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Central Indiana Corporate Partnership supports IU faculty innovation

The Central Indiana Corporate Partnership has awarded Indiana University \$100,000 for the creation of a program that recognizes innovation by IU faculty members who are turning ideas and research into economic opportunities.

As a result of this gift, the Advanced Research and Technology Institute at IU will select and recognize faculty members with an award for their demonstrated success in transferring an IU technology development into a successful commercial application. Potential impact on the Indiana economy will be a determining factor. At least one IU faculty member each year will receive a minimum \$5,000 cash award.

The Central Indiana Corporate Partnership is an alliance of university and business leaders organized to foster long-term prosperity for the region.

"Public universities have an important obligation to the state they serve in providing the cutting-edge research that leads to economic growth," said IU President Myles Brand, PhD. Our partnerships with the private sector are vital to us here at IU. I am particularly pleased with this endowment as a sign of mutual support for our collaborative goal of building a stronger, more diverse economy in Indiana."

"CICP is pleased to make this grant available to Indiana University/ARTI to promote the recognition of those faculty members whose research may very tangibly benefit Indiana's economic future," said CICP President David Goodrich. "We feel very strongly that our research universities are and will be unique catalysts in developing opportunities that have the potential of transforming the future of our state and its people."

IU is an active partner in the Central Indiana Life Sciences Initiative, which is being led by the Central Indiana Corporate Partnership, as well as the City of Indianapolis, Purdue University and the Indiana Health Industry Forum. The initiative is seeking to increase the number of jobs, businesses and research opportunities in the life sciences industry in central Indiana.

ARTI's Office of Technology Transfer serves both inventors and

industry by promoting the licensing of the inventions of IU researchers. It has helped faculty innovators in the areas of disease prevention and treatment, medical devices, chemistry, computers and information technology, and optics and imaging.

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Mark your calendar for April conference on clinical research accountability

IUSM, along with the National Patient Safety Foundation, are co-sponsors of the April 24-26 conference *Accountability in Clinical Research: Balancing Risk and Benefit*. The conference will be at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel and will offer unique segments with role-playing and audience interaction.

This inaugural conference will examine the funding, management, conduct and accountability of research involving human subjects from operational, regulatory and ethical perspectives.

The conference is designed to interest investigators, clinical coordinators, deans/research deans, hospital administrators, IRB members/staff, media, regulators, patients, patient advocacy and public interest groups, voluntary health organizations, pharmaceutical/medical device companies, ethicists, risk managers, institutional general counsel and attorneys.

Accreditation will be provided by the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, an accredited provider of continuing education for health care professionals.

For additional information, visit the conference Web site at www.npsf.org and click on Clinical Research Conference. Space is

limited so early registration is recommended.

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IUSM faculty members honored as "Health Care Heroes"

Three IUSM faculty members have been recognized for their medical and research contributions in the 2002 Health Care Heroes program, sponsored annually by the Indianapolis Business Journal.

Hal Broxmeyer, PhD, Mary Margaret Walther Professor, chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and scientific director of Walther Oncology Center, was the winner in the Advancements in Health Care category.

Virginia Caine, MD, associate professor in the Division of Infectious Disease and Marion County Health Department director, was the winner in Physician category. Patricia A. Keener, MD, assistant dean of medical service-learning, associate chair of the Department of Pediatrics and professor of clinical pediatrics, was a finalist in the same category.

Drs. Broxmeyer, Caine and Keener, who were recognized at a breakfast/awards ceremony March 1, were the subjects of feature articles appearing in a special IBJ publication.

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People Mover construction update: Portion of 16th Street to close

A new stage of the People Mover construction will begin as early as the week of March 18. During this stage of construction, the elevated guideway system will be erected at 16th Street and Senate Avenue. While the beams are being erected, a temporary support will be required in the middle of 16th Street for a period of approximately two weeks.

For safety purposes, it will be necessary to close 16th Street at the Senate Avenue intersection. A detour will be implemented to route eastbound 16th Street traffic north on Senate Boulevard to 21st Street, then south on Capitol Avenue to 16th Street. Westbound 16th Street traffic will be detoured north on Illinois Street to 21st Street and then south on Senate Boulevard to 16th Street. Police will be on hand, as needed, to help direct and ease traffic flow.

Beam erection is tentatively scheduled to begin on Senate Avenue in front of the IU·Methodist Family Practice Center on March 18. Access to the east entrance of the Family Practice patient parking area will be temporarily closed. Visitors will be directed to use the south entrance on 15th Street during that period.

At times it will be necessary to intermittently close access to portions of Senate Avenue to northbound traffic between 15th and 16th streets. Access to employee parking in Lot M, north of South Campus, will be maintained at the intersection at 15th Street and Senate Avenue. Options for an alternate shuttle bus stop at South Campus are being considered.

Questions or concerns can be addressed to Stephen Vincent, senior construction engineer, Facilities Design and Construction, 962-2819, svincent@clarian.org.

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Medical library has eMedicine

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library is providing access to eMedicine. The electronic database was created and is maintained by nearly 8,000 contributing physicians. It consists of 62 specialty texts (more than 7,000 disease-specific topics) contained within 16 reference volumes: dermatology, emergency medicine, medicine, ob/gyn, neurology, ophthalmology, orthopedic surgery, otolaryngology, pediatrics, physical medicine and rehabilitation, plastic and facial surgery, radiology, psychiatry, sports medicine, and surgery. It also makes available calculators and algorithms, PDA/Palm downloads, and offers the ability to search the site for images.

This is a work in progress. The library staff is interested in receiving feedback to eMedicine. Look for eMedicine at <http://daly.medicine.iu.edu/ebooks.asp>. E-mail comments to morganj@iupui.edu.

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Deadline approaching for pilot projects

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.

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Fetal surgery pioneer is Merrill Davis lecturer

Michael Harrison, MD, professor of surgery at the University of California - San Francisco will give the 2002 Merrill Davis Lecture entitled, "The Current Status of Fetal Surgery." His presentation will be

at 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 20, in the Lilly Auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

Dr. Harrison is a pioneer in the investigation of Fetal Surgical Treatment. His attempts to correct conditions that frequently result in fetal or postnatal death involving the diaphragm, respiratory track, urinary tract and central nervous system have received much acclaim.

He is chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery and director of the Fetal Treatment Center at UCSF.

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Geriatrics conferences planned for March

Two IU geriatrics conferences are planned for March. The programs will be from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008 A & B.

Hearing Changes in Older Adults

March 6: Michael Wynne, MD
IUSM associate professor of
Otolaryngology

March 20: Osteoporosis Detection &
Treatment
Ann Zerr, MD
IUSM clinical associate professor
of medicine

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Speakers announced for March Combined Seminar Series

Four speakers are scheduled for the March Combined Seminar Series held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. The speakers and their topics are:

March 6: James Downing, MD, chairman, Department of Pathology, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, "The Role of the AML1/CBFB Transcription Factor Complex in Normal Hematopoiesis and Leukemia." Sponsored by Robert Hromas, MD

March 13: Bruce Torbett, MD, associate professor, The Scripps Research Institute departments of molecular and experimental medicine and immunology, and director Molecular and Experimental Medicine and Immunology, The Scripps Cancer Center, "The Role of the Transcription Factor PU.1 in Myeloid Development and Innate Immunity." Sponsored by Mary Dinauer, MD, PhD

March 20: Ross Weatherman, PhD, Department of Medicinal Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology, Purdue University, "Chemical Biology of Steroid Hormone Signaling."

Sponsored by Harikrishna Nakshatri, PhD

March 27: Rodney Nairn, PhD, chairman of Chemical Pathology Study Section, Science Park Research Division, University of Texas Cancer Center, topic to be announced.

Sponsored by Mark Kelley, PhD

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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 included.

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Scope wants your news items.

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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>

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