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NIH grant to support IU-Kenya program

The Indiana University – Moi University Partnership has been selected by the National Institutes of Health to join the Global Network for Women’s and Infant’s Health Research.

Edward Liechty, MD, an IUSM professor of pediatrics and a Riley Hospital neonatologist, is the principal investigator for this highly competitive grant. IUSM was one of only eight medical centers selected to participate in this Global Network. The Network, funded jointly by NIH and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, conducts clinical research projects throughout the developing world. The IUSM-Moi University site in Eldoret, Kenya is one of two Network locations in Africa. Other sites are in India, Pakistan, and Central and South America.

This grant will bring \$1 million to the IU-Moi Partnership for each of the next 5 years to conduct research to demonstrate the effectiveness and feasibility of simple, community- based health-care interventions such as protein supplementation for infants and training of traditional birth attendants in the proper care of obstetrical and neonatal emergencies.

Co-principal investigator for the IUSM grant funding is Fabian Esamai, MD, pediatrician and dean of

the Moi University School of Medicine. Dr Liechty spent the 2003-2004 academic year at Moi University as a Fulbright Visiting Research Scholar, working closely with Dr. Esamai. Other important initiatives of the IU Department of Pediatrics in Kenya include research and training in infant vaccine delivery, funded by the Merck Foundation, and the construction of a new hospital, the Riley Mother and Baby Hospital of Kenya.

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IUSM Office of Postdoctoral Affairs opens

The Graduate Division has established an Office of Postdoctoral Affairs for IUSM. Jennifer Williams will be the first director. The office, which can be phoned at 274-3430, will provide resources for the existing postdoctoral fellows and faculty at IUSM and provide services for the recruitment of new postdoctoral fellows.

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Changes in conflict of interest reporting

The Conflict of Interest Office at IUPUI has determined that switching the COI disclosure period from calendar year to academic year would be in the best interests of the program.

A recent review of the COI processes at Indianapolis and Bloomington suggested there be greater collaboration between the two campuses starting by putting the two campuses on the same disclosure schedule. In addition, planning meetings have occurred where it was determined that a university-wide, web-based COI disclosure system would best serve the overall goals of the COI process. It is anticipated that this system will be completed by August 2008.

The current COI disclosure form notes that the disclosures will remain in effect until January 2008 but that has been extended until Sep. 1, 2008. As always, COI disclosures must be made any time during the year when new disclosable interests arise or new research projects or sponsored programs are undertaken that relate to existing financial interests.

Please contact the COI Office at 4-7307 or iupuicoi@iupui.edu with any questions or concerns.

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Weather alerts

IUPUI monitors weather conditions and will post announcements pertaining to classes and campus closures at <http://www.iupui.edu/>.

In the event the campus is closed, IUSM students on clinical rotations should check with their resident or attending physician to see if they should report. Laboratory animal technicians are considered essential personnel. Up-to-date closing information will be available at <http://www.iupui.edu/> and through the local media.

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Bioethics Journal Club – Feb. 5

The Bioethics Journal Club will meet Tuesday, Feb. 5, from noon to 1 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics in the HITS Building. Dr. Jennifer Girod will lead a discussion on the article entitled "Clinical Trials of Xenotransplantation: Waiver Of The Right To Withdraw From a Clinical Trial Should be Required" by Monique A. Spillman and Robert M. Sade. Brown bag lunch, drinks provided.

The article is posted in the resources section of Bioethics Journal Club Oncourse site.

Contact Robin Bandy at rjakers@iupui.edu for more information. The series is co-sponsored by the IU Center for Bioethics and the IUPUI Philosophy graduate program

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Combined Seminar Series for February

The IU Simon Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series is held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4 to 5 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. February's speakers:

Feb. 6

Vered Stearns, MD
Assistant Professor of Oncology
Johns Hopkins
"Pharmacogenetics as a Predictor for Efficacy and Safety of Hormonal Treatments of Breast Cancer"

Feb. 20

Sally W. Vernon, PhD
Division Director
University of Texas Health Science Center
"Evidence Based Interventions to Promote Cancer Screening"

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Medical Humanities – health studies lecture

Lynn Pike, PhD, IUPUI professor of sociology, will present "Giving Patients a Voice through Photography in Health Sciences Research" at the Monday, Feb. 11, Seminars in Medical Humanities. His presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. in room 301 of the Medical Library Building.

This talk will present results from studies in which patients with various conditions and illnesses (pregnancy, breast cancer, Huntington's Disease, AIDS) were asked to express their feelings and identities through taking and/or reacting to photographs.

The seminars are free and open to the public but seating is limited. To attend, RSVP to Vanessa d'Amico at vkoepke@iupui.edu or (317) 278-1669.

For further information, see medhumanities.iupui.edu/seminars.html.

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Workshop for clinician educators

Limited seating is available for clinician educators interested in attending the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development's workshop on becoming a versatile clinical teacher.

The session will be offered as part of the year long LAMP series (Leadership in Academic Medicine Program) but will be open to the faculty at large. The workshop will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Riley Outpatient Center conference center, room B. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to sarareed@iupui.edu.

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Workshop for research scientists

Limited seating is available for a two-part workshop on "Collaboration in Research" and "How to Find Funding" hosted by the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

The session will be offered as part of the year long LAMP series (Leadership in Academic Medicine Program) but will be open to the faculty at large. The workshop will be from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, in the Riley Outpatient Center conference center, room A. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to sarareed@iupui.edu.

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HHE Day at the Statehouse

The Hoosiers for Higher Education Annual Statehouse Visit and Life Sciences Day will be Wednesday, Feb. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. in the south atrium of the Indiana Statehouse. IU President Michael McRobbie and Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson will speak in the north atrium at 1 p.m.

For more information or to register to attend call 800-937-3448 or 812- 855-0921.

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Monroe to speak at February Stepping Stones Luncheon

Dr. Judy Monroe will speak at the February Stepping Stones Luncheon Thursday, Feb. 14, from noon to 2 p.m., at the IUPUI Campus Center, room 405. Dr. Monroe is the Indiana State Health Commissioner and medical director for Medicaid. She is a member of the National Governors Association Health Care Practice Task Force and Center for Best Practices Healthy Communities Work Group.

Dr. Monroe is a member of the Indiana Health Information Exchange Board. In addition, she is chair of the Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Executive Board and the Interagency Council on Black

and Minority Health. She is active on many boards and commissions affecting women's health issues.

The Stepping Stones of Women in Leadership series is intended to create a forum where all faculty and students can learn about professional development through hearing the personal career journeys of successful women. The guest speaker for these sessions will be interviewed about significant milestones in their personal and professional lives that have led to career success. The sessions are open to all faculty and students, both men and women, and are sponsored by the IUSM Women's Advisory Council and the Office for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

To attend, RSVP your name, academic/medical department and indicate the February Stepping Stones Luncheon to sarareed@iupui.edu

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FEED – Feb. 20

“Beginning Guide to the Grant Submission Process” will be the topic of discussion Wednesday, Feb. 20 at the FEED workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Riley Outpatient Center, conference rooms A and B.

The goal of this workshop is to provide an introduction and overview to the administrative components of the research grant submission process at IUSM.

During this two-hour workshop, participants will:

- Develop an understanding of the overall process of grant writing and the grant review process
- Identify tips on how to find different sources of funding
- Appreciate the specific details of the administrative requirements for grant submission
- Share advice on how to be prepared in advance for this most critical aspect of the grant submission process

Those interested in attending should e-mail Roberta Brown at <mailto:%20rabrown2@iupui.edu> or call 630-6906.

Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) present quarterly workshops on key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine's continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

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Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence – Feb. 22

The Edward C. Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, in the IUPUI Campus Center. The symposium will bring the IUPUI campus community together to consider the ways that principle-based and competency-based learning has shaped the practice and profession of teaching. For more information or to register, visit ctl.iupui.edu/symposium/.

The session is sponsored by the [IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning](#), the

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Mini Medical Schools begin at Indy, South Bend and Terre Haute

The 13th annual Mini Medical School at IUSM- Terre Haute will begin Feb. 5. with “Pandemic Influenza – Preparing to Survive the Next Pandemic. The program will continue through April 22 and cover a range of topics including the effects of diabetes, the medical toll of stress and Alzheimer’s disease. All sessions will be in the Landsbaum Center for Health Education, 1433 N. 6 ½ Street, Terre Haute. For more information or to register, call 812-237-4011.

Mini Medical School at IUSM- Indianapolis will be March 4 and 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the IUPUI Campus Center. The two-part program is free but advanced reservations are required. Call 274-7722 or email iusm@indiana.edu.

An overview of the human papillomavirus will be presented March 4 by Darron R. Brown, MD, professor of medicine, microbiology, and immunology and director of the IU Center for Vaccine Research and Development. On March 18, Amy Kressel, M.D., will discuss the growing threat of “Superbugs.”

The Mini-Medical School series at IUSM - South Bend, sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation, will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays beginning March 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Raclin-Carmichael Hall, 1234 Notre Dame Avenue, South Bend. Topics will include an update on ear, nose and throat issues, the potential for performance enhancement via gene therapy, PMS, food allergies, human papillomavirus and pregnancy and depression. To register or for more information, call Terry at Memorial Hospital of South Bend (574) 647-7389.

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Nominations sought for Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award

Full time IUPUI staff are eligible for the IUPUI Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award. Nominations are now being accepted through **Saturday, March 15**.

The IUPUI Bepko Spirit Award is open to all IUPUI appointed full-time staff members who contribute to the overall mission and success of the university. The spirit of IUPUI is demonstrated through one’s overall attitude, as well as through acts of loyalty, teamwork and contribution to the mission, goals and strategic initiative of the university and the community. Recipients of the award will receive a \$100 award and will be recognized at the Chancellor’s Convocation in October.

To nominate an individual or group, please complete the nomination and narrative forms that are available on the IUPUI Staff Council website at www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/spirit1.html. The forms are also available for download in MS Word format at www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/Spirit/nomination.doc.

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PI	Agency	Type	Project Title	Begin	End	Total (\$)
Hal Broxmeyer	Walther Cancer Institute	Contin/Competing Research	Walther Oncology Center-Other Recruitment and Developme	7/1/2007	6/30/2008	98,264
Michael Busk	American Lung Association	Contin/Competing Research	Asthma Clinical Research Center	7/1/2007	6/30/2008	156,250
Peng-Sheng Chen	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute	New Research	Fibrillation and Defibrillation	2/1/2007	1/31/2008	359,123
Kang Chu	International Osteopetro	New Research	Understanding Molecular Therapy of Osteopetrosis	7/1/2007	8/31/2008	50,000
Susan Elizabeth Clare	The Breast Cancer Research Foundation	New Research	Delivery of nanovectors to hypoxic areas of breast tumors us	10/1/2007	9/30/2008	225,000
Tatiana Foroud	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse	Contin/Competing Research	3D Facial Imaging in FASD (U01)	9/30/2007	8/31/2008	359,361
Tatiana Foroud	University of Rochester	Contin/Competing Research	Cooperative Huntington's Disease Observational Research Tr	7/1/2007	6/30/2008	143,724
Hua Gao	Carl M. Reeves and Mildred...	New Research	Blockage of intraocular bFGF for treatment of age-related ma	11/1/2007	8/31/2008	40,000
Hua Lu	National Cancer Institute	New Research	Interplay Between 14-3-3gamma and MDMX in Regulating th	9/28/2007	7/31/2008	284,931
John Nurnberger Jr. I	University of California, S.	New Research	Genomic Association Study of Bipolar Disorder	8/1/2007	5/31/2008	411,433
Mark Pescovitz	National Institute of Diabetes	New Research	Rituximab treatment of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis	9/30/2007	8/31/2008	189,580
Xiaoxi Qiao	Carl M. Reeves and Mildred...	Contin/Competing Research	Study of Molecular Mechanisms of a Spontaneous Animal M	11/1/2007	8/31/2008	38,000
Aruna Sannuti	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Contin/Competing Research	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Center Grant	7/1/2007	6/30/2008	47,895
Andrew Saykin	National Cancer Institute	New Research	Neural Mechanisms of Chemotherapy-Induced Cognitive Dis	9/6/2007	5/31/2008	394,779
Linas Simonaitis	Agency for Healthcare Research	New Research	Improving Quality Through Health IT: Testing the Feasibility a	9/28/2007	9/30/2009	400,000
Zhong-Yin Zhang	University of Missouri, St. Louis	New Research	Anti-plague agents targeting YopH of Yersinia Pesits	9/29/2007	8/31/2008	113,625
	Alzheimer		Mevalonate			

Yan Zhou	Association	New Research	biosynthetic pathway in APP processing	7/1/2007	2/29/2008	28,546
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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, 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, cardiologist Richard Kovacs, MD, director of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology at IUSM, will report on the ENHANCE study which looked at the effects of combining two statin drugs – Zetia and Vytorin –to reduce plaque buildup in the arteries.

Blood banks, medical errors, Morgellon’s disease and an interview with the new CEO of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, will round out the show.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>. *Sound Medicine* is underwritten by the Lilly Clinic, 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

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at cme.medicine.iu.edu.

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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 Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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Scope wants your news items.

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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.

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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