Elkas named associate dean of development

Elizabeth Elkas has been named associate dean of development for IUSM.

Elkas, who joined the school and its Office of Gift Development in 1987, was named director of development in 1996 and assistant dean of development in 2003. In 2004, the school completed a capital campaign that raised $375 million toward the $1 billion realized through the Campaign for IUPUI. She succeeds J. David Smith, EdD, who retired in August.

Before joining the school, Elkas was associate director for field operations for the Indiana University Foundation in Bloomington. She also is a member of the faculty at The Fund Raising School, which is part of the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy.

Elkas earned a bachelor's degree in English and fine arts from Bucknell University in 1980 and a master of fine arts degree from Indiana University in 1983.

Elkas' appointment was effective Nov. 1.

Klaunig assumes new role in IUCC strategic partnership

James Klaunig, PhD, has been named associate director for strategic partnerships for the IU Cancer Center. Dr. Klaunig is also leader of the developing Molecular Carcinogenesis Program for the IU Cancer Center, the Robert B. Forney Professor of Toxicology and director of the Division of Toxicology.

As associate director for strategic partnerships, Dr. Klaunig will assist in the development of relationships with various organizations including IUPUI, IU-Bloomington, Purdue Cancer Center, Discovery Park, Oncologic Science Center at Purdue University, the Indiana Department of Health.
Dr. Klaunig’s current research is directed toward two major areas: understanding the cellular and molecular mechanisms by which natural and synthetic chemicals may induce or prevent cancer and the study of the effects of environmental agents on hepatic toxicity and carcinogenesis.

Dr. Klaunig received his doctorate in experimental pathology and toxicology from the University of Maryland School of Medicine and completed postdoctoral studies in chemical carcinogenesis at the Medical College of Ohio and the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology in North Carolina. He directed the Indiana Department of Toxicology from 1996 to 2003.

Regenstrief, IHIE to develop nationwide health information network

The Indiana Health Information Exchange and its partner, Regenstrief Institute, are among 15 partners to receive a share of contracts totaling $18.6 million to develop a prototype for a Nationwide Health Information Network architecture. IHIE and Regenstrief are participating in a consortium led by CSC, a global IT services organization. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the contracts this week.

The CSC-led consortium, called Connecting for Health, is a partnership between technology developers and health-care providers including IHIE and participants from Boston and Mendocino County, Calif. The work will build on the health information exchange architecture of the Connecting for Health prototype and demonstrate the feasibility of secure health information exchange among health-care institutions, including hospitals, health plans, physician offices and government agencies throughout the nation.

The participation of IHIE and Regenstrief Institute on this contract also will leverage the work already underway to “wire” health care in Indiana by creating a common, secure infrastructure that will allow the sharing of clinical patient data among providers. This effort has been recognized by the U.S. surgeon general as a national best-practice.

IHIE is among the first start-up enterprises formed through BioCrossroads, Indiana’s life sciences initiative, in collaboration with regional hospitals, the Regenstrief Institute, and other prominent state and local health organizations.

The three specific implementation areas that will be covered in this contract are expected to be personal health records, medication histories and public health surveillance.

“Indiana is already doing work in these three areas as part of the Indiana Network for Patient Care,” said Marc Overhage, MD, IHIE president and CEO, IU associate professor of medicine and scientist at the Regenstrief Institute. “Our participation in this alliance reinforces the fact that the work that’s being done in Indiana could one day set the standards for a nationwide health network.”

“IHIE and Regenstrief have already been working with our partners in Boston and Mendocino County now for a year,” said Thomas Inui, MD, president and CEO of Regenstrief Institute and an associate dean at IUSM. “This grant will enable us to take the ideas and concepts that we’ve been already working on with our partners and refine them to explore how they can support the specific implementation areas defined for this project.”

David Johnson, president and CEO of BioCrossroads said, “The participation of IHIE and Regenstrief in this consortium reinforces Indiana’s status as a national leader in utilizing technology for increased patient safety and efficiency.”

Scope for the holiday

The submission and publication schedule for Scope will be adjusted to conform with the campus Thanksgiving holiday. Scope will not publish on Friday, Nov. 25, but will be distributed on the following Monday.
The deadline for submission of items for the holiday issue will be 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23.

The Scope and Public and Media Relations staff wishes you and yours a safe and happy holiday.

Hurricane Katrina in hindsight

A panel discussion and dialogue about the public health response to the devastation brought about by Hurricane Katrina will be held from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

Experts in the fields of biological, social and behavioral sciences from the Indiana Department of Health, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Purdue University’s Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) Project will lead the free discussion.

For more information, contact Enid Zwirn at 278-0377.

Women’s Health Series lecture – Nov. 22

"Rx for Indiana" will be presented by Julie Newland, manager of public affairs at Eli Lilly and Co., Tuesday, Nov. 22, at the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health Noon Lecture Series.

The noon program will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium and lunch will be provided. Reservations are not required.

For additional information, contact Tina Darling at 278-7253 or tdarling@iupui.edu, or see www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt/.

IU history professor to speak at Faculty Club

Annie Coleman, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker at the University Faculty Club’s "Reading at the Table" luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. Dr. Coleman will share excerpts from her book “Ski Style: Sport and Culture in the Rockies.”

Following lunch, Dr. Coleman, an assistant professor of history, will sign copies of her book, which is available from JAGS IUPUI Bookstores.

Cost for lunch is $10. Space is limited and reservations are required. For reservations, call 274-7014 or email facclub@iupui.edu by Monday, Nov. 28.

John Shaw Billings lecture Nov. 30

Charles Hazelrigg, DDS, IU associate professor of pediatric dentistry, will narrate "A Pictorial History of Central State Hospital, Part 2" from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m.

Part I of the series was presented in 2003. Those who did not see the initial portion will still be able to appreciate the
sequel. The presentation is one of the John Shaw Billings Lecture series.

Chronic pain, depression topic of Dec. 2 symposium

“Chronic Pain and Depression: Long-term Challenges for the Primary Care Physician,” a continuing medical education program hosted by IUSM, will be Friday, Dec. 2, at the University Place Conference Center.

This symposium will present case-based, interactive opportunity to examine the clinical significance of pain and depression. Presenters will provide participants with specific information, an effective diagnostic instrument and clinical tools which will enable them to diagnose and begin a course of treatment for patients with chronic pain and depression.

Faculty presenters include Palmer Mackie, MD, director of the Integrative Pain Clinic, and Matthew Bair, MD, physician scientist at Roudebush VA Center of Excellence and Regenstrief Institute.

The program is supported by a Clarian Values Grant and is free of charge although registration is required. For more information and to register, see cme.medicine.iu.edu, or contact the registrar at 274-8353.

'Tis the season – IUPUI wants to know about holiday giving

The IUPUI Office of External Affairs is compiling a list of holiday season outreach projects performed campus-wide by the various offices.

Martin Posch, interim director of community relations, seeks information on office projects varying from fund-raising drives to community service projects. The information will be used to inform the community what IUPUI is doing to assist individuals and various organizations.

Email Posch a summary of activities at mposch@iupui.edu.

Honors

Harvey Feigenbaum, MD, FAHA, has been named a Distinguished Scientist by the American Heart Association during the organization’s 2005 Scientific Sessions in Dallas. The designation, created two years ago, recognizes AHA members who have made major and independent research contributions that advance our understanding of heart disease and stroke. Dr. Feigenbaum, an IU Distinguished Professor and professor of medicine at Krannert Institute of Cardiology, was a pioneer in echocardiography.

Richard Sidner, PhD, IU assistant research professor in the Section of Transplant Surgery, Department of Surgery, is the recipient of the 2005 Elwert Award in Medicine. The award was established at IU in 1996 from the estate of Bert E. Elwert, IU alumnus, to support medical research that is likely to “give the largest incremental boost to our performance and reputation within the medical/scientific community.” Selection of the recipient is made by the Biomedical Research Committee. Dr. Sidner, who joined the IUSM faculty in 1988, will receive a one-year award of $50,000. His research interests are B-cell immunology and transplant immunology.

This week on Sound Medicine
Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 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. Co-hosts of this week’s program are David Crabb, MD, Ora Pescovitz, MD, and Kathy Miller, MD.

Guests will include David Flockhart, MD, PhD, who will discuss the past year's events centering on Vioxx and other cox-2 inhibitors, how those events will affect the future of the class of drugs, and what options patients now have to fight pain. Dr. Flockhart is the division director of clinical pharmacology at IUSM.

The importance of immunizations for adults will be discussed by Karen Roos, MD, a professor of neurology at IUSM. She is a specialist in infectious diseases that affect the nervous system.

Abigail Salyers, PhD, a microbiologist at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, will discuss antibiotic-resistant bacteria and the growing concern that all those anti-bacterial products now on the market are doing more harm than good. Dr. Salyers is the co-author of the new book, "Revenge of the Microbes: How Bacterial Resistance is Undermining the Antibiotic Miracle.”

David McLaughlin, MD, and his patient Juli Hill, will discuss the latest technology in hysterectomy surgery—the daVinci robot. Dr. McLaughlin is medical director for the Follas Reproductive Center in Indianapolis.

Jeremy Shere, a regular contributor to *Sound Medicine*, will offer listeners his definition of “chimera.”

Tune in Sunday, Nov. 27, when Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, guest hosts the program.

Joe Mamlin, MD, will provide an update on the Indiana University-Kenya Partnership in Eldoret, Kenya, which was founded to train IUSM and Moi students. One of the program's current missions is to treat HIV/AIDS in Africa. Dr. Mamlin, an IUSM emeritus faculty member, is a founding member of the partnership.

Rachel Vreeman, MD, chief pediatric resident at Riley Hospital, will discuss how HIV/AIDS is affecting the children of Kenya and how the partnership is helping the children orphaned by the disease.

Sleep deprivation and the tragic results will be the topic of Brian Foresman, DO, who directs the Sleep Medicine and Circadian Biology Program at IUSM.

"Ear wax” will be the topic of Shere during his contribution to the program

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/.

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Scientific Calendar online

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.

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