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Life Sciences Lunch Series begins June 18

Indiana's Health Industry and Barnes & Thornburg are presenting a monthly telecast seminar series on critical issues in life sciences. Each month, at lunch, a policymaker in the life sciences field will be available to answer questions concerning the major challenges and opportunities in the life sciences industry.

The first session will be Tuesday, June 18, with Anthony Demsey,

PhD, senior advisor for policy, National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Demsey will briefly present an introduction to NIH and its Office for Extramural Research, including its mission, objectives and mechanisms for funding extramural research. He will be available for questions.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is requested so that box lunches can be ordered. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program will be from noon to 1 p.m. Registration can be completed by sending your name and company name by e-mail to btech@btlaw.com, or by calling 317-236-1313.

In Indiana, the presentation will be telecast at Barnes & Thornburg offices. The locations are: Indianapolis (11 South Meridian Street, 9th Floor), South Bend (600 1st Source Bank Center, 100 North Michigan), Fort Wayne (600 One Summit Square), Elkhart (121 West Franklin Street, Suite 200), and Purdue Research Park in West Lafayette (3000 Kent Avenue).

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Clinical trials program announces first research fair

All IUPUI researchers are invited to display their IRB-approved fliers, advertisement or any other appropriate materials related to studies in IU Hospital from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Friday, June 14. Three areas of the hospital have been designated for displays: the lobby areas by the central elevators, the outpatient pharmacy or the Krannert Pavilion near the cafeteria.

The event is hosted by the Clinical Trials Program.

There is no charge for this opportunity. CTP will have chairs, skirted tables and the "Why Volunteer for Human Subjects Research" display.

Contact Gail Douglas by calling 278-8210, faxing 278-6870 or e-mailing gadougla@iupui.edu to schedule time, space or to obtain more information.

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Candidates sought for generalist physician faculty program

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's 2003 Generalist Physician Faculty Scholars Program is now accepting applications. The program offers career development awards to junior faculty in medical school departments of family practice, general internal medicine and general pediatrics.

A maximum of 15 four-year awards of \$300,000 will be made to sponsoring institutions to help cover the scholars' salary and research costs.

Nominations must come from the dean of a four-year, accredited U.S. medical school. A school may nominate one physician per year and have up to three physicians in the program at any one time, provided they are each in different disciplines. To be eligible for nomination, candidates must meet several specified requirements. The application deadline is Sept. 20.

For additional information, see www.rwjf.org/applyForGrant/cfpAbstract.jsp?cfpCode=FSP.

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New student loan interest rates announced

Interest rates on variable rate Stafford Loans (formerly loans through the Guaranteed Student Loan Program) will decrease on July 1.

Stafford Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 1998, will carry an interest rate of 3.46 percent while borrowers are in school, or have a grace period or deferment. These loans will carry a rate of 4.06 percent while borrowers are in forbearance or active repayment. Loans disbursed prior to July 1, 1998, have slightly higher rates.

Student loan consolidation activity is expected to be high after July 1 since consolidation offers borrowers a chance to lock in a fixed rate for the life of their loan.

For additional information on consolidation, see www.aamc.org/MEDLOANS.

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IU Geriatrics Conference - June 19

There has been a change in speakers for the Wednesday, June 19, IU Geriatrics Conference, which will be 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008. The June 19 topic will be "Depression in the Older Adult," presented by Jeanne Dickens, MD, IU clinical assistant professor of psychiatry.

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Seminar to discuss PCR technology

Gene expression arrays will be discussed at noon, Thursday, June 20, by Jihad Skaf, field application specialist, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

He will present a comprehensive discussion and workshop on using real-time PCR technology to validate and accelerate experimental results.

Attendance is free by registration is required by contacting cunninla@appliedbiosystems.com. For additional information, contact Laura Cunningham at 800-248-0281, ext. 7285.

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Tuskegee Syphilis Study topic of noon presentation

The Tuskegee Syphilis Study and its implication for research subject participation and the ethics of clinical research trials will be the topic of Paul Haynes, MD, a resident in Internal Medicine, at the noon, Tuesday, June 25, Research Coordinators meeting.

The presentation will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium, room 101.

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New procedures implemented for radiology scheduling

The Department of Radiology at Indiana University and Riley hospitals Monday, June 3 implemented a new centralized scheduling department for more efficient handling of outpatient exam requests. This department will handle calls for all modalities, with the exception of Nuclear Medicine and Interventional Radiology, where current procedures for scheduling outpatients will remain in place. Current processes for inpatient exams remain unchanged in all departments.

For all other scheduling calls, the new number is 278-XRAY (278-9729). Schedulers will be on hand to assist between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Questions about the new system should be addressed to Marie Fischer, manager of Radiology Support, 962-8698.

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Honors

Louis Cantor, MD, professor of ophthalmology and director of the Glaucoma Service, has been inducted into the American Ophthalmological Society.

Three IU pediatric faculty members have received awards for excellence from the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics at its annual May meeting. They are:

Timothy Brei, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics and director of the Riley Spina Bifida Program and the Riley Cerebral Palsy Program, received the Edwin L. Gresham Award for advancing the care of newborn infants.

Martin Kleiman, MD, the Ryan White Professor of Pediatrics and director of the Section of Pediatric Infectious Disease, received the Irving Rosenbaum Award which is awarded for distinguished service to children.

Greg Wilson, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics and the commissioner of the Indiana State Department of Health, received the Virginia Wagner Award. Begun in 1994, this award recognizes service to children in categories such as legislative efforts, volunteerism and lifetime service to children.

Patricia Keener, MD, was awarded the one of six Women in the Lead Awards on June 7 by the Network of Women in Business and the Indianapolis Business Journal. The awards honor local women who have demonstrated professional excellence and leadership in their careers and community. Dr. Keener, assistant dean of the Office of Medical-Service Learning and associate chair of the IU Department of Pediatrics, was honored in the professional category for her work to provide health care to those in the Hispanic and underserved communities. **Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD**, executive associate dean of research affairs, was one of the three finalists in the same category. She was recognized for her national leadership in pediatric endocrinology and her role in attracting the Lilly Endowment grant of \$105 million to IU for the Indiana Genomics Initiative.

Christopher McDougle, MD, the Albert Eugene Sterne Professor of Clinical Psychiatry and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, has been selected as a recipient of the 12th annual Nancy C.A. Roeske, M.D., Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Medical Student Education on behalf of the American Psychiatric Association and its committee on Medical Student Education.

Chandan Saha, PhD, assistant professor of medicine, Division of Biostatistics, has been named the 2002 winner of the Milford E. Barnes Award for Academic Excellence in Biostatistics. The award was established in 1968 to honor Milford E. Barnes, MD, DrPH, and director of the University of Iowa Department of Hygiene and Preventive Medicine from 1930-1952. The award is given annually to an outstanding doctoral student.

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Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at 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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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>

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