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Reception for IU Center for Bioethics Director Eric Meslin -- Oct. 8

Faculty, staff and students are invited to meet Eric M. Meslin, director of the recently established IU Center for Bioethics and assistant dean for bioethics at IUSM, during a reception Monday, Oct. 8, in the atrium of the VanNuys Medical Science Building.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Meslin will discuss "The Role of the University Bioethics Center in Society."

His presentation will be followed by a reception hosted by the IU schools of medicine, nursing and liberal arts.

This event is one of 10 planned for the month of October as part of the university's Bioethics Today: Discourse and Dialogue. The discussions begin Oct. 4 with two presentations previously scheduled for Sept. 13 and 14, which had to be postponed because of the terrorist attack on Sept. 11. Those seminars will be by Henry T. Greeley, JD, co-director of the Program in Genomics, Ethics and Society at Stanford University.

For a complete listing of the scheduled events open to faculty, staff and students, see www.bioethics.iu.edu/october.html.

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United Way establishes September 11th Fund

The United Way organization has fielded several calls from companies who say they look to United Way for guidance in responding compassionately to our country's tragic events. Any questions from IUSM employees may be directed to Debbie Cowley, IUSM director of academic administration, at 274-5271, who serves on the steering committee for the university's campaign.

The local United Way Organization has joined United Way of America, United Way of New York City and The New York Community Trust to encourage those who wish to make cash donations to do so through The September 11th Fund. Contributions will be used to respond to the urgent needs of victims and their families affected by these attacks.

The efforts, supported by the Council on Foundations, will be administered by those United Way organizations and will use a distribution committee to ensure that the resources are deployed effectively. The fund will also provide immediate support to established

emergency assistance agencies, such as the American Red Cross, and it will bring together the resources of many other nonprofit health and human service agencies.

The best way to provide immediate help is to make contributions by check and mail them directly to:

The September 11th Fund
c/o of United Way of New York City
2 Park Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10016

Donors may specify if their contribution is to benefit New York City or Washington D.C. Those wishing to contribute may also give on line may do so at www.uwnyc.org. If contributors wish to send their September 11th Fund contributions to United Way of Central Indiana, 3901 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208, those gifts will be forwarded to New York and no administrative fee will be assessed.

United Way is asking people not to use payroll deduction to respond to this crisis because it will not meet their objective of providing immediate relief for people in New York and Washington, since payroll deductions do not begin until January 2002.

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Special IUPUI Lunch & Learn Series

A special Lunch & Learn series, sponsored by IUPUI in response to the Sept. 11 tragedy, continues through Oct. 10. The presentations are from noon to 1 p.m. in the lower level of University College. Discussion will

address the commonalities among Islam, Judaism and Christianity.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Understanding the Geography, History and Politics.

Moderator: Bob White, Department of Sociology

Presentors: Richard Fredland, Department of Political Science; Rick Bein, Department of Geography; and Pierre Atlas, Department of History.

Wednesday, Oct. 10: "Soul of a Citizen: Living with Conviction in a Cynical Time" (philanthropic and community service).

Presenter: Paul Rogat Loeb, author

Other sessions will be planned based on current events. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future topics and/or speakers forward them to Kelly Young, director of Community Outreach, at kryoung@iupui.edu.

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Honors

Robert Pascuzzi, MD, has been honored as the Best Neurology Teacher by the American Neurological Association. The award was presented at the organization's 126th annual meeting in Chicago Oct. 1. Dr. Pascuzzi is vice-chairman of the IU Department of Neurology and chief of neurology at Wishard Memorial Hospital.

Jeffrey Rothenberg, MD, clinical assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been appointed medical director of the Indiana Family Health Council. The council is responsible for allocation of federal Title X money for the state of Indiana.

Mario Svirsky, PhD, associate professor of otolaryngology at IUSM and of biomedical engineering at Purdue University, has been elected co-chairman of the 2003 Conference on Implantable Auditory Prostheses. This biennial series provides a unique forum for the world's leading scientific researchers of current technical issues in cochlear implant development, focusing on hard science and in-depth discussion. The conference will be held during the summer of 2003.

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Planning publicity for journal articles

The IUSM Office of Public and Media Relations would like to know about faculty journal articles prior to their publication. This will allow the staff to develop news coverage for papers which may be of interest to the media. The staff routinely work with journals and are very aware of policies regarding embargo dates and other specifics related to public dissemination of the information.

Please contact Mary Hardin at 274-7722 or mhardin@iupui.edu.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar/>. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at

imsewell@iupui.edu.

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multi-disciplinary interest will be printed.

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Submissions to *Scope*

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

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

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into *Scope* Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty/index.html>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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