MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

The Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN) Assembly (http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/index.php) of the American Thoracic Society has had another excellent year. The sleep field continues to provide an exciting arena for scientists, clinicians and teachers. As a young field we provide outstanding opportunities for junior people.

As chair, one of my responsibilities is representing our Assembly on the ATS Board of Directors. I’ve attended 2 meetings so far and both have provided me with a greater appreciation for the extensive activities and successes of the ATS as well as the continued challenges including providing consistent research support, ensuring success of the International Conference, and enhancing revenue diversification. One of the other highlights of these meetings is an opportunity to meet with the other Assembly Chairs. At each of these meetings, 3 Assembly Chairs present information about their Assemblies, including successes, opportunities and challenges. It’s been informative to know that even some of the bigger ATS Assemblies have challenges! At our meeting in December, we discussed several issues of importance to our Assembly including conducting needs analyses to improve the educational offerings at the International Conference, how to improve the process of updating ATS Statements to make them ‘living’ documents, and creation of a database of members who want to be more involved in ATS activities.

I’d like to thank the members of the Executive Committee who have worked with me as we have worked on a variety of projects outlined here:

1. Under the leadership of Indu Ayappa, PhD, and Susheel Patil, MD, the SRN Program of the ATS 2012 in San Francisco promises to be one of our best ever. We have considerable scientific content spanning the range from basic to translational to clinical. Our abstracts remain strong both in terms of quantity as well as quality. In addition, this spring we will be actively seeking content ideas for future postgraduate courses and symposia from attendees at the courses and our Assembly Meeting.

2. Under the leadership of Susheel Patil, MD, the SRN assembly will be participating in the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) program that the ATS will be offering at the International Conference. This new program will allow board certified members an alternative route to obtaining MOC...
points by attending select symposia and completing a post-test. Susheel has been on the steering committee of the International Conference Committee that has mapped out a 3-year plan for covering sleep-related topics.

3. Under the leadership of Mihaela Teodorescu, MD and Renaud Tamisier, MD, we now have an active website committee. The major initiative this year has been the launch of a web-based, interactive, journal club. We’ve had two sessions to date and both have been well-received. You can view the content of these sessions on the website at http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/journal-club.php. I’d encourage all of our members to participate in the upcoming sessions this spring and to invite fellows/trainees to join in. Mihaela and Renaud continue to coordinate monthly sleep fragments as well and we hope to initiate a Best Sleep Fragment of the Year Award at this spring’s Assembly Meeting.

4. Under the leadership of Seva Polotsky, MD, PhD, the Planning Committee has invited Emmanuel Mignot, MD, PhD, to speak at this year’s Assembly Dinner. The Planning Committee will be soliciting ideas for new Assembly Projects this spring and I encourage assembly members to talk with Seva or Sanjay Patel (incoming Planning Committee Chair) if they have an idea for a project. Finally, the planning committee will once again be evaluating the applicants for the James B. Skatrud New Investigator award (http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/index.php). This year, the recipient of the award will give a 15 minute presentation highlighting his/her research during our assembly meeting.

We continue to actively support of junior trainees. This support comes primarily in the form of travel and research awards to attend the ATS 2012 meeting. As in years past, there will be an orientation meeting for new Assembly members prior to our assembly meeting, so that they can learn more about the SRN Assembly and how to get involved. I highly recommend that all members encourage their trainees and new members to attend our Annual Assembly Meeting and dinner. It’s a great opportunity to network, eat and get to hear a great speaker.

The Assembly leadership is always looking for members to become involved in the activities of the Assembly. Please talk to me before or after the Assembly meeting if you would like to be considered for a committee assignment in the coming year.

As always, the executive committee and I welcome feedback from all of our members. We have had an exciting year which will culminate in our international conference in San Francisco which promises to be outstanding, as there will be something for everyone. See you all there.
allow International Conference attendees to obtain credit that could be used towards this process. More details will be forthcoming.

This year’s program will begin with three outstanding post-graduate courses covering both adult and pediatric sleep medicine presented by experts in the field. On Friday we will have “What’s new in obstructive sleep apnea and cardiovascular disease?” and “Sleep disordered breathing and associated co-morbidities in children: from bench to bedside”. On Saturday we will have “Current and emerging treatments for sleep disordered breathing.”

On Sunday, the Clinical Year in Review for Sleep will be presented by Naresh Punjabi, MD, PhD from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Sanjay Patel’s abstract on “Transcriptional Effects Of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure On Adipose Tissue In Obstructive Sleep Apnea.” was selected for presentation in the Scientific Breakthroughs Symposium: Biomarkers For Lung Disease: The Cutting Edge.

The latest outstanding research that is being conducted in our field will be showcased in mini-symposia sessions titled “Obstructive sleep apnea: Interventions and new associations” (includes talks with results from the Wisconsin Sleep Study Cohort regarding OSA and cancer mortality, and effects of CPAP therapy withdrawal on cardiac repolarization), “Sleep disordered breathing pathogenesis: mechanical and neural mechanisms” and “Sleep disordered breathing and metabolic function: how unsweet it is.” (including results from the European Sleep Cohort Study linking SDB and Glycemic Health). The late breaking abstracts that will be presented include results from the multicenter Spanish cohort on the association between sleep apnea and incidence of cancer, outcomes and mechanism of action of a new device using Oral Pressure Therapy for treatment of sleep apnea and results from a study examining changes in brain metabolites and cognitive deficits in children after treatment of sleep apnea.

The poster discussion sessions are particularly noteworthy this year and will include “Sleep disordered breathing and heart failure: Mechanisms, consequences, and treatment”, “Diagnostic and therapeutic approaches in sleep apnea” (includes the latest results on nerve stimulation), “Upper airway control, structure and function” and “Pediatric Sleep Disorders”.

The major scientific symposia for 2012 include “No Pain No Gain: Will Upper-Airway Exercise Training/Electrical Stimulation Work For Sleep Apnea?” which will cover the physiological changes that may occur as a result of upper airway muscle training and the potential for upper airway muscle training/stimulation techniques to alter sleep apnea severity. “Arrhythmogenesis And Cardiac Disease In Sleep Disordered Breathing: Mechanisms And Clinical Implications” will examine the genesis of cardiac arrhythmias in SDB, the role of subclinical electrophysiologic markers in SDB, and new findings on the impact of SDB therapy on cardiac arrhythmias. “Intermittent Hypoxia Mediated Cardiovascular and Neuronal Protective Mechanisms” will cover the important and more controversial aspect of intermittent hypoxia, namely, the induction of protective mechanisms in the heart and neuro-plasticity. In the session “Hypoxia And Neurocognitive Impairment: Lessons From Sleep Apnea And Ischemic Brain Injury” the mechanisms and impact of obstructive sleep apnea syndrome on neurocognitive function in children and adults will be examined. Of particular interest to clinicians and attendees involved in the management of sleep disorders are the sessions “Pediatric non-invasive ventilation”, the Pro-Con session “Controversies In The Diagnosis And Management Of Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Cutting Edge Debates” and the hands-on workshop “Models Of Sleep Apnea Care Utilizing Portable Monitoring And Alternative Delivery Methods”.

We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco and we hope this year’s meeting will be a venue for Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology scientists and clinicians to share and generate new ideas.
## Postgraduate Course

**Friday, May 18, 2012**

PG13 WHAT'S NEW IN OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE? 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Saturday, May 19, 2012**

PG26 CURRENT AND EMERGING TREATMENTS FOR SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## Scientific Symposium

**Sunday, May 20, 2012**

A87 ARRHYTHMOGENESIS AND CARDIAC DISEASE IN SLEEP DISORDERED BREATHING: MECHANISMS AND CLINICAL IMPLICATIONS 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Monday, May 21, 2012**

B7 CONTROVERSIES IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA: CUTTING-EDGE DEBATES 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

C8 NO PAIN NO GAIN: WILL UPPER AIRWAY EXERCISE TRAINING/ELECTRICAL STIMULATION WORK FOR SLEEP APNEA? 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

C87 HYPOXIA AND NEUROCOGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT: LESSONS FROM SLEEP APNEA AND ISCHEMIC BRAIN INJURY 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

D87 INTERMITTENT HYPOXIA MEDIATED CARDIOVASCULAR AND NEURONAL PROTECTIVE MECHANISMS 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## Meet The Professor Seminars

**Sunday, May 20, 2012**

MP418 WOMEN AND SLEEP 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Monday, May 21, 2012**

MP518 A PRACTICAL APPROACH TO IMPROVING ADHERENCE TO POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE THERAPY IN PATIENTS WITH OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

MP617 CONTINUOUS POSITIVE AIRWAY PRESSURE (CPAP) USE IN CHILDREN 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

## Sunrise Seminar

**Monday, May 21, 2012**

SS117 WHAT THE PULMONOLOGIST SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SLEEP IN RESPIRATORY DISEASE 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

SS216 TOO TIRED FOR 18 WHEELS: CASE STUDIES OF SLEEP APNEA IN COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVERS 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

**Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

SS315 STROKE AS A SEQUELA OF SLEEP PATHOLOGY 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM

## Workshop

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012**

WS5 MODELS OF SLEEP APNEA CARE UTILIZING PORTABLE MONITORING AND ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY METHODS 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## Mini-Symposium

**Sunday, May 20, 2012**

A18 OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA: INTERVENTIONS AND NEW ASSOCIATIONS 8:15 AM - 10:45 AM
I would like to provide an update on the activities of the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Planning Committee over the last year. The Planning Committee is charged with developing long range plans for the Assembly. We have several ongoing projects:

1) Dr. Richard Schwab. *CPAP Monitoring - What is the Ideal Strategy and Outcome Measure?* The project has been submitted for publication.

2) Dr. Babak Mokhlesi. *Sleep Fragments – An Educational Resource for Physicians and Trainees*

3) Dr. Jerry Krishnan. Comparative *Effectiveness Research in Pulmonary, Sleep, and Critical Care Medicine* (Behavior Science is the Primary Assembly; SRN is one of the Secondary Assemblies)

We will have an update on these projects at the Assembly Membership Meeting on Monday, May 21 at the 2012 ATS International Conference in San Francisco. If you are interested in Submitting an Assembly/Committee Project or just have a great idea for one send the planning committee chair an email.
The Planning Committee has also been charged with soliciting and considering applications for the 2012 James B. Skatrud New Investigator Award. In the past, this prestigious award had been given to highly successful and promising young investigators in the field. Please, check the ATS website at http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/assembly-awards/assembly-on-sleep-and-respiratory-neurobiology-james-b.-skatrud-new-investigator-award.php for details. The deadline for applying is April 15th, 2012. The award will be presented at the Assembly Membership Meeting in San Francisco.

Finally, as usual we will be hosting a reception with the aim of facilitating interaction between Assembly members and new members attending the SRN Assembly Membership Meeting. The reception will be held on Monday, May 17th from 7:00 - 9:00 PM following the SRN business meeting. Dr. Emmanuel Mignot will discuss "The Strange Tale of Narcolepsy: from Cataplectic dogs to Side Effects of a Flu Vaccination" at the Assembly dinner/reception. It should be a great event and a great lecture. Hope to see you there.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE
Vsevolod (Seva) Polotsky, M.D., Ph.D, Chair

We are pleased to provide an update regarding the exciting web-related activities of the Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology (SRN) Assembly of the American Thoracic Society (ATS). This year, a web-committee was constituted which engaged in three projects, the online sleep journal club, sleep funding links and educational materials.

In November 2011, we launched our sleep online journal club, co-chaired by Drs. Shirin Shafazand and Vidya Krishnan. The Journal Club is conducted on a web-based platform allowing real-time discussion both online and on the phone. This interactive activity is especially dedicated to fellows, trainees and junior faculty, where they have the opportunity to present an article and take an active role in the discussion. We have a senior expert committee overseeing article selection, as well as facilitating the discussion. In addition, for each session, we are inviting the authors of the selected article to participate, which significantly enhances the depth of the discussion. We aim to select a wide range of topics, spanning clinical and more basic aspects of sleep medicine, both from adult and pediatric fields. Please visit our website http://www.thoracic.org/assemblies/srn/index.php for recordings of our recent discussions sessions, as well as information on the upcoming sessions, which most recently take place monthly. We have received very positive feedback from the participating trainees. We very much welcome trainees’ and junior faculty’ involvement, to both propose/present articles as well as to participate in the discussions.

The second project of the web-committee is the sleep funding page, led by Dr. Madalina Macrea, MD. The initial phase of this project compiles information about sleep funding mechanisms from the National Institutes of Health, professional societies and foundations. This page is nearly completed and is to be published before May meeting, and it will be updated every 6 months. In a second phase, a page of international sleep funding mechanisms will be added. We welcome our international colleagues to provide input and participate in developing this page.

One last project the web-committee is working on is establishing a repository of sleep educational materials, an effort led by Dr. Susmita Chowdhuri. This year’s focus is on compiling a series of most often used, validated sleep and related questionnaires, for clinical practice and research. This project is ongoing and its targeted completion is prior to the May meeting. Our other focus continues to be the Sleep Fragment series which consists of image-based short case presentations, with 1-2 questions related to the image, followed by a brief discussion. This series is meant to highlight teaching points relevant to the practice of Sleep Medicine. In 2012, the Sleep Fragments website (www.thoracic.org/clinical/sleep/sleep-fragment/index.php) continued to be frequently used as a popular edu-

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We welcome your submissions to the Sleep Fragment series! Formal instructions can be found at www.thoracic.org/clinical/sleep/sleep-fragment/submission-guidelines.php. We are happy to have authors contact us (mt3@medicine.wisc.edu or rtamisier@chu-grenoble.fr) prior to submission, to help develop and refine cases. All Sleep Fragments are subject to peer-review and represent an excellent venue for fellows, residents and medical students to partner with faculty members and submit cases for eventual publication. The Sleep Fragments represent also an excellent opportunity for young people to get involved with the ATS and to complete the requirement of scholarly activities required by ACGME fellowships, as Sleep Fragments can be added to the CV as peer-reviewed publications.

Finally, our Assembly was featured for the October ATS clinical case. This was a case of sleep-disordered breathing following coronary artery bypass graft surgery (http://www.thoracic.org/clinical/ats-clinical-cases/pages/a-case-of-sleep-disordered-breathing-after-coronary-artery-bypass-graft-surgery.php), courtesy of Drs. Dries Testelmans, Natalia Siyanko, and Renaud Tamisier.

We are very grateful to the web-committee members, the authors of the articles presented, SRN leadership and ATS staff for their time and commitment, for all these exciting activities. We welcome suggestions and participation in all our SRN web activities, so please do not hesitate to contact us (mt3@medicine.wisc.edu or rtamisier@chu-grenoble.fr).

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 Sanjay R. Patel, MD at srpatel555@hotmail.com.

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

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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.
Assembly On
Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology
Membership Meeting

**MONDAY, MAY 21**
5:00PM-7:00PM
SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
YERBA BUENA 1-3
LOWER B2 LEVEL

Assembly On
Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology
Reception

**MONDAY, MAY 21**
7:00PM-10:00PM
SAN FRANCISCO MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL
YERBA BUENA 4-6
LOWER B2 LEVEL

The Assembly on Sleep and Respiratory Neurobiology Reception is supported by donations from Philips Respironics, Inc. & ResMed Corp

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
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.**

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.

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.

**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.