The Importance of the Section on Thoracic Oncology at the ATS

In the interest of engaging members and advancing the ATS’s mission of preventing and fighting respiratory disease around the globe, the Society established a new Section on Thoracic Oncology (SOTO), effective October 2009. To accommodate the multidisciplinary nature of the clinicians and scientists who are working at the bench and at the bedside to improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer, the section is housed within both the Assembly on Clinical Problems and the Assembly on Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology. Over the past two years, membership in SOTO has risen over 60% to 760; a testament to the vital nature of this sections work in Thoracic Oncology.

“Having a thoracic oncology section will put the ATS in a stronger position to recruit more thoracic surgeons and oncologists, as well as more international members who are interested in the field,” added Dr. Charles A. Powell, the current Section Chair and associate professor at Columbia University in New York. “Lung cancer research and clinical activities cut across the entire spectrum of the ATS in terms of existing assemblies and in terms of nationality. Our section is a broad multidisciplinary effort that breaks through organizational barriers to facilitate collaboration and cooperation amongst researchers and clinicians with an interest in lung cancer. We invite any ATS member who is interested to join, regardless of their assembly affiliation.”

If you would like to become a member of the ATS Section on Thoracic Oncology or have any questions relating to the section please e-mail the section at soto@thoracic.org

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Participate in the Section on Thoracic Oncology (SOTO) Website

We have opportunities for you to assist with design and content development for the following sections. For each section, you will be partnered with a senior member of SOTO. Please send an indication of your interest in participating in the following website activities to soto@thoracic.org.

- Case Reports
- Journal Clubs: AJRCCM, AJRCMB, AATS, Others
- Funding Opportunities, News
- International Conference-Thoracic Oncology
- Patient Education
- Procedures-Interventional Pulmonary and Critical Care
- Links to Social Media

Request for Abstracts for the 2014 ATS International Conference in San Diego

SOTO will fund abstract scholarships for the top two abstracts submitted in response to this Request. Only Junior Attendings or Fellows are eligible. Presenters must select preference for either a Poster or Oral Session.

The abstracts will be selected by the SOTO Executive Committee amongst abstracts submitted to the following categories at: https://cms.psav.com/cPaper2013/ats2014

- 09.20 - Lung Cancer: Cellular and Molecular Aspects
- 09.21 – Lung Cancer: Clinical Aspects
- 09.21 – Lung Cancer: Epidemiology

Exciting Lung Cancer Sessions to be featured at the International Conference

**PG5 Lung Cancer: State of the Art in 2014**
Friday, May 16 – 8:00 am-4:00 pm

**A2 Implementation of Lung Cancer Screening: A Toolbox for Clinicians and Researchers**
Sunday, May 18, 2014 – 8:15 am-10:45 am

**B12 ATS/ERS Statement: Role of the Pulmonologist in the Diagnosis and Management of Lung Cancer**
Monday, May 19, 2014 - 8:15 am-10:45 am

**CC5 Adult Clinical Core Curriculum Program, Lung Cancer Section**
Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 pm-4:30 pm
Have you moved, changed your title, added new skills, credentials or other information? ATS members can now update their contact information, assembly affiliations, and demographic profile quickly and easily online with the Member Profile Update form.

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

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

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

We are pleased to announce that the membership for the Section on Thoracic Oncology has grown to 760 as of October 2013.

Please remember to join us at the annual Membership Meeting at the International Conference, which will take place in beautiful San Diego from May 16-21, 2014.

The Membership Meetings provide members with an update on the section’s activities from the section’s leadership. At the meeting, you will hear the section chair’s message and the year’s agenda. Attendees can give input on future directions, gain information on how to get involved and take advantage of networking opportunities.

The next SOTO Membership Meeting will take place on Sunday, May 18, 2014 from 11:30am-1pm at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego.