

# ATA Science and Technology Division

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**To:** Board of Directors and Past Presidents  
**From:** Mery Molenaar, Division Administrator  
Heike Holthaus, Division Assistant Administrator  
**Date:** October 4, 2023  
**Re:** ATA Science & Technology Division Status Report October 2023

## Leadership Council & Podcast Team

The Science & Technology Division Leadership Council (LC) is currently made up of seven individuals, including the Administrator and Assistant Administrator. Blog Editor Kenneth McKerrow has left the Leadership Council, and Anees Gharzita will not be continuing her role as Facebook Admin. She has agreed to stay on until the ATA64 Conference. Current LC members are:

**Mery Molenaar** – Administrator

**Pavitra Baxi** – Twitter Admin & Blog Editor

**Matthew Schlecht** – Listserv Manager

**Lebzy González** – LinkedIn Manager

**Heike Holthaus** – Assistant Administrator

**Carola Berger** – Webmaster

**Anees Gharzita** – Facebook Admin (until ATA64)

**“SciTech Translated” Podcast Team:** Heike Holthaus, Patricia Fonseca and Valeria Verona

## Our Activities in Brief:

- Last Division Newsletter: August 28, 2023
- Last Division Podcast: September 18, 2023
- Last Division Networking Event: July 28, 2023
- Last Blog Post: September 15, 2023
- Last Post on our Listserv: September 29, 2023

- **Annual General Meeting:** We held our 2023 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 21, at 1 pm ET. Twenty-two people attended. The agenda, minutes and slides are available under the [Resources](#) tab on the S&D website.
- **Blog:** We posted two new articles in August and September on our [website blog](#), including a list of ATA64 S&TD events and sessions with “Science and Technology T&I” as the main topic, and an interview with Matthew Schlecht about his upcoming ATA64 presentation about chemical names and structures.
- **Podcast:** Our podcast team recorded an interview with Pedro Valdez and Sadot Marquez about their upcoming ATA64 presentation about interpreting in the mining industry. Our [podcasts](#) are currently available on SoundCloud and Spotify.
- **Communication:** Headquarters sent four broadcast emails, including two invitations to register for to our joint ATA64 conference dinner with the Medical Division, an invitation to attend our July virtual networking event, and one division news update.
- **Social media:** Overall membership and member engagement stayed about the same since July: Facebook group (129 members), LinkedIn group (155 members), LinkedIn page (98 followers), X [formerly Twitter] (836 followers), and groups.io listserv (133 members).
- **Membership:** As of last count, we have 1,514 division members (1,373 individual and 141 corporate members, up 38 since July). We are proud to report that our division remains the sixth largest division within ATA.

## Going forward

- We will continue to promote ATA64 on the [S&TD website](#) and our communication channels.
- As of today, we have received 34 registrations for our joint S&TD and MD networking dinner at “Dolores But You Can Call Me Lolita” in Miami. Registration will remain open until October 10.
- We will send out a call for a new Facebook Admin to replace Anees Gharzita.
- We will continue to record and publish quarterly podcasts.
- We will continue to publish blog posts and bimonthly news updates on our website to keep our members informed of industry news and division events.
- Our next bimonthly virtual networking event is to be held in November.