



*The Assembly on  
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pulmonary infections diagnosis and treatment guidelines, and also organizes three levels of Peer Recognition Awards.

- The Nominating Committee identifies and nominates PI-TB members for assembly leadership positions.
- The Web Committee continues to develop several exciting web-based programs including Webinars, Podcasts, and Quick Hits.
- To get involved in one of the committees or with their related projects, please contact the respective committee chair directly. If you are a junior professional, please also contact the Early Career Professionals Working Group Chair who can help facilitate your getting involved in committees and projects, based on your specific interests and skills. Contacts and email addresses for current Committee Chairs and members can be found on the PI-TB web page under “Officers and Committees” on the ATS web site.
- Submit proposals for PI-TB Assembly Symposia and give Sunrise Seminars and Post-Graduate Courses for the Annual International ATS Conference.

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### Get Involved!

You can now register to become more involved in the ATS Assemblies, ATS Committees or both.

There are many ways to grow within ATS and the Assemblies and Committees are a great starting point.



## Welcome

We would like to personally introduce you to the ATS Assembly on Pulmonary Infections and Tuberculosis (PI-TB).

The PI-TB is dedicated to improving pulmonary health through promoting research, clinical practice and education in laboratory medicine, tuberculosis, other pulmonary infections, and host responses to these infections. There are many opportunities in the PI-TB Assembly and we encourage your membership and participation.

### Who are we, and what are our research interests?

Members of the PI-TB Assembly are investigators and clinicians. PI-TB members are recognized leaders across a broad spectrum of research and clinical areas related to pulmonary infection, including but not limited to:

- The epidemiology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment of:
  - Tuberculosis, including MDR and XDR strains
  - Community-acquired pneumonia
  - Hospital-acquired pneumonia
  - Ventilator-associated pneumonia
  - Nontuberculous mycobacterial (NTM) pulmonary infections
  - Bronchiectasis and chronic respiratory infections
  - HIV-related lung disease
  - Opportunistic pulmonary infections in non-HIV immunosuppression
  - Fungal pulmonary infections
  - Viral pneumonia
- Lung microbiome in health and disease
- Lung immunology and host defense
- Environment risk factors for pulmonary infections
- Genetics and epigenetics of lung infection

### Why participate in the PI-TB Assembly?

Assembly participation is the primary mechanism by which ATS members can become involved in the Society as a whole. Due to their size, Assemblies allow members to experience the ATS on a smaller and more manageable scale. In addition to facilitating interactions among ATS members with similar interests, the Assemblies are also responsible for the annual International Conference content and creating and updating ATS Official Documents. The following are some specific advantages for fellows, post-doctoral trainees, and junior faculty to actively participate in the PI-TB Assembly:

- It provides a platform to impact the direction of the PI-TB, pulmonary infection research and clinical practice.
- As a member of the PI-TB, you will become acquainted with others in your field of research and clinical practice. These encounters will be important in forming the vibrant network which will stimulate your academic career, research and clinical goals.
- Opportunities to discuss research ideas and collaborate with ATS members who share similar scientific and

clinical interests, to engage in projects which span across research disciplines, diseases, and training backgrounds.

- Opportunities to become more involved in the International Conference, such as co-chairing symposia or mini-symposia and facilitating thematic poster sessions or poster discussion sessions.
- Special opportunities for junior faculty, fellows and post-docs: to help facilitate sessions at the International Conference and to get involved with PI-TB committee activities.
- Junior faculty, fellows and post-docs also have the opportunity to participate in the PI-TB mentorship program in which they become mentees matched with more senior faculty mentors.
- Members are eligible for a number of PI-TB Awards.

### How to become involved in PI-TB activities

- Update your ATS profile on the ATS website by clicking on the members tab and selecting "Update Your Profile" and following the instructions on how to designate PI-TB as either your primary or secondary assembly. Your changes will update in the ATS database one hour from the time you submit.
- Attend the annual PI-TB membership meeting, as well as the pre-meeting Reception held on Monday at the ATS International Conference each year.
- Serve on one of the PI-TB assembly standing committees or a working group.
  - The Early Career Working Group is tasked with promoting membership and active participation in PI-TB. Their special focus is to assist junior members in becoming more involved in PI-TB activities.
  - The Program Committee's chief responsibility is to program the PI-TB major scientific symposia, mini-symposia, poster discussions, and thematic poster sessions for the annual International Conference.
  - The Planning Committee, whose main goal is to encourage, develop and foster long range projects for the PI-TB Assembly. The Planning Committee develops and updates a number of TB and