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Dunker to lead bioinformatics center

Keith Dunker, PhD, a nationally recognized bioinformatics expert, will join IUSM as director of the Center for Bioinformatics and professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. His appointment is effective July 1.

Dr. Dunker has been on the faculty of Washington State University since August 1975, and a professor of biochemistry there since September 1983.

He received his doctorate in biophysics from the University of Wisconsin in 1969, and then studied molecular biophysics as a postdoctoral student at Yale University. He was a research associate in virology at Sloan Kettering Institute before joining Washington State.

Dunker's personal research interest is the relationship between folding of proteins and their function, in particular non-structured or "natively disordered" regions of proteins.

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IUMG-SC director of quality care now on board

Lisa Cox, RN, joined IUMG-SC on Feb. 3 as director of quality care. Her responsibilities include preparing data for employers and insurers to document the quality of care provided by IU physicians.

"A business case has been made, at the national level, for health care quality," said Herbert Cushing, MD, IUMG-SC medical director, to whom Cox reports. "Providers who can prove better outcomes offer the best health care investment for the purchasers of health care, and, while we believe in the quality of our care at IU, we must now be prepared to prove it."

Since 2001, Cox was director of HIPAA compliance for Clarian Health Partners. Prior to that, she served as coordinator, performance improvement/regulatory compliance with Clarian Home Care and as team leader in ambulatory care in the Medical Diagnostic Center at IU Hospital. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing and expects to complete a master's in health administration in 2004.

She can be contacted at 278-3500 or lcox@iupui.edu.

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Wishard Telethon 2003 is Sunday

The Wishard Telethon 2003 will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 2 on WB4 (WTTV Channel 4). Originating from the WB4 television studios in Indianapolis, the 4-hour fundraiser will be carried live throughout most of Indiana.

The second annual telethon provides an opportunity for Wishard to showcase its services to Hoosiers across the state and raise money to support patient care needs at Wishard. The 2003 telethon will highlight Wishard as a vital community and statewide resource, focusing on its nationally recognized IU/Wishard Trauma Center and Emergency Department, the Wishard Ambulance Service and the IU Burn Center at Wishard.

The broadcast will feature inspiring stories of patients cared for at Wishard Health Services and will demonstrate how Wishard and its community network work together to educate and save lives.

This year's major sponsors include Citizen's Gas, Indianapolis Power & Light, Galyan's, and Retro 93.9.

For more information about the Wishard Telethon or to find out how you can help, call the Wishard Telethon office at 630-6863 or e-mail okeefem@wishard.edu.

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Education program for research coordinators accepting

registrations

The deadline for registering for the March 12-14 IU Research Coordinator Education Program has been extended to **Friday, Feb. 28**.

Online registration is available at www.nursing.iupui.edu. Click on Lifelong Learning, then to the left choose this program. Participation is limited to 40 registrants.

For questions about the program contact Marta Sears at 274-3974. For questions about the continuing education program and registration or payment, contact Diane Garner at the IU School of Nursing Lifelong Learning/Continuing Education at 274-7779, or email censg@iupui.edu.

IUSM, the Clinical Trials Program, the Outpatient Clinical Research Facility, and the IU School of Nursing (in collaboration with the General Clinical Research Center) have developed this course for the education of research coordinators. The course is designed to introduce the new research coordinator to the world of clinical research and to provide specific guidance about how to conduct and coordinate clinical studies at IU. The program is targeted for the new study coordinator with less than 2 years of research experience.

The cost of the program is \$320 if registered by Feb. 28. After that date, the cost is \$370. Payment from grant accounts or other IU accounts is acceptable. The cost includes snacks, as well as reference materials: a resource manual, all presenter handouts/slides, and a copy of the FDA Code of Federal Regulations and Good Clinical Practices reference book.

The program will be held in the basement level of the Riley Outpatient Center. In the Ruth Lilly Learning Center conference rooms A & B.

WHY:

- To provide a formalized training experience for study coordinators involved in industry-sponsored clinical research.
- To provide a local, cost-effective training mechanism for study coordinators as an alternative to the other more distant, more expensive training programs.
- To comply with the School of Medicine mandate that all new research coordinators must attend this course.

A variety of investigational studies are conducted on this campus and utilize some of the same knowledge basis. The research coordinators involved in most of them will benefit from this program. While the major thrust of the three days is spent on industry sponsored drug and device trials, additional information relevant to behavioral studies will also be presented

FOR WHOM:

The program is targeted for the new study coordinator with less than 2 years of research experience employed by the IU Schools of Medicine and Dentistry, Clarian Health Partners, Inc., the VA and/or Wishard Hospital.

BY WHOM:

The program's presenters include highly qualified IU professionals with diverse clinical research experience as well as several experienced presenters from outside the university.

TOPICS COVERED:

The first two days will include presentations on the topics listed below. The third day will concentrate on the practical application of these concepts at any of the institutions affiliated with the IUPUI/Clarian IRB A study simulation will take place covering all aspects of study conduct and allowing for interactions with presenters and participants.

- An overview of drug development
- GCPs and drug law
- Study feasibility assessment, budgeting, contracts, and routing the

proposal

- Study startup and the study approval process and IRB forms
- Pre-study preparation, study conduct (including the informed consent process, adverse event reporting, and other IRB requirements)
- Audits and study closeout
- Clinical research resources available at Indiana University

Particular emphasis will be placed on conducting research projects and identifying resources available at Indiana University.

COST:

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WHERE:

The program will be held in the basement level of Riley's new Outpatient Building, "The ROC" in the "Ruth Lilly Learning Center" Conference Rooms A & B.

CONTACT HOURS:

Will be provided by the IU School of Nursing, an accredited provider of continuing education in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Attached is an a copy of the agenda from the last presentation., While the exact schedule, presentation titles, and presenters is subject to change at the time of this notice, you can expect the content to be substantially the same.

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Nominations sought for cancer research investigator prizes

Nominations are sought for the Paul Marks Prizes for Cancer Research, which recognizes significant discoveries by young investigators that have increased understanding of the biological basis of cancer or advanced the treatment of the disease. The prizes are awarded to up to three investigators every other year.

The awards honor the legacy of Paul A. Marks, MD, president emeritus of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and recognize contributions to basic or clinical research made by investigators age 45 or younger at the time of the submission.

The winners will present their work at a scientific symposium at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. They also will be honored at a dinner and share a cash award of \$125,000.

Nomination packets should include a letter from the nominator outlining the significance of the accomplishments for which the candidate should be recognized; a one-page scientific biography of the candidate; a list of up to eight of the candidate's most significant published papers with brief (less than 100 words) explanations of the importance of each paper; the candidate's curriculum vitae; a maximum of three supporting letters.

The deadline for submission for the 2003 Paul Marks Prizes for Cancer Research is **April 30**.

Nomination packets should be sent to Mary Alice Yates, senior executive assistant, Office of the President, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10021.

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Reception planned to welcome new dermatology faculty

The Department of Dermatology is hosting a welcoming reception for Debra Fett, MD, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 10, in the University Place Conference Center and Hotel President's Room.

Dr. Fett is an associate professor of dermatology and director of the new Contact and Occupational Dermatology Division in the department.

Dr. Fett previously was co-director of the contact dermatitis group at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

She obtained her medical degree at Mayo Medical School and completed an internal medicine residency and dermatology residency at Mayo Graduate School of Medicine. She has received several honors, including the Roy S. Rogers III Travel Award for excellence in patient care and Teacher of the Year 1997-98, University of Minnesota Dermatology.

Dr. Fett's special interest are contact and occupational dermatology; arthropod bites, stings and infestations, and cutaneous manifestations of internal disease.

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Mark your calendar for 'graying of America' conference

The IUSM Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and Health Care Excel are sponsoring "Aging America: The Impact on Health Care" Friday, Sept. 26, at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel

As the population lives longer, what will be their impact on the health care industry? National experts will share their answers at a medical symposium.

For more information, see www.hce.org, or call 812-234-1499.

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Honors

Patricia Keener, MD, will be honored for her continuous support and service to IUPUI and Indiana University during the IU Alumni Association's annual Alumni Leadership Awards dinner, Thursday Feb. 27. She will receive the Maynard K. Hine medal, during a volunteer recognition dinner and reception at the Indiana State Museum. The medal is named in honor of the first chancellor of IUPUI and a former dean of the IU School of Dentistry.

Sue London, MLS, AHIP, executive associate director of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, has received the 2003 Medical Library Association's Estelle Brodman Award for the Academic Medical Librarian of the Year. The Estelle Brodman Award recognizes an academic medical librarian at mid-career level who demonstrates significant achievement, the potential for leadership, and continuing excellence.

Richard Rink, MD, IUSM chief of pediatric urology, has been elected chair-elect of the urology section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. In 2003-2004, he will serve as chair of the urology section for 57,000-member organization. Dr. Rink previously was president of the American Association of Pediatric Urologists and of the Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, March 1, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. This week's faculty host is Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests are Frederika Kaestle, PhD, assistant professor of anthropology at IU-Bloomington, whose topic will be ancient DNA; and Bhuwan Garg, MD, IU professor of neurology and a pediatric specialist, and Joanne Wojcieszek, MD, IU clinical associate professor of neurology, who will discuss central nervous system movement disorders.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at <http://soundmedicine.iu.edu>.

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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 multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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Submissions to Scope

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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>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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