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» Faculty development program observes silver anniversary

America's leading medical universities and health policy organizations have benefited from ground breaking research, mentoring and expanded diversity as a result of a trendsetting program that marks its 25th anniversary during the annual meeting in Indianapolis of the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program Oct. 1-3.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the largest U.S. philanthropy dedicated to improving health and health care in America, counts the AMFDP among its most stellar and longest-standing initiatives aimed at increasing the number of historically disadvantaged minorities who achieve senior-level rank in academic medicine

More than 200 fellows, alumni, mentors, RWJF officials, and program administrators will celebrate the program's success in expanding the number of minorities in the senior ranks of academic medicine at the annual conference.

Based at IUSM, the program stands as an institutional role model for the nation's medical schools. Each year, AMFDP awards four-year postdoctoral research grants to physicians from historically disadvantaged backgrounds that are committed to developing careers in academic medicine and to serving as mentors for students and faculty of similar backgrounds.

"Providing financial support, nurturing environments and opportunities to innovate, benefits underrepresented minorities and the entire field of medicine," says David Wilkes, M.D., a distinguished alumnus of the program who was awarded a fellowship in 1991.

"The program was instrumental in launching my career. AMFDP really functions to connect aspiring clinician scientists with a very high profile panel of mentors to track and develop the careers of fellows. The end point of the program's investment is fellows go

on to achieve amazing leadership positions in medicine and science. NIH directors and others are among Amos Fellows.”

More information on the Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program is available at www.amfdp.org.

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› **Indiana CTSI Collaboration Research Grants Available**

The first round of the I-CTSI Collaboration in Biomedical/Translational Research (CBR/CTR) pilot grant program is now open. The purpose of these awards is to foster collaborations between entities at IU and Purdue to conduct translational research projects that have the potential to develop into larger, continuing, externally funded research programs.

Awards funded by this program are considered seed grants and applications are expected to have a maximum requested amount of \$75,000 and be limited to one year duration. Proposals should include participation by two or more principal investigators representing at least two of the sponsoring affiliates for this program. Sponsoring affiliates are:

- IU School of Medicine
- IUPUI (non-IUSM)
- IU Bloomington
- Purdue University (West Lafayette)

For more details, please visit www.indianactsi.org/grants to log into the system using your Indiana University or Purdue University account, and then click on Collaboration in Biomedical/Translational Research Pilot Grant Program.

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› **Sabbatical leave planning**

The Indiana University administration has asked for the names of tenure track faculty members who intend to apply for sabbatical leave which would occur during any part of the 2009-10 fiscal year. Department chairs or regional center directors should be notified by **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, by faculty members of their intent to submit an application.

A tentative list of those planning to apply for sabbatical leave should be submitted through the department to the Dean's Office by **Friday, Oct. 10**.

Applications are to be submitted through the department to the Dean's Office, Fairbanks Hall 5100, to the attention of Lynn Wakefield, by **Friday, Nov. 7**. Applications are available at medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=330&oTopID=330.

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› **Round of applause for Scientific Session, Art Exhibit**

Thank you to all participants and attendees of the 2008 Scientific Poster Session. We were delighted at the number of individuals who attended and took in the many research posters that were presented. All in attendance made this event an accomplishment, and we hope that this will encourage collaboration between IUSM faculty members on an interdisciplinary basis.

The IUSM Art Exhibition synchronized nicely with the Scientific Session. It was wonderful to see the exceptional creativity and talent of the members of the IUSM community. This event was a great success, and we look forward to sharing this occasion again in the future with the IUSM Art Committee in 2009 and beyond.

Jodi L. Smith, PhD, MD
President of the IUSM Faculty

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› **OB/GYN seeks vice chair for education**

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at IUSM seeks an expert in medical education to serve as the vice chair for education. The position is open to candidates (physicians and non-physicians) with advanced training in medical education or a

related field (master's or doctorate degree preferred). Priority will be given to candidates with a track record of achievement in program development and education scholarship.

The vice chair for education will use his/her expertise to promote the development of curriculum and evaluation systems for the department's medical education programs for students, residents and fellows, as well as the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. The education program directors will receive mentorship and assistance from the vice chair and will continue to report to the chair.

The vice chair for education will coordinate the research activities of an educational studies group to be based in the department with the mission to promote collaborative medical education research across departments and institutions. The vice chair will participate actively in determining the priority areas of the education studies group. Time will also be reserved for the vice chair to pursue educational projects in an area of personal interest.

A competitive salary and an extensive benefit package are available based on qualifications. Employment opportunities, including academic positions, for the candidate's spouse/partner will be rigorously supported. Indiana has a favorable professional liability environment, and provides an attractive climate for living and working. Indiana University is an EEO/AA employer, M/F/D

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and a CV to:

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Indiana University School of Medicine

550 North University Blvd., Room 2440

Indianapolis, IN 46202-5274

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› **Bioethics Journal Club – Oct 1**

The next meeting of the Bioethics Journal Club will be Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics, HITS bldg, 3rd floor. Dr. Jason Eberl will discuss the article entitled "Healthcare access as a right, not a privilege: A construct of Western thought" by Thomas J. Papadimos. Dr. Eberl is an associate professor and graduate co-director in the Department of Philosophy.

The article is posted in the Resources section of the BJC Oncourse project site. Contact Robin Bandy at rjakers@iupui.edu for more information. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The Bioethics Journal Club is co-sponsored by the IU Center for Bioethics and the IUPUI philosophy graduate program.

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› **Medical Humanities seminar Oct. 2**

Jutta Schickore, PhD, IU Department of the History and Philosophy of Science, will present "Vipers, Venom and the Vagaries of Experiments: The Historical Development of Research Reports" at noon Thursday, Oct. 2, in VanNuys Medical Sciences Building, room 326.

The Seminars in Medical Humanities presentation is sponsored by the Medical Humanities – Health Studies Program and the IU Center for the History of Medicine.

For more information, see medhumanities.iupui.edu/new/template_seminars.htm.

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› **Bio-Specimen Shipment Training**

The IU Department of Environmental Health and Safety has scheduled additional bio-specimen training sessions on Oct. 21 and Nov. 13. All training dates and times through June 2009:

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 11, 1:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 12, 1:30-3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 5, 10-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 2, 10-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 11, 1:30-3 p.m.

All sessions will be in the Union Building, room 542. To register for one of the training sessions, contact Janet Jones by calling 274-2005, or e-mail at jaejones@iupui.edu by the end of the day prior to the scheduled training.

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► IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting

The IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Featured speakers and their topics:

- John F. Fitzgerald, M.D.
Executive Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
"Indiana Clinic"
- Roger W. Schmenner
Chief of Staff, Office of the Chancellor, IUPUI
"Future IUPUI Campus Changes"

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► **Employing the
arts to improve
care, sense of
self**

"Fostering a Sense of Community at Clarian: Engaging the Arts," a retreat for physicians, nurses, administrators and educators who work at Clarian Health, will be Thursday evening, Oct. 16, and Friday, Oct. 17, at the Indianapolis Arts Center in Broad Ripple.

The gathering will provide an opportunity for health-care providers to reflect on their work in order to make sense of the experiences, to explore unique stories, and to build a more cohesive and nurturing medical community through use of the creative arts. The retreat is funded by a Clarian Values Grant.

Those interested in attending the retreat should send a brief message with their name, contact information (including e-mail address), and a description of their role within the IUSM or Clarian community by **Thursday, Oct. 2**, to Robyn Burns, administrative secretary, IU Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, 274-4556 or raburns@iupui.edu.

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► Technology investment leader to discuss commercialization of scientific research

"Commercialization Scientific Research" will be the topic of a presentation by Gary J. Anderson, MD, retired managing general partner and senior advisor of TL Ventures, at the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Science Innovations Science Speaker Series Oct. 17.

The program, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m., will be held at the IU Emerging Technology Center, 351 W. 10th St., Indianapolis.

Dr. Anderson will discuss the commercialization of scientific research, from protecting the intellectual property to determining the appropriate business model. As part of Wayne, Pennsylvania-based TL Ventures, Dr. Anderson has helped to guide more than 30 companies through successful initial public offerings (IPO's), mergers or acquisitions. Prior to founding TL Ventures in 1989, he was executive vice president at Safeguard Scientifics, Inc.

Send RSVPs to iuetc@iu.edu or Shawna Ping at 317-278-4100.

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› **Mark your calendar for a Medical Humanities symposium**

Cancer Stories: The Impact of Narrative on a Modern Malady will be Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 6-8, at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Registration is free and can be completed at medhumanities.iupui.edu/symposium_2008.htm.

The program is sponsored by the IU Simon Cancer Center, the IUPUI School of Liberal Arts and the IU Department of Medicine.

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› **Biostatistics for Health Care Providers: A Short Course**

On Nov. 11, 12, and 13 from 1 to 5 p.m., the Division of Biostatistics will offer a short course on basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health-care literature.

The course will be open to faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as other interested students and staff. Enrollment is limited to the first 30 registrants. See www.biostat.iupui.edu/Teaching/ShortCourse for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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› **Grant writing symposium**

Registration is open and available on line through the IUSM CME office for a Nov. 17 grant writing symposium. See cme.medicine.iu.edu/iucme/courses.asp.

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› **Flu vaccine available**

IUPUI Health Services has received a shipment of 8,100 doses of influenza vaccine to be given to IUPUI faculty, staff and students. The flu vaccination season starts in October and extends into January.

It is expected that 143 million doses of vaccine will be available in the United States this year. The CDC considers health-care workers a priority group for vaccination.

As in the past, IUPUI Health Services will provide free flu shots to IUPUI staff and faculty. Flu shots will be available at IUPUI Health Services (Coleman Hall, first floor) starting Wednesday, Oct. 1. In addition, IUPUI HS will administer a flu clinic in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building atrium on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals wishing to arrange an on-site flu clinic for their department should complete the [flu vaccine department request form](#) and send it to Carla Neuhausel, IUPUI HS nurse manager, as directed on the form. Volunteers to assist in checking in staff and giving flu shots are needed. If you are able to volunteer, complete the [flu vaccine volunteer request form](#) and send to Carla Neuhausel.

All individuals requesting a flu shot will be required to complete a flu vaccine consent form and bring a university picture ID with them. Clothing that readily allows access to the upper arm will facilitate the process.

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› **Abonour to run, bike 140 Miles for Myeloma**

Rafat Abonour, MD, an amateur marathon runner, will again this year run to Bloomington and cycle back to Indianapolis for Miles for Myeloma: the Bloomington Boomerang, Part II.

At midnight Nov. 1, Dr. Abonour will leave the IU Simon Cancer Center's Barnhill entrance and run to Bloomington. Luminaries

honoring patients will light his path on campus. All are invited to wish Abonour and the other runners a safe journey as they begin their 140-mile route.

Twelve hours later, he will arrive in Bloomington and make his way through a human tunnel formed by patients and their families on the Memorial Stadium field prior to the kick-off of the football game. **Free game tickets are available to IUSCC employees.** To reserve tickets, call 278-4512, or e-mail cagifts@iupui.edu.

At 8 a.m. Nov. 2, he will depart Memorial Stadium by bicycle and make his way back to the IU Simon Cancer Center's Barnhill entrance. Everyone is invited to join the finish-line celebration at 1:30 p.m.

Since 2005, Dr. Abonour's patients and their families have raised nearly \$700,000 to further research for myeloma. This year, grateful patients hope to make him "The Million Dollar Man" by raising a cumulative \$1 million for research.

The funds generated by Miles for Myeloma are invested in IU research focused on developing better treatment options for the disease that affects 17,000 annually.

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› Show IU some love on YouTube

In honor of the second annual Celebrate IU – an October salute to academics, arts and athletics that includes a variety of events – undergraduate and graduate students at all IU campuses are invited to enter the Celebrate IU Video Contest. Make a video about why you love IU, upload it to YouTube, and you'll be eligible to win up to \$300. Who knows? You may even become a YouTube celebrity.

Prizes: \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, \$100 for third place

Make sure that you:

- Show why you love IU, whether it's the people, sports, culture, campus or something else
- Keep your video to 60 seconds or less
- Upload your video to the Celebrate IU 2008 YouTube group by 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, Oct. 17

Videos will be judged more for their creativity and IU spirit than for their professional quality. A panel of students and faculty will select the top three videos, announcing the winners on Oct. 22.

Learn more and submit your video at www.youtube.com/group/celebrate2008.

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› Clarian to roll-out secure messaging

Physicians and staff who use Clarian email will soon have a new secure capability to send sensitive information via an application called Zix Messaging.

Zix Messaging automatically reviews each outbound email and determines whether the content contains sensitive information like patient information, social security numbers, credit card numbers, etc. If an email contains this type of information it is immediately encrypted and a message is sent to the email receiver explaining how to retrieve the contents of the email. Email that does not contain sensitive information is sent via normal channels. Zix performs this sensitive information analysis and encryption in the background requiring no additional actions from the user sending the email.

Clarian Information Services will be sending additional educational information on this new capability over the next month and can answer any questions or concerns. Contact the Clarian help desk at 962-2828 for more information.

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› NIH seeks applicants for loan repayment programs

The National Institutes of Health are accepting applications for extramural loan repayment programs. The LRPs repay up to \$35,000 of educational loan debt annually for individuals who commit to conducting at least two years of qualified biomedical or behavioral research at a nonprofit institution of their choice.

Applications are due **Monday, Dec. 1**. For more information, see www.lrp.nih.gov.

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» **ACS grants and awards**

The grant deadline for American Cancer Society Cancer Control Career Development Awards for Primary Care Physicians is **Wednesday, Oct. 15**.

Questions concerning the application process can be referred to the program director, Virginia Krawiec, at 404-329-5734, or Ginger.Krawiec@Cancer.Org

The ACS offers several other research and training grants. For more information, see www.cancer.org/research.

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» **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, *Sound Medicine* will air the first of a three-part series entitled "Not If, But When." The series will present information from national public health officials and ethicists who gathered in Indianapolis in July to discuss the ethical issues of planning and caring for the public during an influenza pandemic.

This week, "Not If, But When" guests will include Indiana Health Commissioner Judith Monroe, M.D., who will talk about Indiana's preparations.

Kimberly Applegate, M.D., a radiologist at Riley Hospital for Children and an associate professor of radiology at the Indiana University School of Medicine, is one of the organizers of the "Image Gently" campaign. She will explain how the program got start and it's goal of protecting young children – particularly those who are subjected to multiple hospital tests – from undue amounts of diagnostic radiation.

Neuroscientist Olaf Sporns, Ph.D., a professor in the IU Department of Psychology and Brain Sciences, is performing research in what he's calling the brain's activity hub. Dr. Sporns will explain his brain "mapping" technique and his intent to understand how the brain's electrical activity translates into thoughts and behavior.

Richard Frankel, Ph.D., IU professor of medicine and geriatrics, will discuss his recent studies of doctor-patient relationships. His current work focuses on why sometimes, even the best intentions don't translate into clear understandings between doctors and their patients.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at www.soundmedicine.iu.edu.

Sound Medicine is underwritten by the Lilly Center for Medical Science, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group. Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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» **Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips**

The Continuing Medical Education office launched a new and improved website at cme.medicine.iu.edu. In addition to online registration and listings of grand rounds, conferences and courses, the site provides in-depth tools and information for presenters and program developers. Included are forms, tips, links, contacts, maps, and a host of other handy resources to make it easier to participate in CME events, prepare a presentation or plan an event.

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» **Scientific Calendar online**

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at the new [Scientific Calendar](#) website. To

place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

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» **Scope submission guidelines**

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents on Fridays (except on holiday weekends when it is published on the following Monday).

There are three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format. Word document attachments in lieu of fliers are encouraged.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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