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Pascuzzi named chair of neurology

Robert Pascuzzi, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurology pending approval by the IU trustees. He comes to the position with nearly nine months experience, having served as interim chair while a search was conducted for a replacement for José Biller, MD, who resigned last fall.

“Bob has done a great job serving in an interim role as the department chair,” said Dean Craig Brater, MD. “I am convinced that he has a vision for a bright future for the department, one that is shared by the School.”

Dr. Pascuzzi is a professor of neurology specializing in neuromuscular diseases, such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and electromyography. He is a graduate of IUSM and completed a residency and fellowship at the University of Virginia School of Medicine before returning to IUSM as a member of the faculty in 1985.

He has been honored by IUSM students for his innovative teaching style on numerous occasions

and in 2001 was named the American Neurological Association's Distinguished Neurology Teacher.

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AAMC chief speaks at all-school grand rounds – June 9

Jordan Cohen, MD, president of the Association of American Medical Colleges, will present school-wide grand rounds at 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 9. The subject of his talk will be "Professionalism: A New Covenant for a New Era."

All medical students, residents, fellows, and faculty are invited to attend the lecture VanNuys Medical Science building, room 326 and also broadcast into room B26.

Dr. Cohen is a dynamic speaker, carries visionary messages and is one of the most important and influential leaders in medical education throughout the world.

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State of the School presentation online

Dean Craig Brater, MD, delivered his annual State of the School address at the May 18 Spring Faculty Meeting. His PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at www.medicine.iu.edu/administration/dean/stateOfTheSchool2004.ppt.

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Wishard launches third annual fund drive

On Monday, June 14, Wishard Health Services will launch a major three-week campaign to raise critically needed funds for patient care throughout the hospital, its seven community health centers and Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

“This campaign is especially important in these challenging economic times, as rising rates of uninsured individuals, coupled with increasing health care costs, severely strain Wishard’s ability to provide much needed care,” said Lisa Harris, MD, medical director and CEO at Wishard. “We desperately need the community’s help and support to address this Indianapolis-wide health care crisis.”

The campaign for Wishard will culminate with a special one-hour television event, set to air throughout central Indiana at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, on WTHR Channel 13. The broadcast will share Wishard's rich history and stories of healing and hope from Wishard patients and their families.

Corporations contributing to the campaign to date through sponsorship of the televised event include ADVANTAGE Health Solutions, Indianapolis Power & Light, Baker & Daniels, Clarian Health Partners, Emmis Communications, First Indiana Bank, IKON Office Solutions, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, and the law firm of Wilson, Kehoe & Winingham.

Past campaigns have raised funds to support the construction of the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Wishard as well as Wishard's Emergency Department, Level I Trauma Center and the Wishard Ambulance Service.

Contributions may be made throughout the campaign by calling the Wishard Memorial Foundation at 630-6451 or by visiting www.WishardFoundation.org.

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Parking permits renewal time is here

Faculty and staff parking permits will expire June 30. IUPUI Parking Services has begun accepting renewals for 2004-2005 permits. Permits may be renewed in person at the Parking Services office in the Vermont Street Garage. Permits also can be renewed online prior to their expiration date at www.parking.iupui.edu.

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Alzheimer's disease conference – June 25

The Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center is hosting a regional conference entitled "Alzheimer's Disease: Translating Research into Practice" from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, June 25.

The seminar, which will be at the University Place Conference Center, will cover such topics as the National Genetics Initiative for Alzheimer's disease, current research status and meeting the needs of patients' families.

Along with members of the IU faculty, the Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center has invited

faculty from several other Alzheimer Disease Centers in the Midwest to speak at the inaugural regional conference. Conference organizers encourage everyone who works with or is interested in older adults to attend. The program is free of charge to IU faculty, staff and students, but registration is required.

For additional information or to register, see <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu>.

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HHS introduces pilot consumer health site

The Department of Health and Human Services has launched a nine-month pilot project with WebMD Health to present the government's consumer health information to the public about a new online HHS "channel" (hhs.webmd.com).

The Web site will include health content "supporting national priorities," including topics such as physical activity, nutrition, preventive screening and diabetes. According to HHS, this partnership also will allow the agency to disseminate life-saving information to the public in the event of a major public health emergency.

For additional information, see <http://hhs.webmd.com>.

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Indiana University School of Medicine Grants & Awards

March 1, 2004 - March 31, 2004

Project Director	Agency Name	Award Type	Title	Start/Stop	Total Award
Robert A. Harris	NIH - National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases	Continuing/Competing Research	Regulation of Pyruvate Dehydrogenase Kinase	03/04/04 12/31/04	\$324,615

Paul B. Herring	NIH - National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases	New Research	Synthetic Smooth Muscle Cell-Selective Promoters	02/01/04 01/31/05	\$285,950
Frank A. Witzmann	Scripps Research Institute	New Research	Effect of Alcohol Consumption on Rat Brain Protein Expression	09/01/03 08/31/04	\$59,000
Tatiana M. Foroud	Vanderbilt University	New Research	Genetic and Environmental Pathogenesis of PPH	08/04/03 07/31/04	\$88,337
Tatiana M. Foroud	NIH - National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke	Continuing/ Competing Research	Parkinson Disease Collaborative Study of Genetic Linkage	02/04/04 01/31/05	\$1,708,891
Janice M. Buelow	Epilepsy Foundation	New Research	Creating Avenues for Parent Advocacy (CAPA): An Intervention to Empower Parents of Children with Epilepsy and Low IQ	01/01/04 12/31/05	\$50,000
Patrick O. Monahan	University of Iowa	New Research	A Cognitive Group Treatment for Borderline Outpatients	08/01/03 06/30/04	\$14,319
Douglas P. Zipes	Johns Hopkins University	New Research	The Role of Cardiac Autonomic Dysfunction in Ventricular Arrhythmias in Coronary Heart Disease	07/01/03 06/30/04	\$326,830

David G. Marrero	CDC	Continuing/ Competing Research	Translating Research into Action for Diabetes	02/01/04 01/31/05	\$591,276
Allon Friedman	National Kidney Foundation of Indiana	New Research	Effects of Obesity and Protein Intake on the Kidney	03/01/04 02/28/05	\$10,000
Markus Horbelt	National Kidney Foundation of Indiana	New Research	The Role of Endothelial Cell Apoptosis in Ischemic Acute Renal Failure	03/01/04 02/28/05	\$10,000
Michael Alan Kraus	Wake Forest University	New Research	Nocturnal HD Clinic Centers	09/30/03 08/31/04	\$9,072
Tie Chen	NIH - Fogarty International Center	New Research	Mechanisms of Host Responses in Gonorrhea	12/15/03 11/30/04	\$40,320
Arun Srivastava	NIH - National Heart, Lungs & Blood Institute	New Research	Human Parvovirus B19 Vectors: Mechanism of Transduction	03/01/04 02/28/05	\$376,250
Barb Kluve-Beckerman	NIH - National Institute of Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney Diseases	Continuing/ Competing Research	Metabolism of Serum Amyloid A (SAA:HDL)	02/01/04 11/30/04	\$246,820
Robert J. Fallon	National Childhood Cancer Foundation	New Research	Chairman's Award	03/01/03 02/29/04	\$29,698

Robert J. Fallon	National Childhood Cancer Foundation	New Research	Chairman's Award	03/01/03 02/29/04	\$181,000
Scott C. Denne	NIH - National Center for Research Resources	New Research	Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer	03/01/04 02/28/05	\$109,858
Reuben Kapur	NIH - National Heart, Lungs & Blood Institute	New Research	Mechanism of Adhesion and Growth Control in Stem Cells	01/01/04 12/31/04	\$376,250
Suzanne L. Bowyer	Duke University	New Research	A Multicenter, Randomized, Double Blind Placebo-Controlled Study to Test the Safety and Efficacy of Lipitor (Atorvastatin) in Reducing the Progression of Carotid IMT in Early Childhood SLE-The Atherosclerosis Prevention in Pediatric Lupus Erythematos	03/25/03 09/29/07	\$115,911
Rajash K. Handa	National Kidney Foundation of Indiana	New Research	Renal Vasoactive effects of Angiotensin IV in the Rat Kidney in Vivo	03/01/04 02/28/05	\$9,962
John I. Nurnberger	NIH	Continuing/ Competing Research	A Collaborative Genomic Study of Bipolar Disorder	03/01/04 11/30/04	\$518,266

Caroline Carney-Doebbling	NIH - National Institute of Mental Health	New Research	Epidemiology of Cancer and Mental Illness in Rural Areas	03/16/03 06/30/04	\$171,130
Mark P. Langer	Georgia Institute of Technology	New Research	A Prototype Radiation Therapy Planning Research Toolkit	08/01/03 07/31/04	\$11,000

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, June 5, 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 Kathy Miller, MD.

Guests will include IU oncologist George Sledge, MD, discussing his new \$10 million Department of Defense grant to study individualizing treatment for women with advanced breast cancer. The objective of the study is to use the emerging technologies of genomics, proteomics and pharmacogenetics to predict individual response to treatment.

Michael Conneally, PhD, IU professor of medical and molecular genetics, will discuss Huntington's disease and the National Research Roster for Huntington's Disease Patients and Families that has been located at and managed by IU for the past 25 years.

Clark Springs, MD, IUSM Department of Ophthalmology, and Larry Thibos, PhD, IU School of Optometry, will discuss adaptive optics, a technology that is being used by NASA researchers and visual researchers alike. They also will explain a new technology called Wavefront LASIK that enhances traditional LASIK surgery by producing a 3-D map of the eye that can customize each patient's surgery.

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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- 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.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

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- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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