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Lance Armstrong to visit Indy

Cancer survivor and five-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong will speak to testicular cancer survivors and the general public from 10:45 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Conseco Fieldhouse to increase awareness of the importance of clinical cancer research.

Twenty-six cyclists, who are part of the Bristol-Myers Squibb Tour of Hope™, will relay ride 3,000 miles from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., Oct. 11-18. All of the Tour of Hope cyclists have been touched personally by cancer. Armstrong, who was treated for advanced testicular cancer at the IU Cancer Center in 1996, will join them at several points along their route.

"I am alive thanks to the IU Cancer Center," says Armstrong. His battle with cancer was detailed in the 2000 book, "It's Not About the Bike; My Journey Back to Life."

Complimentary tickets, which are required, are available now through noon, **Friday, Oct. 10**, at <http://iucc.iu.edu/lance>.

For additional information on the event, see www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/archive_03/lance03.html.

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Mirowski named Norins Investigator

Ginat Wintermeyer Mirowski, DMD, MD, associate professor of dermatology and oral medicine, has been named the Arthur L. Norins Investigator in Dermatologic Clinical Research.

This endowed professorship was named after Dr. Arthur Norins, former chairman of dermatology. Dr. Mirowski, who joined the IU faculty in 1996, is a nationally recognized expert in mucosal dermatology.

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Save this date: Beering Lecture Nov. 5

The 2003 Steven C. Beering Award will be presented to Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD, during the annual Beering Lecture at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

Dr. Blackburn is a professor in the departments of biochemistry and biophysics and microbiology and immunology at the University of California, San Francisco.

Her groundbreaking research into telomere structure, telomere synthesizing enzymes and chromosome structure and function has earned her numerous honors, including the National Academy of Science Award in Molecular Biology (1990), the Australia Prize (1998), the California Scientist of the Year Award (1999), the American Cancer Society's Medal of Honor for Basic Research Award (2000) and the General Motors Cancer Research Foundation Alfred P. Sloan Award (2001).

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NIH announces plan to accelerate medical research

The National Institutes of Health has developed a "Roadmap for Medical Research." The purpose of the far-reaching initiatives is to transform the nation's medical research capabilities and speed the movement of research discoveries from the bench to the bedside.

The Web site for the NIH Roadmap is www.nihroadmap.nih.gov.

Developed with input from more than 300 nationally recognized leaders in academia, industry, government and the public, the NIH Roadmap provides a framework of the strategic investments that NIH needs to make to optimize its entire research portfolio.

The NIH Roadmap builds on the tremendous progress in medical research

achieved, in part, through the recent doubling of the NIH budget. In setting forth an ambitious vision for a more efficient and productive system of medical research, the NIH Roadmap focuses on the most compelling opportunities in three main areas: new pathways to discovery, research teams of the future and re-engineering the clinical research enterprise.

To be part of the NIH Roadmap, scientific initiatives had to be deemed of high potential impact, had to enhance the disease and mission-specific activities of all of NIH's 27 institutes and centers, and had to respond to the needs and concerns of the public.

The NIH will begin to implement all of the initiatives in fiscal year 2004. Some build on existing research efforts and are expected to achieve their goals rapidly, while other newer or more complex endeavors are expected to take several years to come to fruition.

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Faculty volunteers needed for mock residency interviews

The Medical Student Affairs Office for the past few years has arranged mock videotaped interviews for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Students who have participated have been extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to practice and to hear valuable feedback from faculty interviewers.

Volunteers are needed so the experience can be offered again this year. Faculty and house staff familiar with the residency interviewing process are sought to conduct and critique the interviews. Approximately 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; the OSCE Center has the facilities to run 15 concurrent interviews). Volunteers would need to commit at least 2 hours during which they will conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student's performance.

Keep in mind that more volunteers reduces the time commitment for each individual faculty member. Faculty from all disciplines are needed but no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be interviewing students interested in a specific specialty.

Tentative dates for the mock interviews are 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 28, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13. This year's mock interviews will be at the Clinical Skills Education Center at Methodist (OSCE Center).

As soon as faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year students will be invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be required to submit residency application materials to MSA. Those materials will be forwarded, along with transcripts, to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty and house staff interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Canary Rossum at crossum@iupui.edu, or 274-7173.

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Graduate Studies candidate to speak

W. LaJean Chaffin, PhD, a candidate for associate dean for graduate studies, will present "Biofilm Formation" at a special lecture from 9 to 10:15 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

Dr. Chaffin is a professor of microbiology and assistant vice president for research and assistant dean for Research and the Graduate School at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas.

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Combined Seminar Series – Oct. 15

The Oct. 15 Combined Seminar Series speaker will be Sergio Grinstein, PhD, director of the Division of Cell Biology, Hospital for Sick Children. He will speak on "The role of phosphoinositides in phagosome formation and maturation." The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

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Endnote software training

The IUSM Medical Libraries and the Institute for Scientific Information are presenting a training course in Endnote software from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26. The session is free and no registration is required.

Endnote software is licensed for IU use from ISI, and is available for download through the IUware program, or on cdrom from the libraries and bookstores. The software enables researchers to download and manage bibliographic citations and to easily merge them into scientific publications. Both Ovid and Web of Science have methods for easily downloading citations into the Endnote database.

More information about the software is available on the medical library website, at www.medlib.iupui.edu/citemgr/index.html.

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Who says medical mission trips can't be fun?

Certainly not John Stevens, MD, or Francis Dillon, MD. The IUSM pediatric pulmonologist and anesthesiologist sing the praises of the annual trip to Honduras, calling it "a fantastic adventure in the highlands and valleys of this tropical paradise."

The best part is they want to share the experience with students, physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health-care providers.

The trip is March 6-13 and trip expenses are minimal, according to Dr. Dillon.

Three days of the adventure are spent treating ambulatory patients. The remainder is spent touring and visiting with Hondurans and other volunteers from IUSM, Marquette University and Friends of the Honduran Children, all co-sponsoring institutions.

Dr. Stevens says a beautiful, new, tertiary pediatric hospital is opening in 2003 in the Tegucigalpa, Honduras' capital, and IUSM volunteers were instrumental in the planning and construction of the facility.

For more information about the Honduras medical mission trip, contact Dr. Stevens (jsteven@iupui.edu) at 312-2201 or Dr. Dillon (fdillon@iupui.edu) at 312-1949.

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Workshop offered for developing skills for non-profit boards

Civic engagement serves the needs of the community and is part of the IUPUI urban campus mission. IUPUI faculty and staff can learn skills for membership in community non-profit boards, and new developments affecting boards and nonprofit management such as the Sarbanes Oxley Act at an Oct. 27 workshop.

“Building Skills for Non-Profit Board Membership” will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the IUSM Medical Library, room 301. AJ Mason, director, Nonprofit Training Center, United Way of Central Indiana, will be the presenter.

The workshop is hosted by the IUPUI Faculty Council, Metropolitan Affairs Committee. For additional information, see www.iport.iupui.edu/civic/.

RSVPs are requested by Wednesday, Oct. 22 , to cfgall@iupui.edu, or 274-1411.

Forum on human subject research offered

“Protecting Human Subjects in social, Behavioral and Educational Research” is the title of a one-day forum featuring speakers from the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Education, the Office for Human Research Protections and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The forum will be at Western Kentucky University.

For additional information, see www.aascu.org/ofpopen/ohrp/.

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IUPUI United Way Campaign - now thru Oct. 31

Your Gift Matters! Join the thousands of other IUPUI employees and participate in this years' United Way Campaign. The campaign goal of \$275,000 can be reached with your participation.

Your gift to the Community Solutions Fund (an unrestricted gift) will support these community priorities:

- Successful kids
- Strong families and neighborhoods
- Healthy, independent people

Campus representatives will be contacting you to make your pledge or make your pledge online by going to the IUPUI United Way website at www.iupui.edu/~uwaycamp. Questions, contact Mary Kate Myers at myersmk@iupui.edu.

A yummy way to support the IUPUI United Way campaign is by stopping by for lunch Tuesday, Oct. 7 at the 9th annual Chili for Charity event. Various kinds of chili and desserts are available for \$5 between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the BS North Breezeway; 815 W. Michigan Street.

All proceeds benefit the IUPUI United Way Campaign. Last year the event raised over \$4,400.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Oct. 11, 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 Diane Willis. This week's co-host is Kathy Miller, MD.

David Flockhart, MD, PhD, chief of the IUSM Division of Pharmacology, will discuss the dangers of drug interactions and how individuals can be protected. New Castle physician Lindsey Rolston, MD, from the Henry County Center for Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine, will discuss a new type of knee implant made of oxidized zirconium, which is a more durable material than traditional implants. IUSM ophthalmologist Rudy Yung, MD, will discuss those pesky lines and spots in our vision known as

eye floaters.

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

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Online IUSM calendars

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.

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. The calendar also can be accessed directly at webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm.

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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.

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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