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IUSM reaps rewards from 1999 Legislature

On its final day of the 1999 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly approved items that will have a positive and long-reaching effect for IUSM.

The General Assembly approved funding for improvements and new construction on the IU Medical Center and the regional medical center campuses. The General Assembly also enacted SB 514, which establishes the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. The fund was established by unanimous votes in both chambers, and legislators approved the state budget, which includes an appropriation of \$50 million over the biennium for the Fund.

Legislative action will make it possible for the second phase of construction on the John D. VanNuys Medical Science Building to begin. Last fall, a new wing was dedicated on the west side of the building. Plans call for the original portion of the building to be extensively remodeled. The legislature also approved funding for improvements and new construction on the regional medical center campuses. No timetable was available for start of the various projects.

Originally named the Biomedical Research Initiative, the 21st Century legislation, which was sponsored by the Indiana Health Industry Forum, establishes a grant program for Indiana researchers in biomedical, biotechnology and other high technology areas. The initiative intends to leverage federal and private foundation dollars, attract new jobs, provide new startup companies and reduce Indiana's "brain drain" by providing job opportunities within Indiana for the state's graduates.

"The School of Medicine is delighted by the endorsement of the Indiana legislature," said IUSM Dean Robert Holden, MD. "I am very pleased with their show of support for research with the funding of the biomedical research initiative and their far-sightedness in making the research more plausible by financing improvements to the VanNuys and regional medical centers projects."

IU earned recognition from the Forum administration for the school's contributions in envisioning and

promoting the Initiative.

"The Biomedical Research Initiative could not have been successful if it had not enjoyed the significant statewide support throughout this legislative session," said Jody Pelosa Bentz, executive vice president of the Forum. "Indiana University has been a major catalyst in making the case that research-driven economic development will lead to great economic benefits for the state. President (Myles) Brand, Chancellor (Gerald) Bepko, Dean (Robert) Holden of the IU School of Medicine, and their teams are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to this initiative."

BRIEFS

Ghetti honored

Bernardino Ghetti, MD, has been awarded the Potamkin Prize for Research in Pick's, Alzheimer's and Related Diseases.

Presented by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN), the award is designed to recognize individual contributions to the understanding of causes, treatment and prevention of these diseases.

This year's prize is being awarded for the discovery and identification of the frontotemporal dementias. The award was presented at the AAN's 51st annual meeting in Toronto

Riley Telethon

The 16th annual Children's Miracle Network Telethon for Riley Hospital will be Saturday, June 5, and Sunday, June 6. Air time will be from 8 p.m. on Saturday until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The telethon can be seen on WTHR-TV, Channel 13, for central Indiana viewers, and on WPTA, Channel 21, in Fort Wayne, WTHI, Channel 10, in Terre Haute, WTVW, Channel 7, in Evansville, and TCI of Michiana in South Bend.

The telethon is broadcast from the atrium lobby of Riley Hospital. Last year's telethon earned more than \$4 million in gifts to Riley.

Stroke Awareness

Educational print information and videos on stroke will be available to the general public and IUSM faculty, students and staff on two days in May in recognition of National Stroke Awareness Month.

The stroke program coordinators will staff the displays at the IU Hospital lobby by the central elevators from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, May 17, and at Wishard Hospital near the cafeteria from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, May 24.

IUSM grads -- less than half of state's private practices

A 1997 physician survey, conducted by the Indiana State Department of Health and the Indiana Health Professions Bureau, revealed that 41 percent of physicians with principal practice locations in the Hoosier state graduated from IUSM.

The survey, which was attached to physician license renewals, included questions on activities, specialties, practice location and demographics.

Of the 16,549 survey respondents, 8,065 physicians reported that their primary practice location was in Indiana. Nearly 33 percent of those physicians are primary care doctors and approximately 53 percent of those primary care physicians are in family practice.

Combined Seminar Series features leukemia, renal disease, apoptosis

The line-up for the May Combined Seminar Series includes:

May 12 - James Griffin, MD, director of the leukemia program at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, "Novel Signal Transduction Pathways Involved in Transformation by the BCR/ABL Oncogene."

May 19 - Adnan Elfarra, PhD, professor of toxicology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, "Renal Metabolism: Nephrotoxicity and Drug Design."

May 26 - Martin Tenniswood, PhD, professor at the University of Notre Dame, "The Relationship Between Apoptosis and Metastasis."

The seminars are from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Indiana Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Class of '99 takes a bow

On Sunday, May 9, 261 of Indiana's newest physicians took the Hippocratic oath after graduation ceremonies at the RCA Dome and Indiana Convention Center.

The 1999 IUSM medical school graduates will get a short breather before beginning their residency programs in June or July.

Honors

Larry Einhorn, MD, has been elected president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) beginning in May 2000. He will serve as president-elect beginning this month during the group's annual meeting in Atlanta. ASCO is a professional association representing 12,000 physicians who specialize in the treatment of patients with cancer and in clinical research.

Janet Stout Everly and Karen Bruner Stroup, PhD, are recipients of Community Connection Awards from the 1999 National Conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association. The awards were presented in recognition of their national contributions in injury prevention for children with disabilities.

Thomas Howard, MD, is one of 25 IU faculty members systemwide to receive the 1999 Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching (FACET) awards. The awards are presented annually to faculty members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to and creativity in teaching.

Patricia Keener, MD, received a Community Connections Award for her Safe Sitter program. The award was presented by the 1999 National Conference of the American Occupational Therapy Association

John Nurnberger, MD, was honored at the Spirit of Service Awards Dinner sponsored by the ??? Catholic Social Services. The award recognizes those who have given generously of themselves for the benefit of others in need.

David A. Williams, MD, was recently elected into membership in the Association of American Physicians. There are approximately 950 active members in the prestigious association and Dr. Williams is one of only a few pediatricians nominated for membership.

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