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Message from the Assembly Chair

Well what a year to be involved in pulmonary infections! We have traded aeroplanes and face to face conferences for 'zooming' and webinars. Many of you will have had a professional year like no other, with no aspect of our professional and personal lives untouched by the COVID pandemic.

I have been meeting regularly with representatives from a number of societies to advise the COVID Real Time Learning Network, coordinated by the CDC and IDSA. Our aim is to provide access to the latest information on fighting COVID-19 by bringing together the health care disciplines to share resources and best practices, and ultimately decrease the impact of COVID-19 and save lives. The ATS and our assembly members have been very active in contributing podcasts, webinars, guidelines and other resources to this site, and in turn sharing with our members, the resources from other societies. This collaboration between major societies has been quite a useful activity and will hopefully prove beneficial in ways beyond the website itself and this pandemic.

The pandemic has not stopped our fabulous executive committee from meeting every month, and I am very proud of the initiatives we have provided for our members. Kiera Cohen and our Early Career working group has started a monthly series of case based webinars focusing on different pulmonary infections under the banner of the PINE (Pulmonary Infection Network of Experts) series, and have affectionately called themselves the PINE_apples! Our first seminar in February was on NTM, and the second in March on TB, to coincide with World TB day, with both highly successful and popular events.

Jussi Saukkonen and the planning committee have reviewed our latest assembly guidelines projects, and have been progressing discussions with NIAID to design a series of NTM-TB workshops to provide a research priorities agenda. We have had discussions with GAFFI (Global Alliance Fighting Fungal Infections) and will hold an inaugural CME activity in the Fall on Aspergillus in COPD.

Despite the 2021 annual conference again being virtual, our programme committee has put together what we hope will be a stimulating and broad series of sessions. I hope you will also join us for our annual assembly meeting on May 6th. We will still be presenting abstract awards, and our annual Rising Star, Junior, Mid-Career, and Senior awards and will hear from the journal editors. Whilst the networking opportunities are limited in the online format, all of the committee members would encourage interested members to reach out to them for any information or guidance.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jussi Saukkonen, MD, Chair

The PI-TB Assembly Planning Committee fosters the development of Assembly projects, i.e. guidelines and other reference documents, by Assembly members with expertise in specific areas. The Planning Committee encourages and solicits proposals for such documents from the Assembly membership and reviews and evaluates submitted proposals and progress reports for projects already underway. The Planning Committee also reviews and votes on nominations for Assembly Awards.

In 2020, two Assembly projects were completed with the publication of their respective documents.
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PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (continued)

ments. A major effort, the first GRADE-based collaborative guideline with several professional societies with expertise on “Treatment of Nontuberculous Mycobacterial Pulmonary Disease: An Official ATS/ERS/ESCMID/IDSA Clinical Practice Guideline” was published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* and in the *European Respiratory Journal*. A report on “Antibiotic Stewardship in the Intensive Care Unit. An Official American Thoracic Society Workshop Report in Collaboration with the AACN, CHEST, CDC, and SCCM” was also completed and published in *Annals of ATS*.

There are two other active projects currently which are approaching completion, Workshop Reports on “Understanding the Host in Pneumonia” and “PCR testing in Community Acquired Pneumonia,” a pilot single PICO question guideline.

For new Assembly Projects, we had three proposals submitted and one was accepted by the multi-tiered ATS selection process. The approved project is a Workshop entitled “Immunocompromised Host Pneumonia: Definitions and Diagnostic Criteria.”

A new joint initiative with the NIAID to hold a series of workshops on mycobacteria has been proceeding with planning. This will bring together scientists and clinicians conducting research on both tuberculosis and non-tuberculous mycobacterial disease. The first in this series will be a workshop on innovations in treatment of mycobacterial disease, planned for the Fall of 2021.

The Apprenticeship Program, an initiative from the Assembly’s active Early Career Working Group (ECWG), is a means of introducing early career Assembly members to the work and governance of the Assembly. The Planning Committee was joined by Dr. Krishna Reddy, from Massachusetts General Hospital, as an early career “apprentice” on the committee this year. He will join as a full voting member the following year.

The Assembly award deadline was extended to March 31, 2021. The Planning Committee will be reviewing nominees for Rising Stars, Junior, Mid-Career and Senior Assembly Awards. Winners will be announced at the ATS PI-TB Assembly Business Meeting. The Planning Committee strongly encourages Assembly members to start early to discuss and work together to submit proposals for Guidelines, Policy or Research Statements, Workshop Reports, and Technical Statements. It is recommended that new projects be specific and try to address two to three PICO questions in the GRADE methodology in order to complete the guideline process in a timely manner. To improve chances of preparing an application that is successful in the highly competitive ATS selection process, advance preparation and discussion with interested parties is highly recommended. This may include soliciting input and/or participation from the Planning Committee, ATS methodologists and topic experts in the Assembly or elsewhere, as appropriate.

Information on submitting proposals is available on the [Project Application Resource Center](#).

The application portal usually opens on August 1 and the online applications usually must be submitted by August 31. However, the Planning Committee recommends working on such projects well in advance.

Thank you to the members of the Planning Committee and to those who submitted project proposals for their hard work on behalf of the Assembly!

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Assembly Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB) Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021
4-6 PM EST

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Chadi Hage, MD, PhD, ATSF Chair, and Shannon H. Kasperbauer, MD, Chair-Elect

ATS 2021 has two excellent major symposia with PI-TB as the primary sponsoring assembly, which cover therapeutics advances in TB and pneumonia, specifically,

- “MAKING FUNGAL INFECTIONS EXCITING AGAIN: PRESSING QUESTIONS IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE PRACTICE” on Monday May 17th
- “TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCE UPDATES IN TUBERCULOSIS THERAPEUTICS” on Tuesday May 18th.

We have also successfully partnered with other assemblies to program three additional jointly sponsored on-demand symposia which cover various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, relevant to ATS members:

- “COVID-19 AND SARS-COV-2: RESPONDING TO THEIR UNCERTAINTIES TOGETHER” (Sunday May 16)
- “OCCUPATIONAL COVID 19 EXPOSURE: RISKS AND MITIGATION” (Tuesday May 18)
- “TREATMENT AND VACCINES FOR SARS-COV-2 INFECTION” (Tuesday May 18)
- this in addition to another on-demand symposium on “Bronchiectasis and NTM Care: Now and in the Pipeline” (Sunday May 16).

Major changes were made to the format of the ATS international conference this year to accommodate public health needs dictated by the COVID-19 pandemic and yet continue to provide the educational experience, professional networking, and exchange of ideas that we strive for. All symposia are virtual, and we requested the hybrid approach for our PITB symposia, which permits panel discussion following the talks.

This year we have one post graduate course, which will occur after the designated dates for the conference, scheduled on Thursday June 10 and titled,

- “A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE LUNG MICROBIOME”.

In addition, there will be one Meet the Expert session during the international conference delivered by Dr. Charles L. Daley titled,

- “WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NTM TREATMENT GUIDELINES?” (Sunday May 16).

Two mini-symposia are scheduled for PITB this year; one entitled,

- “CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL ADVANCES IN TB AND NTM”
- “ROLE OF MICROBIOME AND BACTERIOPHAGES IN PULMONARY INFECTIONS”

Both take place on Wednesday May 19th.

PITB received 387 abstract submissions for review and we are very grateful to the members of the program committee who scored these. These included 231 scientific abstracts and 156 case reports. As anticipated various aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic were the focus of 140 of these abstracts. As a result, we have two mini-symposia (mentioned above) and 11 thematic poster sessions covering an exciting array of studies across all areas of pulmonary infections and spanning topics such as NEW SCIENCE IN HIV-RELATED LUNG DISEASES to NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENTS OF PNEUMONIA.

As a committee, we can only program sessions that are submitted by our assembly membership, so we would like to encourage all members to start thinking about what they would like on the program and submit proposals for ATS 2022.

We would like to thank the members of the PITB Program Committee for their hard work over the year:

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Finally, we would like to offer sincere thanks to the ATS staff for their support, organization, and patience, in particular Francine Comi, Nancy Guerrero, Miriam Rodriguez, D'Ann Brown, and Liliana Rose, as we navigated programming the conference through a tumultuous period for all.

ATS 2021 SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON PULMONARY INFECTIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS

Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time (EST)
Sunday, May 16, 2021			
ME1	WHAT'S NEW WITH THE NTM TREATMENT GUIDELINES?	Meet the Experts	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Monday, May 17, 2021			
B3	MAKING FUNGAL INFECTIONS EXCITING AGAIN: PRESSING QUESTIONS IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE PRACTICE	Scientific Symposium	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 18, 2021			
C10	TRANSFORMATIVE SCIENCE UPDATES IN TUBERCULOSIS THERAPEUTICS	Scientific Symposium	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Wednesday, May 19, 2021			
D6	CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL ADVANCES IN TB AND NTM	Mini Symposium	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
D10	ROLE OF MICROBIOME AND BACTERIOPHAGES IN PULMONARY INFECTIONS	Mini Symposium	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Thursday, June 10, 2021			
PG11	A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE LUNG MICROBIOME	Postgraduate Course On-Demand	6:30 AM - 8:00 AM

SESSIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Time (EST)
Sunday, May 16, 2021			
A1	REHABILITATION AND COVID-19: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES	Scientific Symposium	8:00 am - 9:30 am
A11	ATS PRESIDENT'S SYMPOSIUM: CAN RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN RESPIRATORY HEALTH BE ELIMINATED?	Scientific Symposium	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Monday, May 17, 2021			
B1	MIND THE GAP: ENDING GENDER DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN CRITICAL CARE	Scientific Symposium	6:00 am - 7:30 am
B7	BREAKING NEWS: CLINICAL TRIAL RESULTS IN PULMONARY MEDICINE	Scientific Symposium	10:00 am - 11:30 am
Recorded			
K1	VACCINES ON THE HORIZON: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE AND POLICY – Kristen Feemster, MD, MPH, MSHP	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K2	BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO RESEARCH AND PRACTICE WITH SEX AND GENDER SCIENCE – Cara Tannenbaum, MDCM, MSc	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K3	CRISIS COMMUNICATION IN A RESPIRATORY PANDEMIC: THE COMPLICATED INTERSECTION OF MEDIA, DATA, AND POLITICS – Vinay Gupta, MD, MPA, MSt	Keynote Series	On-Demand
K4	THE CLIMATE GAP: CONNECTING EQUITY AND SUSTAINABILITY TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD, MPH	Keynote Series	On-Demand

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Keira A. Cohen Cohen, MD, Chair

Greetings from the PI-TB Early Career Working Group! The mission of our working group is to engage, support and create opportunities for junior members within our assembly. Here's a highlight of our working group's activities from this past year:

Pulmonary Infection Network of Experts (PINE): In February 2021, we launched our newest PI-TB ECWG initiative: PINE, which is a virtual event series that highlights a different pulmonary infection each month. With a fun and interactive case-based format, PINE brings together junior presenters, senior expert discussants and includes audience polls to keep people engaged. To date, we have hosted sessions on NTM, TB and fungal infections. For the latter half of 2021 there are more exciting things to come, including sessions on pneumonia, non-CF bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, phage, and HIV. Organized by your hardworking team of trusty "pineapples", we hope to see this initiative become a permanent and prominent feature of our working group.

PINE Series: Pneumonia on Wed, Jun 16 at 4 pm ET/1 pm PT— [Register here](#)

Mentorship Program: The PI-TB mentorship program matches junior and senior assembly members with shared professional interests. Given that COVID-19 has limited many networking opportunities for early career professionals, we hope that the PI-TB mentoring program can help fill this void. As always, thank you in advance to our generous volunteer mentors for their time and sage advice.



Apprenticeship Program: By giving junior assembly members the opportunity to apprentice on the standing committees of PI-TB, the Apprenticeship Program provides key insight into the inner workings of the Program, Planning and Web committees. Following a successful apprentice year, the selected delegates will earn their own seat on these committees.

Teaching Competition: Launched in 2019 and expanded this year to include other assemblies, the teaching competition puts the pedagogical talents of our assembly's junior members on full display. [Register here](#) for the main teaching competition event in which pre-selected entrants will lecture in front of esteemed panel of judges. We guarantee that you will learn something!



Current ECWG members: This year's roster of PI-TB ECWG members include: Keira Cohen (Chair), Kelly Pennington (Co-Chair), Sara Auld, Layla Barkal, Jennifer Honda, Elham Karamooz, Ashley Loiser, Chad Marion, John McGinniss, Alexa Pragman, Zohra Prasla, Divvy Reddy, Lokesh Kumar Sharma, Bashar Staitieh, Colin Swenson, Ben Wu, Sarah Voth, and Samantha Yeligar.

For more details on the PI-TB ECWG projects, [visit us on the web](#).

Early Career Professionals Meet and Greet on Saturday, May 15 6:30 to 7:00 pm ET—[Register here](#)

Our standing ECWG meetings are held every other month from 11AM to noon on the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested in joining us, please send an e-mail to kcohen8@jhmi.edu.

Thank you so very much to Nicole, Miriam and the rest of the ATS staff for all of their help!

PhD, BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Samantha M Yeligar, PhD, MS, Samithamby Jeyaseelan, PhD, DVM, PI-TB Representatives

Our PTBS working group is composed of members from multiple assemblies that get together monthly to discuss issues of importance to members of ATS that are non-practicing clinicians. We also welcome input from physician-scientists who are primarily research-focused. Because ATS is such a large organization and largely one that is clinically focused, the PTBS working group is focused on creating a smaller community structure for support, networking and advocacy to ATS leadership. The co-chairs for the past year have been Beth Moore from the University of Michigan and Tom Mariani from the University of Rochester. The PTBS working group is currently housed within the RSF assembly despite membership being across the ATS.

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PhD, BASIC AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENTISTS WORKING GROUP REPORT (continued)

Accomplishments and Ongoing Projects:

Reception for researchers: In 2019, we helped to host the PBTS reception as part of virtual ATS in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC). There were 225 people registered with over 70 attendees. We also actively participated in the planning of events in the SIC.

Seminar Database: The COVID disruption created real challenges to performing research, networking and opportunities for speaking engagements for faculty. In response to this, we created a database of researchers eager to provide seminars (virtually or in person in future) on a variety of topics. Our hope was that this database would increase opportunities for institutions to include more research-oriented seminars in their weekly offerings. As of March, 2021, the database has 133 scientists! You can fill a lot of seminar series with that! [Check out the database here.](#)

Social Justice: We have a subcommittee talking about ways our PTBS working group and ATS overall can better respond to issues of racism and social injustice within our society and institutions. We welcome you to join this ongoing conversation!

Job Postings: We advocated for the ability to advertise for post-docs and to have post-docs be able to post their CVs to the ATS job board site free of charge. Be sure to [check out this resource here.](#)

DocMatters: We have been working with DocMatters to determine if this platform can be useful for discussion of issues pertaining to research and non-clinical matters. We met with DocMatters executives to help map out strategies for better engagement with research-focused members of ATS.

Technique videos: We have a subgroup working on identifying common and important research techniques and getting quality videos made and published in an ATS venue to share that knowledge more broadly.

Awards: We are working to be sure that non-practicing clinicians are identified and nominated for many of the assembly-based and society based awards.

Important Survey: We are planning a survey of Pulmonary, Sleep and Pediatric Division Chiefs to gather data to better understand how PhD and non-practicing clinical faculty are hired and what barriers and opportunities may exist for strengthening engagement between researchers and clinicians. We hope these data will provide the foundation for an ATS project proposal that aims to address this important issue. Let us know if you want to be involved!

If you want more information, want to suggest a topic for us to tackle or are interested in joining, please email Beth Moore (bmoore@umich.edu) or Tom Mariani (tom_mariani@urmc.rochester.edu)

SCIENCE AND INNOVATION CENTER WORKING GROUP REPORT

Alexa A. Pragman, MD, PhD, Chair, and Jennifer Honda, Ph.D., Co-Chair

The Science and Innovation Center (SIC) is a venue for basic and translational scientists to network and learn about emerging technologies to advance their research in respiratory medicine. The SIC offers sessions on professional and career development and an opportunity to meet with NIH program officers and industry leaders. The SIC program for the 2021 conference is being developed by chairs and co-chairs from our Assembly as well as Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF), Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (AII), and Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (RCMB). The SIC will be presented virtually this year, and focus on networking opportunities in a digital environment. The SIC hopes to present many of the wonderful abstracts that have not already been scheduled at ATS 2021. We are honored to represent the PI-TB Assembly on the SIC planning committee and wish to thank Liz Guzman and Miriam Rodriguez at ATS for coordinating and implementing the planning committee's work.

VACCINE WORKING GROUP REPORT

Justin R. Ortiz, MD, MS, Tina Hartert, MD, MPH, ATSF, Co-Chairs

The goal of the PITB Vaccines and Immunization Working Group is to assemble a multidisciplinary group of healthcare providers and scientists to promote and raise the profile of vaccines and immunization through identification of unmet needs, education, research, advocacy, health equity, and interaction with policy developers. The Working Group is Co-Chaired by Justin Ortiz, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Tina Hartert, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and it is comprised of 37 members total, including 13 US-members, 13 international members, and 11 international observers from partner national and regional professional societies. In 2021, the Working Group commenced regular meetings, beginning with a review of goals and objectives, and the development of a short-term work plan.

Members have joined subgroups to pursue four initiatives:

- 1) To conduct a survey of ATS membership regarding vaccination knowledge, attitudes, and practices;
- 2) To develop a proposal for a vaccines and immunization session for the 2022 ATS International Meeting;
- 3) To assess ATS guidelines for relevant vaccines and immunization content and to propose changes or new materials where more guidance is needed; and
- 4) To assess ATS patient education materials for relevant vaccines and immunization content and propose changes or new materials where more suitable information is needed.

There has been a great deal of enthusiasm in the Working Group, particularly by members of partner national and regional professional societies, and they are exploring ways to coordinate and collaborate with advocacy efforts for immunization. While the ATS Vaccines and Immunization Working Group was initiated prior to the start of the pandemic, vaccine advocacy, promoting scientific integrity and transparency, and messaging to address vaccine hesitancy is a critically important and timely initiative.

PNEUMONIA WORKING GROUP REPORT

Scott E. Evans, MD, ATSF, Tina Hartert, MD, PhD, ATSF, Co-Chairs

The PITB Working Group on Acute Pneumonia was established in 2015. The multidisciplinary panel represents domestic and international ATS members, including early career members, who are interested in topics related to the pathogenesis, diagnosis and management of acute pneumonia, as well as structural means to reduce patient risks for acute pneumonia. The working group has been successful in promoting and producing workshops to bring together thought leaders in pneumonia. In the past year, we have seen the publication of our report from the workshop pm Antibiotic Stewardship in the ICU and our report on workshop on Understanding the Host in the Management of Pneumonia will soon be in press. Working group members are also preparing for a first-ever workshop on Pneumonia in the Immunocompromised Host in May 2021.

This PITB Acute Pneumonia Working Group's overarching goal remains working to enhance the voice of ATS and the PITB Assembly as advocates for improved research and clinical outcomes for patients with acute pneumonia. The current goals of the working group following the latest renewal are:

- 1) To improve understanding of pneumonia in the immunocompromised host;
- 2) To enhance awareness of pneumonia and pneumonia complications by establishing connection with ATS communications/marketing, ATS patient education unit and ATS patient organization (PAR);
- 3) To develop a policy brief on pneumonia (including antibiotic resistance) for internal and external advocacy purposes;
- 4) To enhance opportunities for early career investigators to address acute pneumonia as their research focus and, secondarily, to encourage researchers to find a home in PITB.

The working group continues to update the [Top 20 fact sheet on pneumonia](#). These facts will be made into single panel infographics to be sent out to the ATS, the pulmonary and critical care community and the public at large through social media such as Twitter. The goal of this initiative is to raise awareness of the importance of pneumonia. We have partnered with Just Actions and Save the Children to enhance pneumonia advocacy efforts. Our group has participated in the initiatives of the Pneumo-Strategy, an international nonprofit group of experts focused on the knowledge and experience of countries most affected with pneumonia. The working group also works with the NHLBI and NIAID on research priorities and strategy related pneumonia.

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ATS SCHOLAR INDEXED IN PUBMED/PUBMED CENTRAL

The American Thoracic Society is pleased to announce that ATS Scholar is now indexed in PubMed Central, the full text archive of biomedical and life sciences literature at the National Library of Medicine. Articles archived in PubMed Central can be found when searching PubMed and receive an identifying PMID number. For ATS Scholar, this has also been done retroactively for authors who have already published manuscripts in prior issues.

This is an important milestone for ATS Scholar as only 32% of journals that apply get indexed in PubMed Central. It is great validation for our authors and confirms that quality of the content published in the journal. You can find ATS Scholar articles by accessing the following links:

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A promotional graphic for the ATS 2021 conference. It features a blue-tinted background image of a healthcare professional wearing a surgical cap and a face mask. Overlaid on the image is a dark blue rectangular box containing the text "ATS 2021 May 14-19" in white. Below this, the text "Showcasing breakthrough research in respiratory care." is written in white. To the right of this text is a yellow rectangular button with the text "Register Now" in black. The graphic is set against a white background with a red and blue horizontal bar at the top.

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