Message from the Section Chair

Dear SoME Members,

With anticipation building for the ATS 2024 International Conference from May 17-22, 2024, in sunny San Diego, California, it’s my pleasure to unveil a plethora of enriching opportunities within the Section on Medical Education (SoME). The spirit of innovation and collaboration within SoME is palpable, as evidenced by the numerous events, opportunities, and activities delineated in this newsletter. For ATS 2024, the SoME community is thrilled to present a lineup of events aimed at empowering and inspiring medical educators. Let’s delve into the exciting events and sessions awaiting you at ATS 2024 in San Diego!

1) **SoME Business Meeting:** Circle the date for our SoME Business Meeting on Sunday, May 19th, from 11:45AM-1:15PM, in the Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Del Mar (Level 3, South Tower). The SoME Business Meeting serves as a platform for reviewing the multiple various activities SoME supports within ATS, and is an opportunity for engaging discussions, networking opportunities, and strategic planning. One of the topics we will cover will be brainstorming programming ideas for ATS 2025. Please access this link in advance or at the meeting in order to join your colleagues in designing the conference content of your dreams. As medical educators within ATS, in this time of fluidity and re-organization the medical education infrastructure within ATS, your presence is vital as we chart the course for the future of medical education for SoME and for the organization overall. Please come to the SoME Business Meeting if you are able.

2) **Medical Education Seminar Sessions:** Once again, SoME is proud to present three Medical Education Seminar sessions at ATS 2024, led by an array of exceptionally talented medical educators from around the world. Prepare to be captivated by our meticulously curated seminar sessions, each designed to ignite your passion for medical education (please note that pre-registration and a registration fee is required):

RESCUING THE STRUGGLING LEARNER
Date: Sunday, May 19th, 2024
Time: 10:30-11:30AM
Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Marina Ballroom E (Level 3, South Tower)
WINNING WITH WORDS: PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS FOR CLINICIANS, EDUCATORS & SCIENTISTS
Date: Monday, May 20th, 2024
Time: 10:30-11:30AM
Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Marina Ballroom E (Level 3, South Tower)
Registration link: https://conference.thoracic.org/program/clinical-scientific-sessions/index.php?session=ME101

INFLUENCE, INSPIRE, INNOVATE: DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP SKILLS ACROSS HEALTHCARE DISCIPLINES
Date: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
Time: 10:30-11:30AM
Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Marina Ballroom E (Level 3, South Tower)
Registration link: https://conference.thoracic.org/program/clinical-scientific-sessions/index.php?session=ME102

Again, please remember that advanced registration is required for these sessions. Don’t miss your chance to immerse yourself in transformative learning experiences!

3) SoME Mentorship Program: If you’re a trainee or early career faculty member, you can elevate your professional journey by participating as a Mentee in our Mentorship Program at the conference. If you’re a mid-career or seasoned educator looking to share your expertise or an aspiring educator seeking guidance, please consider signing up to be a Mentor in this exciting program! Remember that you can serve as both a mentor and mentee at the conference! The SoME Mentorship Program offers a rewarding avenue for growth for all involved, and helps foster connections, collaboration, and community across institutions and across borders. Please consider participating in this important program by signing up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfci3b-ySAhg2FeISyS_pNnDg9z8z6nwbGlA7THi-ZTdHAw/viewform?pli=1. Plus, participation as a Mentor counts as a valuable addition to your curriculum vitae!

4) Alison Clay Early Career Educator Award: Join us at the SoME Business Meeting as we celebrate this year’s recipient of the annual prestigious Alison Clay Early Career Educator Award. This accolade honors outstanding contributions to medical education and pays tribute to the legacy of Alison Clay, a renowned and beloved medical educator in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Learn more about Alison Clay here: https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/about/assembly-awards/resources/alison_clay_early_career_educator_award.pdf

5) Other Medical Education Sessions at ATS 2024: Stay tuned for the unveiling of the Section on Medical Education Road Map, slated for early May. This comprehensive guide will serve as your compass, navigating you through a myriad of captivating sessions. Here’s a sneak peek at some noteworthy sessions to add to your conference itinerary:

Approaches in Feedback for Supervising Bedside Procedures
Date: Sunday, May 19th, 2024
Time: 3-4PM
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Sails Pavilion (Upper Level)
Notes: Networking Super Center Session

FROM THE ATS SCHOLAR EDITORS: PEARLS AND PITFALLS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION RESEARCH
Date: Monday, May 20th, 2024
ADVANCES IN MEDICAL EDUCATION IN PULMONARY, CRITICAL CARE, AND SLEEP MEDICINE
Date: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
Time: 9:15-4:15PM
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Area C (Hall A-B2, Ground Level)
Notes: Poster Session

CRITICAL THINKING AND CLINICAL REASONING: IS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE INTELLIGENT?
Date: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
Time: 10:30-11:30AM
Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Cardiff (Level 3, South Tower)
Notes: This is a paid session, registration is required in advance

FAILING FORWARD: TURNING "FAILURE" INTO GROWTH
Date: Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
Time: 10:30-11:30AM
Location: Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, Palomar (Level 3, South Tower)
Notes: This is a paid session, registration is required in advance

NAVIGATING A SUCCESSFUL CAREER: POSITIONING YOURSELF FOR A NATIONAL PRESENCE
Date: Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024
Time: 12-1PM
Location: San Diego Convention Center, Room 32A-B (Upper Level)

Keep an eye out for the Road Map for these and more medical education sessions at ATS 2024, to help you strategically plan your International Conference experience!

6) Networking Super Center: The Networking Super Center will again be a component of the ATS 2024 International Conference, and sessions from the Super Center that are particularly relevant to medical educators will be highlighted in the Road Map. The Networking Super Center is a great resource for early career medical educators and trainees, with sessions focused on knowledge and skills relevant for these groups and can contributed to your professional (and personal!) growth and development.

7) TEACH Networking Event: Don't miss the annual TEACH Networking event on Monday, May 20, 2024, from 4-5PM at the Sails Pavilion Terrace. The TEACH event is organized by TIME (Trainees Interested in Medical Education) and sponsored by SoME, and should definitely be on your calendars! The TEACH event is a networking event that brings together trainees interested in medical education (including those in TIME) with faculty who have an expressed interest in medical education (generally from SoME). The goal is to provide a space for meeting, mingling and conversation! Join the conversation early on X: https://x.com/jbricha1/status/1777393030875472153

8) Assemblies Teaching Competition: A highlight of every ATS International Conference, the Assemblies Teaching Competition highlights amazing and talented ATS early career members engaging in a competitive and entertaining ‘teaching competition’. This year the competition will take place on Monday, May 20, 2024 from 11:45-1:15PM at the
Marriott Marquis, Presidio 1-2 (lobby level, north tower). The Assemblies Early Career Professionals (ECP) Working Groups host this event, an annual multi-Assembly teaching competition at the ATS 2024 International Conference. The goal is to showcase the best teachers the Assemblies have to offer, and a winner (for a cash prize!) will be selected by a panel of esteemed, entertaining, and opinionated judges. Again, this is a highlight of the ATS 2024 International Conference and should absolutely be on your conference itinerary. Learn more about the Assemblies Teaching Competition here: [https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies-teaching-competition/](https://www.thoracic.org/members/assemblies/assemblies-teaching-competition/)

9) **New SoME Staff:** Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Caitlan Bose, our new SoME ATS staff member! Caitlan brings a wealth of knowledge, skills, creativity, and expertise in medical education, and we're thrilled to have her on board. I'd also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Erica Forrence for her exceptional support during the transition period, and to Javier Guzman and Maria Novozhilova for their hard work and expertise in working with the Section on Medical Education over the past year – they were indispensable members of the medical education community in SoME and we are grateful for their dedication to supporting and improving medical education at ATS!

As we embark on this journey together, let's embrace the spirit of innovation, collaboration, and lifelong learning. Together, we'll shape the future of medical education in SoME, in ATS, and beyond, and together we can make a lasting impact on healthcare worldwide.

Thanks for all you do,

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