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› Regional campus directors and students bring IUSM's message to Statehouse

IUSM will be well-represented at the Indiana Statehouse Tuesday, Feb. 24, when regional campus directors, faculty and medical students from across the state gather to bring the school's message of "more doctors for Indiana" to members of the Indiana General Assembly.

Legislators have been invited to learn more about the school's plans to expand the medical student body by 30 percent, to hear how the regional campuses are providing more local doctors while researching local health issues and to get some hands-on practice at several virtual teaching kiosks that will be set up at the Statehouse.

IUSM Day at the Statehouse will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the north atrium of the Statehouse.

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› WHO taps Regenstrief for informatics info

The World Health Organization has designated the Regenstrief Institute's medical informatics group as the world's first WHO Collaborating Center for Medical Informatics. Paul Biondich, MD, IU assistant professor of pediatrics, will direct the center.

The four-year designation, given for the "design, application, and research of medical information systems," is recognition of the international leadership and depth of expertise of the Institute's medical informatics group in the innovative use of information technology within medicine. This formal designation enables the WHO to more directly draw upon these capabilities by making the Institute part of a larger international collaboration of experts.

For more information, see www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=1026.

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› **Middle Eastern cardiologists among speakers at IUSM CV conference**

New advances in the diagnosis, treatment and management of cardiovascular diseases will be explored at the first International Cardiovascular Conference: Focus on the Middle East in Indianapolis, April 1 and 2. The conference is a cooperative effort between Indiana University School of Medicine and the American College of Cardiology.

Cardiologists and health care professionals who treat cardiovascular disease are invited to attend. Conference attendees will learn from each other's knowledge base and experiences on how to best care for patients with cardiovascular diseases. The internationally-recognized faculty will present topics in the areas of coronary artery disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation and sudden death, genetics and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, surgery and catheters for repair and replacement, and imaging.

The educational symposium will be held at the Campus Center Auditorium on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus. Contact the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education for registration and CME information at 274-4638 or register online at <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu> After March 30, registration must be completed at the door.

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› **Hold the date: Scientific Writing from the Reader's Perspective**

As competition for external funding becomes more challenging, the importance of getting one's scholarly work successfully published is more important than ever.

"Scientific Writing from the Reader's Perspective" will be presented by Dr. George D. Gopen, Duke University professor of the practice of rhetoric, and senior lecturing fellow in the Department of English and the School of Law.

Dr. Gopen's approach is based on a single idea: Learning to write for the reader allows the writer to control what readers learn. Dr. Gopen's workshops have changed participants' writing habits permanently, often resulting in improved grant writing success. Both junior investigators and experienced scholars/mentors will benefit from this program. Registrants must be able to commit two, full days to this workshop, as each session builds upon the previous one.

William Tierney, MD, director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and co-editor of a medical journal, has received more than \$20 million in grants as principal investigator and has published more than 200 articles in peer-reviewed journals. Having attended Dr. Gopen's two-day writing workshop after he had already published approximately 50 papers, Dr. Tierney stated, "This was the best investment I ever made – the most cost effective time I have ever spent."

Participants who complete the entire two-day workshop are eligible to register for a consultation with Dr. Gopen. Consultations will take place on June 3 and 4. More information will be available on the registration site.

Registration opens: March 1 at www.faculty.medicine.iu.edu

Workshop dates: June 1 and 2

Consultation dates: June 3 and 4

Cosponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

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› **Careers in Industry Panel and Discussion**

Friday, February 27, 2009

Riley Outpatient Center (ROC) - Ruth Lily Auditorium

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. with reception to follow

All postdocs and graduate students are invited!

RSVP online at www.postdoc.medicine.iu.edu

Learn about the real world of working in industry. Hear a panel of professionals from Lilly and Dow share their experiences and insight into successfully transitioning into a career in industry.

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› **Info session planned on public health degrees**

Interested in learning more about the Master of Public Health (MPH) program or graduate certificate in public health?

The IUSM Department of Public Health will host an information session to acquaint inquiring minds about its educational program offerings. Faculty, staff, and students will be available to provide an overview of the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, and the Office of Public Health Practice.

The gathering will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, in the IUSM Department of Public Health, 714 N. Senate, room 220. The off-campus building is on the southwest corner of Senate and St. Clair streets. Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP contact Leah Jansen at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765. More information is available at www.pbhealth.iupui.edu.

Can't attend the information session in person? Log on to: breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession/ to attend the session from your personal computer.

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› **Art exhibit commemorates National Autism Awareness Month**

"Through My Eyes - Perspectives on Autism" is a juried art exhibition for artists with autism ages 8 years and older. The exhibit is jointly sponsored by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center (an IU and Riley Hospital clinic) and VSA arts of Indiana.

Artwork will be showcased from April 3- 24, at the en ROUTE Gallery in the Harrison Center for the Arts, 1505 N. Delaware. This exhibit is open to the public; admission is free and all are invited to the opening reception April 3 and to tour the gallery.

The opening reception will be held in conjunction with the IDADA First Friday Art Tour at the Harrison Center from 6 to 9 p.m. Visit psychiatry.medicine.iu.edu for additional information.

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› **Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award**

IUPUI Staff Council will recognize full-time staff members who exemplify the spirit of IUPUI, with the IUPUI Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award. The award recognizes staff members who strengthen the campus by fostering collegiality, cooperation, creativity and innovation to help IUPUI become one of the nations' best urban universities. Anyone is welcome to nominate. The due date for nomination is Monday, March 31.

Information and nomination forms: www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/awards/bepko_spirit.html.

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› **Workshops on Adobe applications**

Have you downloaded the free Adobe applications yet? Not sure what to do with them now that they are on your computer? Attend IT Training and Education workshops on Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Flash, Fireworks, Illustrator and InDesign.

Internationally award winning materials and excellent instructors will lead you through the techniques that will get you started in the creative world of Adobe. Remember that these workshops are free to IUPUI students with a small fee for others.

See ittraining.iu.edu/iupui for more information.

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› **New IU Travel Management website launched**

IU Travel Management has released its new website, which can be found at www.indiana.edu/~travel. The content has not significantly changed; you will still find links to travel forms, a list of our preferred vendors, guidelines, and other resources. What

has changed is the look of the site and navigation.

Please check out Travel@IU and send feedback about the site to travelbl@indiana.edu. Let us know what you like about the new site and if there is anything we can do to improve it.

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› **New Fact Sheet: Peanut Product Recall and Cancer Patients**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has received reports of illnesses caused by a type of bacterium known as Salmonella enterica, strain Typhimurium. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has confirmed that peanut butter and peanut paste produced by the Peanut Corporation of America are sources of the illnesses. Due to this contamination, all peanut products produced by PCA on or after Jan. 1, 2007, have been recalled.

Because cancer patients with impaired immune systems are more likely to become severely ill from a Salmonella infection than others, the National Cancer Institute developed a new Fact Sheet, Peanut Product Recall and Cancer Patients, to address the special concerns of cancer patients and their healthcare providers.

- View NCI's Peanut Product Recall and Cancer Patients Fact Sheet: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Support/peanut-recall>
- For a searchable list of recalled products, visit the FDA web site: <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm>

For more additional information about this and other cancer-related topics, visit the NCI Web site at <http://www.cancer.gov> or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237).

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› **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, 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.

A newly isolated deadly virus found in Africa which has claimed several lives will be the topic of Pierre Rollin, MD, of the Special Pathogens Branch of the Center for Disease Control. He will explain the search for a cause and treatment of the deadly disease.

Eric M. Meslin, PhD, director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics, will discuss the ethical entanglement of the recent births of the California octuplets and what has been revealed about the lack of regulation of fertility clinics.

Jim Krampen, co-founder and executive officer of Seven Comers Insurance, will explain the new health insurance policies available to those who travel abroad.

Geetha Raghuvver, MD, MPH, will discuss her recent findings that obese children and those who have high cholesterol may be more likely to develop heart disease as they get older.

Sheri Colberg, PhD, author, diabetes researcher and fitness expert, will discuss her book, Diabetic Athlete's Handbook, which provides practical tips for athletes who want to continue their sport while also managing their diabetes.

In this week's Sound Medicine "Checkup," Jeremy Shere will explore how the current economy could be the tipping point for those struggling with a gambling addiction.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine as well as other helpful information, including when and where the program airs around the state, can be found at <http://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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