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Message From The SASCO Outreach Committee

Dear SASCO Interest Group Members,

Once again, happy new year 2017 !

We are happy to share ATS SASCO Interest Group's various sub-committees' progress.

Career Advancement/ Mentoring committee:

Dr Gulshan Sharma and team have identified 3 additional mentors Dr. [Salman Qureshi](#), Dr. [Dolly Mehta](#) and Dr. [Ruxana Sadikot](#). They are looking for additional members to serve as mentors. Committee members are available to assist fellows with the visa applications (Contact Dr. [Gulshan Sharma](#)). Initial discussion is ongoing among mentor-mentee dyads.

Collaborative Research Committee:

In previous SASCO meetings, attendees from the SASCO countries have expressed interest in working with other SASCO attendees from the US. Dr. [Ruxana Sadikot](#) and her team approached the leadership of the Indian Chest Society and several key topics of collaborative research have been identified. They are in the process of writing a brief perspective about the potential and prospects of these collaborative projects. The collaborative research committee will facilitate such projects. The topics includes: *COPD-smoking and non-smoking related, Tuberculosis, Asthma, Health issues related to environmental exposures and pollution, Bronchiectasis & NTM infections, Sleep disorders, Health hazards of Electronic cigarettes, Pulmonary Hypertension.*

Fundraising/ Organizing committee:

The committee wants to improve the SASCO organizational structure and would like to implement the changes at the upcoming ATS meeting. We would like to encourage anyone interested in volunteering for a leadership position to put their name in the hat. One caveat is that in order to be a SASCO Chair or Vice Chair you must have served as a SASCO Committee Chair. The committee has proposed that SASCO have a leadership board composed of :

- SASCO Chair—2 year Term
- SASCO Vice Chair—2 Year Term
- Committee Chairs
- Sanjay Sethi Founding Member
- Sam Patel Founding Member

Training/Education committee:

The committee is working on several initiatives. These include an expanded meritorious Abstract recognition program at the ATS, creating a network of fellows of SASCO and creating a database of US institutions that allow externships.

Outreach committee:

Dr. [Rahul Kashyap](#) and team has maintained the SASCO Facebook page and twitter hashtag #ATSSASCO. The Committee is collecting metrics of its outreach activities which will be presented at Annual meeting in May 2017. The committee is hopeful to have a 20% increase in SASCO membership during the upcoming annual meeting at Washington DC.

Dr. Kashyap is involved with the newly announced SCCM DiscoveryNet - <http://enews.sccm.me/sccm-announces-new-critical-care-research-network-discovery/>, which will introduce further networking, grant and collaboration opportunities to SASCO investigators.

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ATS Election News

We are proud that Dr J. Usha Raj, a SASCO member, who is the Anjuli S. Nayak Endowed Professor of Pediatrics and Neonatology at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, is one of the nominees for the ATS Secretary Treasurer position for 2017.

Call for Action

- All committee chairs requested greater participation from the SASCO members to further their goals.
- Please volunteer to join the working groups and/or send in your ideas. The contact information for the committee chairs for each of the working groups is available on the website. Help us to expand SASCO and we expect to establish SASCO members' directory soon to foster collaboration and networking.

Stay tuned for more news and collaboration opportunities.

Join our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ATS-SASCO-187614371581295/>

Thanks

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ATS SASCO Meeting 2017 details

Date: Sunday, May 21st, 2017

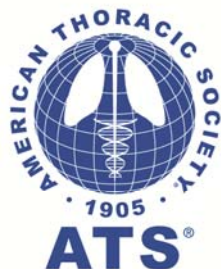
Time: 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Location: Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel - Renaissance Ballroom East (Ballroom Level)

See you there!!

Join us for great networking opportunities, lunch and contributing towards medical education and research in your home country! SASCO has a vision to bring together Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine health care practitioners and trainees, and affiliated health care professionals of South Asian Sub-Continent Origin to facilitate and promote highest quality medical care !

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