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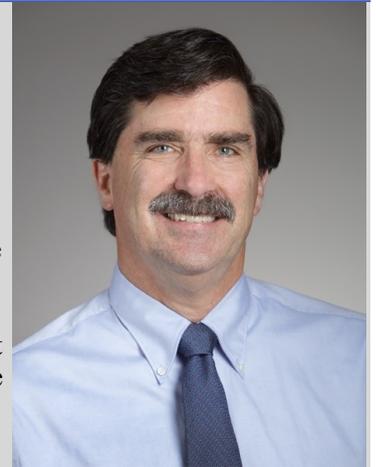
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Welcome to the inaugural Spring Newsletter of the ATS Assembly on Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis, the new name of our assembly. Our assembly voted for this name change at last year's annual membership meeting, and the ATS Board of Directors unanimously approved it in December. We hope that our new name will help us be more visible to new ATS members and to those outside of the ATS. We plan to track abstract submissions and the number of new members as outcomes to determine if changing our name achieves these aims.



Kevin P. Fennelly, MD, MPH

For those of you new to the ATS or to our assembly, we hope that you will attend our Membership Meeting at the annual conference in San Diego on Monday evening. That meeting will begin with an orientation by the Early Career Working Group and active members of our assembly, where you can learn about what our assembly does and how you can become involved. We are one of the most productive assemblies in the ATS, with a diverse and energetic membership. Our members continue to produce outstanding guidelines, documents, and workshops. Our membership is loosely divided among those working in the field of mycobacterial diseases (both TB and nontuberculous mycobacteria) and those working in the fields of other pulmonary infections. Our leadership positions typically alternate between these two large groups.

Our Program Committee led by Drs. Metersky and Thomson has once again provided us with what promises to be an outstanding meeting in San Diego. At our Membership Meeting this year, we will be trying something new. We will start the meeting earlier to allow new members more time to learn about the assembly and ATS, and the reception will be extended to allow for more interaction among our colleagues. We decided to omit the dinner this year, as the expense of the dinners has been rising at a rate that far outpaced the quality of the food. This seems to have decreased the number of members attending the dinners. Please let our assembly leaders know your opinion and experience of this new format. As we are not having the dinner, we will ask the recipient of our Senior Award to offer a few words on their careers and on advice for our junior members.

This is the time to start planning proposals for next year's meeting in Dallas. Meet with your colleagues and brainstorm about sessions that you would like to see or people you would like to hear next year. The proposals are usually due around the time that you start to recover from this year's meeting! We also have a dearth of new projects in queue for the Planning Committee, so please be thinking about new guideline statements, documents, workshops, conferences or other novel products.

I would like to thank our assembly leadership and committees for all their hard work over this past year. Please go to our assembly website and see the impressive list of these Officers and Committees: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/pitb/officers-committees/> I hope that these dedicated colleagues will inspire you to become more involved in our assembly and in the ATS. Best wishes for an enjoyable and productive meeting in San Diego!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mark Metersky, MD, Chair and Rachel Thomson, MBBS, PhD, FRACP, Chair-Elect

Our main objectives have been to provide a comprehensive range of scientific research, clinical information and updates to the PI-TB programming for the ATS 2018 International Conference. We endeavored to not only find a balance of topics that reflected the Assembly's interests but also strived to find content that would have universal interest and appeal. We are indebted to the many individuals and groups who collaborated to propose very strong symposia, courses, and seminars. There was very strong participation in proposals for scientific symposia and other venues this year. The Program Committee and other ATS committees voted on these proposals and on submitted abstract to establish the content for this year's meeting.

We are deeply appreciative of the efforts of the Program Committee in reviewing the scientific and clinical submissions over the course of the year. We look forward to the International Conference providing stimulating and thought-provoking research and clinical information. The Program Committee met at the 2017 ATS International Conference, and then conducted its work on line and through email and phone conversations. An advisory committee serves to provide input regarding programming. There were two ATS-wide International Conference Committee (ICC) planning meetings, in September and December of 2017, where Mark Metersky, Chair of the Program Committee, and Rachel Thomson, Chair-Elect, represented PI-TB. During the September meeting, the main task was to schedule the Assembly Scientific Symposia. In addition, the Joint Assembly Scientific Symposia were voted upon and scheduled. During the December ICC meeting we programmed more than 450 submitted abstracts into symposia and poster sessions that we hope will advance the scientific and clinical activities of the Assembly membership. The submitted abstracts were grouped according to Program Committee score and content. We have endeavored to diversify the moderators and facilitators for sessions. We also have sought to pair junior facilitators and moderators with senior faculty at poster sessions.

With regard to scheduling, the number of slots and presentation venues are set by ATS. All Assemblies are assigned a certain number of "Wednesday slots," i.e. they are required by ATS in order to be equitable. Keynotes, Year in Review, Workshops and Post-graduate courses are chosen by non-PI-TB ATS committees. However, this year, in response to a perceived paucity of "Year in Review" content related to pulmonary infection, we successfully lobbied for additional infection-related content.

We would like to acknowledge and thank each of the Program Committee members for their service, hard work in reviewing and scoring abstracts and , as well as for their input into the programming during the past year. The Committee Members for 2017-2018 are:

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Lastly, we would like to offer our profoundest thanks to the ATS staff for their help, support, organization, and patience, in particular Francine Comi, Nancy Guerrero, Miriam Rodriguez, D'Ann Brown, Liliana Rose, Ho Young Hung, and Bridget Nance.

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SESSIONS SPONSORED BY THE ASSEMBLY ON PULMONARY INFECTIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 18, 2018			
PG10	DIFFICULT CLINICAL PROBLEMS IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE INFECTIONS	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2018			
PG21	A HANDS-ON INTRODUCTION TO STUDYING THE LUNG MICROBIOME	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG22	BRONCHIECTASIS AND ADULT CYSTIC FIBROSIS: WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY?	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B8	NONTUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA INFECTION: CURRENT KNOWLEDGE AND RECENT ADVANCES	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
B90	RAPID MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS FOR PNEUMONIA: IS SPEED THE ONLY THING?	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C9	MAKING TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION GREAT AGAIN	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D89	LONG-TERM COMPLICATIONS AFTER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS AND SEPSIS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Jointly-Developed Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A12	FROM SPANISH FLU OF 1918 TO TODAY: WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM VIRUSES?	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A90	CRACKING THE VACCINE CODE IN TB: INNATE IMMUNITY	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Sunrise Seminars			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
SS112	BRONCHOALVEOLAR LAVAGE IN THE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HOST: MOVING BEYOND TRADITIONAL DIAGNOSTIC METHODS FOR FUNGAL INFECTION	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
SS214	THE INS AND OUTS OF PLEURAL SPACE INFECTION	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
SS312	TAKE A DEEP BREATH: AEROSOLIZED ANTIBIOTICS FOR LUNG DISEASE	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
MP409	CONTROVERSIES ON MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA AND PLEURAL INFECTIONS	12:15 PM	1:15 PM

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Meet The Professor Seminars			
Monday, May 21, 2018			
MP509	MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH SEVERE COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
MP608	CONTROVERSIES IN BRONCHIECTASIS: A CASE BASED PRO/CON DISCUSSION	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
Mini-Symposium			
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C17	NEW INSIGHTS IN ACUTE PULMONARY INFECTIONS	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
C96	ADVANCES IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PULMONARY NTM DISEASE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D17	THE BEASTS WITHIN US: TARGETING THE MICROBIOME	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A107	CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO ACUTE RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B105	MYCOBACTERIAL HOST DEFENSE AND PATHOGENESIS	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C107	HIV: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
RAPiD Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A25	TUBERCULOSIS MANAGEMENT: NEW INSIGHTS	9:15 AM	11:15 AM
A106	NTM CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D107	HOST PATHOGEN INTERACTIONS	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Thematic Poster Sessions			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A56	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA: CASE REPORTS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A57	BRONCHIECTASIS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
A58	NON-TUBERCULOUS MYCOBACTERIA: OFF THE BEATEN TRACK	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B52	BACTERIAL INFECTION CASE REPORTS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C57	TUBERCULOSIS EPIDEMIOLOGY	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C58	FUNGAL CASE REPORTS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C59	UNUSUAL PULMONARY INFECTIONS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C60	TRANSLATIONAL AND BASIC INVESTIGATIONS IN PULMONARY INFECTION	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C61	PULMONARY INFECTIONS: CLINICAL INVESTIGATIONS	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
C62	TUBERCULOSIS: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	9:15 AM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D47	TUBERCULOSIS: CASE REPORTS	9:15 AM	3:30 PM

**ATS 2018 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST TO PI-TB ASSEMBLY**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Time	
Postgraduate Courses			
Friday, May 18, 2018			
PG7	PLEURAL DISEASE 2018: EVIDENCE BASED BEST PRACTICE IN INVESTIGATIONS AND MANAGEMENT	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
PG14	ARE YOUR MITOCHONDRIA HAPPY? A BEGINNERS GUIDE TO ASSESSING MITOCHONDRIAL FUNCTION AT THE BENCH	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Saturday, May 19, 2018			
PG20	THORACIC IMAGING FOR THE PULMONOLOGIST AND CRITICAL CARE PHYSICIAN: A CASE-BASED REVIEW	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
Scientific Symposium			
Sunday, May 20, 2018			
A6	GLYCOBIOLOGY AND GLYCOMICS OF LUNG DISEASES	9:15AM	11:15 AM
A11	ATS/JRS/CTS/ERS SYMPOSIUM ON SEVERE ASTHMA: RATIONALIZING TARGETED THERAPEUTICS	9:15AM	11:15 AM
Monday, May 21, 2018			
B4	TARGETS FOR IMPROVED SEPSIS CARE: WHAT, WHEN, AND HOW	9:15AM	11:15 AM
B85	IMMUNOMETABOLISM: THE COMPLEX INTERPLAY BETWEEN METABOLIC REPROGRAMMING AND IMMUNITY	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
C89	FUTURE RESPIRATORY HEALTH IN CHILDREN: CLIMATE CHANGE AND INCREASING WORLD POPULATION	2:15 PM	4:15 PM
Wednesday, May 23, 2018			
D88	PERSONALIZED PREVENTION OF LUNG DISEASE	1:30 PM	3:30 PM
Workshop Sessions			
Tuesday, May 22, 2018			
WS5	CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP: SWIMMING IN THE SEA OF BIG DATA FOR PULMONARY RESEARCH	11:45 AM	1:15 PM

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Ritwij Kulkarni, MSc, PhD, Chair

The main objectives of PI-TB web committee are to facilitate communication between various assembly stake-holders by providing various avenues of access and to disseminate scientific information through official statements, links to news articles, webinars, journal clubs and podcasts. The web committee has organized many webinars and online journal clubs to highlight important discoveries in the field of pulmonary infection since 2013. We have also started posting podcasts since 2017. The webinars, journal clubs and podcasts have been instrumental in increasing member engagement. In the future, we will continue with these activities, while expanding our digital presence via twitter. In addition, we will begin publishing “Pulmo-pedia”, an educational service for clinicians to get simple, clear answers to questions raised in the evaluation and management of patients with pulmonary infections, including tuberculosis (TB).

The PI-TB website features links to our many highly cited statements and positions papers, as well as links to infection-related organizations around the globe. The website also provides assembly-specific data, including leadership contacts and assembly news. In particular, look for upcoming information regarding the ATS 2018 PI-TB Symposia and ongoing updates about the many important projects the PI-TB Assembly supports.

In addition to the static content posted to the website, the PI-TB’s efforts to provide important information related to the pathogenesis, host response, diagnosis, and management of respiratory tract infection now include live, interactive webinar and journal club series addressing novel, controversial, and timely issues. These series include live presentations by international experts followed by interactive question and answer sessions from ATS members from all Assemblies. It is noteworthy that our webinars and journal clubs are attended by international audience spanning across time zones. The links to past webinars, podcasts and journal clubs are made available on website.

To reach the PI-TB website from the ATS Home (thoracic.org), select the “Members” tab on the upper blue ribbon, select “Assemblies,” then and select “Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis” to gain immediate access to all of the updated content.

The webinar series directors are Laura Gleeson (gleesole@tcd.ie) and Colin Swenson (colin.swenson@emory.edu) The journal club directors are Bashar Staitieh (bashar.staitieh@emory.edu), Amali Samarasinghe (asamaras@uthsc.edu) and Chad Marion (chad.marion@yale.edu). The Podcast director is Benjamin Wu (wub02@nyumc.org)

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Bashar Staitieh, MD, Chair and Laura Gleeson, MB, BCh, Co-Chair

Greetings from the PI-TB Early Career Working Group! Our working group was established by the executive committee several years ago with the primary goal of increasing assembly recruitment, retention, and engagement among junior ATS members. In the past year, the ECWG has focused its efforts on recruitment of and communication with new members, networking between junior and senior members, and offering career development opportunities within the assembly.

Recruitment and Communication:

- We developed an orientation session for the International Conference this past year that ran at the start of the assembly business meeting to orient new members to the assembly structure and give them an opportunity to interact with assembly leadership. The session will run again this year at 4PM on the day of the assembly business meeting.
- The orientation session was complimented by an overhauled sign-up sheet that offered new members a menu of options for participating in assembly activities (detailed below).
- A mini-newsletter focused on junior members detailing PI-TB assembly activities and opportunities for engagement was distributed in 2017 and another is going out in Spring of 2018.

Networking between junior and senior members:

- The ECWG continued the mentorship program at the 2017 International Conference and we’re in the process of organizing the program for the 2018 conference. This year, we’re putting additional emphasis on Junior Faculty and Senior Fellows serving as mentors for more junior members (such as residents and medical students).
- The successful Journal Club also continued during the year with topics including HIV-associated Lung Disease and Pneumonia in the Elderly, and a more recent session on Host Defense and Mucosal Immunity.

Career Development Opportunities:

- The ECWG developed two instructional guides, one for podcast interviews with senior mentors and one for article summaries for the assembly website. The guides were sent to new members who indicated an interest in assembly activities on their sign-up sheets.
- The ECWG facilitated the assembly's participation in the Rising Stars program through the Science and Innovation Center at the 2017 International Conference, with both the past co-chair and current chair presenting to an audience drawn from the science-leaning assemblies.
- The contacts and networking provided by the ECWG continue to help junior members join other assembly committees (particularly the Web and Program Committees)
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The members of the ECWG are: Bashar Staitieh (Chair), Laura Gleeson (Co-Chair), Shanjana Awasthi, Monica Campo-Patino, Eva Carmona-Porquera, Keira Cohen, Laura Frye, Jennifer Honda, Elly Karamooz, Ritwij Kulkarni, Lokesh Kumar Sharma, Chad Marion, John McGinniss, Alexa Pragman, Krishna Reddy, Amali Samarasinghe, Shivani Singh, Richard Van Zyl Smit, Colin Swenson, Nicholas Walters, Benjamin Wu, and Samantha Yeligar.

Our next PI-TB Early Career Working Group meeting will be held at the ATS 2018 International Conference in San Diego on Monday May 21st from 6:45-8:15 am. If you are interested in joining us, drop us a line at bashar.staitieh@emory.edu. A special thanks to Melinda, Debbie, Miriam, Vlad, and the rest of the ATS staff for their hard work and help this year. See you in San Diego!

***Assembly on
Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis
Membership Meeting***

***Monday, May 21st
4:30pm-7:00pm***

***Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
Seaport Ballroom E***



Be sure to follow us at [@ATS_Assemblies](https://twitter.com/ATS_Assemblies) for news on webinars, deadlines, and other things you might have missed in your inbox!

Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? Look no further! This year at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego, CA, the Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

The Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot will be located at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in the Balboa A room on the Second Level in the Seaport Tower. The room will be available:
Sunday May 20th – Tuesday May 22nd, 2018 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Light snacks and beverages will be offered throughout the day. Laptops and printers will be made available for use and don't forget to pick up your Assembly Mentoring Program Ribbon and Pin!

We hope you can join us at the Assembly Mentoring Program's Meeting spot!

Interested in joining a mentoring program? Visit our Assemblies homepage and click on ATS Mentoring Program to learn more or contact Melinda Garcia at mgarcia@thoracic.org

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for funding in FY2019!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2019. 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 Grant W. Waterer, MBBS, MBA, PhD at grant.waterer@uwa.edu.au.

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

Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS)

Do you have an amazing teaching video that you want to share with the world? Then consider submitting to the Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS). For more information, please visit: <https://www.thoracic.org/professionals/clinical-resources/video-lecture-series/index.php>

2nd Annual ATS Walking Challenge

Walk for a good cause! Track steps and stay active with the Second Annual ATS Walking Challenge. For every participant who walks 30,000 steps TEVA Respiratory will make a donation of \$100 to the ATS Foundation, for a total maximum donation of \$50,000. Remember – 100% of all donations to the ATS Foundation fund new research awards. [Click here](#) for more details.

Invitation to Join ATS Signature Global Health Program: Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical and Operations Research (MECOR)

Loyal to its tagline, the American Thoracic Society helps the world breathe; the ATS has been working to build research capacity in low- and middle-income countries through its Methods in Epidemiologic, Clinical, and Operations Research (MECOR) program for 25 years. This intensive course for physicians and related health care professionals increases capacity and leadership in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine research beyond its US borders and US membership.

This spring, the ATS launched MECOR 2.0, which includes a ground-up redesign of the curriculum, course organization, and faculty/mentorship offerings. The updated program capitalizes and builds upon the program's extensive experience and expertise. The curriculum utilizes a "flipped classroom" teaching model with seminar style classroom sessions and a focus on one to one instruction with a learning management system for students, faculty, and alumni (CANVAS).

Since its initiation in 1994, the scope of the ATS MECOR program has grown tremendously. Today, its footprint is truly global with more than 1800 graduates from its global network of courses. Courses and partners include in **Africa**, the Pan African Thoracic, in **China**, the Chinese Thoracic Society, in **India**, the US Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Council for Medical Research, in **Indonesia**, the Indonesian Society for Respiriology, in the **Mediterranean**, the Turkish Thoracic Society, in **Latin American** the Latin American Thoracic Society, and in **Southeast Asia**, the Vietnamese National TB Program and the University of Sydney.

To join the ATS MECOR program as a faculty member or mentor, please use the link below to complete an application. For more information on the ATS MECOR Program, please go to the ATS website at:

[ATS MECOR Program](#)

[ATS MECOR Faculty Application](#)

Official ATS Documents: Informational Opportunities at the 2018 ATS International Conference in San Diego

If you're developing or interested in developing an Official ATS Document (Clinical Practice Guidelines, Policy Statements, Research Statements, Workshop Reports, or Technical Statements), please consider attending one or more of these opportunities while you are in San Diego at the ATS International Conference:

- **Documents Development & Implementation Committee (DDIC) Workshop/Meeting:** Friday, May 18th from 6-9 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Golden Hill AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). This session is required for all Guideline Panel Chairs and Chairs of new non-guideline projects. It is also recommended for Chairs of ongoing non-guideline projects. Anyone who is interested in Official ATS Documents is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to John Harmon at jharmon@thoracic.org if you have not already done so. A light dinner will be served.
 - ⇒ 6-7 PM – Presentations by DDIC members about the Official Document types, methodological requirements for each, and other practical issues (e.g., conflict of interest management, review, and approval)
 - ⇒ 7-9 PM – Current Guideline Chairs (or their designees) will give progress reports and then troubleshoot informally with DDIC members and ATS staff. New Guideline Chairs will have the opportunity to listen to these reports and learn about the "trials and tribulations" of guideline development from experienced peers.
- **Ad Hoc meetings:** Whether you are developing or want to develop an official ATS document, you can schedule an appointment to discuss your idea with Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) or Dr. Jan Brozek (ATS Methodologist). To schedule a meeting, email Kevin Wilson at kwilson@thoracic.org or Jan Brozek at brozekj@mcmaster.ca.
- **Documents Meeting Space:** Meeting space will be available to document developers from Sunday-Wednesday. Contact Kimberly Lawrence at klawrence@thoracic.org for additional details.
- **Guideline Methodology Training Program Information Session:** Monday, May 21st from 7-8:30 PM, Manchester Grand Hyatt, Hillcrest AB (Seaport Tower, 3rd Level). The guideline methodology training program provides mentored training in the skills necessary to serve as a lead methodologist for a clinical practice guideline project. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the training program is welcome to attend. A brief description of the program will be provided, followed by time for questions and answers. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org is required. Space is limited.
- **Meet the Professors:** A Meet the Professors Session entitled "Official ATS Documents: How to Get Involved" is being hosted by Dr. Raed Dweik (Chair of the Documents Development and Implementation Committee) and Dr. Kevin Wilson (ATS Documents Editor) on Tuesday, May 22nd from 12:15-1:15pm. Registration is available through the Conference Registration Website.

ATS 2018 SCIENCE & INNOVATION CENTER

San Diego Convention Center | Sails Pavilion (Upper Level)

The Science & Innovation Center is a forum for scientists and researchers to meet, network, learn, and rest. The Science & Innovation Center is organized by representatives of the Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (All), Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB), Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (RCMB), and Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF).

DAILY:

- + Complimentary breakfast served at 7 a.m.
- + Light refreshments served at noon
- + Informal networking & rest area all day

Sunday, May 20, 2018	Monday, May 21, 2018	Tuesday, May 22, 2018
<p>ATS 101 Series 7:15 - 8 a.m.</p> <p>Topic: iPSC: Innovation and Promise for Lung Disease</p> <p>Speaker: Amy Firth, PhD, University of South California</p>	<p>ATS 101 Series 7:15 - 8 a.m.</p> <p>Topic: Mass Cytometry (CyTOF) for Translational Lung Research</p> <p>Speaker: Jeffrey Atkinson, MD, Washington University in St. Louis</p>	<p>Early Career Professionals Coffee Corner 7:15 - 8 a.m.</p> <p>Meet representatives from Early Career Working groups from All, RCMB, RSF and PI-TB</p>
<p>ATS 101 Series 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Topic: Pathogenesis of Pneumonia</p> <p>Speaker: Joseph P. Mizgerd, Sc.D., Boston University</p>	<p>ATS 101 Series 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Topic: Mitochondria Biology</p> <p>Speaker: Navdeep Chandel, PhD, Northwestern University</p>	<p>Special Meet and Greet Session with NIH Officials 11:15 a.m. - 12 p.m.</p> <p>Topic: Meet and Greet with NHLBI Program Officers</p> <p>Speaker: Matt Craig, PhD Neil Aggarwal, MD, National Institutes of Health</p>
<p>Rising Stars 1:15 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>All Rising Stars: 1:15 - 2</p> <p>RCMB Rising Stars: 2 - 2:45</p>	<p>Rising Stars 1:15 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>PI-TB Rising Stars: 1:15 - 2</p> <p>RSF Rising Stars: 2 - 2:45</p>	<p>SIC Abstract Awards 1:15 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>All Abstract winner: 1:20 RCMB Abstract winner: 1:45 PI-TB Abstract winner: 2:10 RSF Abstract winner: 2:35</p>
<p>Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers Sunday, May 20, 2018 3:30 - 5 p.m.</p>		



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Physicians planning to take the ABIM critical care MOC assessment have a new resource to prepare for the exam: the ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards

The ATS Review for the Critical Care Boards and Questions Book provide an in-depth review of critical care topics that will be on the American Board of Internal Medicine Critical Care Medicine Certification examination. Chapters include:

- Renal, Endocrine and Metabolic Disorders
- Infectious Diseases
- Pharmacology and Toxicology
- Pulmonary Diseases
- Gastrointestinal Disorders
- Surgery, Trauma, and Transplantation
- Cardiovascular Disorders
- Neurologic Disorders
- Hematologic and Oncologic Disorders
- Ethics, Research and Administration

Learn more, order, and begin studying by [visiting](#) the ATS Store

Education Committee to offer Educational Consulting Office Hours during the 2018 International Conference

- Are you planning to submit a proposal for programming at the 2019 International Conference, but don't know where to start?
- Do you want to maximize your chances of having your Postgraduate Course Proposal programmed in 2019?
- Would you like to review feedback you received on a 2018 proposal that wasn't programmed?
- Would you like feedback on a presentation you're giving at this year's International Conference?

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above, stop by the Science and Innovation Center, where members of the Education Committee will be available to answer questions, no appointment necessary. Consulting will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on:

Monday 5/21 from 10-11AM, 12-1 PM, and 3-4 PM
Tuesday 5/22 from 10-11AM, 12-1PM, and 3-4PM
Wednesday 5/23 from 10-11AM, and 12-1PM

Restoring Joy in Health Care Booth

What does burnout look like and how can we change things personally and professionally for the better?

Explore the **Restoring Joy in Health Care booth (#904)** to crowd source ways to improve the professional environment, get a chair massage or visit with a therapy dog to bring you back to center. Therapy dogs are in the booth from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

Interactive booth in the Exhibit Hall (with puppies)
San Diego Convention Center
Hall C (Ground Level), Booth 904
May 20-22, 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Help Available for Assembly Members on Clinical and Research Ethics and Conflict Management

The ATS Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee is a society-wide committee appointed by the ATS President to be a resource and contribute to ATS education on biomedical and organizational ethics. Its seventeen members are from many ATS assemblies and sections, and many have leadership roles in their institution's ethics committees, advanced degrees in medical or nursing ethics, and have published on related issues.

Assembly members are encouraged to use the committee for advice and help in developing programs, statements, and conference sessions relevant to clinical or research ethics or managing conflicts of interest (COI), as well as in dealing with the ethical issues you face in the workplace. In recent years, the committee developed ATS statements on Managing Conscientious Objections and Responding to Requests for Potentially Inappropriate Therapies, and produced podcasts on other topics that are available within the ATS Breathe Easy podcasts on the ATS website. It also oversees ATS management of COI. The Committee is chaired by David Chooljian, MD, JD. Questions and requests for help can go through the committee's staff member, Shane McDermott, at smcdermott@thoracic.org or 212-315-8650.

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