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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

It's hard to believe that another year has passed, and that for those of us in the northern hemisphere, spring is just around the corner. As the 2013 American Thoracic Society (ATS) International Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, quickly approaches, I have a few announcements of interest for Assembly members.

To begin, I want to thank the members of the Executive Committee once again for their tireless work and their creativity and support on behalf of the Scientific Assembly on Pediatrics. Several endeavors that were years in the making, and a few new undertakings have been brought to fruition and mark new traditions for our Assembly. In addition to our Founders Award, whose dinner and celebration at the International Conference has quickly become a touchstone event for members of the Assembly, we have created two new awards to recognize talent among our Assembly members. The Endowed Robert B. Mellins, MD Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes a candidate at the Instructor, Assistant or Associate Professor level for achievement in scholarship or research achievements over the previous year. We are fortunate that the Foundation of the American Thoracic Society is raising funds to endow this award. The Pediatric Clinician Educator Award recognizes a candidate at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for clinical skills and teaching abilities. Winners of the awards will be announced at the ATS International Conference.

This year marks the inauguration of the International Pediatric Pulmonary Network (IPPN), a virtual network that connects people with an interest in pediatric lung disease around the world. The IPPN is the culmination of efforts that began almost a decade ago, and that hopefully will extend in perpetuity. Once again this year we are seeking Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 2 credits from the American Board of Pediatrics for attendance of two of the Postgraduate Courses being offered. We have created a new Working Group on Education within the Assembly, and its description along with activities of our other Committees and Working Groups are outlined in the pages that follow.



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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Debra M. Boyer, MD, **Chair**

The Planning Committee continued to be busy this past year, reviewing a number of new project and renewal applications. There were no primary Pediatric Assembly projects that were approved by the ATS Program Review Subcommittee. Three new projects for which Pediatrics is a secondary assembly were approved for funding by the ATS Program Review Subcommittee: “ATS Research Statement on Recent Advances in Tobacco Addiction and Smoking Cessation” (PI: A. White), “ATS/ERS Global Lung Function Initiative (GLI): Deriving global multi-ethnic reference values for the transfer factor of carbon monoxide (TLCO) in the lungs” (PI: Brian Graham) and “Revision of the ATS/CDC/IDSA 2003 TB Treatment Statement” (PI: Payam Nahid.) Continued support was granted for several ongoing Assembly projects: “Pediatric Chronic Home Ventilation” (PI: Ann Halbower), “Guidelines for the Evaluation and Treatment of Recurrent Wheezing in Infancy” (PI: Clement Ren), “Evaluation of Respiratory Mechanics and Function in the Pediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit” (PI: Sarath Ranganathan), and “Flexible Bronchoscopy of the Pediatric Airway” (PI: Albert Faro.) The Pediatric Assembly is a secondary sponsor for another continuing project proposal, “Pulmonary Hypertension Phenotypes” (PI: Raed Dweik.)

The Planning Committee will continue to work with our Assembly membership to achieve ATS support for new Pediatric Assembly projects as well as support for our ongoing projects. The Planning Committee will also be reviewing the current Pediatric Statements on the ATS website to determine whether any updates are needed or if statements are no longer current.

Debra Boyer (Boston, MA) remains as the Planning Committee Chair for the next year. If you have an idea for a project, have any questions regarding future Pediatric Assembly projects or would like help conducting a survey of the Pediatric Assembly membership regarding interest in your idea, please contact Debra at Debra.Boyer@childrens.harvard.edu. The Committee encourages you to submit your project proposals to the Planning Committee for consideration. They will be soliciting new project applications this spring. 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).

Program Committee Report

Carolyn Kerckmar, MD, **Chair** & Jim Chmiel, MD, PhD **Chair-Elect**

Carolyn, Jim Chmiel, and the International Conference Program Committee have once again done an outstanding job in creating a curriculum for members of the Assembly. There is something for everyone, including topics like hyperoxic lung injury, lung development, pediatric asthma controversies, Cystic Fibrosis outcomes and difficult infections, tuberculosis, and complex airway 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 manage your most medically complicated patients. Whether you're a clinician (critical care, neonatologist or pulmonologist) or basic scientist there is an outstanding session this year for you!

Furthermore, the Program Committee again 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 pathophysiologic basis of pediatric lung diseases, and a third on respiratory management of the child with neuromuscular disease, including hands-on sessions with ventilators and devices. A complete schedule of pediatric sessions is listed below.

ATS 2013 - Philadelphia Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 17, 2013			
PG4	PULMONARY CARE OF CHILDREN WITH NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG7	PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY: WHAT'S RIGHT AND WHEN IT GOES WRONG	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG17	THE CELLULAR FOUNDATION OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
WS6	EXTUBATION READINESS PARAMETERS IN PEDIATRIC PATIENTS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A10	APPLYING NOVEL MODELS AND MECHANISTIC APPROACHES TO PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A89	BEYOND THE EPR 3/GINA GUIDELINES: INCORPORATING THE RESULTS OF RECENT PEDIATRIC ASTHMA TRIALS INTO CLINICAL CARE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B83	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CHEST ROUNDS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C7	PROGRESS IN PEDIATRIC TUBERCULOSIS: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C81	PEDIATRIC YEAR IN REVIEW	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D5	RATIONALE AND MODELS FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE OF CHILDREN WITH COMPLEX CHRONIC DISORDERS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B11	MANAGING DIFFICULT INFECTIONS IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
MP408	CARING FOR THE VENTILATOR DEPENDENT CHILD AT HOME: WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN FOUR DECADES	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
MP509	CRMS AND OTHER CYSTIC FIBROSIS DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
MP609	MANAGING SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING IN CHILDREN WITH DOWN SYNDROME	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
SS211	MRSA IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS: IMPACT AND TREATMENT OPTIONS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
SS313	AGE AND RISK OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISTRESS SYNDROME: KIDS AREN'T LITTLE ADULTS	7:00 AM	8:00 AM

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Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Mini-Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A96	A TALE OF TWO RARE LUNG DISEASES IN PEDIATRICS: PRIMARY CILIARY DYSKINESIA AND PULMONARY HYPERTENSION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B97	EARLY LIFE RISK FACTORS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ASTHMA	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C17	BEST OF PEDIATRICS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D96	TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING: HYPEROXIC NEONATAL LUNG INJURY	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A26	PEDIATRIC CYSTIC FIBROSIS	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A106	INTERESTING PEDIATRIC CASES	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B28	MODULATORS OF ASTHMA SEVERITY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B107	TOOLS OF THE TRADE: MODALITIES FOR EVALUATING PEDIATRIC LUNG DISEASE	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D25	RESPONSE TO EARLY LIFE AIRWAY INJURY	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D107	SEQUELA OF AIRWAY INFECTION	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A53	EVALUATION OF PEDIATRIC RESPIRATORY FUNCTION	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B63	GENETIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON LUNG GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C60	PEDIATRIC ASTHMA	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
C61	PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE	8:15 AM	4:30 PM
Other Sessions That Might Be Of Interest To You			
Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Saturday, May 18, 2013			
PG11	MANAGING CYSTIC FIBROSIS IN 2013: THE ERA OF GENOMIC MEDICINE	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG21	MEASURES OF SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING SEVERITY AND HEALTH-RELATED OUTCOMES	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG22	BUILDING EFFECTIVE TEAMS AND IMPLEMENTING CHANGE: THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW AND SHOULD HAVE LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
WS2	PRIORITIZING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS	11:30 AM	1:00 PM

ATS 2013 - Philadelphia Sessions Sponsored by the Assembly on Pediatrics

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 19, 2013			
A8	ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE AND GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
A85	METHODS TO STUDY LUNG INJURY AND REPAIR	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Monday, May 20, 2013			
B7	DRUG AND COMPANION DIAGNOSTIC DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT FOR RESPIRATORY DISEASE	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
B12	CAREER DEVELOPMENT SYMPOSIUM: ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN ACADEMIC MEDICINE DURING UNCERTAIN TIMES	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
Tuesday, May 21, 2013			
C8	AUTOPHAGY: FRIEND OR FOE IN LUNG DISEASE?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C11	IS THERE ROOM FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTIONS IN CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE?	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
C87	SEX, STEROIDS, AND LUNG: GOOD, BAD, UGLY?	2:00 PM	4:30 PM
Wednesday, May 22, 2013			
D8	THE MULTIFUNCTIONAL BASAL CELL: MORE THAN A PROGENITOR	8:15 AM	10:45 AM
D85	DEVELOPMENTAL ORIGINS OF ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES: ENVIRONMENT, MODIFIERS, AND MEDIATORS	2:00 PM	4:30 PM

Web Committee Report

Wan Tsai, MD, Chair

In response to Assembly membership survey comments, Wan has begun reorganizing the Pediatric Assembly website to serve our membership better. To that end, she plans to use the website as a platform for the PEDS Assembly membership to have current literature/journal reviews combined with CME accreditation: that task is the primary focus of the website reorganization, while continuing other ongoing processes directed at improved communication. Wan has identified a working group for the website. The members of the sub-committee of the PEDS Assembly website had an initial conference call on March 1, 2013, and will meet together during the ATS International Conference.

She has continued 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, which is in progress. There is still availability for any PEDS Assembly members who are interested in participating in the sub-committee of the PEDS Assembly website. Please contact Wan Tsai at wanctsai@gmail.com

Nominating Committee Report

Marie Egan, MD, Chair

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

Program Chair-Elect (2013-2014) and Chair (2014-2015):

Anastassios Koumbourlis (Washington, DC)

Felix Ratjen (Toronto, Canada)

Nominating Committee Report

Marie Egan, MD, Chair

Nominating Committee Members (2013-2014):

Chuck Esther (Chapel Hill, NC)

Terri Laguna (Minneapolis, MN)

Mike Schechter (Atlanta, GA)

International Relations Committee

Enrico Lombardi, MD, Chair

International Relations Committee (IRC) members worked tirelessly 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 Committee are working on the content of the site, which will include case discussions, guidelines, and electronic links to other societies. The Committee expects to have the site go live soon.

Membership Working Group

Adrienne Prestridge, MD, Chair

Last year, under the direction of Clement Ren, a survey was sent out to help understand why people become members of the Pediatric Assembly of the ATS, in order to facilitate increased membership. Based on these results, a meeting at the 2012 International Conference was held to help familiarize members with the structure and organization of the ATS. Adrienne Prestridge has taken over as Chair of the Membership Working Group. The Working Group is taking next steps based on the survey results to explore ways to increase membership in our Assembly and to enhance membership involvement in the Pediatric Assembly. Adrienne plans 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 Adrienne Prestridge at aprestridge@lureichildrens.org.

Education Working Group

Clement Ren, MD, Chair

The goal of the newly created Pediatric Assembly Education Working Group is to establish the educational agenda for the Pediatric Assembly, both within the International Conference curriculum and beyond the meeting itself, and to facilitate educational projects and curricula with other Assemblies within the ATS. To accomplish this goal, the Working Group's objectives are to identify the educational needs of the Peds Assembly through direct member feedback and an online survey, and to develop a long range strategic plan for meeting the educational needs of the Pediatric Assembly. Members of the Education Working Group plan to work with other ATS committees and organizations outside the ATS to achieve these objectives.

*Assembly on
Pediatrics
Membership Meeting*

*SUNDAY, MAY 19TH
5:00PM-7:00PM*

*LOEWS PHILADELPHIA HOTEL
COMMONWEALTH HALL C & D
SECOND FLOOR*

*Assembly on
Pediatrics
Dinner*

*MONDAY, MAY 20TH
7:00PM-10:00PM*

*PHILADELPHIA MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN
FRANKLIN HALL 3-7
LEVEL 4*

*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 17 from 12:30-4:00 PM; lunch will be served

Where: The Loews Hotel (Room: Washington C)

**Attendance at this event is required for Chairs of writing committees
which have received ATS support for their New or Renewal project in 2013.**

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

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2014!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2014. 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.

Forum on Collaboration

“Inclusion and Collaboration Among University, Government and Industry at the ATS: A Road Map for the Future—Principles and Practice”

MONDAY MAY 20, 2012
FROM: 12 Noon to 1:00pm
Pennsylvania Convention Center
Room 107 A-B (100 Level)

In order for the ATS to foster solutions to increasingly complex scientific and patient care challenges, a diversity of scientific and clinical approaches is required. This goal requires the ATS to provide an environment to its members that values diversity, inclusiveness, and collaboration.

To achieve these ends, our ideas need to be translated into practical action plans. This forum will offer these ideas for input and discussion from the membership. Moderated by society leaders, we will examine our differences and synergies, and try to come to some synthesis to achieve our overlapping aims. All who are interested in confronting these challenges are encouraged to actively participate in the discussion. Based on this dialogue, recommendations to ATS leadership will be made for implementation.

All ATS Members and ATS 2013 Attendees are encouraged to attend.

CHAIRS: Theodore F. Reiss, MD, MBE, Nicholas H. Hill, MD, Leonard Sicilian, MD

PANELISTS: Courtney C. Crim, MD; Joel Moss, MD, PhD; Molly Osborne, MD, PhD; Amy Simon, MD

Nursing Contact Hours through a partnership with National Jewish Health

The ATS is pleased to announce that it has partnered with National Jewish Health to provide Nursing Contact Hours for 25 sessions. The Nursing Assembly selected sessions with content that is appropriate for and relevant to the needs of its members.

Nursing Continuing Education Contact Hours for selected sessions is provided through National Jewish Health™, a provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number, CEP 12724.



Help Us Help You!

Have you moved, changed your title, added new skills, credentials or other information? ATS members can now update their contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile quickly and easily online with the Member Profile Update form.

Keeping your profile current ensures accuracy during the ATS International Conference registration process and also helps the ATS provide you with valuable member benefits. To streamline the process, the ATS has updated and combined demographic categories, which makes it easier for you to send us pertinent information to serve you better.

The Member Profile Update form is safe and secure, and your updates will be reflected immediately in our database. **Please take a minute to login and update your member record today at** <http://www.thoracic.org/login/ats-member-login.php?rl=https://thoracic.secure.force.com/MPU>

At this same web link members can now also print their own, personalized **membership certificate!**

***Please join us for the
Fifth Annual ATS Foundation Research Benefit on
Saturday, May 18, 7:00 pm, at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
(Grand Ballroom)***

Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle freely and network with colleagues while sampling a wide array of delicious offerings at food stations throughout the ballroom. There will be dancing to the sounds of a Philadelphia DJ.

In addition to the talented early career investigators who will be honored, the benefit will pay tribute to Gerard M. Turino, MD, Director of the James P. Mara Center for Lung Diseases in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine in New York City. Dr. Turino is the recipient of the 2013 Breathing for Life Award and a legend in the pulmonary world. The Breathing for Life Award is 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/thor053/lookup.asp>. For more information, please visit: <http://foundation.thoracic.org>, or contact Erin Marie Nebel: EMNebel@thoracic.org