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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR

Dear Assembly Colleagues:

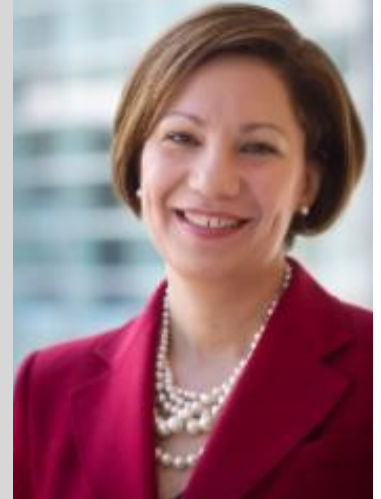
I hope this newsletter finds you well and excitedly making plans to attend the International Conference in Dallas. During the recent ATS Board of Directors meeting we were given a mini tour of downtown Dallas and I was amazed by the architectural, culinary, and artistic sophistication of the area, all within walking distance from hotels and the convention center. More importantly, the Thoracic Oncology Assembly (TOA) Program Committee has put together a fantastic agenda for the International Conference including high profile scientific and clinical symposia, post graduate courses and interactive poster sessions covering the full spectrum of thoracic oncology. I look forward to seeing you in Dallas especially at our annual Assembly Meeting which will be held on Monday, May 20th, 4:30-7:00pm, Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Cumberland, EH (Exhibition Level). At this meeting you will hear updates on the work done by TOA members over the past year and an overall view of ATS-wide activities including information on how to get more involved. We will discuss opportunities for engagement within the Assembly including submission of proposals for the 2020 International Conference, ATS funded assembly proposals (research, policy or workshop statements) and involvement in working groups. Members who want to get involved with the ATS can submit their name along with their abilities and interests to the ATS-wide database, www.thoracic.org/go/get-involved.

Our Assembly is composed of members who remain steadfast to the mission of advancing the breadth and quality of research, clinical and advocacy efforts related to thoracic malignancies within ATS. We are committed to building a community of scholarship, service and multidisciplinary collaboration to improve and disseminate knowledge in the field of thoracic oncology. In this newsletter, TOA leadership describe recent achievements and future directions.

As Assembly Chair, I continue to work with members of the ATS Tobacco Action Committee (TAC) to promote and enhance research and educational collaboration to further our collective mission of ending tobacco use. The assembly executive committee welcomed having a member of the TAC on our monthly conference calls and a member of the TAC was appointed to the TOA planning committee. At the International Conference in May 2019, TOA and TAC will co-sponsor a half day post graduate course titled: “State of the art treatment of tobacco dependence”.

TOA members have done a terrific job developing high quality projects and Philippe Montgrain, Planning Committee Chair,.....

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY CHAIR (Continued)

highlights four proposals recently published, one pending publication and one accepted for the International Conference in May 2019. The Chair and Co-Chair of the Program Committee, Patrick Nana-Sinkam and Anil Vachani, worked tirelessly to represent our assembly at the programming meeting for the International Conference. Once again, we will have an excellent TOA-sponsored and co-sponsored program that includes 2 post graduate courses, (PG4 and PG5) major symposia, (PG12) jointly-sponsored symposia (D90), mini symposia (D98 and D19), sunrise seminars (SS116 and SS217), meet the professor sessions (MP413 and MP512) and (A70, A71, A72, B67, B68 and B69) poster sessions. The lung cancer year-in-review will be given by Sam Janes, PhD. Our Web Director, Cole Burks, spearheaded the revamping of the TOA Website. We created an Assistant Web Director position for a fellow-in-training and are delighted to have Arjan Flora currently serving in this position. Cole will summarize the exciting and dynamic webinars and podcasts developed for TOA as well as the revisions made to the Website. In addition, our dynamic duo Web team are beefing up our social media presence, go @ATSTOA!

This newsletter also includes reports from the Chairs of our superb working groups. Nichole Tanner and Mark Fuster Co-Chair the Early Career Professionals Working Group and will summarize the innovative podcasts they developed for early career member as well as the mentoring program. Momen Wahidi and Lonny Yarmus, Co-Chairs of the Interventional Pulmonary Working Group, will summarize the outstanding work the group members have done for the TOA, and Cap Powell, Chair of the International Relations Working Group, will fill us in on the work he is doing with International organizations.

It has been a great honor to serve as Chair of the TOA. Our young Assembly, only in its fifth year, has excelled at promoting multidisciplinary international collaborative efforts to identify the gaps in knowledge and enhance research in thoracic malignancies. I am confident we will continue to excel under the leadership of our incoming Chair, Lynn Tanoue and I urge all of you to get involved and be a part of this exceptional Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Patricia Rivera, MD, ATSF

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Philippe R. Montgrain, MD, Chair

The Thoracic Oncology Assembly has successfully completed and published three projects over the past year, has submitted a manuscript on a project sponsored in 2018, and has one new project accepted for funding (meeting planned at ATS 2019)

Published in 2018:

Rivera MP, Tanner NT, Silvestri GA, Detterbeck FC, Tammemagi MC, Young RP, Slatore CG, Caverly TJ, Boyd CM, Braithwaite D, Fathi JT, Gould MK, Iaccarino JM, Malkoski SP, Mazzone PJ, Tanoue LT, Schoenborn NL, Zulueta JJ, and Wiener RS. Incorporating Coexisting Chronic Illness into Decisions about Patient Selection for Lung Cancer Screening: An Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2018. 198(2): e3–e13.

Feller-Kopman DJ, Reddy CB, DeCamp MM, Diekemper RL, Gould MK, Henry T, Iyer NP, Lee YC, Lewis SZ, Maskell NA, Rahman NM, Sterman DH, Wahidi MM, and Balekian AA. Management of Malignant Pleural Effusions. An Official ATS/STS/STR Clinical Practice Guideline. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2018. 198(7): 839-49

ATS and ALA Lung Cancer Screening Implementation Web-Based Guide. Chairs:
Carey C Thomson and Andrea McKee.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE *(Continued)*

Active projects pending publication:

Knowledge Gaps in Immunotherapy-Related Pneumonitis: A Research Statement. Led by Catherine R. Sears and M. Patricia Rivera.

New projects selected for funding in 2019:

Policy Statement: Addressing Disparities in Lung Cancer Screening Eligibility and Health Care Access. Led by Melissa Aldrich, Louise Henderson, and M. Patricia Rivera.

The Planning Committee has recently evaluated nominations for the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award and Early Career Achievement Award. Winners will be announced at the Assembly meeting.

Our 2018 award recipients were:

Lifetime Achievement Award: Michael Gould, MD

Early Career Achievement Award: Viswam S. Nair, MSCR, MD

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2020!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2020**. 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 Philippe R. Montgrain, MD** at pmontgrain@ucsd.edu

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

The ATS has a Guideline Methodology Scholar Program that provides hands-on training in guideline development. An informational program is being held on Monday, May 20th from 7-8:30 PM, Hyatt Regency Dallas, Sanger A (Atrium Level). Anyone who is interested in learning more about clinical practice guideline development and the ATS training program that provides a hands-on experience in clinical practice guideline development is welcome to attend. A light dinner will be served. Please RSVP to kwilson@thoracic.org. Space is limited.

Additional information: The field of clinical practice guideline development has changed dramatically over the past decade. Formal standards must now be met as defined by the Institute of Medicine, which include a specific approach to searching for evidence, selecting evidence, summarized evidence, formulating recommendations, and rating the quality of evidence and the strength of the recommendations. The ATS and other guideline developers have learned that to successfully adhere to these standards, a guideline methodologist is necessary on each guideline committee. Clinical practice guideline methodologists are individuals who are capable of leading both systematic reviews (i.e., develop search strategies, select studies, extract data, perform meta-analyses, and construct evidence tables and summary of findings tables) and the formulation and grading of evidence-based recommendations.

The requirement that there be a methodologist on every guideline committee has created an imbalance, with the demand for methodologists far exceeding the supply. As organizations move toward continuously updating guidelines and demand increases, this imbalance will worsen. In order to combat this trend and build methodological capacity, the ATS has a methodology training program that takes individuals who have an interest in learning guideline methodology and places them on a guideline panel that needs methodological support. The trainee does the hands-on methodological work for the panel with guidance from the ATS methodologist and, in return, gains experience and middle co-authorship on the guideline. After working on one or two such guidelines projects, the trainee will likely have the skills necessary to become an independent methodologist. We believe that this is a potential career pathway, particularly well-suited for clinician-educators.

Additional benefits of the program include: a) systematic reviews performed during the development of the guideline are often publishable as independent entities and the trainee would be the first author on such derivatives, b) participation in a methodology training workshop, and c) participation in the Evidence Synthesis Methodology Working Group of the Behavioral Sciences and Health Services Research Assembly. The latter will lead to additional opportunities to participate in various workshops and projects.

**Chief, Documents & Medical Affairs
Kevin Wilson, MD**

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Patrick Nana-Sinkam, MD, Chair, Anil Vachani, MD, Vice-Chair

The TOA Program Committee is excited to present an outstanding program for the ATS 2019 IC in Dallas, Texas. In preparation for this year's meeting, the committee sought to highlight several evolving areas in thoracic oncology including tobacco policy, disparities, early detection and translational research in metabolism and immunology. In addition, in collaboration with the early career professional working group, the committee focused on engaging young faculty in leading sessions. The committee reviewed a large number of meritorious scientific submissions and abstracts. The Assembly has 4 major Scientific Symposia, 2 mini-symposia, State of the Art: Lung Cancer 2019 postgraduate course and 5 poster discussions that cover the latest updates in thoracic oncology. In addition, the Program Committee programmed 10 Poster Discussion Sessions in which early career professionals will have the opportunity to partner with senior career professionals to co-chair poster discussions. Highlights of this year's thoracic oncology programming include:

Big Tobacco: Lawyers, Guns and Money: This session will tackle the tobacco settlement, its impact on tobacco policy and the rise of E-cigarettes and vaping.

State of the Art: Lung Cancer 2019: This ever-popular post graduate course will provide attendees with the latest updates on topics such as nicotine addiction, lung cancer screening, immunotherapy and interventional pulmonology.

Ensuring Broad Dissemination and Equitable Access to Lung Cancer Screening: Challenges and Opportunities: This session will explore strategies to overcome the barriers to implementation of lung cancer screening.

Targeting the Immune System in Lung Cancer Progression: This scientific session will highlight abstracts focused mechanisms linking the immune system to progression of lung cancer and how elucidating these mechanisms may be leveraged for biomarker discovery and therapeutic interventions.

Metabolism as a Link Between Lung Cancer and its Microenvironment: This scientific session will examine the role of metabolic alterations in lung cancer and their potential role as biomarkers and therapeutic targets.

**ATS 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ASSEMBLY ON THORACIC ONCOLOGY SESSIONS**

| Session Code | Session Title | Session Time | |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|----------|
| Postgraduate Course | | | |
| Friday, May 17, 2019 | | | |
| PG12 | STATE OF THE ART: LUNG CANCER 2019 | 8:00 AM | 4:00 PM |
| Scientific Symposia | | | |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | | |
| B8 | ENSURING BROAD DISSEMINATION AND EQUITABLE ACCESS TO LUNG CANCER SCREENING: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES | 9:15 AM | 11:15 AM |
| B90 | BIG TOBACCO: LAWYERS, GUNS AND MONEY | 2:15 PM | 4:15 PM |
| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | | | |
| C7 | WHAT PULMONOLOGISTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY | 9:15 AM | 11:15 AM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| D86 | METABOLISM AS A LINK BETWEEN LUNG CANCER AND ITS MICROENVIRONMENT | 1:30 PM | 3:30 PM |
| Jointly-Developed Symposium | | | |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| D90 | IMPROVING (LUNG) HEALTH IN PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV | 1:30 PM | 3:30 PM |
| Sunrise Seminars | | | |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | | |
| SS116 | LUNG CANCER CHEMOPREVENTION: FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE | 6:45 AM | 7:45 AM |
| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | | | |
| SS217 | THE ROLE OF THE PULMONOLOGIST IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND STAGING OF LUNG CANCER | 6:45 AM | 7:45 AM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| SS317 | LUNG CANCER HETEROGENEITY AND ITS CLINICAL APPLICATIONS | 6:45 AM | 7:45 AM |
| Meet The Professor Seminars | | | |
| Sunday, May 19, 2019 | | | |

| Session Code | Session Title | Session Time | |
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| MP413 | PULMONARY COMPLICATIONS OF CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY | 12:15 PM | 1:15 PM |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | | |
| MP512 | LUNG CANCER SCREENING: WHAT IS SHARED DECISION MAKING AND WHEN DOES IT MATTER? | 12:15 PM | 1:15 PM |
| Mini-Symposia | | | |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | | |
| B98 | TARGETING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM IN LUNG CANCER PROGRESSION | 2:15 PM | 4:15 PM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| D19 | LUNG CANCER SCREENING: NOVEL INSIGHTS ON PATIENT SELECTION AND OUTCOMES | 9:15 AM | 11:15 AM |
| RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Sessions | | | |
| Sunday, May 19, 2019 | | | |
| A30 | WHAT'S NEW IN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONARY AND PLEURAL DISEASE | 9:15 AM | 11:15 AM |
| A110 | NOVEL IMAGING FOR LUNG CANCER: A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS | 2:15 PM | 4:15 PM |
| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | | | |
| C30 | LUNG CANCER SCREENING: LESSONS FROM THE FRONT-LINE | 9:15 AM | 11:15 AM |
| C110 | THE FUTURE OF LUNG CANCER BIOMARKERS: WHERE SHOULD WE LOOK? | 2:15 PM | 4:15 PM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| D110 | LUNG CANCER: OPTIMIZING SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT | 1:30 PM | 3:30 PM |
| Thematic Poster Sessions | | | |
| Sunday, May 19, 2019 | | | |
| A70 | UNUSUAL PRESENTATIONS AND MIMICS: WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALWAYS WHAT YOU GET | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| A71 | CASE REPORTS: WHEN IN DOUBT LOOK IN THE AIRWAY | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| A72 | ADVANCES IN INTERVENTIONAL PULMONARY | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| Monday, May 20, 2019 | | | |
| B67 | CASE REPORTS: DIAGNOSTIC AND MANAGEMENT DILEMMAS | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| B68 | ONCOGENIC MUTATIONS, METASTASIS, AND NOVEL THERAPEUTICS | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| B69 | THORACIC ONCOLOGY: OPTIMIZING DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | | | |
| C74 | LUNG CANCER: BIOMARKERS FOR PROGNOSIS AND OUTCOMES | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |

| Session Code | Session Title | Session Time | |
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| Tuesday, May 21, 2019 | | | |
| C74 | LUNG CANCER: BIOMARKERS FOR PROGNOSIS AND OUTCOMES | 9:15 AM | 4:15 PM |
| Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | | | |
| D61 | THORACIC ONCOLOGY CASE REPORTS I | 9:15 AM | 3:30 PM |
| D62 | THORACIC ONCOLOGY CASE REPORTS II | 9:15 AM | 3:30 PM |
| D63 | THORACIC ONCOLOGY CASE REPORTS III | 9:15 AM | 3:30 PM |

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP

Mark M. Fuster, MD, Nichole T. Tanner, MD, Co-Chairs

The mission of the Early Career Professionals Working Group is centered on growth of the TOA membership by creating a supportive environment for our next generation of pulmonary/critical care and related-specialty trainees, physicians, investigators, and clinician-scientists. Our working group has expanded to include 2 additional members including the TOA Web director. We have been maintaining and improving the Early Career Professional Working Group activities of the TOA through a variety of functions to facilitate career development of new and growing members through networking and mentorship opportunities. We continue to support the TOA mentorship program during the International Conference. We had 9 pairs of mentors and mentees at the 2018 meeting and expect 18 pairs for 2019. We are also working to build educational activities through webinars, journal clubs and podcasts with a focus on the Early Career Professionals and trainees. Through collaborations with the Web Committee we conducted a series of interviews with senior career professionals, Drs. Silvestri, Rivera, Massion and Wahidi. Each conversation focused on a different aspect of preparing for a career in Thoracic Oncology and included tips for overcoming various obstacles and pitfalls along the path.

These interviews are available as podcasts on the TOA Website. For questions or suggestions, please contact us at toa@thoracic.org

INTERVENTIONAL PULMONOLOGY WORKING GROUP

Lonny Yarmus, DO, MBA and Momen Wahidi, MD, MBA, Co-Chairs

The mission of the Interventional Pulmonology (IP) Working Group is to explore activities to engage ATS members with interest in IP and foster collaboration around clinical care and research in IP and thoracic oncology. We work with ATS leadership under the TOA to develop content for the annual IC, propose projects and guidelines statements and organize webinars on clinical topics related to interventional pulmonology and advanced pulmonary procedures.

Work developed through the working group and published in 2018 includes:

Beattie J, Yarmus L, Wahidi M, Rivera MP, Gilbert C, Maldonado F, Czarnecka K, Argento A, Chen A, Herth F, Sterman DH. The Immune Landscape of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Utility of Cytologic and Histologic Samples Obtained Through Minimally Invasive Pulmonary Procedures.

Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2018 May 2018 Jul 1;198(1):24-38 Feller-Kopman DJ, Reddy CB, DeCamp MM, Diekemper RL, Gould MK, Henry T, Iyer NP, Lee YC, Lewis SZ, Maskell NA, Rahman NM, Sterman DH, Wahidi MM, and Balekian AA. Management of Malignant Pleural Effusions. An Official ATS/STS/STR Clinical Practice Guideline. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med* 2018. 198(7): 839-49

We continue to schedule webinars around topics of interest to our members including discussion of an *ERJ* article titled: “Long-term outcomes of bronchial thermoplasty in subjects with severe asthma: a comparison of 3-year follow-up results from two prospective multicentre studies” an activity co-sponsored by the TOA and the Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation, and discussion of a *JAMA Intern Med* article “Invasive Diagnostic Procedures for Lung Abnormalities in the Community Setting”

Our goals for 2019 include working on developing proposals centered on:

Evaluating Minimally Invasive Diagnostic Technologies

Policy statement: Incorporate what defines safety for evaluation of new procedures and how new technologies in the minimally invasive pulmonary space should be evaluated and validated before widespread clinical use (i.e. BLVR and Robotics/Navigation, etc.).

Our IP working group will be meeting at the ATS Annual Meeting in Dallas to discuss future activities and projects. If you have any suggestions, please contact us. Momen Wahidi, MD, MBA (momen.wahidi@duke.edu) Lonny Yarmus, DO (lyarmus@jhmi.edu)

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WORKING GROUP

Charles A. Powell, MD, Chair

We are networking with international societies, ERS and IASLC, to advance collaborations in research, care and education to create a welcoming environment for international members.



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ATS 2019 SCIENCE & INNOVATION CENTER

The Science & Innovation Center, located at the **Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas, Hall B (Level 2)**, is a forum for scientists and researchers to meet, network, learn, and rest. The Science & Innovation Center is organized by representatives of the Assemblies on: Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (AII), Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB), Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology (RCMB), and Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF).

HOURS: + Sunday, May 19 - Tuesday, May 21 – 7a.m.- 5p.m. + Wednesday, May 22 – 7a.m.- 1p.m.

DAILY:

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

| Sunday, May 19 | Monday, May 20 | Tuesday, May 21 |
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| 7:15 - 8:00 a.m. ATS 101: Cell Fate Jason Rock, PhD, Boston University | 7:15 - 8:00 a.m. ATS 101: Neural Control of Inflammation Brenda Marsh, MD, PhD, OHSU | 7:15 - 8:00 a.m. Early Career Professionals Coffee Corner |
| 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Navigating ATS Julie Ledford, PhD, University of Arizona | 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Setting up a Lab Phil Verhoef, MD, PhD, University of Chicago | 8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Mentorship: A Key to Success Laura Crotty-Alexander, MD, University of California at San Diego Anne Sperling, PhD, University of Chicago |
| 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. PRDS Orientation | 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Hiring Lab Management Chad Steele, PhD, Tulane University | 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. Building Your Track Record for Career Success Greg Downey, MD, National Jewish Health |
| 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. ATS 101: RNA Seq Jay Kolls, MD, Tulane University Naftali Kaminski, MD, Yale University | 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. ATS 101: Imaging Yan Bai, MD, Harvard University Steven Rowe, MD, University of Alabama | 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. ATS Foundation Grants Erin Marie Nebel, ATS |
| 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Learn: RNA Seq Data | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Learn: Imaging | 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. NIH Grants/Working with Industry Taylor Cohen, PhD, MedImmune Lora Reineck, MD, NIH Ghenima Dirami, PhD, NIH |
| 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Rising Star and SIC Abstract Awards | 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. From Innovative Ideas to Clinical Trials Hector Ortega, MD, Gossamer Bio David Lagares, PhD, Harvard Tim Watkins, MD, Gilead | 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch & Learn: Grants and Funding |
| 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. PhD and Basic Science Reception | 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. BEAR CAGE COMPETITION  | 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Bridging the Gap (MD Perspective) Josh Englert, MD, Ohio State University John Christman, MD, Ohio State University |
| ATS 2019 Let's Discover Together | 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Minority Trainee Development Scholarship Reception | 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. Bridging the Gap (PhD Perspective) Beth Moore, PhD, University of Michigan Megan Ballinger, PhD, Ohio State University |
| | | 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Relax and Recharge |

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Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot



Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? 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 Regency Dallas in the Baker room on the Atrium Level.

The room will be available:

Sunday May 19th – Tuesday May 21st, 2019 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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

Join us at the Mentoring Reception:

Monday, May 20th, 4:00pm
Baker Room (Atrium Level)

Interested in joining a Mentoring Program? Visit our [Assemblies Mentoring homepage](#) or contact Nicole Feijoo at NFeijoo@thoracic.org

Second Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

The ATS is pleased to invite members to attend the “**Second Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers**” to be held at the ATS International Conference on **Sunday, May 19th from 3-5pm. The reception will be held in the Science and Innovation Center.** There will be food provided and activities during the event will include an opportunity to get to meet and network with other scientists, to engage with leaders from the ATS and assemblies and to provide feedback regarding activities or programs that ATS could offer to benefit the basic and translational science members. The event is free, but we ask you to register to help plan for food.

Trainees are especially welcome and encouraged to RSVP and attend!!

[Register here](#)

In addition, be sure to check out the entire program in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC) which will be available on the ATS international meeting mobile app.

Center for Career Development (CCD)

Sunday, May 19 – Tuesday, May 21, 2019 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center Dallas

Hall B (Level 2)

The Center for Career Development is a professional networking and career development forum for early career professionals (medical students, residents, fellows, post docs, other allied healthcare and research professionals) in training or transitioning from training in Pulmonary, Critical Care or Sleep Medicine. Each day, the CCD features informal workshops aimed at enhancing the professional development for all health care professionals. The sessions in the CCD are a unique and valuable opportunity for YOU to interact with experts in PCCM and have your questions answered about career development topics that are important to you!

See the schedule [here](#).

Best of ATS Video Lecture Series (BAVLS)



Do you have an amazing teaching video 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>

WEB COMMITTEE

Cole Burks, MD, Web Director, and Arjan S. Flora, MD, Assistant Web Director

The TOA Web Committee is dedicated to providing dynamic, educational, and collaborative content to our members. We report several exciting developments for the Assembly Website including revamping our site and expanding our social media involvement.

We co-hosted a Journal Club with the Assembly on Allergy, Immunology and Inflammation (AII) and discussed the *ERJ* article titled: “Long-term outcomes of bronchial thermoplasty in subjects with severe asthma: a comparison of 3-year follow-up results from two prospective multicentre studies” with one of the authors and panel members representing the TO and the AII Assemblies. In early March we discussed the *JAMA Intern Med* article “Complication Rates and Downstream Medical Costs Associated With Invasive Diagnostic Procedures for Lung Abnormalities in the Community Setting” with the lead author of the manuscript and TOA panelists with expertise in diagnostic procedures for evaluating lung abnormalities. Recordings of these webinar journal clubs can be accessed via: <http://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies/thoracic-oncology/journal-club/>.

The Web Committee and the Early Career Professionals Working Group are collaborating to provide opportunities for members in training and early career members to become more active in the TOA and ATS. We released a podcast series titled “Been There, Done That: Sage Advice” described more in detail by Drs. Tanner and Fuster. We are also going to begin work on a grant writing podcast series as a follow up.

The Assembly Website includes additional information and resources including sections featuring Statements and Guidelines spearheaded by TOA members, sections to highlight activities of the TOA Working Groups and recipients of the TOA’s annual awards, and an updated list of the TOA members who serve on non-assembly ATS Committees.

We recently introduced new website sections for easier and quicker access to information and content and include:

The Leader Board (information about TOA leadership, awards, background, and mission statements)

The Screen (information about lung cancer screening; podcasts, webinars, guidelines, etc.)

The Scope (The Interventional Pulmonology Working Group site - proceduralist related information, i.e. articles, podcasts, journal clubs, and other news)

The Port and Pill (information and updates on medical oncology – immune therapy related issues and news)

The Knife (information and updates on the surgical aspects of thoracic oncology care)

The Beam (information and updates on the radiation aspects of thoracic oncology care)

The Mortar Board (The Early Career Professionals Working Group site - information for mentors/mentees and early career professionals)

With the help of the new Assistant Web Director, Dr. Arjan Flora, we have relaunched the TOA presence on social media via Facebook and Twitter. Since starting to post anew in January, we have increased our Facebook page likes from 33 to 48 and reached 189 people. On twitter, we have increased our followers to 135 with 18 new followers and 31,000 tweet impressions. In March alone, we had 83 profile visits, a 1,975% increase. We are looking into starting a LinkedIn and/or Doximity account as well.

If you use Facebook or Twitter, please follow or like the ATS TOA pages: @atstoa
<https://www.facebook.com/ATS-Assembly-on-Thoracic-Oncology-635540243190963/>

Any and all ideas for content and/or educational podcasts/webinars are welcome, and we can walk you through the recording and publishing of your podcast/webinar on the website.

If you have suggestions, questions, or are interested in joining the web committee, please contact us at toa@thoracic.org.

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