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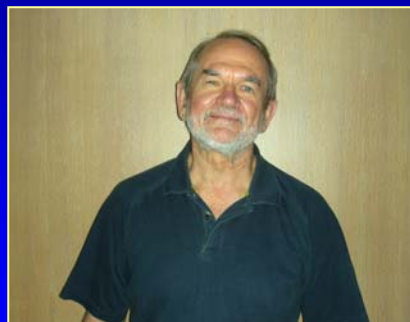


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## What is the Question?

- Group 1: What is the prevalence of bee allergy in Ankara and the association between history of systemic allergic reaction and specific venom IgE in beekeepers?
- Group 2: *What is the frequency of complementary alternative medicine usage in lung cancer patients according to gender in Ankara?*
- Group 3: Is the low level of creatinine a predictor of prolonged weaning in COPD patients with ARF?
- Group 4: Is the prevalence hypertension higher in patients with upper airways resistance syndrome (UARS) than individuals without any sleep disorder?
- Group 5: Does smoking cessation slow the rate of decline of FEV1 in underground coal mine workers?
- Group 6: Does diabetes mellitus delay sputum smear conversion in patients with new pulmonary tuberculosis?

## Hard at Work: The Elusive “Question”



When in doubt—is it the red or green card?

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# Socializing



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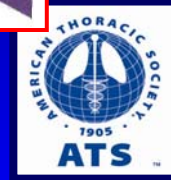
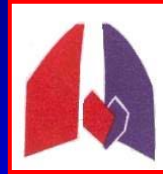


“How Rare? ‘P’ value rare!”

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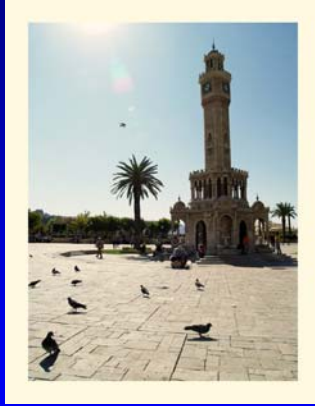


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Congratulations to Dr. Buist

**See you next year for Levels 1 & 2**



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