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Noted bioethicist will help lead Indiana Genomics Initiative

Eric Meslin, PhD, has been selected to guide the IU bioethics program, filling an important role in the university's development of the recently announced Indiana Genomics Initiative.

Dr. Meslin will be director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics, assistant dean for bioethics and professor in the Department of Medicine, Indiana University School of Medicine, pending approval by the IU trustees. He will begin his new duties Aug. 1.

Currently, he is the executive director of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, a position he was appointed to in February 1998. The National Bioethics Advisory Commission was established by

executive order signed by President Clinton in 1995.

The Indiana Genomics Initiative was made possible with a \$105 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., and will create a world-class biomedical research initiative, building on existing resources at IU.

With a career focused on bioethics, Dr. Meslin served from 1996 to 1998 as program director for bioethics research with the Ethical, Legal and Social Implications Research Program at the National Human Genome Research Institute in Bethesda, Md. In 1994 and 1995, he was a visiting fellow at Green College, University of Oxford, and the visiting clinical ethicist at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospital, where he established the United Kingdom's first clinical ethics program.

In addition, he was assistant director (1991- 95), and then deputy director (1995- 96) of the University of Toronto Joint Centre for Bioethics. He has held academic appointments in philosophy, medicine, pharmacy and health administration at the University of Toronto, and has served as a senior research fellow at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University.

He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and his master's degree and doctorate from the Bioethics Program in Philosophy at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University.

While completing his graduate studies, he was a program analyst at the Office for Protection from Research Risks at the National Institutes of Health. After completing his master's degree, he was the research ethics officer at the American Psychological Association.

He also has served as a consultant to the Medical Research Council of Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, World Health Organization and the U.S. Observer Mission to UNESCO. Dr. Meslin

has authored or co-authored more than 75 articles and book chapters on various aspects of research ethics, clinical ethics and health policy.

Medical Student Academic Affairs has the answers

Visit the updated Medical Student Academic Affairs Website at <http://msaa.iusm.iu.edu> for answers to these and other questions.

- Where can I find class schedules online for medical students?
- Where can I find information about available electives?
- What organizations are available for medical students?
- Who's Who in Medical Student Academic Affairs Office and how can I contact them?
- Where can I get financial aid information?
- How can I look up e-mail addresses for faculty or students?
- Where can I find information about the curriculum?

Find this and more at the updated Website. Visit frequently for updates and items of interest.

Telemedicine success takes pair into the limelight

When Kathy Miller, MD, and LaTrice Haney, RN, agreed to help with the breast cancer treatment of a woman isolated in Antarctica, little did they know how much media attention their actions would generate. Both have studiously tried to avoid interviews concerning the long-distance treatment they oversaw for Jerri Nielsen, MD, who was diagnosed with breast cancer while part of a South Pole expedition team.

However, at the request of their patient, both flew to New York City to be interviewed by Diane Sawyer for a segment on *ABC Primetime*

Thursday, which will air Jan. 25. Portions of an interview conducted earlier in January will be seen on NBC's *Oprah Winfrey*, airing Jan. 26.

Auction to benefit IUPUI Athletics Department

A live and a silent auction, benefiting the IUPUI Athletics Department, will take place Wednesday, Feb. 7. Sports and entertainment items are available.

Molecular Biology Workshop registration

The 2001 Molecular Biology Workshop, under the course name "Methods in Molecular Biology and Pathology," will be daylong sessions Mondays through Fridays, July 9 to the 26.

This course is a combination of lectures and labs and covers basic molecular biology techniques, such as DNA and RNA isolation, molecular cloning, Southern and Northern hybridizations, library screening, polymerase chain reaction (PCR), DNA sequencing, etc.

The course is a 3-credit graduate course (G890) in Summer Section II, 2001. Space also is available for faculty and staff members.

Those interested in enrolling should contact C. H. Lee, PhD, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, by April 30. Dr. Lee can be

reached at 274-2596 or by e-mail at chless@iupui.edu. His fax number is 278-0643.

For more information about the workshop, visit www.iupui.edu/~mbwkshp/.

Biochemistry and molecular biology seminar schedule announced

All presentations are at 4 p.m. Mondays in Medical Science Building, room 326, unless otherwise noted. Refreshments are served at 3:30 p.m. outside MS 4053.

Jan 22 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Diabetes Research and Training Center presents Dr. Nadia Rosenthal, associate professor of medicine, Cardiovascular Research Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, "How to build a better muscle."

Jan. 29 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Diabetes Research and Training Center presents Dr. Rosemary Jagus, associate professor, Center of Marine Biology, Baltimore, Md., "The eIF4E family in zebrafish: Functional characterization of eIF4E homologues."

Feb. 5 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology presents Dr. Maureen Harrington, PhD, professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, IUSM, "Regulation of NF-kB dependent gene expression."

Feb. 12 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology presents Taihung Duong, PhD, associate professor, Anatomy and Cell

Biology, IUSM, Terre Haute Center for Medical Education,
"Inflammatory proteins in Alzheimer's disease."

Feb. 19 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Indiana University Cancer Center present Dr. Nancy Ratner, professor, cell biology, University of Cincinnati, "Cell and Molecular Analysis of Peripheral Nerve Tumor Formation of Neurofibromatosis Type 1.

Feb. 26 -- The Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Diabetes Research and Training Center present Dr. Morris White, senior investigator at Joslin Diabetes Center, associate investigator with Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Harvard Medical School, "Role of IRS proteins in growth and metabolism."

Hypertension topic of CoE lecture

The National Center of Excellence in Women's Health January lecture topic will be on hypertension in women. Howard Pratt, MD, is the presenter.

The lecture will be from noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Lunch will be provided and continuing education credit is available.

Accreditation: The Indiana University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit: The Indiana University School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

Disclosure: All faculty are expected to disclose relationships with commercial grantors or products. Faculty are also expected to identify trade names, investigational products, and unlabeled uses that are discussed in

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