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## **Chen named director of Krannert Institute**

Cardiologist Peng-Sheng Chen, MD, internationally recognized for his study of the mechanisms of cardiac rhythm disturbances, has been named director of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology and of the IUSM Division of Cardiology. He has also been named the first Medtronic Zipes Professor of Cardiology.

Through his research, Dr. Chen has contributed to the understanding of the mechanisms of cardiac fibrillation, defibrillation and the importance of the autonomic nervous system in cardiac arrhythmogenesis. He has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles and serves as a member of the editorial boards of *Circulation*, *Heart Rhythm* and the *Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology*.

Dr. Chen comes to the IUSM from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles where he held the Pauline and Harold Price Chair in Cardiac Electrophysiology Research and was the director of the Section of Electrophysiology and Electrocardiography and co-director of the Cardiovascular Intervention Center in the division of cardiology.

Dr. Chen earned his medical degree from National Taiwan University. He completed a residency at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and a cardiology fellowship at Duke University Medical Center.

The Medtronic Zipes Chair in Cardiology was established by the Medtronic Foundation to be held by an individual whose research and teaching focuses on investigations in the electrical stimulation of the cardiovascular system. It is named in honor of Douglas P. Zipes, MD, IU School of Medicine Distinguished Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of medicine, who was Dr. Chen's predecessor as director of the Krannert Institute and IU School of Medicine's Division of Cardiology.

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## **Wren's IUPUI responsibilities expanded**

Emily Wren, associate vice chancellor of facilities, has been appointed to oversee Parking Services and the Campus Fire Safety Department. Since 1990, she has supervised Campus Facility Services and the approximately 400 staff members that maintain campus buildings. During that time, she has also provided Campus Space Management and has been the primary campus liaison with university offices responsible for facility planning and design as well as real estate. She will continue in those roles as she assumes her new responsibilities.

According to Robert Martin, vice chancellor for administration and finance, this reorganization reflects the attempt to align operations that manage campus structures and property into one organizational group in order to better facilitate planning and communications, and to enhance opportunities for collaboration.

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## **Internal grant applications due Sept. 4**

The application deadline for the IUSM internal grant programs – the Biomedical Research Grant and the Research Enhancement Grant – is 5 p.m. **Tuesday, Sept. 4.**

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the Dean's Office of Operations, School of Medicine, Gatch Clinical Building, room 365. Instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at [adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/irf.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/irf.htm).

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## **Deadline approaching for BIO International session proposals**

Each year the BIO International Convention draws more than 20,000 visitors interested in the latest developments in life sciences and biotechnology. Faculty interested in presenting their ideas to this unique audience have two weeks remaining to make a session application for the 2008 conference in San Diego.

The submission criteria, frequently asked questions and the online session application form are available at [www.bio2008.org/Attendees/program.html](http://www.bio2008.org/Attendees/program.html). The submission deadline is **Friday, Sept. 7**, at 5 p.m. EDT.

Suggested tracks for the conference sessions include bench to products, bioethics, biopreparedness/emerging diseases, clinical research/clinical trials, devices and predictive diagnostics,

drug discovery and development, emerging company issues, global health, growing the biotech workforce, regenerative medicine, technology transfer/licensing and others.

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## Applications for signature center funding due Oct. 5

Uday Sukhatme, executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties at IUPUI, has announced a request for submissions for a second round of funding for Signature Centers.

The Signature Center Initiative was begun last year in an effort to create strong research units that are uniquely identifiable with IUPUI. Signature Centers are an integral part of the Academic Plan for IUPUI, because they will lead the way in world-class research and creative activities that will substantially enhance IUPUI's reputation.

A call for proposals in the fall of 2006 resulted in a total of 19 project proposals selected for support. Summaries of these Signature Center projects can be read at [www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118\\_signature\\_centers.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118_signature_centers.htm).

It is expected that approximately seven projects will be supported in this round. The proposed projects may be entirely new, but proposals which were not funded in the first round also may be resubmitted, after suitable revisions have been made to update the proposals and address reviewer comments.

The main characteristics expected of successful Signature Center proposals are:

A signature center is a research unit distinctly identifiable with IUPUI. In addition to representing an area of research strength, the center will usually build on some ongoing activities and have many of the following attributes.

- Signature Centers will often be interdisciplinary in character.
- They should have the capacity to attract significant external funding as appropriate to the disciplines involved, including federal grants and foundation support.
- The centers need to bring academic distinction to the campus. After initial campus-based seed funding, they should become largely self-sufficient in a 3- to 5- year time frame.
- The work of the center should be unique and distinctive, something which makes it stand out. It should not focus on an area commonly studied at many other universities, although collaborations with other institutions may be desirable.
- The center should engage in work which takes advantage of the urban location in Indianapolis and establish partnerships with local community and cultural organizations.

The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 5** .

Proposals must be submitted electronically [in one PDF document] and in hard copy to the Office of Operations, Clinical Building, Room 365, and to Dr. Sukhatme's assistant:

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For more information, see [adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/Signature%20Centers.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/Signature%20Centers.htm).

## **Clarian Values Fund accepting applications**

The Clarian Health Board of Directors is pleased to announce the availability of Values Fund grants for medical research, medical education and 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 Medical Research Grant and the Medical Education Grant applications are due by **3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12**, with funding beginning on or about March 1. Applicants for the Integration of Religious and Spiritual Dimensions in Health Care Grant must submit a letter of interest by noon, Aug. 24. The full applications are due by **noon, Monday, Sept. 24**. Funding will begin on or about Feb. 1.

Application requirements and submission due dates vary among the three programs so applicants should review the full instructions. Detailed instructions and application forms are available at [pulse.clarian.org/portal/intranet/home/content?defaultXml=/depts/grants/fundgrants.xml](http://pulse.clarian.org/portal/intranet/home/content?defaultXml=/depts/grants/fundgrants.xml).

## **Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference comes in Indy in October**

Shaun Grannis, MD, assistant professor of family medicine, in combination with the Regenstrief Institute will be hosting the 6th Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference at the Westin Indianapolis Hotel on Oct. 11-12, 2007.

The annual conference of the International Society for Disease Surveillance will build on prior conference themes by exploring innovative and non-traditional approaches to using syndromic surveillance data (e.g non-infectious, environmental, chronic disease, health promotion).

The conference will feature plenary sessions and concurrent interactive tracks on five topics including novel applications, automated data acquisition and processing, analytical methods, public health practice and evaluation and performance.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.syndromic.org/>

## **International fellowship program seeks applicants**

The NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars Program offers clinical research training for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions. The program offers a one-year training experience to advanced standing students in U.S. medical, osteopathic or dental school; or students enrolled in doctoral level programs at U.S. schools of public health, optometry, nursing, pharmacy or veterinary medicine.

The scholars program is an opportunity for highly motivated individuals to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH funded research centers in a diverse group of countries, including

Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

The program is sponsored by the NIH's Fogarty International Center in partnership with the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The Association of American Medical Colleges, Vanderbilt University, Meharry Medical College, Indent Inc., and the Association of Schools of Public Health are managing the program.

The deadline to apply for the program is **Friday, Dec. 14**. To learn more and to obtain an application, visit [www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship](http://www.aamc.org/overseasfellowship), or contact [fic-fellowship@aamc.org](mailto:fic-fellowship@aamc.org).

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## Free nutrition class for breast cancer survivors

Breast cancer survivors can learn about nutrition, diet, and cancer during an upcoming class at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

“Eating to WIN: Exploring the Role of Nutrition in Women’s Health” will be from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 10, in the Indiana Cancer Pavilion, room 101.

The class, which is free and open to the public, is led by Anna Zufall, RD, and is offered through the center’s CompleteLife program. For more information, contact Zufall at 278-8308.

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## Career opportunities for docs

Residents and fellows are invited to meet with representatives of more than 20 Indiana hospitals, physician groups and health-care systems at the 2007 Physician Career Reception, Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Deer-Zink Pavilion at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 Michigan Road.

To RSVP or for questions about the free event, contact Khalisha Brooks at 866-394-4138, or <http://indianadocs@gmail.com/>.

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## Life Sciences Career Fair at IU-B

IU Bloomington Life Sciences Career Fair will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20. Organizations will have an opportunity to connect with hundreds of IU undergraduates and graduate students from a variety of majors.

Registration is \$300 and include table space, lunch and parking. Registrations are due by **Friday, Sept. 14**. For more details, see <http://www.iucareers.com/>.

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## EndNote classes conducted by national trainer

A one-hour EndNote overview will begin at noon, Thursday, Sept. 27, at the School of Dentistry in lecture hall, room S116. The presenter is the EndNote national trainer, Donna Kirking, from the ISI Thompson. No registration is necessary. This is a lecture-hall setting with data projection, and not a hands-on experience. Anyone with IUPUI affiliation is welcomed.

Kirking will be at IUSM in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26, on Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 to 11 a.m. for a three-hour class on the latest version of EndNote. To view the class outline, see the IUSML homepage news [www.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=2624&oTopID=2624](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=2624&oTopID=2624). No registration is necessary. This also is a lecture-hall setting with data projection, and not a hands-on experience. Anyone with IUPUI affiliation is welcomed.

Also on Sept. 28, Kirking will host a one-hour forum beginning at noon in room B26 of the Medical Science Building for a brief update and to answer our questions. Again, no registration is necessary. This is a lecture-hall setting with data projection, and not a hands-on experience. Anyone with IUPUI is welcomed.

For more information, problems with the date, or questions, please contact IUSM librarian, Carole Gall at 317 274-1411, [cfgall@iupui.edu](mailto:cfgall@iupui.edu).

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## OMSL joins Medical Student Affairs

The Office of Medical Service-Learning became part of the IUSM Medical Student Affairs effective July 1. The office is directed by Herbert Cushing, MD, and James Brokaw, PhD.

On Aug. 14, the OMSL relocated to the Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 108B. Patricia Keener, MD, and Patricia Treadwell, MD, will serve as faculty director and associate faculty director, respectively. Steve Kirchhoff will serve as OMSL director and may be reached at [skirchho@iupui.edu](mailto:skirchho@iupui.edu), or 274-8724.

OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit [www.iu.edu/~omsl](http://www.iu.edu/~omsl) for more information.

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## Volunteers needed for mock residency interviews

The Medical Student Affairs Office for the past few years has arranged mock videotaped interviews for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Students who have participated have been extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to practice and to hear valuable feedback from faculty interviewers.

Volunteers are needed so the experience can be offered this year. Faculty and house staff familiar with the residency interviewing process are sought to conduct and critique the interviews. About 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; the OSCE Center has the facilities to run 15 concurrent interviews.

Volunteers would need to commit at least 2 hours during which they will conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student's performance.

Keep in mind, more volunteers reduce the time commitment for each individual faculty member. Faculty from all disciplines are needed but no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be interviewing students interested in his or her specialty.

Tentative times for this project are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11.

As soon as faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year students will be invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be required to submit residency application materials to MSA. Those materials will be forwarded, along with transcripts, to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty and house staff interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Carlene Webb-Burton at [cwebbbur@iupui.edu](mailto:cwebbbur@iupui.edu), or 274-7173 .

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## **Medical student hosts needed by HOST**

The HOST Program, sponsored by the IUSM Department of Alumni Relations, matches fourth-year IUSM students with IU medical alumni in an effort to provide housing for students during their residency interviews.

The HOST Program allows students to save money, but more importantly, it provides an opportunity for students to gain helpful insights into the local medical communities where they are interviewing.

For more information on the HOST Program, visit [alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/host.htm](http://alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/host.htm), or contact Brad Titus at [bltitus@iupui.edu](mailto:bltitus@iupui.edu), or 278-6603.

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

A potential side effect of exercise will be discussed by Michael Miller, M.D., the lead author of a new study by cardiologists at the University of Maryland Medical Center, who found that in some cases, exercise can cause high blood pressure and put the heart at risk.

During this long, hot summer, a low level of blue-green algae toxin has been found in Geist Reservoir. Robert Teclaw, DVM, an epidemiologist with the Indiana Department of Health, will discuss the health risks associated with the algae.

IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center oncologist Kathy Miller, M.D., will discuss the possibility that the Food and Drug Administration may fast-track a promising new breast cancer drug called ixabepilone.

In other news, Steve Viehweg, a social worker from Indianapolis, will discuss auditory nerve implants, which may prove superior to cochlear implants for the totally deaf.

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](http://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](mailto: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 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.

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

- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto: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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