

2016 Neonatal and Developing Lung Interest Group Meeting

The 2016 meeting in San Francisco was the 2nd annual opportunity for the interest group to meet. The session was held from 5 to 7 PM at the Marriott Marquis. There was an hour for members to meet and network, and several small groups engaged in intense conversations sprang up during this period. We also signed up three new members for our steering committee. At 6 PM, there was an extremely well-received talk by Dr. Bernard Thebaud from the University of Ottawa, Canada entitled “Regeneration of the Neonatal Lung: The Cord Awakens.”

We had 60 attendees who had their badge checked and several others who were there but whose names were not recorded. Based on badge scans, there was a slight majority of physicians (58%), followed by PhD (23%). Most (78%) were from the US, but there were attendees from 4 other countries. Combining the data from the inaugural meeting with this meeting, we have had 119 unique attendees, from 5 countries. There is insufficient data to determine the distribution of clinicians and researchers, but based on an informal analysis of names, it appears to be about a 40:60 ratio.

Based on this, and the help from the Pediatric and RCMB Assemblies, we are planning for the third meeting, hoping to keep our Tuesday 5 – 7PM slot. A speaker who can appeal across a wide spectrum of ATS Conference attendees has tentatively accepted our invitation to speak.