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Second annual IU Cancer Center Cancer Research Day -- Nov. 3

IU Cancer Center's second annual Cancer Research Day will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. A scientific poster session, town hall meeting about the cancer center and keynote address on cancer chemoprevention are among the events.

The more than 70 poster presentations on display represent only a sampling of the current cancer research efforts at IUPUI, IU-Bloomington, Purdue University and Lilly Research Labs.

The scientific poster session aims to increase understanding and awareness of IU Cancer Center research endeavors and encourage collaboration among students, fellows and faculty. Posters will include presentations by core facilities of the IU Cancer Center: biological microscopy, biostatistics and data management, flow cytometry, General Clinical Research Center pharmacogenetics, and transplant and xenograft mouse core. The session will be in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with presenters in attendance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A town hall meeting will be held in room 101 of the IU Cancer Research Building from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The meeting will provide an overview of the IU Cancer Center as well as an open forum for offering feedback to senior leaders and discussing opportunities for involvement and collaboration. All IUSM, IU School of Nursing and IUPUI School of Science faculty are encouraged to attend.

Cancer Research Day will conclude with a keynote address at the regularly scheduled IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., in room 101 of the IU Cancer Research Institute. The address will feature Dr. Gary Stoner, professor and chair for the Division of Environmental Health Sciences in the School of Public Health at Ohio State University and the director of the Laboratory of Cancer Chemoprevention and Etiology at the OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Stoner's keynote address, "Cancer chemoprevention using both drug-based and food-based approaches," will provide an introduction to cancer chemoprevention and discuss details about his work related to chemoprevention of esophageal cancer using individual compounds and freeze-dried berries. Chemoprevention involves the identification of dietary and synthetic chemicals that inhibit the development of cancer in animals and in humans. Dr. Stoner's laboratory has identified several chemicals that inhibit the development of lung, esophageal, oral cavity and colon cancer in animals, and they are currently evaluating their molecular mechanisms of

action as well as their potential inhibitory effects in humans.

Cash awards for best posters by graduate students and by post-doctoral/medical fellows will be selected by an external board and presented by Stephen D. Williams, MD, Director of the IU Cancer Center, following the keynote address that afternoon.

For more information, contact Maureen Harrington, PhD, associate director of basic research, at mharrin@iupui.edu. For more information about the scientific session posters, visit www.medlib.iupui.edu/faculty/crd/.

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Joint Purdue, IU biomedical research program accepting grants

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 Jones, MD, PhD, executive associate dean for strategic planning, analysis and operations at IUSM, said proposals from all areas of biomedical research will be accepted. An earlier announcement of the program in Scope inaccurately stated that only proposals from a few focused areas would be accepted.

Researchers who want to compete for the grants must submit a proposal by 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15. For additional information on application procedures and related forms, visit the IUSM Internal Research Funding Website at <http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/CBR.htm>.

Up to three proposals will be funded after review by a joint committee of the two institutions. The awards will be announced in December for a start date as early as Jan. 1.

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EndNote workshops by Medical Library

Getting Started with EndNote, a hands-on workshop for bibliographic citation management software, still has openings for Tuesday, Nov. 2, and Wednesday, Nov. 3, sessions. The program is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the VanNuys Medical Science Building basement computer lab, room 016.

For more information and to register, contact Carole Gall 274-1411, or cfgall@iupui.edu.

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Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum – Nov. 5-6

William Baldwin, MD, PhD, associate director of diagnostic immunology and professor of pathology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, is the keynote speaker at the Nov. 5-6 Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum. His topic is “How Complement Controls Inflammation and Rejection.”

The forum is hosted by the Center for Immunobiology at IUSM – the newest member of the research institutes and centers located on the Indianapolis campus. The center is directed by David Wilkes, MD.

The forum will bring together transplant physicians and researchers from most of the Big Ten Schools and other centers in the Midwest to discuss

transplant immunology, autoimmunity, innate and acquired immunity and other factors affecting the success of organ transplantation.

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November Combined Seminar Series

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series meets from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. The schedule for November is:

Nov. 3 – Cancer Research Day program, Dr. Gary Stoner, director, Ohio State University Laboratory of Cancer Chemoprevention and Etiology, “Cancer Chemoprevention”

Nov. 10 – Mark R. Phillips, MD, professor of medicine, and of cell biology and pharmacology, deputy director for basic science, NYU Cancer Institute, “Compartmentalized signaling of Ras”

Nov. 17 – Sophia Tsai, PhD, professor, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology and Developmental Biology Program at Baylor College of Medicine, “Essential Role of COUP-TFII in Cardiovascular Development”

Nov. 24 – No Combined Seminar – Thanksgiving holiday

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Ben Vereen to co-star with med students, Nov. 5

Ben Vereen is known the world over as a top-notch singer, dancer and actor, but perhaps his most grueling performance occurred in the aftermath of a June day in 1992.

After a crash in which he was walking away to get help, he suffered a stroke. Confused and debilitated, he stumbled into the roadway and was hit by truck. But the curtain didn't lower on Vereen; he underwent tortuous rehabilitation and returned to the Broadway less than a year later to star in "Jelly's Last Jam."

The Tony Award-winning entertainer will take an intermission from his nationwide musical tour to meet with IUSM students and others from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5. The gathering, which is open to the public as space allows, is in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building, room B-26.

Vereen will talk about his experiences and rehabilitation from his near-fatal stroke and injuries in a presentation dubbed, A Multicultural Interactive Conversation – Overcoming Obstacles. A reception will follow and refreshments will be served.

His presentation at IUSM is a prelude to an appearance he will make from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 6, at the Madame Walker Theater, 617 Indiana Ave. His visit to Indianapolis is part of the 2004 Spirit & Place Festival, an annual citywide celebration of the arts, religion and humanities. The festival is managed by The Polis Center at the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

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Information sought on holiday initiatives

The IUPUI Office of Community Outreach currently is exploring the various initiatives that take place on campus during the holiday season other than the "Jam the Jaguars Bus Food Drive."

Community Outreach wants to increase the impact and the visibility of initiatives undertaken by each school, organization or department to host toy

drives, clothes drives, events or other special projects.

Forward this information to Kelly Young at kryoung@iupui.edu by **Friday, Nov. 5**:

1. Do you sponsor a holiday outreach project such as a toy drive, clothes drive or other? If so, please explain.
2. Please indicate who gets involved with your project? Students, staff, others.
3. What timeframe does your project take place?
4. Who benefits from your project?

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B-ball tournament to benefit Special Olympics

IUPUI's School of Physical Education and Tourism Management's Student Council and the Department of Intramural and Recreational Sports are sponsoring a Special Olympics charity fundraiser: the "3 on 3 Basketball Tournament."

The tournament will be from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the IUPUI School of Physical Education and Tourism Management Building, main gym (PE 150). Student teams are \$30, and faculty/staff teams are \$40.

Entry forms are available at www.iupui.edu/~iupuirec. The entry deadline is **Friday, Nov. 12**.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, 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 Kathy Miller, MD.

Spinal cord injuries and new spinal cord research at IUSM will be the topic of Michael Groff, MD, director of spinal surgery.

Allergist Eric Schenkel, MD, clinical assistant professor of medicine at Drexel College of Medicine, and director of the Valley Clinical Research Center in Philadelphia, will give listeners some tips on fighting indoor and winter allergies.

Lisako Jones-McKyer, PhD, assistant professor in the department of Applied Health Science at IU and survey director for the Indiana Prevention Resource Center, will discuss the results of the 14th annual “Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use by Indiana Children and Adolescents” survey.

Actor, dancer and singer Ben Vereen will talk about his recovery from a near-fatal accident and stroke in 1992. His injuries were so severe that several doctors said he would never walk again but he proved them wrong and less than a year later, was back on Broadway.

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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