

# AABIP Newsletter



**AABIP's Vision:** The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology is the leader in helping patients breathe easier and live longer through minimally invasive diagnostic and therapeutic interventions.

**AABIP's Mission:** The mission of the American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology is to advance the care of patients with thoracic diseases through the synergy of innovative technologies, minimally invasive procedures, and transformative education and research.

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## President's Corner

As you will see in this issue, the AABIP has been quite busy since our last Newsletter! Just prior to the ATS meeting, we held our 1<sup>st</sup> strategic planning retreat. In addition to re-defining our vision and mission statements (please see the website for details), we defined both short and longer-term goals, including promoting high quality research and education initiatives, building our membership while directly responding to their needs and developing an active mentorship program. We are in the process of creating a 'membership survey' and I ask you take a few minutes to let us know what is important to YOU / how the AABIP can better serve your needs. We will be hosting an "IP Fellows" luncheon at CHEST in Montreal as well as a "Business of IP" seminar just prior to the bi-annual Scientific Symposium. We are in the process of updating our "Recommended Reading List" with the latest / greatest articles and have continued our monthly journal club (please check out the recent posts on our website). I would also like to congratulate Drs. Carla Lamb (Lahey Clinic), Colleen Keyes (MGH) and Erik Folch (BIDMC), as well as the fabulous staff from Lahey for organizing an outstanding 4<sup>th</sup> Annual IP Fellow's Boot Camp and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AABIP Advanced Bronchoscopy Course! We had 25 fellows from across the country and in addition to providing a unique bonding experience, and practice advanced procedures / receive small -group instruction, a new fellow's committee has been created that will help define the needs of IP fellows throughout the country from both academic and practice perspectives. The AABIP leadership is committed to providing resources that will help our members initiate high-quality research projects, build independent IP programs / strengthen existing programs, and lobby on a national level to improve the care of our patients. Dr. Momen Wahidi (incoming President) hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> AABIP Webinar on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thirty five members joined the call to hear Dr. Yasufuku discuss his pearls of EBUS. We're planning webinars every other month (free to our members) so keep your eyes out for the announcements. There are LOTS of ways to get involved, so PLEASE reach out and let us know how you'd like to become involved.

## Updates from AABIP Committees

### Membership Committee

### AABIP Regional Chapters

Scott Ferguson, MD, Associate Professor and Director of Interventional Pulmonology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison will initiate and lead the AABIP Midwest Chapter. The Midwest chapter is the third established AABIP regional chapter after the North East and California chapters.

The AABIP Regional Chapters standard operating procedures document describes the goals and responsibilities of such chapters, has been approved by the BOD and is available on our website. The Membership Committee encourages the development of local chapters if deemed necessary by regional members and agreed upon by the BOD. Interested parties should contact AABIP for more details.

**Research Committee****The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology****2015-2016 Research Award Recipient**

The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology is pleased to announce the winner of the 4th AABIP Research Award: Dr. Balaji Laxmanan of University of Chicago. Dr. Laxmanan is the current Interventional Pulmonology Fellow at the University of Chicago. His project entitled **'Predictors of pleurodesis in patients treated with tunneled pleural catheters'** aims to develop a model to predict the development of spontaneous pleurodesis in patients with malignant pleural effusions who are treated with an indwelling tunneled pleural catheter (TPC). The objective of his study is to elucidate the cellular and biochemical changes that occur in the pleural fluid with repeated drainage via a TPC.

AABIP reminds the research awardees that conditions of this award include:

A mandatory quarterly communication with the research committee about the progress of the project

A Mandatory update presentation about the project at the AABIP Research Symposium

The AABIP kindly requests publication of the final manuscript in the Journal of Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology

**Interventional Pulmonology Board Certification Examination**

Applications for 2015 are still being accepted

Application period: **Now thru August 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, 5 p.m. EST**

For full eligibility requirements and instructions:

**Direct Link**

<http://aabronchology.org/2015/06/06/2015-board-certification-examination-application-is-now-open/>

The AABIP Board Examination will take place on **December 4th, 2015**. Testing details will be sent directly to eligible applicants via email.

**Nominating Committee****Announcing newly elected members of the AABIP Board of Directors**

The Nominating Committee serves to solicit and facilitate the election process of new additions to the AABIP Board of Directors and Executive Board.

The committee just recently completed the task of assisting in the process of the current Board of Directors election. Four outstanding candidates were selected by the general membership through voting electronically on the AABIP website. It gives us great pleasure to announce the newly elected members of our Board of Directors:

Rabih Bechara

Erik Folch

David Hsia

Otis Rickman

We congratulate the new BOD members and thank our members for casting their votes

**AABIP Annual Post Graduate Course in Montreal, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

This year's program emphasizes on the current role of the interventional chest physicians in caring for patients with obstructive lung disease.

This one-day curriculum also incorporates the following learner-centric elements:

- *Hands-on experience* including mediastinal anatomy pertinent to lung cancer staging, EBUS -TBNA specimen acquisition, navigation bronchoscopy for peripheral lung nodules, rigid bronchoscopy and stents for central airway obstruction and tunneled pleural catheters for malignant pleural effusions
- *Hands on experience* on topics pertinent to peripheral airway obstruction including intrabronchial valves placement for emphysema and bronchial thermoplasty for asthma
- *Team approach* to specific clinical problems. This is performed through small case based interactive group discussions. These exercises provide learners with a framework for "thinking-through" a patient-based clinical scenario.
- *Learner-centric design*: two –three expert faculty will be present at each station with approximately 5 learners/ station. This design assures that participants have sufficient hands on experience and interaction with faculty to address their needs.

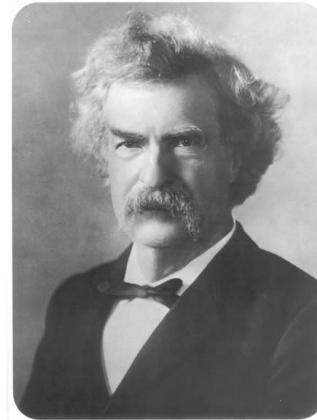
## Update in Interventional Pulmonology and Board Review Course

The “Update in Interventional Pulmonology and Board Review Course,” will be held on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the Centre de Recherche du Centre Hospitalier de l’Université de Montréal (Montréal, Canada). This Board Review course will provide a high-level overview of topics within the field for those intending to take the Board Examination later this year. The course is also intended for those seeking to expand their knowledge in

interventional pulmonology. This year’s format will use a case-based approach to cover contemporary issues within Interventional Pulmonology.

Click link below to see complete listing of topics and faculty, as well as registration instructions:

<http://aabronchology.org/2015/07/12/update-in-interventional-pulmonology-and-board-review/>



“Good judgement is the result of experience and experience the result of bad judgement.”

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

## Journal Club

The Journal Club series started January 2015. We have been doing this quarterly but there is increasing interest from fellows to post these essays on a more frequent basis. The website lends itself to discussion by posting comments, much like any other blog. We encourage our members to comment on these topics and initiate discussions, which may be relevant to our practice as interventional pulmonologists. We hope that the Journal Club article provides questions and discussion points to stimulate discussions in which participants can evaluate new research and its applicability to IP practice.

The Journal Club can be found on the website at:

<http://aabronchology.org/category/education/journal-club/>. It can also be found under the navigation bar Education =>Journal Club. The fellows writing theses essays can use a style suggested in the previous issue of the Newsletter issues or use established journal club styles such as those available at: [http://www.wikijournalclub.org/wiki/WikiJournalClub:Usable\\_articles#Pulmonology](http://www.wikijournalclub.org/wiki/WikiJournalClub:Usable_articles#Pulmonology).

## McLennan Award

For the past four years, the AABIP has awarded the Geoffrey McLennan Memorial Award for Advances in Interventional Pulmonology.

Nominations for the 2015 award have been completed.

The 2015 recipient is Dr . Roberto Casal, Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Interventional Pulmonology Program at Baylor College of Medicine. Dr Casal will be officially recognized at the AABIP annual meeting in Montreal.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING 2016-2020

The American Association for Bronchology and Interventional Pulmonology (AABIP) has seen many changes in its marketplace and decided to embark on a planning effort to address its future. AABIP sees continued opportunity in its strategic positioning as the leading bronchology and interventional pulmonology organization. In order to be well positioned for future changes in the field and in health care, AABIP aims to develop an ambitious, but achievable plan to guide its work for the next five years. More information on our the strategic goals for the next few years will soon be posted on our website.



## AABIP Webinars

The first AABIP webinar was tremendously successful! The 35 members who attended this webinar listened to a valuable presentation from Dr. Kazu Yasufuku. There was a great discussion from the audience. We thank Dr Yasufuku for volunteering his time and Mrs. Clare Bradford for helping arrange this first AABIP webinar!

The webinars are recorded and available to members free of charge on our website: Education-->Webinars  
<http://aabronchology.org/education/webinars/>

Dr. Momen Wahidi, who initiated this project, plans on organizing the webinars bimonthly and maybe monthly in the future. Future topics include:

Radial EBUS, Navigation Bronchoscopy, Bronchial Thermoplasty, Airway stenting, Ablative modalities in the airways

Tunneled pleural catheters

We invite our members to suggest other topics that may be relevant for interventional pulmonologists in US and abroad.

## Interventional Pulmonology Jobs

### Academic IP opportunities

**Duke University School of Medicine** is seeking an interventional Pulmonologist to join our interventional pulmonology (IP) program. The selected individuals would join the **Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine**, ranked #5 in the nation, and will be actively involved in our interventional pulmonology team. Responsibilities will include outpatient interventional clinic, weekly bronchoscopy block coverage, rotations through the inpatient interventional pulmonology services and active involvement in the lung cancer-screening program. Successful candidates will be board certified/board eligible in pulmonary and critical care and received a one-year additional fellowship training in interventional pulmonology. Academic rank and salary will be commensurate with training and experience. Duke offers a full array of benefits including health, dental and life insurance; a generous retirement program; college tuition assistance for dependents; CME allowances; and relocation. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest along with CV to [gina.brewer@duke.edu](mailto:gina.brewer@duke.edu)

**The School of Medicine of the University of Colorado**, located in Aurora, Colorado is seeking an Interventional Pulmonologist to join our Faculty in the Division of Pulmonary Medicine. Responsibilities: We are seeking an individual to assume leadership responsibility in a multi-disciplinary program, which includes advanced diagnostic and interventional bronchoscopy. The position will focus on expanding our clinical service, research and teaching efforts, working with collaborating physicians in Surgery, Radiology and Medical Oncology. The successful candidate will be appointed to the faculty in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, Department of Medicine and will have an appointment in the University of Colorado/University Hospital Center for Lungs and Breathing (CLB). In addition to the provision of clinical care, responsibilities will include developing investigative opportunities and training of Pulmonary/CC fellows. The academic level of appointment will be dependent on credentials and experience. **Required Qualifications: MD, Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary/Critical Care, and BC/BE in Interventional Pulmonology.** For details, please contact:

Todd M. Bull, MD, Professor of Medicine, Director, UCD Pulmonary Vascular Disease Center Pulmonary Sciences & Critical Care Medicine and Cardiology

Admin contact: Leigh Kerwin [leigh.kerwin@ucdenver.edu](mailto:leigh.kerwin@ucdenver.edu)

**The Department of Medicine's Section of Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine at The University of Chicago** is seeking a full time faculty member at the Assistant Professor level to grow an Interventional Pulmonology program. Qualified applicants must be board-certified pulmonary and critical care physicians with experience in advanced interventional bronchoscopy, pleural, and airway techniques. These would include, but are not limited to: Rigid bronchoscopy, pleuroscopy, percutaneous tracheostomy, EBUS, navigational bronchoscopy, and airway stents. The successful candidate will have experience in all these techniques and will develop an interventional pulmonary fellowship. Compensation is dependent on qualifications and includes a generous package of fringe benefits.

Qualified applicants must apply online at the University of Chicago academic career opportunities site: [academiccareers.uchicago.edu](http://academiccareers.uchicago.edu) by uploading a cover memo and a current CV with bibliography that includes the full contact information of at least three scholars from whom letters of support will be requested by the Section Chief. Review of applications will commence in September of 2015 and continue until the position is filled. For questions please contact Elineda Boyd at: [eboyd@medicinebsd.uchicago.edu](mailto:eboyd@medicinebsd.uchicago.edu)



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