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State of Wishard address

Lisa Harris, MD, the newly appointed CEO of Wishard Health Services will deliver the State of Wishard address from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. Both addresses will be in Myers Auditorium at Wishard Memorial Hospital.

Wishard physicians and staff are encouraged to attend the third annual address, which

will review the accomplishments of 2003 and discuss the outlook for 2004.

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Benson receives international honors for career of discovery

Merrill Benson, MD, is the first recipient of the prestigious Pasteur-Weizmann/Servier International Prize in Biomedical Research awarded in Paris.

Dr. Benson, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, of medical and molecular genetics and of medicine, was recognized in December for his pioneering research on protein deposits, called amyloids, which play a role in the development of a variety of diseases including Alzheimer and Huntington diseases and multiple myeloma.

The award, which carries a prize of 150,000 euros, is to be presented every three years to a top-level researcher, scientist or physician who has gained international recognition for a major biomedical discovery which led to a therapeutic application.

Neurobiology was selected as the specialty for the first award and the theme “The amyloidosis: from molecular medicine to therapeutics” was selected for the award presentation.

Amyloid is the accumulation of protein fibers in tissues where they disrupt normal organ function. Amyloidosis refers to the disease which is caused by protein deposits and, depending on the type of amyloid protein, may include heart failure, kidney failure, liver failure, neuropathy or, in the case of Alzheimer disease, dementia. There are more than 20 human proteins that can accumulate in virtually all tissues and organs and each causes a specific disease.

Dr. Benson is internationally recognized for the discovery of mutations in a number of proteins which cause inherited types of amyloidosis, and the relationship of protein structure to the function of the protein in health and disease. His particular interest has been in the multisystem forms of amyloidosis associated with immunoglobulin (antibody) deposits, inflammatory amyloidosis (for patients with rheumatoid arthritis)

and hereditary amyloidosis. He also has made important discoveries in research on the amyloidosis of Alzheimer disease and other types of protein deposition diseases associated with the central nervous system.

The Pasteur Institute was formed in 1888 by Louis Pasteur, who is best known for developing a vaccine for rabies. It is one of the leading research institutes in France. The Weizmann Institute of Science is a leading research and academic institution based in Israel. France's Servier Institute promotes all forms of research and scientific knowledge for the purpose of medical progress.

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Indianapolis ranks nationally for biotechnology development

Indianapolis is ranked 19th in the top 40 locations for biotechnology companies in the nation in *Business Facilities* magazine.

The publication used a ranking system for 13 statistics believed to produce important strengths and momentum for developing biotechnology clusters. Ranking first was the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island area. Fortieth on the list was Buffalo-Niagara Falls area.

For the complete report, which ran in the magazine's November issue, see www.facilitycity.com/busfac/bf_03_11_cover5.asp.

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Clinical research educational opportunities

The Clinical Trials Program has expanded the educational opportunities offered to clinical research investigators, coordinators and other support staff. Monthly educational sessions of topical and practical interest will be presented targeting both new and experienced research faculty and staff involved in all types of clinical research, i.e. investigator-initiated, NIH, and industrially-sponsored.

A comprehensive schedule for the year soon will be published and can be accessed on the Clinical Trials Program Web site at <http://medicine.iupui.edu/ctp/>. In the meantime, the opportunities, confirmed for January and February, are:

"SOS for the SSS - IRB Basics"

Are you unclear about how to fill out certain sections of the Summary Safeguard Statement (SSS)? Are you confused by changes made to the SSS last year? This session will discuss the initial IRB application packet with particular emphasis on the SSS to include discussion of new sections as well as help in understanding how to complete all sections. Some "real life" scenarios will be discussed and adequate time will be reserved for questions and answers from the audience.

Speaker: Shelley Bizila, director, Research Compliance Administration

When: 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m., Jan. 30

Where: Riley Outpatient Center (ROC) lower level conference center, rooms A & B

Cost: None

Registration: At the door. Seating limited to approximately 60.

CMEs: Pending

"Budgets and Contracts: the 'Business' of Clinical Research"

Are you sure you are being adequately compensated for your work on clinical trials? Are you calculating your real costs? Are you receiving what you are due? Are you protecting your legal rights as an investigator? In this session you will learn how to develop an adequate study budget, calculate real costs, identify "hidden" costs, establish appropriate billing mechanisms to prevent insurance fraud, identify potential problems in contracts, and develop communication and tracking tools to make sure you are paid what you are due.

Speakers: Sharon Moe, MD - associate dean for research support; medical director, Clinical Trials Program and associate professor of medicine

Pam DeWeese, MA, CCRP - administrative director, Clinical Trials Program

When: 9:30 a.m. – noon, Feb. 6

Where: Riley Outpatient Center (ROC) A & B

Cost: None

Registration: At the door. Seating limited to approximately 60.

CMEs: Pending

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Technology discount extended to Jan. 23

The eligibility deadline for individuals enrolled in the IUSM PDA initiative to receive technology discounts has been extended until Friday, Jan. 23. The discount is for the Tungsten C, which has a list price of \$499. The IUSM discounted price is \$350, which includes an extended warranty.

There also are discounts available on software through Skyscape and for ePocrates. Training opportunities will be available for PDA use, recommended software/resources listings and more opportunities to come in the future.

To access the area of the Web to receive the discount for the Tungsten C, users must be enrolled in the Angel IUSM PDA course. Once enrolled, users can log on to Angel with their user identification and password, go to the content area, choose Discounts Directory and go to the IUSM/CDWG website.

For additional information on the discount program or the Angel IUSM PDA course, see the Jan. 12 issue of Scope at

<http://www.medicine.indiana.edu/scope/2004/scope207.html>.

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Pack Assembly Hall for breast cancer research

The IU basketball team is teaming up with Vera Bradley Designs to draw more than 10,000 fans to Assembly Hall for Indiana's 2 p.m. game against Purdue University on Jan. 25. In honor of IU women's basketball fans, Vera Bradley Designs will donate \$10,000 for breast cancer research if the Hoosiers Pack the Hall with more than

10,000 people.

Indiana University Alumni Association members can attend this game compliments of the IU Athletic Department. Members may present their membership card at the gate for one free admission (two free admissions for family memberships) to the game. Spread the word to your friends and family and help support this great event.

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Summer Day Camp discount for IUPUI faculty and staff

The IUPUI Sport Complex Summer Day Camp is entering its 18th year, offering children 5 to 12 years of age a chance to explore many different sports and activities, taught in a non-competitive, skill-oriented manner on the IUPUI campus.

IUPUI faculty and staff members may use a \$25 discount coupon for the IUPUI Sport Complex Summer Day Camp. This includes employees of Clarian Health Partners. The discount is for \$25 off the registration price and is good for one week and as many as two children. Those interested must register at the IU Natatorium service desk at 274-3518. The offer expires on Feb. 29 and only one coupon per faculty/staff member is valid.

The coupon may be obtained by stopping by the IU Natatorium service desk.

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Neuroinflammation symposium – May 2-3

The Midwest Inflammation Research Association is hosting a symposium on neuroinflammation May 2-3 at the Westin Hotel and Conference Center, Indianapolis.

Registration forms and other information can be found at www.inflammationresearch.org/index.html.

Topics to be addressed include neuroimmunology, neuroinflammation in neurodegenerative disease, cytokines and chemokines in the central nervous system, imaging and biomarker technologies, and correlating basic science to clinical disease.

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Staff recognition award nominations wanted

Staff Council Awareness Month will be in March. In preparation for the observance, nominations are sought for two IUPUI staff awards.

Gerald L. Bepko Staff Council Spirit Award

The "spirit" of IUPUI is demonstrated through attitude, acts of loyalty, teamwork and contribution to the mission, goals and strategic initiatives of the university, as well as the community. The Bepko Spirit Award will be presented to the staff member who most exemplifies that "spirit."

The award is for \$100 and self-nominations are not accepted. Nominees should be full-time appointed staff employees. A brief narrative, written by the nominator, is required. For additional information or a nomination form, see www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/spirit1.html.

Make A Difference Staff Recognition

This is an opportunity to toot your own horn. Tell us about yourself or someone you know and the Staff Council will showcase you (or them) during Staff Council Awareness Month. We are looking for staff who contribute to IUPUI and/or community service in a meaningful way. See <http://www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/Development/make-difference.doc> to fill out the form.

The deadline for nominations for both awards is **Friday, March 12.**

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AAMC seeks entries for Secretary's Award

The Association of American Medical Colleges is soliciting papers for the secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Award for Innovation in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. This competition, known as the Secretary's Award, is an opportunity for medical students to describe their innovative health-promotion or disease-prevention projects.

Awards for single-discipline (medicine only) entries are \$3,000 for first place, \$2,500 for second place and \$1,500 for third place. Awards for inter-professional (medicine and one or more health professions) entries are \$7,500 for first place, \$5,000 for second place and \$3,000 for third place.

Medical students must submit papers to their faculty sponsor by **Friday, Feb. 13**. The AAMC must receive all medical student single-discipline submissions by **Friday, March 12**.

For additional information contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Community and Minority Programs, secretarysaward@aamc.org, or go to www.aamc.org/about/awards.

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AAMC seeks nominations for Herbert W. Nickens MD awards

The AAMC seeks nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens, MD Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens faculty fellowship and medical student scholarships. Nominations for all three awards must be received by April 2.

The Herbert W. Nickens, MD Award is given to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to promoting justice in medical education and health care. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 award and will present the Nickens Lecture at the AAMC's Annual Meeting in Boston. Nominees may come from the fields of

medicine, public health, education, law, nursing or the social sciences.

The Herbert W. Nickens, MD Faculty Fellowship recognizes an outstanding junior faculty member, committed to a career in academic medicine, who has demonstrated leadership in addressing inequities in medical education and health care. The fellowship recipient will receive a \$15,000 grant to support his or her academic and professional activities over a two-year period.

The Herbert W. Nickens, MD Medical Student Scholarships are awarded to five outstanding students entering their third-year of medical school who have demonstrated leadership in addressing the educational, societal, and health care needs of minorities. Each recipient will receive a \$5,000 scholarship.

For additional information, contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Community and Minority Programs, NickensAwards@aamc.org, or see www.aamc.org/about/awards.

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

Project Director	Agency Name	Award Type	Title	Start/Stop	Total Award
Feng C. Zhou	NIH - National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism	New Research	Testing FASD Therapeutic Agents: Neonatal Rodent Models	09/30/03 07/31/04	\$317,145

Rose S. Fife	Health Resources and Services Administration	New Research	Health Care and Other Facilities: Indiana University Center for Bone Cancer Research	09/01/03 09/30/06	\$983,566
Lawrence Einhorn	Walther Cancer Institute	Continuing/ Competing Research	Walther Cancer Institute - Fellows	07/01/03 06/30/04	\$43,920
George W. Sledge	Breast Cancer Research Foundation	Continuing/ Competing Research	Angiogenesis as a Therapeutic Target in Breast Cancer	10/01/03 09/30/04	\$250,000
Cheong-Hee Chang	NIH - National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New Research	Poxvirus Modulation of Immune Responses	09/01/03 02/29/04	\$736,057
Anthony B. Firulli	NIH - National Heart, Blood, and Lung Institute	New Research	Transcription Factors Involved in Heart Development	09/01/03 06/30/04	\$301,000

Gilbert C. Liu	NIH - National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Disorders	New Research	Environmental Risks of Obesity (PESERO) Project	09/30/03 06/30/04	\$81,999
Jian-Ting Zhang	NIH - National Cancer Institute	New Research	Role of p170 in Lung Tumorigenesis	09/30/03 08/31/04	\$298,680
Christopher McDougale	NIH - National Institute of Mental Health	New Research	RUUP-PI at Indiana University School of Medicine	08/01/03 07/31/04	\$301,000

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Jan. 24, 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 is Ora Pescovitz, MD.

Guests include Ralph Snyderman, MD, professor of medicine and president of Duke Health System, discussing integrative medicine. This patient-led movement combines alternative and traditional practices of medicine. Snyderman recently won a national award for his leadership in making integrative medicine an integral part of what is offered at Duke.

Soman Abraham, PhD, a Duke University scientist, will discuss his research of lymph nodes, which has redefined current understanding of immune system function. IUSM dental school faculty Eric Everett, DDS, will discuss his recent \$1.3 million NIH grant to study the genetics of tooth enamel development.

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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