<i>Workshop</i>			
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
WS7	INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND EVALUATION METHODS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
<i>Mini-Symposium</i>			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A15	AIRWAY RESPONSES TO RESPIRATORY VIRAL INFECTION	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B18	RARE PEDIATRIC LUNG DISEASE: EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C16	BEST OF PEDIATRICS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D16	CYSTIC FIBROSIS: BIOMARKERS, OUTCOME MEASURES, AND PATHOGENESIS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
<i>Poster Discussion Session</i>			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A28	LUNG DEVELOPMENT: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A105	EVALUATION OF PEDIATRIC LUNG DISEASES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2012			
C27	EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT OF DIFFICULT ASTHMA POPULATIONS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C108	PEDIATRIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D26	PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D107	PEDIATRIC SLEEP DISORDERS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
<i>Thematic Poster Sessions</i>			
Sunday, May 20, 2012			
A55	LUNG DEVELOPMENT AND CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE OF PREMATUREITY	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
A56	PEDIATRIC AND NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

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Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
<i>Thematic Poster Sessions</i>			
Monday, May 21, 2012			
B61	PEDIATRIC ASTHMA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
B62	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CASES	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2012			
D66	GENERAL PEDIATRIC PULMONARY	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
D67	PEDIATRIC PULMONARY PHYSIOLOGY AND MEASUREMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM

PEDIATRIC FOUNDER'S DINNER

On behalf of the American Thoracic Society Assembly on Pediatrics (PEDS), I am pleased to announce the third annual **Pediatric Founder's Dinner**, which will be held at the **Marriott Marquis Hotel, Atrium on Monday, May 21st from 7:00 to 10:00 PM** during the 2012 American Thoracic Society International Conference in San Francisco, CA.

Dr. Victor Chernick is the recipient of the Founder's Award and the keynote speaker at the dinner. Hans Pasterkamp, MD, FRCPC of the University of Manitoba will introduce the honoree. The evening's program will also include the PEDS Trainee Travel Awards and Best PEDS Scientific Abstract Awards.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Chmiel, MD, Chair

Special thanks goes out to Jim Chmiel for his second year of service as Chair of the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee once again had a remarkable year. One new project was approved for funding by the ATS Program Review Subcommittee: *Flexible Bronchoscopy of the Pediatric Airway* (PI: Al Faro, St. Louis, MO). The American Thoracic Society Board of Directors approved continued support for several ongoing Assembly projects: *Guidelines for the Evaluation and Treatment of Recurrent Wheezing in Infancy* (PI: Clement Ren, Rochester, NY), *Pediatric Chronic Home Ventilation Guidelines Workshop* (PI: Ann Halbower, Denver, CO), *Evaluation of Respiratory Mechanics and Function in the Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Units* (PI: Sarath Ranganathan, Melbourne Australia) and *Care of the Child with Pulmonary Hypertension* (PI: Steve Abman, Denver, CO). The Pediatric Assembly is a secondary sponsor for another continuing project proposal, *Pulmonary Hypertension Phenotypes* (PI: Raed Dweik, Cleveland, OH). The various working groups and committees will be meeting at the ATS International Conference

Debra Boyer (Boston, MA) will become the new Planning Committee Chair at the International Conference in May. If you have an idea for a project or would like help conduct a survey of the Pediatric Assembly membership regarding interest in your idea, please contact Debra at Debra.Boyer@childrens.harvard.edu or Jim Chmiel at james.chmiel@uhospitals.org. The Committee encourages you to submit your project proposals to the Planning Committee for consideration. They will be soliciting new project applications this spring. Please feel free to contact Debra or Jim with your ideas and any questions regarding future Pediatric Assembly projects. All projects will undergo peer-review by the Pediatric Assembly Planning Committee and Program Review Subcommittee. The memberships of both of these committees can be found on the American Thoracic Society website (www.thoracic.org).

WEB DIRECTOR

Wan Tsai, MD, Chair

Web Director (Wan Tsai, Toledo, OH): Wan Tsai has agreed to assume the role of Web Director this year. In response to Assembly membership survey comments, Wan is committed to reorganizing the Pediatric Assembly website to better serve our membership. She would like to begin a working group for the website, and has already contacted members who previously expressed an interest in participating. We invite all interested members of the Assembly to contact Wan Tsai at wan.tsaimd@promedica.org for comments or participation. The goal is to have an initial conference call with the identified group in April/May before the ATS International Conference, with the possibility of convening a group meeting during the ATS conference. She has also begun parallel discussions with Enrico Lombardi from the International Relations Committee regarding his ATS project involving the creation of an International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (IPPN) Webpage.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Susanna McColley, MD, Chair

I want to extend my thanks to Susanna and the Nominating Committee for developing a superb ballot of candidates for this year's elections for Assembly leadership positions. This year's candidates are, in alphabetical order:

Assembly Chair-Elect (2012-2013) and Chair (2013-2015)

Stephanie Davis (Indianapolis, IN)

Robin Deterding (Denver, CO)

Program Committee Chair-Elect (2012-2013) and Chair (2013-2014)

Jim Chmiel (Cleveland, OH)

Felix Ratjen (Toronto, Ontario)

Nominating Committee Members (2012-2013)

Mark Dovey (Philadelphia, PA)

Toby Lewis (Ann Arbor, MI)

Jack Sharp (Buffalo, NY)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WORKING GROUP

Enrico Lombardi MD, Chair

Enrico and members of his committee worked tirelessly through the summer to bring a project that began almost 10 years ago to fruition: an international web site that will link pediatric respiratory societies around the globe with each other, the International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (IPPN). While the idea was around for some time, Committee members worked closely with the staff of the American Thoracic Society to focus the scope of the project, and to establish support by the ATS to house the IPPN within the ATS Website. Members of the International Relations Working Group are working on establishing what the content of the site will be, with possibilities that include case discussions, guidelines, and electronic links to other societies. The Working Group hopes to have the site go live sometime before the end of the year.

MEMBERSHIP WORKING GROUP

Clement Ren, MD, Chair

Membership Working Group (Chair, Clement Ren, Rochester, NY): You may recall having received a request to answer a survey from the Membership Working Group in January. Those results are currently being compiled and Clement will present the results at our Assembly Membership Meeting at the International Conference. The Working Group is continuing to explore ways to increase membership in our Assembly and to enhance membership involvement in the Pediatric Assembly. Clement is hoping to arrange a meeting of the Membership Working Group during the International Conference. Any Assembly members who are interested in participating are welcome to join. Contact Clement Ren at Clement_Ren@URMC.Rochester.edu.

WORLD SPIROMETRY DAY AND PEDIATRIC EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The ATS will be participating in World Spirometry Day 2012 to raise awareness of lung health and disease through spirometry testing of the public. The general idea is to make spirometry testing freely available in a variety of venues to anyone interested. During the first World Spirometry Day held during the Year of the Lung in 2010, more than 100,000 tests were performed. The event this year will not actually be a day, but will instead launch on June 27th and will run through the Olympic Games, which end on August 12 and the ParaOlympic games, which end on September 9. In the spirit of this Olympic year, World Spirometry Day 2012 highlights sports and the lungs. The Pediatric Assembly wants to take advantage of the occasion by creating a series of pamphlets designed to educate children about lung health, smoking prevention, and a few respiratory diseases. We hope that in partnership with senior students from Drexel University's School of Digital Media Design, these materials will subsequently be converted into interactive materials that will live on the Pediatric Assembly Website and be able to be offered to schools around the world through the ATS. Anyone interested in helping to create source material for the pamphlets should contact Howard Panitch at panitch@email.chop.edu.

Patients to Speak At Seventeen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

The ATS Public Advisory Roundtable (ATS PAR) has selected patients to provide a patient perspective at seventeen symposia at the 2012 ATS International Conference Symposia. This concept has worked exceptionally well within the format of the PAR Symposium (Session B90) for the last nine years as well as at an increasing number of sessions at ATS International Conferences from 2004 to 2011. This is the ninth year that patient speakers will participate within the Assemblies' Symposia. The patients will make a five-minute presentation to offer insight into their personal journeys. This insight will address diagnosis, treatment, and how the disease has dramatically altered their lifestyle, family, career and relationships. They will share their perspective into what patients would like physicians and researchers to know about physician/patient relationships and the importance and relevance of the work in which investigators and researchers are engaged.

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

ASSEMBLY	CODE	SESSION TITLE	TALK DATE/TIME
All, RCMB	A85	THE IL33/ST2 AXIS: NEW BIOLOGY AND NEW POTENTIAL TARGETS IN ASTHMA	Sunday 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, All, PEDS,	A86	NEONATAL ORIGINS OF ADULT PULMONARY DISEASE	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, All, CC	A88	MICROPARTICLES: SMALL WONDERS OR A BIG DEAL IN ACUTE LUNG INJURY AND PULMONARY HYPERTENSION?	Sun 5/20 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, All, CP	B5	'IDIOPATHIC' INTERSTITIAL PNEUMONIAS/PULMONARY FIBROSIS: IS 'IDIOPATHIC' TRULY 'IDIOPATHIC'?	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am
MTPI, CP, PEDS	B10	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA UPDATE: GUIDELINES PLUS 5	Mon 5/21 8:15-10:45 am
CP, EOH	B82	THE MANY FACES OF BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS: NEW INSIGHTS FROM OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE TO HUMAN TRANSPLANTATION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
NUR, BSA, CP	B87	DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH PATIENTS	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm
EOH, All, BSA	B88	WORK-EXACERBATED ASTHMA: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN CLINICAL APPROACH, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREVENTION	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm

Patients to Speak At Seventeen Designated ATS International Conference Symposia

ASSEMBLY	CODE	SESSION TITLE	TALK DATE/TIME
SRN, RSF	C8	NO PAIN NO GAIN; WILL UPPER-AIRWAY EXERCISE TRAINING/ELECTRICAL STIMULATION WORK FOR SLEEP APNEA?	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
PR, BSA, NUR	C9	PULMONARY REHABILITATION ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF ILLNESS FOR PATIENTS WITH COPD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
BSA, CP	C10	IMPLEMENTING LUNG CANCER SCREENING: MOVING FROM RCTS TO THE REAL WORLD	Tue 5/22 8:15-10:45 am
CP, BSA, NUR	C82	PULMONARY AND NON-PULMONARY MANIFESTATIONS OF HYPERINFLATION IN COPD: PATHOGENESIS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR TREATMENT	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
RCMB, All	C88	LUNG CANCER STEM CELLS AND THE ROLE OF THE MICROENVIRONMENT IN LUNG CARCINOGENESIS	Tue 5/22 2:00-4:30 pm
PEDS, All, CP	D9	CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SICKLE CELL LUNG DISEASE	Wed 5/23 8:15-10:45 am
All, CP, EOH	D85	HYPERSENSITIVITY PNEUMONITIS: RECENT ADVANCES, FUTURE DIRECTIONS	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PC, BSA, PR	D86	IMPACT OF EXERCISE ON CARDIOPULMONARY STATUS: IMPLICATIONS FOR PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	Wed 5/23 2:00-4:30 pm
PAR, CP, MTPI	B90	(PAR SYMPOSIUM) GOING FOR THE CURE: THE MYCOBACTERIA CASE	Mon 5/21 2:00-4:30 pm

ATS PAR Symposium

During ATS 2012, the Society's Public Advisory Roundtable will once again bring together clinicians, researchers and patients at its annual symposium on Monday, May 21, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

This year, the program will focus on nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) diseases. A host of experts will discuss various research agendas, all of which are designed to identify a cure to control and reduce the burden of these environmental disorders.

"Faculty members will first talk more generally about what is needed for a disease or condition to progress toward a cure or control using mycobacterial diseases as an example," said Teresa Barnes, chair of ATS PAR and vice president of patient outreach and advocacy at the Coalition for Pulmonary Fibrosis, who will co-chair the symposium with ATS Immediate-Past President Dean E. Schraufnagel, MD. "Then, presenters will highlight the areas of research that are most likely to produce breakthroughs in environmental mycobacterial diseases and focus on research and its application to these disorders."

The event will begin with Ms. Barnes giving out ATS PAR's 2012 awards, which honor individuals who are committed to advancing research and clinical care in the fields of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Next, Dr. Schraufnagel will introduce a patient speaker who will talk about NTM disease from the patient and family perspectives. Other faculty members will then focus on the importance of removing bacteria from the environment, the role of molecular methods in diagnosis and testing effective treatments.

For more information about this symposium, please visit <http://conference.thoracic.org> and search for session B90.

Breathing Better with the ATS

*The American Thoracic Society Public Advisory Roundtable (PAR) is pleased to invite you to our sixth annual **FREE** patient forum “Breathing Better with the ATS.”*

**SATURDAY MAY 19, 2012
FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
San Francisco Marriott Marquis
55 Fourth Street
San Francisco, CA 94103
(Room Golden Gate A, Golden Gate Level B2)**

The event will be held in conjunction with the ATS International Conference. You'll have an opportunity to hear from experts in the pulmonary community and network with them afterwards. This year's discussions will focus on quality of life and the panel includes:

Paul Wolters, MD • Jeffrey Swigris, DO • Jeffrey Golden, MD
Molly Bourne, MD • Sally McLaughlin, RN, MSN

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL TO cwhite@thoracic.org
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012

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

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2013!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2013. 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 Debra M. Boyer, MD at debra.boyer@childrens.harvard.edu.

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

The ATS Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC), which sets policies for the development of Official ATS Documents, will be holding a hands-on workshop in conjunction with the ATS International Conference

What: "Document Development: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers"

When: Friday, May 18 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The San Francisco Marriott

Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2012.

Others with an interest in guideline development, or in official documents in general, are encouraged to attend as well.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and talk with the ATS Methodologist, Documents Editor, and members of the ATS DDIC - we hope to see you there!
RSVP to Jessica Wisk at jwisk@thoracic.org

***Assembly on
Pediatrics
Membership Meeting***

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

6:30PM-8:30PM

SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL

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Assembly on Pediatrics Dinner

*MONDAY, MAY 21ST
7:00PM-10:00PM*

*SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
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SECOND LEVEL*

Help Select Future ATS Leaders: Submit Your Nominations

The Society's Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for candidates to be elected ATS Secretary-Treasurer for 2013-2014. The successful candidate will advance through the leadership offices and serve as ATS President in 2016-2017.

The position of Secretary-Treasurer is critical for the ATS, as this individual spends three years learning about the Society's structure and leadership. They will then serve as President in the fourth year; and finally serve as immediate past in the final year as an officer.

When making a nomination, it is recommended that you consider an individual's organizational ability, leadership skills, reputation in the field, willingness to devote time to the ATS, contributions to the work of the Society's and diplomacy.

The Nominating Committee has improved the process for submitting nominations; please visit <http://www.thoracic.org/go/secretary-treasurer> to learn more about this position and to nominate a colleague or to submit a self nomination.

Letters of Interest are due by July 31, 2012.

About the other ATS Journals

American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine (AJRCCM) continues its new initiatives, including faster review turnaround times, concise clinical reviews, an images section, the fellows recommended reading series, the redesigned cover, as well as podcast interviews and discussions.

American Journal of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (AJRCMB), now an online-only journal, has dramatically reduced its publag and offers free color art to members, as well as reduced rates to non-members. As a new initiative, AJRCMB will highlight in each issue one or more stellar papers written by a junior investigator.

The American Thoracic Society is relaunching *Proceedings of the American Thoracic Society (PATS)* beginning in 2013 as a bi-monthly, online, clinician-oriented journal.

The ATS is pleased to announce that John Hansen-Flaschen, MD, is the new Editor-in-Chief of PATS. Dr. Hansen-Flaschen is Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, Chief of the Pulmonary, Allergy, and Critical Care Division, and Medical Director of the Penn Lung Center.

He envisions the new PATS as “a lively scholarly journal that is fully invested in ATS values of scientific inquiry and integrity and is complementary – but not qualitatively inferior – to the two ATS established journals.” The new PATS will target clinicians with current and concise reviews, original research, commentaries, education materials, and editorials. The spectrum of content will include pulmonary, critical care, sleep medicine, pediatrics, and evidence-based nursing. PATS will retain its special issues: Aspen, Transatlantic, and the Clinical Year in Review.

Please stop by the Clinician’s Center at the ATS Conference on Tuesday, May 22, from noon to 2 pm, to meet Dr. Hansen-Flaschen.

Please join us for the Fourth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on Saturday, May 19, 7:00 pm, at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco.

In response to past attendees’ requests for maximum time to socialize at the benefit, the Foundation has redesigned the format to be as interactive and fun as possible. Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of San Francisco’s delicious cuisines at food stations. There will be dancing to the sounds of a San Francisco DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD, Chief Medical Service, University of California at San Francisco. Dr. King will be the recipient of the 2012 Breathing for Life Award, the highest honor conferred by the Foundation on an individual for philanthropy.

The continuation of unrestricted and matching research partner grants will depend on the Foundation’s ability to raise funds from ATS members like you. Thanks to your past support, the Foundation will be funding three unrestricted grants, one more than last year. To register, please use this link: <https://www.xpressreg.net/register/thor052/foundation>. For more information, please visit: <http://foundation.thoracic.org>, or contact Lydia Neumann: Lneumann@thoracic.org.