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## **Ting-Kai Li to lead NIH's alcohol research efforts**

Ting-Kai Li, MD, IU distinguished professor of medicine and former IUSM associate dean for research, has been appointed director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a research center of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Li, internationally known for his research of the genetic determinants of alcohol use and alcoholism, is expected to take over his new duties in mid-November. He has produced groundbreaking research in many areas, including

alcohol metabolism and animal models of alcoholism.

"T. K. Li's contributions to the School of Medicine are legion and are of inestimable value," said IUSM Dean D. Craig Brater, MD. "He has served as a mentor, leader, and visionary for the School. The School would not be realizing the success of today without his contributions. He undoubtedly will have the same impact on the NIAAA so that his contributions and accomplishments will also include shaping the future of the field to which he has devoted his career. He and his wife Susan are dear friends of Indiana University whom we will miss, but we will celebrate this prestigious appointment and wish them the very best."

Since 1987, Dr. Li has served as director of the IU Alcohol Research Center, which was established with a grant from the NIAAA, the major federal agency supporting research into the etiology, pathogenesis, treatment and prevention of alcoholism.

Dr. Li, who has IUSM affiliations in the departments of Medicine and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, replaces Raynard Kingston, MD, PhD, who has served as the NIAAA's acting director since the retirement of Enoch Gordis, MD, in January 2002.

"It gives me great pleasure that one of our nation's preeminent scientists in the alcohol research field will be taking the helm to lead our federal alcohol research efforts," said Tommy Thompson, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. "There's much to be done to protect all Americans from the tragedy of alcohol abuse and alcoholism."

NIH Health Director Elias A. Zerhouni, MD, echoed the HHS secretary's comments when announcing Dr. Li's appointment. "He's been at the forefront of discovery in alcohol research throughout his illustrious career. His unparalleled scholarship and proven leadership abilities will enable the NIAAA to continue to capitalize on the diverse scientific opportunities in biomedical, clinical and prevention research. I'm looking forward to work closely with him on the strategic issues facing the field."

Dr. Li joined the IU School of Medicine faculty in 1971 and also is adjunct professor at the IU School of Nursing. He received his medical degree from Harvard University in 1959 and later completed his residency at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass.

In his 31-year career at IU, Dr. Li has gained many accolades for his research. He has written more than 400 journal articles and book chapters. In 1999, he was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, a prestigious organization that recognizes outstanding professional achievement and demonstrated concern with critical public health issues. Dr. Li's other research accomplishments include the Jellinek Award; the James B. Isaacson Award for Research in Chemical Dependency Disease; and the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Science Award.

Dr. Li, editor of the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, also is an honorary fellow of the United Kingdom's Society for the Study of Addiction.

"I am honored to come to the NIAAA at this exciting time," said Dr. Li. "Great progress has been made over the last two decades in our scientific knowledge base of genetics, neurobiology, and the behavioral and other aspects of alcohol abuse and alcoholism. I am confident that by diligently expanding the boundaries of our knowledge we will continue to improve ways of preventing and treating these important public health problems."

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## **Braddom receives lifetime achievement award**

Randall L. Braddom, MD, MS, founding chairman of Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at IUSM, has been bestowed with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the American Association of Electrodiagnostic

## Medicine.

The AAEM has recognized Dr. Braddom for his extensive achievements in and contributions to research, teaching and public service.

He was the youngest doctor to be appointed chairman at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He also has served as associate dean of the IUSM and as chief executive officer of the Wishard Health Services.

Dr. Braddom has been president of a number of associations including the Cincinnati Society of PM&R, the Ohio Society PM&R, the American Academy of PM&R, the AAEM and the Association of Academic Physiatrists.

Apart from having written numerous scientific articles, book chapters and more than 60 invited scientific presentations, Dr. Braddom also is editor-in-chief of *Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*.

He earned his medical and master's degrees at Ohio State University.

The AAEM, through this award, honors members who have provided distinguished service and dedication for a number of years in the field of electrodiagnostic medicine.

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## **HIPPA training gets under way Sept. 18**

The federal mandates of the privacy regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 require that all covered entities, including physician practices and the IU School of Medicine, must ensure that their workforce receive HIPPA awareness training by April 14, 2003.

This includes employees (full and part-time), trainees (students and residents),

volunteers and others under direct control of the covered entity, says the IUSM Office of Compliance, which will conduct the training.

Training should be scheduled by email to [wecomply@indiana.edu](mailto:wecomply@indiana.edu), or by calling the Office of Compliance Services. When scheduling, please indicate the session you want to attend, your department and contact phone number or email address. Following are the training dates, times and locations:

Sept. 18 .	7-8 a.m	MS B26
Sept. 26	7-8 a.m.	MS 326
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Oct. 1	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	ROC Conference Room A
Oct. 2	7-8 a.m.	MS B26
Oct. 3	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	ROC Conference Room B (Train-the-Trainer)
Oct. 16 Cancer	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Research (R4)101
Oct. 24	7 a.m.-8 a.m.	MS 326
Oct. 30 .	7 a.m.-8 a.m	Nursing 108
Nov. 6 Cancer	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Research (R4) 101
Nov. 13	7 a.m.-8 a.m.	MS B26
Nov. 20	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Cancer Research (R4) 101
Dec. 11	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	MS 326
Dec. 18	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	MS 326

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## **Mini Medical School focuses on bioethics**

As researchers and clinicians continue to understand the genetic blueprint of humans and how it relates to the causes and possible cures for diseases they are cautioned to apply their findings in ethical and moral ways.

The bioethics of genetics is the overall thrust of a special series of lectures this year at the Indiana University School of Medicine fall Mini Medical School. The six-week series of presentations, Oct. 8 through Nov. 12, offers several topics tackling the moral implications of genetic research and therapy. Each session features two speakers. Each session begins at 7 p.m.

You don't have to work in the health-care field to attend and appreciate the topics discussed at the Mini Medical School. One of the main goals of the school is to introduce and explain to the public in everyday language the latest issues and developments in health care and research.

Speakers and topics for the fall session:

### **Oct. 8 - Overview of Genetics, Genomics and Bioethics**

Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics, IUSM assistant dean for bioethics and a professor of medicine; Gail Vance, M.D., IUSM staff physician and associate professor of medical and molecular genetics

### **Oct. 15 - Historical Perspectives on Eugenics and Genetic Engineering in Humans**

William Schneider, PhD, professor of history and an associate dean in the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Roger Dworkin, JD, professor at the IU School of Law in Bloomington and director of medical studies at the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions at IU.

### **Oct. 22 - Genetic Fingerprinting and Its Use in the Law**

Kimberly Quaid, PhD, IUSM professor in the departments of Medical and

Molecular Genetics, Psychiatry and Medicine at the IU School of Medicine; Michael Conneally, PhD, distinguished professor and director of the Hereditary Diseases and Family Studies Division in the IU Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics.

### **Oct. 29 - Genetic Screening and Selection in Reproduction**

Kimberly Quaid, PhD, and Jeff Boldt, PhD, IUSM clinical associate professor of medical and molecular genetics and scientific director of Assisted Fertility Services at the Community Health Network, Indianapolis.

### **Nov. 5 - Genetic Research Involving Human Biological Materials**

Munro Peacock, MD, director of the General Clinical Research Center and a professor of medicine at IUSM; and Eric Meslin, PhD.

### **Nov. 12 - Embryonic and Adult Stem Cell Research: Where Does Cloning Enter the Picture?**

David Orentlicher, MD, JD, co-director of the Center for Law and Health and professor of law at I.U.

The IU Medical Group and Indianapolis radio station WIBC sponsor Mini Medical School, which is offered by the Indiana University School of Medicine Faculty Community Relations Committee through the IUPUI Division of Continuing Studies. Mini Medical School is underwritten by an educational grant from Pfizer.

For registration information, call 317-278-7600. Advanced registration is required and the cost is \$35 and includes parking. When registering, mention **Course Number N01A00**.

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## **AOA preps for fall meeting**

The fall meeting of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society will be 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 24, in the basement classroom at the Riley Outpatient Center.

The society recognizes and perpetuates excellence in the medical profession. The Indiana Chapter has about 1,800 members.

For more information about the meeting, call 274-0261, or email coordinator Ruth Patterson at [rfpatter@iupui.edu](mailto:rfpatter@iupui.edu).

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## **Proposals sought for lung cancer projects**

The Thoracic Oncology Program at IUSM invites pilot feasibility proposals for lung cancer research. Funding for the projects is scheduled to begin Jan. 15, 2003.

A primary goal of TOP is to stimulate multidisciplinary and translational research in lung cancer, the latter of which seeks to develop and translate laboratory observations into innovative clinical trials.

Up to two applications may be accepted for funding. Applicants should be IUSM or IUPUI faculty members. The funds should not be used for training or fellowship purposes. Applicants may have received prior or current extramural research funding, but the proposed project should be separate for previous or current funded projects.

Preference will be given to those proposals involving translational research and collaboration between at least two investigators.

Final applications are due by **Dec. 1, 2002**. The body of the proposal should not exceed three pages. A budget should be included and address the usual



categories of personnel, supplies and equipment (which must be justified). Ten copies are required. Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee made up of IU Cancer Center members.

Criteria for review: scientific merit, lung cancer relatedness, multidisciplinary and translational nature and potential for subsequent peer-reviewed funding.

Applications should be sent to:

Elizabeth Parsons  
535 Barnhill Dr. RT 455  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

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## **Kirk appointed to disability determination committee**

Karen Iler Kirk, PhD, IUSM associate professor, has been appointed to the National Research Council's Committee on Disability Determination for Individuals with Hearing Impairments.

Dr. Kirk is a Psi Iota Xi Scholar in Pediatric Speech and Hearing in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at the IUSM, and is director of the DeVault Otologic Research Laboratory.

The National Research Council was organized by the National Academy of Sciences in 1916 and has become the principal operating agency of both the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering in providing services and information to the government, the public, and the scientific and engineering communities.

The Council has invited national and international experts in hearing impairment to join this committee. The study will focus on research advances that could be immediately useful in improving auditory disability determination.

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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/](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).

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- 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>

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