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Global AIDS conference in Indy – Oct. 31

Halloween won't mask the seriousness of the Oct. 31 global AIDS conference "HIV/AIDS Care in the Developing World: Lessons Learned and the Way Forward" organized by IUSM.

What some of the world's experts on the medical, ethical, political and economic issues think must be done to curb the staggering epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the developing world will be the focus.

Among the speakers will be Ambassador Randall Tobias, U.S. Global HIV/AIDS coordinator; James Morris, executive director of the U.N. World Food Programme; and Debrework Zewdie, Ph.D., director of the Global HIV/AIDS Program, The World Bank.

Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics, will moderate the panel discussion following individual presentations.

The Indianapolis conference will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown Hotel, 350 W. Maryland Street.

To register, contact the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education at 317-274-8353 or 1-888-615-8013, or online at <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/registration/>.

For additional information, see http://medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=199.

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Vaccine supply shot

The IUPUI Occupational Health Services/Student Health Services has exhausted its supply of flu vaccine.

At this time OHS/SHS intends to fulfill the onsite clinic arrangements made with various clinical departments with direct patient care responsibilities.

Should the supply of flu vaccine change, OHS/SHS will notify the campus.

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VA research grant applications wanted

The VA Medical Research Service at the Roudebush VA Medical Center seeks applications for small research grants up to \$25,000 directed at the study of discrete projects intended to produce preliminary data in support of future extramural funding.

The deadline for submission is **Tuesday, Dec. 21**. An eligible applicant should be a clinician with an academic rank not exceeding assistant professor. Non-VA clinicians may apply; however, preference will be given to VA clinicians.

Full details regarding the eligibility criteria as well as submission instructions may be found at

<http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/VA%20YIA.htm>.

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Fellowship applications sought in minority health policy

The Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy is seeking applications for the 2005-2006 academic year.

For more information, see

www.mfdp.med.harvard.edu/fellows_faculty/cfhuf/.

The one-year, full-time fellowship begins in July and prepares physicians for leadership roles in minority health/public health policy. The program leads

to an MPH at Harvard School of Public Health or an MPA at John F. Kennedy School of Government.

The fellowship provides a \$50,000 stipend, tuition and fees, health insurance and other program expenses.

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Benefits plan changes

Effective Jan. 1, the federal tax code limits for salary reduction contributions to the IU Tax Deferred Annuity Plan (403(b) plan) and the IU Retirement Savings Plan (457(b) plan) will increase to \$14,000 (or 100 percent of your annual compensation, if less) for each plan. In addition, the age 50 catch-up contribution provision under each plan will increase to \$4,000 in 2005.

If you wish to increase the amount of salary reduction contributions you make to the IU Tax Deferred Annuity Plan for 2005, you will need to submit a new Salary Reduction Agreement (SRA) form that can be found at www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/pubs/forms/tda.html.

If you wish to increase the amount of salary reduction contributions you make to the IU Retirement Savings Plan for 2005, you will need to submit a new Salary Deferral Agreement (SDA) form that can be found at www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/pubs/forms/457b.html.

If you are currently contributing the 2004 maximum amounts and want to increase your contributions to the 2005 maximum amounts, you must submit a new form for each of the plans. Your contributions will not automatically increase to the 2005 maximum limits.

With the implementation of the new HRMS (Human Resources Management System), contributions changed from a flat dollar amount to a

percent of your annual IU salary. To determine this percentage, divide the annual dollar amount you wish to contribute by your annual IU salary as illustrated below.

$$\frac{\$5,000 \text{ (desired annual contribution)}}{\$49,000 \text{ (annual IU salary)}} = 10.2\%$$

If you are uncertain of the percentage, please include the annual amount you wish to contribute, and the percentage will be calculated.

The preferred deadline for SRA and SDA forms to be received in the Human Resources Benefits Office (UN 340) is **Wednesday, Nov. 10**. Forms will be processed as they are received. For forms received after Nov. 10, the office will make every effort to process your form prior to payroll deadlines, however, we cannot confirm that changes will be reflected in the Jan. 3, 2005 paycheck. Please contact a Benefits Specialist at 274-4596 or benefits@iupui.edu if you have questions. If you have already submitted new forms for 2005, please disregard this message.

TIAA-CREF and Fidelity Investments offer free one-on-one consultations to participants in the IU Tax Deferred Annuity Plan and the IU Retirement Savings Plan. Experienced consultants can help you develop an investment plan, review asset allocation/diversification, analyze fund performance, and discuss retirement income options.

A consultant from TIAA-CREF will be at IUPUI on Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10. Consultations will be held in the Purchasing Department Conference Room, UN 561. To schedule an appointment, register online at www.tiaa-cref.org/moc, or call 974-4000 and ask for the appointment desk.

A Fidelity Investments Retirement Counselor will be at IUPUI on Oct. 27 and Nov. 23. Consultations will be held in the Human Resources Conference

Room, UN 372. To schedule an appointment, please call the Reservations Center at 800-642-7131.

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Purdue, IU medical school form joint life sciences research program

A pilot program to promote biomedical research collaboration has been formed by the Indiana University School of Medicine and Purdue University.

The program will provide \$150,000 this fiscal year for grants to enable researchers from the two universities to team up on work that is likely to spawn larger ongoing programs and attract outside funding.

Robert B. Jones, MD, PhD, executive associate dean for strategic planning, analysis and operations at IUSM, said the program will concentrate on a few focused areas within biomedical research.

“We hope the project serves as a catalyst for new interactions between the schools’ researchers,” Dr. Jones said. “Anything that can be done to increase biomedical research here makes sense for Indiana.”

Researchers who want to compete for the grants must prepare joint proposals and submit them to either Dr. Jones or Rutledge by 5 p.m. **Monday, Nov. 15**. The proposals must consist of up to five double-spaced pages with one-inch margins and a font type no smaller than 12 points. It should include a summary budget, endorsed by an appropriate official from the lead institution.

Up to three proposals will be funded after review by a joint committee of the two institutions. The awards will be announced in early December for a start

date as early as Jan. 1.

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Radiographic images for presentation needs

The Department of Radiology is available to assist with faculty with presentation needs. The department can provide radiographic images suitable for PowerPoint, Web, or publication quality images. Several payment options are available.

For more information, call Beth Ward at 630-8788.

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Gaffney to judge Ethics Bowl

Margaret Gaffney, MD, associate clinical professor of medicine and a member of the IU Center for Bioethics, is joining other Indiana business and community leaders in judging the sixth annual Indiana Regional Ethics Bowl.

The Ethics Bowl will be Saturday, Nov. 13 on the Marian College campus. Dr. Gaffney will judge case arguments made by students across the Midwest, including a team from IUPUI.

Students participating in the Ethics Bowl practice deliberating ethical dilemmas through research and discussion to develop greater critical thinking skills and a reinforced sense of ethical commitment.

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Hispanic/Latino Health Summit

Elena Rios, MD, MSPH, president of the National Hispanic Medical Association, will be the keynote speaker at the Friday, Nov. 12, Hispanic/Latino Health Summit at the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Education Center, 7435 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis.

Registration begins at 7 a.m.. Dr. Rios' presentation will begin at 8 a.m., followed by panel sessions on hospitals, clinics and health insurance.

Clarian Health Partners is hosting this event. Reservations are requested by **Monday, Nov. 1**, to 800-265-3220.

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Bioethics Research Rounds for November

Paul Helft, MD, assistant professor of medicine, will be the November speaker for the Bioethics Research Rounds. His presentation, "Necessary Collusion: Prognostic Communication with Advanced Cancer Patients" will be Friday, Nov. 12.

BRR sessions will be in the Center's conference room at 714 N. Senate Ave., room 200, on the second Friday of each month from noon to 1pm. This is a brown bag lecture series; beverages will be provided.

The series, hosted by the Center, is an opportunity for faculty to present and learn about bioethics research in progress.

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IU Geriatrics Conferences for November

Two IU Geriatrics Conferences are planned for November. Each session is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008 A and B:

Nov. 3 "Diagnosis and Treatment of Macular Degeneration"

Rudy Yung, MD

IU associate professor of ophthalmology

Nov. 17 "The Surgical Approach to Urinary Incontinence in Older Adults"

Sandra Valaitis, MD

IU associate professor of Ob/Gyn

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IUPUI United Way Campaign – final week

Help IUPUI reach its goal of \$300,000 and make your pledge today.

This year your gift is more important than ever. Because of rising unemployment, more families are under stress and fewer people are able to give. One measure of rising needs in central Indiana is the number of calls to the United Way Helpline.

Since 2000, requests for shelter are 133 percent higher; for job search, 71 percent higher; for help with rent or mortgages, 52 percent higher; and for food assistance, 61percent higher.

Make your pledge online by going to the IUPUI United Way Website at www.iupui.edu/~uwaycamp. Contact Mary Kate Myers at

myersmk@iupui.edu for more information.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct.31, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. Co-hosts this week are David Crabb, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Patti Geil, a registered dietitian, diabetes educator and author of “Cooking Up Fun for Kids with Diabetes” will discuss maintaining the health of children with diabetes at home and school through diet and a new health tool—the Students-with-Diabetes Care Kit.

The environmental risk factors of developing breast cancer is the topic of Robert Hiatt, MD, director of the Breast Cancer and the Environment Research Center located at University of California, San Francisco. Hiatt is also the director of population science and deputy director of the UCSF Comprehensive Cancer Center.

An historic glimpse at medicine will be provided by Scotty Iseri, *Sound Medicine*'s colleague in Chicago, who will guide listeners through a collection at the International Museum of Surgical Science located in Chicago.

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 three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- 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:

- acronyms
- 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)

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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