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Call to action: Energize Indiana bill to be heard today, Tuesday

The Indiana Health Industry Forum is urging citizens to contact their legislators in the Indiana General Assembly to show support for House Bill 2008. That bill contains funding for the continuation of the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund, R&D Tax Credits and other critical issues.

The House of Representatives will be addressing this bill Monday, March 3, and Tuesday, March 4. A pdf file is available for review at www.ihif.org/newftpfiles/energizeIndianaupdate2-28-03.pdf.

Members of the Indiana House of Representatives may be contacted at 1-800-382-9842. Indiana Senate members may be contacted at 1-800-382-9467.

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UITS user survey seeking input

Each year, University Information Technology Services (UITS) conducts a survey at IUPUI to assess the level of users' satisfaction with UITS computing facilities, services, and support for instruction, research, and administration, as well as telephone services.

A randomly selected group of the 2003 IUSM users have been mailed a survey. Those who have yet to complete the survey and return it to UITS are asked to take a few moments to do so. Individual observations and opinions are important for helping UITS evaluate its performance, identify necessary improvements and generate ideas for new services.

User input in the past has assisted UITS to implement changes in the information technology environment at IUPUI.

Results from previous years' surveys can be found at www.indiana.edu/~uitssur/.

The deadline for submitting the surveys is Friday, March 14. Questions regarding the survey can be directed to the Office of Information Management and Institutional Research (IMIR) at 278-2282.

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IU Diabetes Center opens second site

Referring physicians have long known the IU Diabetes Center at IU Hospital offers a wide range of assistance to patients with diabetes. Now, there is another option for patients to receive the same care at the recently opened IU Medical Group, Carmel office at 103 and Meridian streets.

One-to-one education sessions are offered by certified diabetes educators. Those sessions include information on everything from insulin pump therapy to teaching patients how to control their blood sugar through diet.

For additional information, contact the IU Diabetes Center at 274-3500.

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Technology exhibit to assist with PDA choices

Information Resources Educational Technology (IRET) and Medical Student Affairs are sponsoring a PDA (personal digital assistant) Hall of Exhibits to raise awareness of the usefulness of handheld devices at the medical school.

The event will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, March 17, in the Van Nuys Medical Sciences Building atrium.

Hardware and software representatives will provide demonstrations. Accounts of personal experiences will be provided by Scott Engum, MD, director of the Basic Clinical Skills course which requires HanDBase software and a handheld device; IRET staff Michael Bangert and Amy Hatfield; Marc Kohli, MSIV; Arman Abdalkhani, MSIV; and Medical Student Affairs computer support specialist Mary Beth Nance to share their experiences with PDAs.

Belltech.logix reps will be present and will offer handheld devices at a discount for a low-end handheld and high-end handheld. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

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IHEN conference to be Friday

The Indiana Healthcare Ethics Network's eighth annual conference will be Friday, March 7, at the Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel.

Pediatric ethics will be the focus of the conference and speakers will include Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, director of pediatric radiology at IUSM; Lainie Ross, MD, PhD, assistant director, MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics, University of Chicago; and Matthew Galvin, MD, child adolescent psychiatry at St. Vincent Hospital.

Additional information and online registration is available at cme.medicine.iu.edu/courses/IHEN03.htm.

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Acupuncture topic of humanities seminar

The Medical Ethics and Humanities seminar Thursday, March 13 will feature Palmer Mackie,

MD, IUSM clinical assistant professor of medicine, discussing "Acupuncture in Western Medicine." The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 301-302.

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Two geriatrics conferences scheduled in March

The March IU Geriatrics Conferences, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, T2008 A & B, will include:

March 5 "Geriatric Psychopharmacology"
Steve Rappaport, MD
Director, Agewell, an Indianapolis geriatric clinical/research company

March 19 "Preventive Care in Older Adults"
Craig Wilson, MD
Director, St. Vincent's Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program

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Technology in the classroom series continues Friday

In conjunction with the E.C. Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence, Charles Dziuban and Patsy Moskal, both from the University of Central Florida, will speak on UCF's successes and challenges developing a distributed education program. The presentation, part of a series of technology presentations at IUPUI, will be from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 7, in room 118, University Place Conference Center.

The University of Central Florida has an extensive online course initiative with more than 200 fully online and mixed-mode courses offered each semester. More than 70,000 students have participated in the UCF Virtual Campus since its inception in fall 1996. The presentation will discuss the impact this initiative has had on teaching and learning and the academy.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the afternoon presentation. Participation in the Moore Symposium breakouts requires registration, available on site.

"Conversations on the Thoughtful Use of Technology" is a year-long IUPUI series bringing to campus speakers from around the country to share their experiences with the integration of online environments into the life of an institution. For more information call, 278-4604.

Information about the E.C. Moore Symposium can be found at opd.iupui.edu/aod/symposium.html

Information about the Conversations series can be found at online.iupui.edu/conversation.html

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Statistical software support readily available for research and instruction

The Center for Statistical and Mathematical Computing (Stat/Math Center), a division of University Information Technology Services (UITs), provides support for a number of statistical and mathematical software packages including SPSS, SAS, S-Plus, Matlab, Mathematica, and Maple. Consulting support is available free of charge by phone, e-mail or walk-in sessions for the IU Community for research and instruction.

Limited support also is available for a number other software packages (e.g., S-Plus, SigmaPlot, SigmaStat, Stata). Answers to the frequently asked statistical and mathematical software computing questions are available from the UITs Knowledge Base at kb.indiana.edu.

For further information on the services available through the Stat/Math Center, see www.indiana.edu/~statmath.

The Stat/Math Center also leases a number of statistical/mathematical software packages for departmental and/or personal use. These include SPSS, SAS, Stata, Minitab, S-Plus, Matlab, Mathematica, Maple, SigmaPlot, Nud*ist, and NVivo.

The cost of the software often is lower than the discounted educational prices offered by the vendors. A detailed list of all the software the center distributes can be found at www.indiana.edu/~statmath/sales/prices.html. The center will work with individuals interested in acquiring a statistical/mathematical software package not available in the list.

SPSS software (Windows, and Macintosh) users might want to note that the SPSS software package (modules include Base, Advanced Models, Regressions Models, and Tables) is available for IU faculty, staff and students for \$5 from the IUPUI Bookstores (Medical School Library

IB208; MERP Learning Resource Center (Medical Science B10), Union Bookstore (620 Union Dr.). A valid University ID is required to purchase this SPSS software from the the bookstores. For more information about SPSS ELA, see www.indiana.edu/~statmath/stat/spss/ela/index.html.

For further information on statistical and mathematical computing support at IU contact the Stat/Math Center at statmath@indiana.edu, or at 278-4740.

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Summer camp registration open

On-line registration is now open for the 2003 IUPUI Sport Complex Summer Camp Programs for youngsters ages 6 to 18 years. This year's sport camps include diving, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, synchronized swimming, tennis, and track and field.

Summer Day Camp is back for its 17th year, where your children, ages 5 - 12, can enjoy up to nine weeks of fun, learning new sports and activities.

For more information see www.sportcomplex.iupui.edu, or call 274-3518.

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Indiana University School of Medicine Grants & Awards January 1, 2003 - January 31, 2003

Project Director	Agency Grant Number Agency Type	Award Type	Title	Start/Stop	Total Award
Scott C. Denne	NIH-NICHD	Continuing/Competing Research	Mechanisms of Neonatal Protein Accretion	1/21/03 12/31/03	\$331,025

Michelle Howenstine	Case Western Reserve	New Research	Genetic Modifiers in Cystic Fibrosis Lung Diseased	7/01/02 12/14/02	\$4,200
Mark R. Kelley	Riley Memorial Association	Continuing/Competing Research	Molecular Medicine in Action	9/01/02 8/31/03	\$52,000
Martin Kaefer	New York Academy of Medicine	New Research	Determining the Hydrostatic Threshold for Bladder Injury	7/01/02 6/30/03	\$50,000
Joseph O'Neil	Centers for Disease Control	New Research	Strategies to Increase Booster Seat Use in 4-6 Year Olds	9/30/02 9/29/03	\$100,000
Tamara S. Hannon	Human Growth Foundation	New Research	Treatment of Crohn's Disease with Growth Hormone or Growth Hormone Releasing Hormone	1/01/03 12/31/03	\$7,500
Gilbert C. Liu	American Academy of Pediatrics	New Research	Life Around Newborn Discharge	4/15/02 8/01/02	\$6,298

James M. Croop	Children's Oncology Group	New Research	Children's Oncology Group Pediatric Phase I/Pilot Consortium	8/08/02 7/31/03	\$22,000
Lawrence Einhorn	Walther Cancer Institute	Continuing/Competing Research	Walther Cancer Institute - Fellows	7/01/02 6/30/03	\$41,034
David A. Potter	Clarian Health	New Research	Chemotherapy Resistance Mechanisms in Breast Cancer: A Genomic Analysis	2/01/02 1/31/04	\$100,000
James Dean Richardson	Johns Hopkins University	Continuing/Competing Research	Studies of Ocular Complications of AIDS (SOCA)	8/01/02 7/31/03	\$138,237
Eri Hashino	NIH-NIDCD	New Research	Cellular Mechanisms of Otoxicity	1/31/03 7/31/03	\$179,008
Derek Michael Houston	Deafness Research Foundation	Continuing/Competing Research	Assessing Early Word-Learning Skills in Deaf Infants Following Cochlear Implantation	1/01/03 12/31/03	\$20,000

Jiashin Wu	Alcoholic Beverage Medical Research Foundation	New Research	Alcohol and Ischemic Ventricular Arrhythmias in Isolated and Perfused Canine Ventricular Muscle	6/01/02 5/31/03	\$40,000
Stephen D. Hall	US Department of Health & Human Services	New Research	Ciprofloxacin and Doxycycline Disposition in Lactating Women and in the Elderly	9/30/02 9/29/04	\$448,455
Kenneth E. White	NIH-NIDDK	New Research	FGF-23 Regulation of Phosphate Homeostasis	12/27/02 11/30/03	\$231,770
Thomas F. Imperiale	American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy	New Research	Case Control Study: A Pilot Case Control Study of Risk Factors for Advanced Sporadic Colorectal Neoplasia Prior to Age 50.	1/01/03 12/31/03	\$30,000

Zao Cheng Xu	American Heart Midwest	New Research	Mechanisms of Pyramidal Neuron Injury in CA1 Zone of Hippocampus after Transient Cerebral Ischemia.	1/01/03 12/31/03	\$33,500
Mille M. Georgiadis	NIH-NIGMS	New Research	Structural Studies of Protein-Nucleic Acid Interactions	9/01/02 1/31/03	\$141,244
Susan J. Gunst	American Heart Midwest	New Research	The Role of Alpha-Actinin in Smooth Muscle Contraction	1/01/03 12/31/03	\$24,500
Fredrick M. Pavalko	NASA	New Research	Regulation of Osteoblast Apoptosis by Fluid Shear Stress	12/01/02 11/30/05	\$186,237

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, March 8, 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 Ora Pescovitz, MD..

Guests are Martin Farlow, MD, IU professor of neurology, who will discuss the latest treatments for Alzheimer disease, and Angela McBride, dean of the IU School of Nursing, will focus on nationwide nursing shortages and what IU is doing to rectify the problem. Plus, Eleanor Kinney,

JD, co-director of the Center for Law and Health at IU School of Law, will explain why malpractice insurance and malpractice award caps are such contentious issues, and why Indiana is unique in the area.

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

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IUSM Special Events Calendar online

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at www.medicine.iu.edu under the Quick Links menu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at www.db.uics.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar.

To place an item on the calendar, submit it via the form available as a link on the calendar Web site.

The calendar is designed as an informational tool for upcoming events and to help people avoid scheduling events simultaneously that might attract the same audiences.

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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>

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

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