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Biomedical imaging research center made possible with 21st Century funds

IUSM has won additional research resources in the second round of funding from Indiana's 21st Century Research and Technology Fund. The first grants from the program, approved by the Indiana legislature in 1999, were issued this past January. The second round of grants was awarded in July.

Newly awarded funding of \$1.9 million establishes the Indiana Center of Excellence in Biomedical Imaging. Gary D. Hutchins, PhD, the John W. Beeler Professor of Radiology, is the principal investigator. The Center will focus on development and application of biomedical imaging techniques for the non-invasive study of cellular and molecular processes.

The Center will have a three-fold mission: basic and applied research, business development, and technology transfer and commercialization of high technology imaging capabilities. It will serve the academic, medical and business communities as a focal point for multi-institutional collaboration in basic and applied research to develop novel biomedical imaging modalities and for related technology transfer to the private sector.

The Center also will serve as a resource to academic and private-sector research initiatives by providing state-of-the-art biomedical imaging technologies. It will provide compounding of positron-emitting radiopharmaceuticals that will be distributed for clinical use to a statewide network of hospitals and diagnostic imaging centers.

IU, Purdue and Notre Dame faculty members will participate in the Center as will specialists from pharmaceutical, radiopharmaceutical and medical imaging private industry.

IUSM is a partner in another venture submitted by FluorRx, Inc., which was funded for \$1.69 million. The project is entitled "Critical Care Analyzer Based on Fluorescence Lifetime Technology."

This project involves patented technology that will provide better management of critical care patients by enabling more timely measurement of blood gases, electrolytes and cardiac markers using whole blood samples in a simple, easy-to-use instrument.

IUSM was not the only IU entity receiving project recognition through funding. Indiana University Bloomington was a partner in three funded projects and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis was a participant in five projects.

The centers of excellence projects receiving 21st Century funds focus on the discovery of new technology and its commercialization. They serve as an administrative arm to support the commercialization of the technology developed by the partners.

Change of address for compliance office

The IUSM Office of Compliance Services moved to a new home this summer.

Formerly the office's administration and training section was housed in Wishard Hospital while the compliance analysts were in Medical Science Building. The consolidated functions of the office are now housed in Long Hospital, Room 317. Phone numbers for the office are:

Main number - 278-4891

Fax number - 278-4890

Assistant Compliance Officer - 278-4546

Compliance Training Specialist - Pat Skeens, 278-4521

Analysts - Pamelyn Yard, 278-4892

Sheri Mack, 278-4894

Briefs

NIH & IU staff offer seminar

Faculty are invited to attend a collaborative interactive educational seminar offered on Friday, Sept. 8, by the National Institutes of Health and the IU/IUPUI Research and Sponsored Program staff.

Topics will include:

- Compliance/Oversight
- Administration/Science Partnership
- At-risk Issues for the Biomedical Research Community

The key audience is faculty members who serve as principle investigators, department heads and support staff, especially account managers and supervisors.

The session will be held in Emerson Hall Auditorium, 8 a.m. to noon. Register by contacting JoAnn Pipkin at 274-8285 or at rspinfo@iupui.edu

Cancer awareness

Ovar'coming Together, Indiana's ovarian cancer education and resource group, is sponsoring "Silent No More: Spread the Word About Ovarian Cancer," a 5 K run/walk event at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, in Garfield Park.

Participants can register from 8 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under the age of 16. Registration forms can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.indywomenconnect.com> or by calling 317-250-6827.

Rounding out the program will be entertainment, a children's program, refreshments, raffle prizes, and a health tent.

Free health screening

The IUSM Department of Radiology, IU and Methodist hospital are offering free screenings to promote the early detection of Peripheral Vascular Disease. Indiana University is offering the screening from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20. To register, call Clarian On-Call at 317-916-3525.

Pain, numbness, and weakness in the legs are common symptoms of PVD, a medical condition in which arteries in the legs are narrowed or blocked. If left untreated, walking is difficult, ulcers may develop and, in severe cases, gangrene or amputation can result.

More information about PVD and the screening can be found online at <http://www.indyrad.iupui.edu/legsforlife>.

Riverfest

Indiana University Medica Group will sponsor Riverfest 2000 Run & Walk, starting at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 2. This event will begin at the National Institute for Fitness & Sport, 250 University Blvd. It features a 5-mile run and race walk, a 5-K walk and a Pump n' Run. Riverfest will include other health programs, including an expos and youth fitness demonstrations. Cost: \$12-\$16 if entry is postmarked by Saturday. \$15-\$19 for all others. For more information please call: (317)

274-3432.

Honors

Edwin Weisberger, MD, has been named the Betty A. Morgan Professor of Otolaryngology in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

The Betty A. Morgan Professorship is funded by the Zimmer Otorhinolaryngology Fund of the Indiana University Foundation. The money was donated by Betty Morgan in memory of her father. She was a friend and patient of Dr. Ralph E. Lingeman, the former chair of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

Douglas McKeag, MD, chairman of the Department of Family Medicine, has been named the first American United Life Professor of Preventive Health Medicine.

This professorship was established in 1995 by the AUL Foundation, Inc. It is an endowed chair for a faculty member of the Bowen Research Center at IUSM. The research center was founded in 1994 and is designed to facilitate the analysis of health policy, to address issues of rural care and to examine health promotion and cost containment.

Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

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

- faxing the information to 278-3502;
- e-mailing the information to mhardin@iupui.edu;
- mailing the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI.

The deadline for copy is 8:30 a.m. Mondays, the week prior to publication.

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