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## **Wednesday announcement to impact IUSM, Central Indiana**

IUSM will join forces with other leaders in the state to create a world-class life sciences enterprise. Building on existing strengths, the initiative should assure Indiana's position as a leader in biomedicine and related fields.

Details of the initiative will be announced at a news conference at **1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 13**, in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Extensive coverage should be provided by statewide media outlets. A streaming video of the news conference can be viewed at [www.CILSI.com](http://www.CILSI.com) after the start of the 1:30 news conference.

Additionally, a broadcast e-mail outlining the initiative will be released Wednesday afternoon to IUSM faculty, residents, staff and students.

"This initiative will have major, positive ramifications for the state of Indiana, IU and the IU School of Medicine," said IUSM Dean D. Craig Brater, MD. "Concentrating on existing strengths within the state's workforce and universities is a logical thing. The development of this type of consensus among the state's leaders will make this life sciences initiative a success.

"In addition to improving health, this initiative also will have a substantial effect on the future economy of the state. The initiative is dependent on our success and at the same time will creatively facilitate our goal of being among the top 10 public medical schools in the nation. We are excited to be a part of this project."

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## **Litzelman named associate dean for medical education**

Debra Litzelman, MD, has been named associate dean for medical education and curricular affairs. She will lead the new Office of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs.

The announcement was made by Stephen Leapman, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs. Her position is retroactive to Feb. 1.

Dr. Litzelman will retain her current appointments as Richard C. Powell Professor of Medical Education and professor of medicine. She has had a long and distinguished career in medical education and is experienced in curricular development and assessment tool enhancement.

OMECA has been charged with monitoring and assessing the new undergraduate medical school curriculum and assisting graduate medical educational programs with curricular design. In addition, because of Dr. Litzelman's extended experience in educational merit systems, she has been asked to develop a system for measuring faculty productivity in teaching and education at IUSM.

Dr. Litzelman's leadership in all of these areas will vault the School to a new level in medical education nationally and internationally, said Dr. Leapman.

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## **Summer Research Program scholarship winners announced**

Top honors and a \$14,000 award for the 2001 IUSM Summer Research Program in Academic Medicine went to Gregory Helbig, a student at the Northwest Center for Medical Education. Other participants selected to receive student research scholarships received \$3,000 awards.

Prizes were based on the quality of oral presentations, accounting for 70 percent of the judges' scores, and quality of the research abstract, which tallied 30 percent of the total score.

Winners, their medical center campus and their scholarship follow:

Micah Bhatti, IN

William H. and Fern L. Groves Hardiman  
Research Scholarship

Christine Bouchard, IN	Marvella Bayh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Matthew Bradley, TH	William H. and Fern L. Groves Hardiman Research Scholarship
Laura Cluxton, IN	Hazel and Tommy Thompson Cardiac Research Scholarship
Kiersa Durfee, IN	Marvella Bayh Memorial Scholarship Fund
Gregory Helbig, NW	Claude Smith Black, M.D., Award for Outstanding Research
Matthew King, BL	William H. and Fern L. Groves Hardiman Research Scholarship
Maria Suurna, IN	Marvella Bayh Memorial Scholarship Fund

Rodney Rhoades, PhD, chairman of the Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, is head of the Summer Research Program in Academic Medicine.

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## **Pilot projects sought by Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center**

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center is soliciting proposals for pilot projects from investigators who want to develop research on Alzheimer disease or other dementing illnesses. The purpose of the IADC pilot grants is to provide support toward obtaining preliminary data that may be used in additional extramural grant applications.

A maximum of two projects will be funded for up to \$30,000 each for the period of July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. **The deadline is March 15**

**for letters of intent and April 15 for submission.**

Applicants should use the PHS 398 forms for research applications according to the following modified page limits:

Specific Aims:	1 page
Background and Significance:	2 pages
Preliminary Studies/Progress Report:	1 page
Research Design & Methods:	8 pages

All other sections should be completed according to the instructions in the PHS 398 application booklet. The forms and information are available from the NIH Office of Extramural Research at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>. Applications not adhering to these reduced page limitations will be returned unreviewed.

The letter of intent and completed application should be mailed to:

Bernardino Ghetti, MD  
Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center  
Indiana University School of Medicine  
635 Barnhill Drive, Medical Science, Room A142  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-5120

Questions should be directed to Francine Epperson at 274-1590 or [freppers@iupui.edu](mailto:freppers@iupui.edu).

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**Faculty member of Commission on Higher Education to visit IUPUI**

Otto Doering, PhD, the faculty member on the Indiana Commission on Higher Education, will be guest at a meeting of the IUPUI chapter of American Association of University Professors from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 19 in room 1116 of University Library. All members of the IUPUI campus are welcome at the meeting.

Dr. Doering is a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University and is serving his first year as a commission member.

He is eager to visit campuses to hear the concerns of the faculty and other members of the university community. Dr. Doering also will give an overview of the commission's work this year.

For more information, contact Bill Schneider, PhD, at 274-7220, or [whschnei@iupui.edu](mailto:whschnei@iupui.edu).

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## **Wireless connections at the medical library**

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library now has two wireless network access points available for Internet access. They supplement the library's public data jacks. The wireless access points conform to the WiFi 802.11b access standards, with additional security provided by the IU VPN server. An IU network ID is required to use the service.

For more information about using the wireless access points, see <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/techsupport/wireless.html>.

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## **Stark Neurosciences Institute candidate to speak**

Patrick Mantyh, PhD, JD, professor and director, Neurosystems Center, Department of Preventive Sciences, School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota, will speak from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 11, in Van Nuys Medical Science Building room B-26. His seminar is entitled "The Neurobiology of Cancer Pain."

Dr. Mantyh is a candidate for director of the Paul and Carole Stark Neurosciences Institute.

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## **Bioethics Stem Cell Study Group to meet Feb. 13**

The Bioethics Stem Cell Study Group will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the IU Center for Bioethics.

Hal Broxmeyer, PhD, will speak on "Clinical Applications of Stem Cell Research." Dr. Broxmeyer is chairman and Mary Margaret Walther Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, and professor of medicine at IUSM.

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## **Massive data storage for medical researchers**

Attention researchers: Are you interested in or currently using IU's distributed data storage service? Storage services are available for those wishing to archive large amounts of data (Massive Data Storage System), as well as for those wanting to store more frequently accessed files (Common File System).

Hardware for this service was funded by the Indiana Genomics Initiative grant, so the IU Distributed Storage group especially encourages INGEN researchers to take advantage of it.

Sound interesting? Mark your calendars for a Distributed Storage Services workshop to be held at IUPUI from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Feb.22, in the Engineering Science and Technology Building, room 251. IU's distributed storage services are described in detail at the DS@IU website: <http://storage.iu.edu/>.

The same workshop will be offered at IU-Bloomington from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb.19, in Geology Building, room 226.

The workshop will familiarize you with what the services have to offer and with ways to use them effectively in your research.

The workshop is offered by the UITS Distributed Storage Services Group (DSSG). Please visit the URL

<http://storage.iu.edu/workshop.html> for workshop details and to register. Please register early -- the **deadline for registration is Feb. 15** -- because seating is limited.

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## Medical Ethics and Humanities Seminar - Feb. 20

"The Wilderness of Sports Medicine Ethics" will be the topic of Douglas McKeag, MD, chairman of the IU Department of Family Medicine, when he speaks at noon, Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Seminars in Medical Ethics and Humanities.

The presentation will be in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 301-302. Lunch will be served. For reservations, contact Judi Campbell at

274-4740, or [jizukac@iupui.edu](mailto:jizukac@iupui.edu) by noon, Friday, Feb. 18.

Dr. McKeag's presentation is presented by the Medical Humanities Program at IUPUI in conjunction with the IU Center for Bioethics.

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## **Research computing resources for faculty and graduate students**

The Research and Technical Services and IT Training and Education groups at UITS are teaming up to present an infoshare on research computing resources for faculty and graduate students. Technical staff will provide an overview of IU's high-end computing resources available to faculty and graduate students performing computationally intensive research.

The information session will be 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, in Business/SPEA Building, room 3003.

No registration is necessary.

For additional information, contact Research and Technical Services at [rats@indiana.edu](mailto:rats@indiana.edu) or IT Training and Education at [ittraining@indiana.edu](mailto:ittraining@indiana.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](mailto: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 included.

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## Submissions to Scope

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- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto: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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