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Grant Expands IU-Kenya AIDS Program

The success of a two-year program to treat HIV/AIDS in adults and children in Kenya has attracted a one-year, \$1.6 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development. The announcement was made Feb. 5 by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The program, Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment for HIV/AIDS (AMPATH), was created by IUSM, the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Moi University Faculty of Health Sciences in Kenya.

The new grant will allow IU and Moi physicians to increase the number of HIV-infected people they treat in Kenya from 2,000 to 15,000, and to establish HIV treatment and prevention programs in two additional rural communities over the next five years.

For additional information, see

www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/archive_04/iu_kenya04.html.

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Medical, dental, nursing students to assist Mexican village

Students and faculty from the IU Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Dentistry at IUPUI will provide health care and health education to residents of the rural village of Calnali, Hidalgo, Mexico. A five-year agreement between IU and the town was announced Feb. 4.

About three dozen Spanish-speaking faculty and students will provide primary care, dental hygiene and restorative care, and health education to the medically underserved residents of the town of 3,000 located five hours northeast of Mexico City in the Sierra Madre Mountains.

Health professionals and students from Hidalgo also will collaborate with the IU team to provide clinical and educational support, to ensure culturally and linguistically appropriate care.

This agreement was launched by a small group of medical and dental students and faculty in 1998. Since 1999, the team has conducted a health care needs assessment for Calnali and the surrounding area, provided primary care and dental care to Calnali residents and presented workshops to health care professionals and students based in Hidalgo.

The purpose of the partnership is to provide service learning opportunities for students

in working with a growing Latino population in Indianapolis, address public health issues in Calnali and to empower local community groups in providing health education.

The IUPUI medical and dental team visits the town of Calnali annually. The group's next visit will be during the school's spring break, March 13-21.

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Rooting for Dr. Rodriguez

Henry Rodriguez, MD, hopes to hog the glory, not for personal gain mind you, but to promote something near and dear to his heart – diabetes research.

Dr. Rodriguez hopes to kiss a pig – the first source of insulin – in front of thousands of basketball fans.

An assistant professor of clinical pediatrics and director of the Pediatric Diabetes Clinical Program, Dr. Rodriguez has entered the American Diabetes Association's 12th Annual Kiss-A-Pig contest.

To pay homage to the pig for its role in the fight against diabetes, local participants will compete to see who can raise the most funds for diabetes research. The most successful candidate will be given the honor of smooching a real pig at an Indiana Pacers game, March 9.

Each vote can be submitted for \$1. To vote for Dr. Rodriguez, faculty and staff may request a ballot by emailing Pat Laskowski at plaskows@iupui.edu. Tax-deductible donations made to the American Diabetes Association also may exceed the \$1 minimum. The deadline for casting a vote is **Friday, March 5**.

“Although there has been great progress in diabetes research, much more needs to be done,” says Dr. Rodriguez. “Through the support of donors and organizations like the American Diabetes Association, we will continue to improve the treatment of diabetes and advance our efforts to find a cure.”

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Retirement party to honor Naomi Fineberg

The campus community is invited to attend a reception on Monday, Feb. 23, to honor Naomi S. Fineberg, PhD, professor of medicine in the Division of Biostatistics, as she celebrates 27 years of service at IUPUI and her retirement.

The reception will be from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room 405 of the Medical Research/Library Building.

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Nominations sought for Trustee Teaching Awards

The IUSM Office of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs seeks nominations for the Trustee Teaching Awards.

Students, residents, fellows, faculty, center directors, vice-chairs of education, clerkship directors, residency program directors, and department chairs are encouraged to nominate faculty members they regard as excellent teachers for this award. Self-nominations are also encouraged. The names of nominees should be e-mailed to meca@iupui.edu by **Monday, Feb. 23**.

Tenured and tenure-track faculty and librarians engaged in teaching are eligible as are full-time clinical faculty and full-time lecturers whose primary duties are teaching. The TTA honors individuals who have a positive impact on learning through the direct teaching of students. Award recipients must have demonstrated a sustained level of teaching excellence in the form of documented student learning and must have completed at least three years of service at IUPUI to be eligible (thus, faculty in their third year at IUPUI at the time the selection is being made would not be eligible).

Each award will be \$2,500. Recipients of the award will be notified by April 9. Those selected will be honored at the IUSM Commencement (where the awards will be presented) and the Spring Faculty Meeting. In addition, TTA recipients will be recognized at the annual campus Chancellor's Honors Convocation in April and listed on the IUSM website. Recipients also will receive a certificate and their names

displayed on a plaque hung in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Additional information and guidelines for nominations can be found at <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/>.

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Competency expertise to be shared at spring meeting

Three IUSM faculty members and an IUSM staff member will share their Competency Curriculum expertise at the spring meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges' Central Group for Education Affairs.

Marshall Anderson, PhD, Patrick Bankston, PhD, both from the Northwest Center; Regina Kreisle, MD, from the Lafayette Center; and Stacey Keyton, MS, associate director for for medical education and curricular affairs, will present a workshop designed to help basic science faculty from other Midwest medical schools understand the teaching, assessing and remediation of competency skills in the basic science years.

IU's five-year experience with competency assessment is unique in the Midwest and many schools have expressed interest in IUSM's techniques. The hour and a half workshop will lead faculty through a discussion of competency skills, attitudes and behaviors important to teach, assessment tools to use and remediation techniques to implement if behavioral goals are not met.

The CGEA meeting will be March 18-21 in Omaha, Nebraska and IUSM will host this meeting in 2007.

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Division of Biostatistics offers assistance with grant application

The Division of Biostatistics provides free assistance to IUSM investigators in the development of grant applications.

The biostatisticians and data managers of the Division of Biostatistics collaborate for the design, data management and statistical analysis of clinical, laboratory and epidemiologic studies for the health science schools. As collaborators their main goal is the successful completion of each project. Details related to collaboration with Biostatistics can be found in the collaborator information section at www.biostat.iupui.edu.

Biostatisticians should be involved in the process as early as possible, well before the grant/protocol deadline to take full advantage of their expertise in designing the study and writing the application. The biostatisticians then can have immediate input on the study design. An efficient experimental design can save money, time and subjects (animals or people).

The Division of Biostatistics has established relationships with many of the research groups on campus. Check the "Collaborator Information" on the biostatistics Web site to see if a contact is already assigned.

If you do not feel your project fits into any of the applied areas noted in the table, contact Barry Katz, PhD, at bkatz@iupui.edu, or 274-2674 or George Eckert geckert@iupui.edu, or 274-2884, for further assistance. IU Cancer Center members should contact Constantin Yiannoutsos, PhD, at cyiannnou@iupui.edu, or 278-3045, or Patrick Monahan, PhD, at pmonahan@iupui.edu, or 278-8086.

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Estate, gift and tax planning offered

Faculty and staff are invited to attend an informal brown bag lunch on the basics of estate, gift and tax planning.

Rob Baker, director of planned giving at IUSM, will host the session in Long Hospital, room 531, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18.

An IU School of Law-Indianapolis graduate, Rob has 26 years of experience in the financial services industry. Contact him at 278-2124 or roobaker@iupui.edu to reserve a space. Seating is limited to 25.

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Women's History Month Celebration

The campus community is encouraged to nominate outstanding female leaders from campus to be honored at a special reception at the end of March during Women's History Month. Nomination forms are available on the WHM Website and must be returned by **Monday, Feb. 23**.

The 2004 Women's History Month calendar is available on-line at <http://life.iupui.edu/ccl/diversity/women.asp>. All events, unless noted, are free and open to students, staff, faculty and the public.

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Indiana University School of Medicine Grants & Awards November 1, 2003 - November 30, 2003

Project Director	Agency Name	Award Type	Title	Start/Stop	Total Award
Samir Gupta	NIH - National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	New Research	HIV-Related Proteinuria and Endothelial Dysfunction	07/15/03 06/30/04	\$138,882
James Richardson	Johns Hopkins University	Continuing/Competing Research	Studies of Ocular Complications of AIDS (SOCA)	08/01/03 07/31/04	\$148,044

Rose S. Fife	NIH - National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	New Research	Nitric Oxide Synthase and Cyclooxygenase in Arthritis	09/26/03 06/30/04	\$75,250
Valerie Smith-Gamble	NIH-National Institute of Aging	New Research	Behavioral Disturbance & Caregiver Distress in Dementia	09/30/03 08/31/04	\$75,250

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Feb. 14., 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-hosts are David Crabb, MD and Stephen Bogdewic, MD.

Guests include Munro Peacock, MD, IU professor of medicine and director of the General Clinical Research Center, who will discuss osteoarthritis in men. Krannert Institute of Cardiology's Jeffrey Breall, MD, IU professor of clinical medicine, will discuss a clinical trial involving angiogenic gene therapy for patients with chronic angina.

Author Cole Giller, MD, University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, will discuss his book *Port in the Storm: How to Make a Medical Decision and Live to Tell About It*. Michelle Danner, executive director, Our Town Integrated Service Agency, will discuss the Indianapolis pilot program that serves young adults with serious mental illness.

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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