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► McRobbie to present State of the University address

IU President Michael A. McRobbie will deliver his first State of the University address Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. in the University Place Hotel and Conference Center at IUPUI.

In the address, McRobbie, who became IU's 18th president in July 2007, is expected to provide an update on the strategic priorities he announced during his 2007 inaugural address, including increasing the amount of space available for teaching and research, furthering the university's international presence, and strengthening the university's life sciences infrastructure and programs in the interest of statewide economic development.

All members of the university community and the public are invited to attend the address. The speech will also be broadcast live on broadcast.iu.edu and to sites on all of IU's campuses. Those sites include:

IU Bloomington: Poplars 185; Radio and TV 175,
School of Education 2140

IU Columbus: Learning Center Room 1000

IU East: Community Room

IPFW: Kettler G20

IUPUI: IT 200A; UPCC (M1, M2); UL 3100F

IU Kokomo: KE 112

IU Northwest: Hawthorn 105

IU South Bend: Northside 038

IU Southeast: UC 120.

Also, McRobbie will hold the first "Open Office Hours" of the academic year for students on Thursday, Oct. 16, from 4 to 5:00 p.m. at the IUPUI campus in room 308 of the Campus Center. McRobbie seeks to provide students an opportunity to share their concerns about important issues affecting themselves, their peers, and the university at large.

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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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› **Gubernatorial proxies, Horning to debate health care plans**

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend a debate focused on the health care plans of Indiana's gubernatorial candidates at 4 p.m., Monday, Oct. 13 at the University Library's Lilly Auditorium. Attendees will hear representatives of each campaign present the details of their respective plans for improving health care in Indiana.

Indiana Family & Social Services Administration Secretary Mitch Roob will represent Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels, and Indiana State Representative David Orentlicher, MD, JD, will present on behalf of Democrat Jill Long Thompson. Libertarian candidate Andy Horning will represent himself.

The debate is sponsored by the IU Public Policy Institute's Center for Health Policy; the IUPUI Consortium for Health Policy, Law, and Bioethics; and the IUPUI Masters in Health Administration Student Association.

For more information, contact Eric Wright, Center for Health Policy, at 261-3000 or ewright@iupui.edu.

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› **Kenyan visiting professor next Medical Humanities lecturer**

Jesus Christ in a Bottle: Parallelism between Christianity and Traditional Medicine in Africa" will be presented by Eunice Kamaara, PhD, from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in Cavanaugh Hall, room 508.

Dr. Kamaara is an associate professor of religious studies at Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya, and an IUPUI visiting associate professor in anthropology, religious studies and the Institute for Research in Social Issues.

In a focus group discussion on the role of traditional medicine in the management of HIV and AIDS in Western Kenya in August 2008, a male participant described traditional medicine as "Jesus Christ in a bottle."

One month later, Bob Einterz, in a speech accepting the Indianapolis International Citizen of the Year Award on behalf of the IU-Kenya AMPATH program, said that charity and justice are the core values governing its work. This talk will explore the possible parallels between the response of Christianity and traditional medicine to HIV and AIDS in Africa, based on the words of these two very different persons in very different contexts.

Contact the Medical Humanities-Health Studies Program at 274-4740, or jizukac@iupui.edu for more information.

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› **Indiana Clinic topic at 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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» **Commercialization of research topic of Science Speaker Series**

The October Science Speaker Series will present Gary J. Anderson, MD, founder and partner in TL Ventures. He will present "Commercialization of Scientific Research" from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at the Ice Miller, One America Square, suite 2900. A reception will follow.

The event is hosted by the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship & Science Innovation.

For additional information, contact Shawna Ping, IU Emerging Technologies Center, at 278-4100.

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» **IUSM students hold Westside Family Health Fair**

On Saturday, Oct. 18, the IUSM Internal Medicine Student Interest Group, Wishard Health Services and WTHR Channel 13, will present the 11th annual Westside Family Health Fair, at Westside Community Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan Street. The free health fair, which is organized and run by IUSM students, will be open to the entire community from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In addition to the fair and the free health screenings and flu shots, a town hall meeting will be held during the event with a panel of community leaders and local physicians discussing healthcare and answering related questions.

For more information about the Westside Family Health Fair, call 554-4600.

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» **Best Buddies**

Best Buddies is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities by fostering one-to-one friendships. Best Buddies is sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning, the Medical Student Service-Learning Group and IUPUI. There are chapters at all of the IUSM medical education centers. Lee Tan (MSIII), and Andrea Freeman (MSII) are serving as project co-chairs this year.

Upcoming events for buddies and their partners include an Oct. 18 cookout and bonfire, a Nov. 2 arts and crafts display, and a Dec. 5 holiday dance. Earlier this fall, the IUPUI/IUSM chapter held a matching party with ice cream, root beer floats and various games.

Interested in becoming a volunteer or making a donation? For more information or to help support Best Buddies, see www.bestbuddies.org, or email bestbuds@iupui.edu.

The Office of Medical Service-Learning promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl for more information.

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» **Office of Multicultural Affairs public reception**

The Office of Multicultural Affairs invites students, faculty, staff, residents and alumni to a reception from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium. IUSM Dean Craig Brater will speak.

The reception will acquaint IUSM employees to the programs and initiatives offered and to help the Office of Multicultural Affairs learn how it can better serve the school.

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› **Dinarello to visit IUSM for Beering Lecture**

The 2008 Steven C. Beering Award will be presented to Charles A. Dinarello, MD, on Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8:30 a.m. at the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

He will present "Autoinflammatory Diseases and Interleukin-1 Beta: A New Classification and Therapy of Chronic Inflammatory Diseases" and IUSM faculty, students and fellows are strongly encouraged to attend. Following the Beering Lecture, a reception will be held in the ROC lobby.

On Tuesday, Oct. 28, Dr. Dinarello will lecture to medical and graduate students in the Emerson Hall auditorium. His 9 a.m. presentation is titled "IL-32, the Discovery of a New Cytokine and its Role in Disease."

Dr. Dinarello is a professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, an associate member of the European Molecular Biology Organization and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. His research focus is anti-cytokine-based therapies.

The lectures will be accessible via Polycom to the medical education centers.

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› **Women's Health Symposium – Nov. 14-15**

The fifth annual Symposium in Women's Health for Primary Care Providers will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15, at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. The symposium is presented by the IU National Center of Excellence in women's Health, in conjunction with the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

IU faculty presenters from several disciplines will lecture about pre- and post-natal issues, contraception, domestic violence, postpartum depression, polycystic ovarian disease, obesity, sexually transmitted diseases, and more. This year's conference is led by IU OB/GYN faculty Peter Marcus, MD, and Jill Hollingsworth, MD.

Registration is \$125 for physicians; \$50 for nurses and other health care providers; \$50 for IUSM and Clarian Health faculty and staff; and \$25 for residents-in-training. To register on-line, or to download the brochure, visit cme.medicine.iu.edu/iucme/courses.asp.

Questions? Please contact Tina Darling, associate director, at 278-2264 or tdarling@iupui.edu.

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› **MMIA applications due Oct. 31**

For the tenth year, IUSM and Riley Hospital for Children will host the Molecular Medicine in Action program for Indiana high school students. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Oct. 31.

The program offers 50 students an opportunity on March 1-2 to work alongside some of the nation's top medical researchers in the labs of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

Packets were mailed in mid-September to Indiana's high schools and science teachers to select students for participation. An online application form and additional information about the program can be found at www.wellscenter.iupui.edu/MMIA. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Indiana biology and chemistry teachers, and selections will be made and students notified by Dec. 15.

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Welcome Miles for Myeloma runners, free tickets available

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. 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. 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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» Flu vaccine available

IUPUI Health Services has received 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. 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 flu clinics in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building atrium on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information on additional flu clinics can be found at <http://www.health.iupui.edu/docs/Flu%20Shot%20Schedule%202008.pdf>.

Individuals wishing to arrange an additional 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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» This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, 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*, the award-winning weekly public radio program, will conclude 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.

"Not If, But When" guest Joseph Wainscott, director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, will explain what the state is doing in case of an influenza pandemic and how residents can plan ahead for their family's safety. Bioethicists will also debate the best ways to ensure equitable treatment under the circumstances of a possible pandemic.

Loren Field, PhD, director of the Riley Heart Research Center, and R. Mark Payne, MD, professor of pediatrics at the IU School of Medicine, will explore the unique challenges of pediatric cardiology. Drs. Field and Payne are working on an \$11.5 million NIH grant to study causes and treatments for pediatric heart problems.

Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, will discuss the organization's international programs dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among people across the globe.

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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