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IU achieves record in research grants and awards

Indiana University received a record \$603.9 million in grants and awards for research and other sponsored programs during the 2009-2010 fiscal year, IU President Michael A. McRobbie reported this week.

The new record amount surpasses the previous mark of \$525.3 million set during the 2007-2008 fiscal year and includes new highs for amounts received from federal, state and non-profit sources (excluding foundations). Overall, income from grants and awards for research was up 28.7 percent over the \$469.4 million IU received last year.

The National Institutes of Health led all grantors by awarding IU more than \$196.4 million during fiscal year 2010, including \$8.4 million to the IU School of Medicine (IUSM) for a new research facility at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, \$4.2 million for the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and \$2.2 million for the Pharmacogenetics Research Network and Knowledge Base.

The Lilly Endowment provided \$65.9 million to IU, including the university's largest single gift, \$60 million, for the Translational Science Initiative at IUSM, while the National Science Foundation made awards of \$47.5 million to IU, including its largest single award of \$2.8 million to the university for an experimental, high-performance computing network called FutureGrid.

For more information, visit the **IU** News Room.

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Global initiative saves newborn lives

IUSM faculty are at the forefront of Helping Babies Breathe, a newly launched program to train birth attendants in developing countries the essential skills of newborn resuscitation using hands-on

training techniques, culturally sensitive learning materials and "NeoNatalie," an newborn baby simulator.

Already, 393 people in Kenya and hundreds of other birth attendants in pilot sites in India, Bangladesh, Tanzania and Pakistan have been trained by the Helping Babies Breathe program. Instruction in Kenya is provided by experienced teachers and experts in neonatal resuscitation trained at the Riley Mother and Baby Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya.

Trainers in the field travel to wherever babies are being born. The goal is to educate enough people so that at least one trained birth attendant is present at every birth. In the past year, these master trainers and facilitators have trained an additional 373 birth attendants in 16 districts throughout western Kenya.

In Kenya, nearly 60 percent of women do not give birth in a health facility, and many of them give birth alone. Ten percent of babies are born not breathing or not breathing effectively, and are often thought to be dead. The World Health Organization estimates that approximately 10 million babies born each year do not breathe immediately.

Helping Babies Breathe-Kenya includes co-investigator Edward Liechty, MD, professor of pediatrics; Sherri Bucher, PhD, assistant research professor of pediatrics, and Olive Konana, MD, assistant professor of clinical pediatrics, all of IUSM.

For more information, visit the IUSM Newsroom.

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Fundraiser will celebrate Vietnamese culture

"Through the Hourglass," a fundraising event organized by IUSM students to support underprivileged children and orphans in Central Indiana and Vietnam, is scheduled Sunday, Aug. 22, at Hilbert Circle Theater, 45 Monument Circle.

The event will feature a selection of Vietnamese culture, including food, fashion, comedy and music. The "Vietnamese Food Experience" begins at 3 p.m.; a fashion show, featuring intricate clothing designs modeled by IUSM students, starts at 7 p.m. Also scheduled are performances by local comedians from Vietnam and musical works by the Vietnamese composer Le Van Khoa performers by members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

"For the Youth" was founded in 2007 by Hai Nguyen, a fourth-year medical student at IUSM, along with various members of the local Vietnamese community. Locally in Indianapolis, it collaborates with the IU Student Outreach Clinical to provide health services to teenagers with unreliable social support.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$30 for preorder or \$35 at the door. To order, contact 506-3156 or 514-2766, or email info@4theyouth.org.

For more information, visit 4theyouth.org.

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Childhood obesity topic of lecture

Indiana Children's Health Services Research (ICHSR) will present a lecture entitled, "Stemming the Tide: Obesity Prevention and Treatment in Primary Care Pediatrics," by Eliana Perrin, MD, at 11:30

a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, in the Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) Building, Legacy Boardroom, second floor.

To RSVP, contact Loyce Stultz at 278-0552 or lstultz@iupui.edu.

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Brater to present on physician supply

D. Craig Brater, dean of IUSM, will speak during the Indiana Hospital Association's "Physician Supply Briefing" from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, at The Montage, 8580 Allison Pointe Blvd.

This event will provide participants an update on local approaches to easing problems related to one of Indiana's top health care challenges: physician supply. Currently, physicians in Indiana face soaring patient volumes, declining reimbursement and rapidly changing work environments. Dr. Brater will provide an update on plans to expand enrollment at IU, and the need for clinical affiliations.

Other presenters include Daniel Elsener, president of Marian University, Phil Morphew, CEO of the Indiana Primary Healthcare Association, and William Thompson, partner of Hall, Render, Killian, Heath & Lyman.

This event is open to the public. A registration fee of \$75 is required. For more information, visit www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=882319.

Questions to Carla J. Brown at 423-7793 or cjbrown@ihaconnect.org.

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Participants sought for golf fundraiser

Golfers are needed for the annual golf outing to raise funds for medical student scholarships on Monday afternoon, Aug. 30, at Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel. The event is sponsored by IUSM and Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society.

All medical school alumni, all Indiana AOA members and all Indiana hospital employees may participate. Golfers are asked to contribute \$625 per person to play. Hole sponsorship costs \$800. Most of the contribution will be tax deductible.

A cocktail reception with some light food and a silent auction will conclude the day's events. Some of the silent auction items will be AOA student artwork.

To register, contact event planner Michele Rogers at 253-6199 or <u>acolondon@att.net</u> or Chris Stines at 274-7883 or <u>cpstines@iupui.edu</u>.

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IU former first lady Peg Brand to discuss taboos of childbirth

Peg Brand, PhD, associate professor, Department of Philosophy, Women's Studies, will present "Still a Taboo: The Aesthetics of Childbirth," from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 31, in the IUSM Library, room 226-227.

This program of images and discussion will explore the depiction of childbirth in art, including a Renaissance illustration of a "confinement room," in which women surround the pregnant woman.

These scenes were often commemorated on double-sided, painted wooden childbirth trays, platters, or bowls as forms of domestic art. The trays were given as gifts to the woman for good luck. An Italian version of these images dates back to 1580.

Dr. Brand, who will teach this fall's medical humanities class, will be part of a soon-to-be-published book entitled, *Maternal Subjects: Philosophical Essays on Pregnancy, Birth, and Mothering.*

The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Carole Gall, medical librarian, at 274-1411 or cfgall@iupui.edu.

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Morris H. Aprison Annual Lecture

The IUSM Department of Psychiatry will host the 5th Morris H. Aprison Annual Lectureship in Biological Psychiatry from 11 a.m. noon Friday, Sept. 3, in the Riley Hospital Outpatient Center, Lilly Learning Center Auditorium.

The guest speaker will be John H. Krystal, MD, the Robert L. McNeil Jr. Professor of Psychiatry, chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and chief of psychiatry, Yale-New Haven Hospital. Dr. McNeil also serves as director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Center for Translational Neuroscience of Alcoholism; director of the clinical neuroscience division at the VA National Center for PTSD; director of the VA Alcohol Research Center; and medical director of the DVA Schizophrenia Biological Research Center.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this free CME-accredited lecture.

For information, visit psychiatry.medicine.iu.edu.

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Presentation to focus on black hospitals in America

Nathaniel Wesley, Jr., MHA, will present "Black Hospitals in America: History, Development and Contributions" from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 3, in the Riley Outpatient Center, Lilly Auditorium.

Wesley has been studying the subject since the development of a national directory of black hospitals for the National Association of Health Services Executives in 1977. He has been cited for his work in numerous national publications and spoken extensively on the history and current plight of the remaining black hospitals. In the October 1997, *EBONY* magazine cited him as an authority on the subject. After 30 years of teaching health care policy and administration at colleges and universities, Mr. Wesley retired from the faculty of Florida A&M University in 2006.

This event is sponsored by the IU schools of medicine, health and rehabilitation sciences and dentistry, and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

For more information, visit events.iupui.edu/event/?event_id=3091.

Questions to Kaitlin Bell at 274-4702 or kaitbell@iupui.edu.

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Einterz to lecture on health care in Africa

Ellen M. Einterz, MD, will present a lecture entitled, "The Give and Take of International Aid to Health and Healthcare in Africa: A Village-level View" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B26.

Dr. Einterz will discuss her experiences with international aid for healthcare in Africa gained as medical director of the Kolofata District Hospital in rural Cameroon, where she has worked for nearly three decades. Medical students considering working abroad, as well as anyone with an interest in global health issues, are encouraged to attend.

This presentation is sponsored by the Medical Humanities-Health Studies Program. A pizza lunch will be provided, but space is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Rebecca Cervenka at 278-1669 or mailto:rcervenk@iupui.edu.

For more information, visit medhumanities.iupui.edu.

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Register for the One-Eyed Golf Scramble

The annual One-Eyed Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, at Old Hickory Golf Course, 1626 U.S. Highway 231, Greencastle. This annual event raises funds for the Pediatric Ophthalmology Clinic at Riley Hospital for Children.

Event founder Terry Clodfelter lost an eye due to a childhood eye injury and was treated at Riley Hospital for Children. He started the tournament 17 years ago after friends chastised him for a poor performance on the golf course by encouraging them to play while covering one eye with a bandana. The tournament regularly raises about \$10,000 a year.

Dinner and an awards presentation follow the tournament at 5 p.m. at the Moose Lodge in Greencastle. Participation costs \$200 per team or \$50 for an individual. Register at http://www.clodysoneeyegolf.com.

For more information, visit iueye.iu.edu/documents/pdf_2010/Peds%20camera.pdf.

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Research coordinator training

An educational program for research coordinators will be offered from Thursday, Sept. 23, though Friday, Sept. 24, in the Riley Outpatient Center, lower level, classrooms A and B.

This program is mandated for all new research coordinators at IUSM with less than two years experience coordinating studies on the IUPUI/Clarian campuses. It designed to provide specific guidance about how to conduct and coordinate clinical drug studies at IU.

While the program targets the new study coordinator, experienced coordinators and young investigators at the IU schools of medicine, dentistry and nursing, Clarian Health, Roudebush VA and Wishard Hospitals often attend and find the content useful and their skills strengthened.

Early bird registration on or before **Friday**, **Aug. 27** will cost \$275. After **Aug. 27**, the cost is \$290. Payments from grant accounts or other IU accounts are acceptable. This program is offered by IUSM, the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, Roudebush VA Research & Development and IU School of Nursing Office of Lifelong Learning.

For more information or a registration form, visit nursing.iupui.edu/continuing/rcep/researchcoordinator.shtml.

Questions to the Office of Lifelong Learning at 274-7779 or censg@iupui.edu.

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Scientific writing workshop — Oct. 8

The Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication will host a scientific writing workshop for life sciences researchers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8, in the Riley Outpatient Center Conference Room.

This workshop is aimed at international researchers seeking to improve their writing for publication. Christine Feak of the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, will lead the program.

The fee for the workshop is \$75 for IU/IUPUI affiliates, and \$100 for others. To register, visit liberalarts.iupui.edu/icic/uploads/docs/WorkshopRegistration.doc. For more information, visit liberalarts.iupui.edu/icic/news events/scientific writing workshop.

Questions to 274-2555 or icic@iupui.edu.

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Royalty to present on health care costs

Anne Beeson Royalty, PhD, associate professor of economics at IUPUI, will present the second lecture in the 2010-2011 Scholarship at Lunchtime series, "Healthcare Costs and Employee Medical Benefits: *Quo vadis*?" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, in the Faculty Club, University Place Conference Center, second floor, room IP 200.

The Scholarship at Lunch Times series is a highly interactive event series that provides an opportunity for IUPUI faculty to meet new colleagues and learn about the different types of research initiatives on campus in an informal setting. Dr. Royalty will discuss the growth of health care costs and the value employees put on health benefits versus wage increases.

Additional 2010-2011 series topics featuring science and medicine include:

- Wednesday, Jan. 26: "Can Video Games Improve Your Health?" by Hadi Kharrazi, MD, PhD, assistant professor of informatics at IUPUI.
- Wednesday, March 23: "Nanoparticles: Friend or Foe?" by Bonnie Blazer-Yost, PhD, associate professor of Physiology at IUPUI and Frank Witzmann, PhD, professor of cellular and integrative physiology at IUSM.

The Faculty Club opens at 11:30 am for lunch with all presentations and ensuing discussions scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. The buffet is available for \$12.90, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are recommended. To register for an individual event, visit faa.iupui.edu/newFaa/events/eventsCalendar.asp.

For more information, including a complete list of presentation topics, visit faa.iupui.edu/newFaa/SALT.asp.

Questions to Dominique M. Galli at dgalli@iupui.edu.

Mock interview volunteers needed

The Medical Student Affairs Office is seeking faculty and house staff volunteers who are familiar with the residency interviewing process to provide mock interviews for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Dates for this project are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 16, and Tuesday, Oct. 19.

About 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; volunteers must commit at least two hours during which they will conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student's performance. The interviews will be held at the Simulation Center in Fairbanks Hall.

After faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year medical students will be asked to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. These students' residency application materials, along with transcripts, will be forwarded to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty members from all disciplines are needed, but no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be matched to students interested in their specialty.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Carlene Webb-Burton at 274-7173 or cwebbbur@iupui.edu.

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Fall schedule for IT Training and Education

UITS IT Training and Education will offer hands-on computer training workshops this fall. Topics include Microsoft 2010, Adobe CS5, CSS, XHTML, SQL and more.

Most workshops are three hours in length. The cost is free for students, \$35 for faculty or staff and \$60 for members of the general public.

For more information, including class schedules, visit ittraining.iu.edu/iupui.

Questions to 274-7383.

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Suggestion box updated

The Dean's Office has posted an updated list of employee suggestions, and their status, received in response to the Employee Suggestion Program launched in October 2009. The list shows the ways in which individuals are actively engaged in moving these suggestions forward.

To view the list, go to <u>tinyurl.com/ESPResults</u> and use your ADS User ID and password to access. (Internet Explorer required.)

For more information on the Employee Suggestion Program, visit medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram.

Questions to Sue Knight at sueknigh@iupui.edu.

Nursing mothers rooms

Nursing mothers' rooms are provided at various locations on campus for mothers wishing to continue nursing infants after returning to work or school.

IUPUI offers dedicated spaces for nursing mothers in the Engineering Building, room 130A; the Union Building, room 130; and the Health Information and Translational Services (HITS) Building, 410 W. 10th St. Also available is a small curtained area in the lounge of the west women's restroom of the Administration (AO) Building.

For more information, visit www.hra.iupui.edu/HRA/WorkLife/wl_other.asp. To learn how to access to these spaces, contact Maggie Stimming at mstimmin@iupui.edu.

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Post Office relocation

The Contract Postal Unit has returned to its former location at 536 Barnhill Drive, between Long Hospital and the Clinical Research Building.

This move will not affect the usage and rental of the postal boxes located at the second floor west entrance of the IUPUI Campus Center. Mail delivery to the postal boxes will continue between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. An outgoing mail box/slot will remain on the second floor of the Campus Center near the Post Office boxes. Stamps and other postal supplies will continue to be sold at the Barnhill location.

Also relocated is the mailbox at the corner of Barnhill Drive and Michigan Street. It is now next to the southwest entrance of the IUPUI Campus Center, facing Vermont St. Pick up times are 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

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This Week on Sound Medicine

This weekend, Saturday, Aug. 21, and Sunday, Aug. 22, Sound Medicine topics include individualized education plans for autistic kids, nutrition plans for healthier hearts and a physician-historian's glimpse at a time when the stethoscope was cutting-edge technology.

Indianapolis-based autism consultant Kathy Oehler discusses what's involved in creating an Individualized Education Plan for autistic students. IEPs are mandated by law for special needs children.

Heart disease expert Joseph Keenan, MD, explains how eating foods containing plant sterols can lower cholesterol and improve heart health. Dr. Keenan is a former professor of family medicine at the University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota School of Food Science and Nutrition.

Shortly before his death on July 4 at age 83, Robert Butler, MD, sat down to discuss his book, *The Longevity Prescription*, with *Sound Medicine*'s Steve Bogdewic, PhD. Dr. Butler, known as the "father of geriatrics" founded the International Longevity Center.

Physician, historian and medical ethicist Stanley Joel Reiser, MD, takes us back in history to the day when a stethoscope was high-tech medicine. His new book is called *Technological Medicine*, the Changing World of Doctors and Patients.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeramy Shere, PhD, is on a quest to discover how scientists measure calories in food. He poses the question to Jim Daniel, PhD, associate professor of foods and nutrition at Purdue University.

Find archived editions, and other helpful information, at soundmedicine.iu.edu.

Sound Medicine is produced by IUSM in conjunction with WFYI Public Radio. The show is underwritten by Clarian Health, IU Medical Group and IUPUI. Reports on Primary Health Care topics are sponsored by Wishard Health Services.

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Research Funding Update

The IU Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research offer a weekly digest containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions. Digests are published on Wednesdays but may be sent more frequently if deadlines are urgent.

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Core facilities funding opportunity

Researchers seeking support from the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Core Facilities Pilot Funding program may submit an application through **5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18**.

The Indiana CTSI Core Facilities Pilot Funding program provides investigators up to \$10,000 in services from an Indiana CTSI-designated core. Core facilities include a wide range of laboratory equipment, computing technology, clinical samples and other resources at Indiana University, Purdue University and the University of Notre Dame. All eligible cores are listed at www.indianactsi.org/research/cores, and are marked by the Indiana CTSI logo. Investigators and core services may be from either the same or different campuses and/or universities.

For more information, or to submit an application, visit www.indianactsi.org/grants. A university username and password are required to log in.

Questions to Lilith Reeves, chief scientific officer, at Ireeves@iupui.edu.

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Internal grant applications due Sept. 1

The application deadline for the following IUSM internal grant programs is **5 p.m. Wednesday**, **Sept. 1**:

- · Biomedical Research Grant
- Research Enhancement Grant

For more information, or application forms, visit operations.medicine.iu.edu/research-administration/internal-and-local-research-funding. BACK TO TOP

Clarian Values Fund Grants

The Clarian Health Board of Directors is pleased to announce the availability of Values Fund grants for:

- Medical Research
- · Medical Education
- The Integration of Religious and Spiritual Dimension in Health Care

Eligible applicants include Clarian employees and Clarian medical staff, including physicians and health professionals with staff privileges at Clarian Health.

The application deadline for the medical research and the medical education grants is **noon Friday**, **Oct. 15**, with funding beginning in the spring on or about May 1, 2011.

Applicants for the Integration of religious and Spiritual Dimensions in Health Care are invited to submit a letter of interest by **noon Monday**, **Aug. 30**. The full applications are due by **noon Friday**, **Oct. 15**. Funding will begin on or about March 1.

Applicants should review the full instructions since application requirements and submission due dates vary among the three programs. Detailed instructions and application forms are listed below.

Current instructions and application forms are available on Clarian PULSE in the Grants Administration Department page at pulse.clarian.org/portal/intranet/home/content?defaultXml=/depts/grants/fundgrants.xml. BACK TO TOP

Honors

Sheryl E. Allen, MD, visiting associate professor of clinical pediatrics and clinical emergency medicine, was recently named the recipient of the Riley Children's Hospital Red Shoes Award. The Red Shoes Program recognizes outstanding accomplishments and contributions to family centered care at Riley Hospital. Dr. Allen was nominated by a patient's mother for providing exemplary physical care and emotional support during an emergency room visit. Any patient, family, staff member or volunteer can nominate any member of the Riley Family for this recognition. This award is sponsored and administrated by the Riley Hospital Newborn Intensive Care Unit. For more information, visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu/news.html.

Fran Brahmi, MLS, PhD, wears many hats. While at work she is the education liaison for the IUSM Library, the competency director for statewide lifelong learning and she teaches a narrative elective for fourth-year IUSM students. At night, she's a poet. Her poem "A Moment of Silence" has been published in the Aug. 7 issue of the *Yale Journal for Humanities in Medicine*. Read it online at yjhm.yale.edu/poetry/fbrahmi20100807.htm.

JagPerks Discount and Resource Fair

The JagPerks Discount and Resource Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, in the UC-Taylor Hall Courtyard.

This event will feature more than 40 vendors offering special discounts, conveniences and resources to students and employees at IUPUI. Coupons, food samples and other "freebies: will be available from vendors such as Papa John's, Scotty's Brewhouse, Jimmy John's, Beau Visage Spa, Indy Honda, T-Mobile and more.

For more information, visit events.iupui.edu/event/?event id=2902.

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At Your Fingertips

Continuing Medical Education

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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Resources

Want to find a room that has a Polycom hook-up? Need official IUSM templates for your PowerPoint presentation or poster about a guest lecturer? Check out the new "Resources For" page on the IUSM web site. Resources For is accessible from the school's home page (medicine.iu.edu) – look on the right-hand side of the page.

If you have suggestions of other resources that would be beneficial and could be added to this list, contact the Office of Public and Media Relations at medschl@iupui.edu.

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MedTV

The Office of Public and Media Relations now manages the MedTV screens on the medical school campus. This closed-circuit TV system, part of the IUPUI network, presents a wonderful opportunity for faculty, staff and students to communicate events and information of interest to others. It also serves as a source for broadcasting emergency information on campus.

The MedTVs are located in public areas of the HITS building, the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium, the Daly Center, Research II, Walther Hall (R3) and the Cancer Research Institute (R4).

Announcements from departments and offices are welcome. To have your department or office announcements posted on MedTV, please read the MedTV guidelines: medicine.iu.edu/medtv. Questions? Phone 274-7722.

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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 scopemed@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Kevin Fryling, 1110 W. Michigan, LO 401, 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.