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Two faculty members awarded named professorships

The IU trustees have awarded named professorships to two IUSM department chairs. Kenneth Cornetta, MD, is the first Joe C. Christian Professor of Medical and Molecular Genetics and Robert Yee, MD, is the Merrill Grayson Professor of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Cornetta has been the chairman of medical and molecular genetics since last summer. A professor of medicine and of microbiology and immunology, he joined the IUSM faculty in 1991. He received his medical degree from the Albany Medical College and did his residency at the IU Medical Center

The Joe C. Christian Professorship of Medical and Molecular Genetics was established in 1996 to honor Dr. Christian's contribution as a faculty member and chair of the Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics at IUSM.

Dr. Yee has been chairman and professor of the Department of Ophthalmology since 1987. He specializes in neuro-ophthalmology, eye movement disorders and optic nerve disorders. Dr. Yee received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School and did his residency at the University of California at Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The Merrill Grayson Chair in Ophthalmology was established in 2001 to honor Dr. Grayson's contribution to the department where he was on faculty for 30 years. He served as interim chair on three separate occasions.

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Tribute to Jean and Jerry Bepko - April 23

IUPUI students, staff and faculty are invited to The Nicest Day in the History of IUPUI, a tribute to Jean and Jerry Bepko, at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 23.

The lunchtime tribute honors the commitment and contributions of the Bepkos to

IUPUI. Gerald Bepko served as IUPUI chancellor for 16 years and is now interim president of IU. The celebration will be at the Wood Fountain near the IUPUI library. Live music and a light lunch and beverages will be provided.

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Competencies: Effective Communication

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In the course of a usual day, a skillful physician will be required to a) talk to a patient about changing an unhealthy behavior, or with family members about a test, or with nurses, social workers, or physician colleagues about referrals, b) write notes about patients, reports for administrators or prescriptions, c) talk at a community meeting, a school or to policymakers, and perhaps d) write a scientific paper or report.

These activities require a great range of communication skills. Optimally, such communication is clear, effective, direct, supportive, motivating and contributes to the greater social good. Most professional students communicate effectively, but specific skills, such as discerning patients' true reasons for seeking care, being empathic when under stress, adapting to a wide range of audiences, or handling conflict require ongoing training.

In the medical school's communication curriculum, students encounter challenges (such as breaking bad news to patients or managing angry patients) that more experienced physicians also find difficult. The LCME requires specific training in communication skills across the span of medical school. Soon, all U.S. medical students will be required to demonstrate skillful communication in tests with standardized patients as part of the USMLE examinations.

The curriculum at IUSM is structured to determine, early in medical school, which students need additional assistance in communicating with colleagues or patients. All students receive training in patient interviewing in Introduction to

Clinical Medicine and with colleagues in Concepts in Health and Disease and in written communication in several courses. Standardized patient and multiple-part case-based problem-solving examinations provide mid-school feedback to students about performance of certain communication skills. Students who do not perform at the same level as peers receive individual remediation of their skills.

In the future, increased use of real and standardized patients as teachers of medical students, videotaping of student interviews, and faculty direct observation of student skills will be expanded to aid students in preparing for school-wide and national assessments of communication.

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Funds available for cancer research

The deadline for applying for funds from the American Cancer Society Institutional Grant is **Monday, May 19**.

Grants for this ACS fund usually are allocated in amounts of \$15,000 to \$20,000. The purpose of the grant is to assist young investigators in the ranks of assistant professor and assistant scientist to start their projects and to foster cancer research at IUSM in Indianapolis and IU Bloomington.

Forms may be obtained from Elizabeth Parsons, Indiana Cancer Pavilion, room 455. She also can be reached by phone at 278-0078, fax at 278-0074, or e-mail at eparsons@iupui.edu.

The applications will be reviewed by the ACS Institutional Grant Committee. The

investigators who will receive grants must submit an Interim and a Final Progress Report as required by the American Cancer Society.

Applicants with prior funding for the ACS are not eligible to apply. Applicants with significant funding from other sources are not eligible to apply. Limited support for partial salary may be allowed. Applicants must be U.S. citizens, or approved for a green card.

Submit original application plus 14 copies to Elizabeth Parsons, RT 455.

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Deadline for Beering Award nominations, April 16

Nominations for the 2004 Steven C. Beering Award for the Advancement of Biomedical Science are being solicited from faculty.

The nominations should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishment(s) of the nominee, the importance to biomedical or clinical science and why the nominee is deserving of this honor.

Nominations should include a curriculum vitae and a list of key publications. All information should be submitted no later than **Wednesday, April 16**, to Amy-Jeanne Sayre, Academic Administration, 1120 South Dr., Fesler 318. Questions can be sent to her at 274-7214 or asayre@iupui.edu.

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2003 Molecular Biology Workshop

The 2003 Molecular Biology Workshop will be June 9-26. The daylong workshops, held Mondays through Fridays, are a combination of lectures and

hands-on labs open to faculty, staff and graduate students. Graduate students may take it for credit.

Participants will receive instruction in basic molecular biology and theory of laboratory methods, leading to discussions of cutting-edge techniques and real life examples of problems and methods. Laboratories are hands on; participants will learn to perform basic and advanced techniques, trouble-shoot problems, and critically examine industrial kits and equipment.

For detailed information about the workshop, see www.iupui.edu/~mbwkshp/ or contact Chao-Hung Lee, PhD, at 274-2596, or chlee@iupui.edu.

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Bracelet sale to benefit IU Cancer Center

Creations for the Cure breast cancer bracelet sale will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, in the Indiana Cancer Pavilion lobby.

The event is sponsored by Anna Maria Storniolo, MD, and \$5 from each sale is donated to the Catherine Peachey Breast Cancer Prevention Program. The bracelets make nifty Mother's Day gifts.

For more information see Creations for the Cure Web site at creationsfortheure.com.

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Author William Colby to speak April 15

William Colby, JD, author of *Long Goodbye: The Deaths of Nancy Cruzan* will speak and sign books from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, as a guest of the

Center for Law and Health. The event will be in room 259 of the IU School of Law – Indianapolis.

Contact Nancy Coppaway at 554-0148, or ncoppawa@iupui.edu with questions or to make reservations.

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Herbal medicine topic of CoE lecture

The speaker and topic for the Wednesday, April 23, National Center of Excellence in Women's Health monthly lecture has changed. The new speaker will be Stephen Hall, PhD, IUSM professor of pharmacology and toxicology, presenting "Herbal medicines and prescription drugs: Why they don't get along."

The lecture will be at noon Wednesday, April 23, in the Indiana Cancer Research Institute auditorium. CME/CEU credit and lunch are provided.

For additional information, contact Tina Darling at 630-2243, or tdarling@iupui.edu.

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World Asthma Day observance

The National Institute for Fitness and Sport is hosting an Asthma Fair from noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, in recognition of the World Asthma Day Celebration.

Participants may have a pulmonary function screening and receive information on asthma, view research exhibits, take tours of NIFS tours and participate in educational sessions with physicians discussing on asthma triggers, prevention and management.

The Asthma Alliance of Indianapolis will hold the awards ceremony for their World Asthma Day Poster Contest at 3:30 pm. Children in two categories, kindergarten-2nd grade and grades 3-5, have been invited to submit posters depicting the child's perception of asthma, asthma prevention or asthma education.

Chairman of the event is John G. Mastronarde, MD, president of the Indiana Thoracic Society and an assistant professor of medicine at IUSM.

Partners in the event include:

- American Lung Association of Indiana
- Asthma Alliance of Indianapolis
- Indiana Thoracic Society
- Indiana University Asthma Clinical Research Center
- Indiana University Medical Group
- Marion County Health Department
- National Institute for Fitness and Sport
- Riley Hospital Asthma Center

For additional information on asthma diagnosis and management or the May 6 event, contact Nancy Rowland at 274-3432, ext. 228, or nrowland@iupui.edu.

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GIS use in the health industry

Health care and public health organizations at the local, state and national level are using geographic information systems (GIS). This IUPUI free Infoshare by Carl Kinkade, ESRI health industry account manager, will show examples of GIS projects in public health, illustrating its use in environmental health, nursing, inspections, epidemiology, and emergency response. In addition, it will show how the health care industry can use GIS to improve their processes in the

hospital from patient care to locating new clinic sites.

The demonstration will be from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 22, in the Lilly Auditorium IUPUI Main Library.

Online registration is requested at

wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/uitsedprograms/scripts/iupui/pub/form_infosharereg.cfm.

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Mark your calendar for women's leadership seminar

The second "Women in Medicine and Science: A Leadership Development Seminar" will be Friday, June 27, at the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

This program, sponsored by the National Center of Excellence for Women's Health and made possible in part by an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer, is modeled after the successful Association of American Medical College programs for women in medicine.

This year's theme will center on communication with keynote speaker, Molly Carnes, MD, MS, director of the University of Wisconsin Center for Women's Health and Women's Health Research and professor of medicine, psychiatry and industrial engineering.

Areas that will be addressed include communication styles, how to develop a career plan, conflict resolution and more. CME credit will be awarded.

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IUSM Public and Media Relations has moved

The IUSM Office of Public and Media Relations moved from Long Hospital to the Safeco Building at 550 N. Meridian, Ste 306, effective April 14.

The new campus mail address is Z-7 Ste. 306. The office general phone number – 274-7722 – and the numbers and e-mail addresses of individual staffers will remain the same. The new fax number is 278-8722.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, April 19, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. This week's co-host will be Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include Andrew Evan, PhD, IUSM professor of anatomy and cell biology, who will discuss his new research into the cause and formation of kidney stones. He and his colleagues' discovery changes current theory and the direction of kidney stone research.

End-of-life issues, including palliative and hospice care, will be discussed in the first of a two-part segment. Greg Gramelspacher, MD, IUSM associate professor of medicine and director of palliative care at Wishard Memorial Hospital, will be the guest.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at 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

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 278-8722
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, 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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