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Bioterrorism task force formed

Rose S. Fife, MD, associate dean for research, will chair the IUSM Task Force on Bioterrorism that recently was established by Dean D. Craig Brater, MD. The group is charged with examining the school's missions of education, research and clinical care and how they might intersect with bioterrorism.

The task force includes several IUSM faculty with expertise in related areas, as well as representatives from the Marion County Department of

Health, Indiana State Department of Health, IUPUI and the IU School of Nursing.

"The task force is involved in disseminating information to our IUSM community, coordinating activities with similar task forces around the county and state, facilitating clinical management related to these issues, and ultimately beginning the development of curricular and research endeavors," Dr. Fife said.

More information about the task force's work will appear in upcoming issues of *Scope*.

In a related update, the Ruth Lilly Medical Library has posted a page of Anthrax resource information, including information appropriate to both the general public and physicians at www.medlib.iupui.edu/news/anthrax.html .

The page includes links to both of the CDC webcasts and is accessible both on and off-campus.

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Family Medicine sponsors statewide bioterrorism conference, Nov. 8

What is the role of Indiana primary care physicians in recognizing and responding to bioterrorist acts? That is the subject physicians will tackle at a Nov. 8 statewide videoconference sponsored by the IUSM Department of Family Medicine.

The conference, which is co-sponsored by Clarian Health Partners and the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, will be from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the IU-Methodist Family Practice Center, 1520 N. Senate Ave.,

Indianapolis.

Crystal Jones, MD, medical director of the Marion County Health Department is the keynote speaker. Panelists also will include Virginia Caine, MD, director of the Marion County Health Department, Richard Feldman, MD, former Indiana State Health Commissioner, and Mark Kirk, MD, associate director of the Indiana Poison Center. J. Scott Ries, MD, Department of Family Medicine, will moderate the discussions.

Family physicians, general internists and pediatricians, primary care residents and fellows, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, RNs, LPNs, nursing assistants and other interested health care professionals are encouraged to participate. To register, contact Jennifer Parke at jparke@clarian.org, or call her (317) 962-8188.

The interactive videoconference also will be available for broadcast through the Higher Education Telecommunication System and the Indiana Telecommunications Network.

To register to participate in the videoconference, contact Debbie Pehler, Clarian's director of information services before Nov. 7. She can be reached at dpehler@clarian.org, or call (317) 962-6681.

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Anthrax videoconference focused on minorities, medically underserved

IUSM faculty, students and staff were among the participants of a Nov. 3 national videoconference update on the diagnosing, testing and treating of anthrax cases. The broadcast was geared primarily to health-

care providers whose patients include minorities and the medically underserved.

The videoconference, which was aired live from Washington, D.C., featured a panel of experts that included Virginia Caine, MD, Division of Infectious Diseases and director of the Marion County Health Department, and U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, MD, PhD.

The National Medical Association, Howard University College of Medicine, Public Health Training Network, and the Centers for Disease Control sponsored the conference.

A videotape copy of the conference is available in the Medical Education Resources Program's Learning Resource Center (MS B10), or by calling its main office at 274-4083. A videotape copy is also available from the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, at the circulation desk. The RLML also has links to the CDC's broadcast in a Web-streaming format <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/news/anthrax.html>.

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Showalter Research Trust Fund calls for applications

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of the Indiana University School of Medicine has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as "the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind."

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter

research Trust will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee (BRC) of the Indiana University School of Medicine. Proposals will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will provide a ranking of the most meritorious proposals, which will be presented to the Showalter Trustees. Funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding beginning July 1, 2002, must be received by the Dean's Office, Fesler Hall, School of Medicine, by Jan. 3, 2002. Submission of the original, thirty-five (35) complete sets, and an Institutional Route Sheet are required.

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty, on a non-visiting status, having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust.

Funds awarded this year are expected to be fully expended in the 2002-03 fiscal year, or within the approved award period if longer than one (1) year. However, if there is a need to carry over award funds beyond the initial award period, procedures for a "no-cost" extension request may be obtained by contacting the Dean's Office Grants Manager.

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Showalter Trust general instructions

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty, on a non-visiting status, having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications for Showalter funding (to begin July 1, 2002) must be received in the Dean's Office, School of Medicine, Fesler Hall, Room

207 by **Jan. 3, 2002**. Applications will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee of the IUSM. Complete applications include:

- One (1) original
- Thirty-Five (35) complete sets
- Institutional Route Sheet

The original and each set must include the following:

1. The "Proposal To" cover sheet, which includes the title of the project, the name of the Principal Investigator, and the investigator's rank, department, and address.
2. A one-page "Summary" that emphasizes the importance of the work in layman's terms. It replaces the abstract that is normally part of a grant proposal. If the application is selected for presentation to the Showalter Trust, this summary will be forwarded to the Trustees; it is a key element of their funding decision. It should be carefully written to explain the proposal to a wider audience, and must be clearly understandable to non-scientists.
3. A Budget and a one-page Budget Justification. These will also be forwarded to the Showalter Trustees. The maximum budgetary request is \$60,000, which must include indirect costs calculated as 20% of direct costs (excluding equipment). The percent effort of the Principal Investigator to be funded by the proposal should be limited to no more than 10%. Funds should go primarily toward needed supplies and technical assistance. No salary for other faculty will be allowed.
4. A brief but carefully developed scientific proposal, which does not exceed 8 pages, uses one-inch margins and fonts no smaller than NIH guidelines allow, and includes "Specific Aims", "Significance", "Research Plan", and a paragraph about "Future Direction". The independence of the investigator and proposal should be documented.

The proposal should not continue research currently as part of a larger group.

5. A "Biosketch" of the Principal Investigator in NIH form, which includes a grant history and any pending proposals. Applicants with a current Showalter Award should provide a progress/status report.

6. A letter from the Department Chair, as well as the senior investigator if the applicant is an Assistant Scientist, that indicates support for the proposal and for the development of the research career of the faculty member.

7. Appendices are not permitted.

It is suggested that applicants ask senior colleagues to review and comment on the proposal before submission.

If your proposal is funded, a final narrative Progress Report, in layman's terms, is due within 60 days of the end of the grant year. The original narrative Progress Report and two (2) complete copies should be sent to the Dean's Office, School of Medicine (Institutional Route Sheet not required).

Showalter Trust budget instructions

The attached budget format should be used for Showalter Trust project budgets. The budget, which must include indirect costs calculated at 20% of direct costs minus equipment costs, should not exceed a total cost of \$60,000. Budget must be completed in accordance with the following.

I. SALARIES & FRINGES

A. Principal Investigator

The budget should identify the percent of full-time university effort (not

to exceed 10%) devoted to the project and the amount of salary support requested.

Salary not allowed for any other faculty.

B. Post-Doctoral Fellows/Graduate Research Assistants

The budget should indicate the number of post-doctoral fellows/graduate research assistants to be employed on the research project, the percent of effort each will devote to the project, and the corresponding salary and fringe amount requested from Showalter for each person.

C. Clerical, Technical, Service Support

The budget should indicate the type of support requested (i.e., clerical or service), the percent of full-time university effort requested for each clerical or secretarial position, and the amount of funds requested.

D. Student Labor

The budget should identify the amount requested for student labor.

II. PERMANENT EQUIPMENT

Each item of permanent equipment requested should be separately identified along with its estimated cost, which must be at least \$5,000.

III. SUPPLIES AND EXPENSE

The budget should identify major supplies and expenses, including equipment costing less than \$5,000.

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Second-hand smoke a first-hand hazard

Stephen Jay, MD, will address the dangers of second-hand smoke at Lunch & Learn, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 8. The program will be in room DG422C, Methodist Conference Center.

Dr. Jay is co-director of the IU Nicotine Dependence Program, a comprehensive clinical and counseling program at the IU Cancer Center. His presentation is in connection with the Great American Smoke out, an annual program of the American Cancer Society.

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Alternative medicine, IUSM history among Spirit & Place events

Increasingly, Americans are looking to the Eastern culture for answers and are turning to alternative forms of medicine to maintain health and treat their maladies. Eastern Medicine Approaches to Health and Disease, an upcoming special program at the Indiana University Medical Center, will be part of the citywide 2001 Spirit & Place Festival.

The program is 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 11, and located in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium (lower level) at the Riley Outpatient Center, 575 West Drive on the IUPUI campus.

"This program will introduce alternatives: alternatives in conceptualizing health, illness and recovery. These alternatives are based on Eastern philosophies and techniques and are sometimes used alone and often in conjunction with conventional care," says Palmer MacKie, MD, director of the school's Integrative Pain Center at Wishard Hospital. Dr. MacKie is a licensed acupuncturist and incorporates other forms of alternative and complementary medicine in his practice. He will be joined by panelists from other related disciplines.

For more information about the Eastern Medicine Approaches to Health and Disease program, call 317-579-9015 or e-mail Rangzen@aol.com.

Also, Elizabeth Van Allen, PhD, shares her research about IUSM history, "Expanding the Borders of Medical Education in Indiana," 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Indiana Medical History Museum amphitheater at 3045 W. Vermont St.

Dr. Van Allen currently is writing a book scheduled for release in 2003 to coincide with the school's 100th anniversary. Her program is presented by IUSM and the Indiana Medical History Museum.

For information about the 2001 Spirit & Place Festival and The Polis Center, see www.polis.iupui.edu/polis/home.htm.

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Wakefield selected for IUPUI award

Lynn Wakefield, assistant director for academic administration, is a recipient of a 2001 Glenn W. Irwin Jr., MD, Experience Excellence Award. She will be honored at the IUPUI Chancellor's Employee Recognition Convocation on Nov. 6.

The award recognizes individuals whose service activities go above and beyond the responsibilities of their job. The awards were established in 1986 in honor of the former IUSM dean.

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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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- 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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