Froehlich named interim vice chancellor for research

Janice Froehlich, PhD, professor of medicine, has been appointed interim vice chancellor for research and interim associate vice president for research, effective immediately.

Dr. Froehlich is a Chancellor’s Professor of Medicine with joint appointments as professor of cellular and integrative physiology and of medical neurobiology. Her research focuses on alcoholism and addiction, and she serves as scientific co-director of the Indiana Alcohol Research Center.

“Dr. Froehlich’s research on the genetic and biological basis of alcoholism exemplifies the strength of IUPUI as Indiana’s health and life sciences campus,” said IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz, PhD. “Research is vital to the future of Indiana and the research being conducted at IUPUI, which ranges from understanding the processes of addiction to enhancing the treatment of cancer, and from inventing new applications of information technology to understanding the environment of the White River, contributes to solving serious medical and social problems and spawning new business in the state of Indiana.”

Dr. Froehlich succeeds Mark Brenner, PhD, who left IUPUI to serve as vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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Indiana lawmakers administered a dose of good medicine on Organization Day Nov. 22 by honoring outstanding IU cancer doctors recognized this fall as among the nation’s top specialists.

The concurrent resolution introduced by Sen. Thomas Wyss, R-Fort Wayne, and Rep. Peggy Welch, D-Bloomington, recognized leaders in cancer research and clinical care from the Indiana University School of Medicine and Clarian Health Partners who were included in the first edition of America’s Top Doctors for Cancer. Eighteen cancer specialists from Indiana University Hospital and Riley Hospital for Children were among the nearly 2,000 nationwide included in the referral guide.

The resolution notes that “better methods of preventing, finding, and treating the disease” continues to reduce the mortality rate for cancer.

“The Indiana General Assembly thanks Clarian Health Partners, Indiana University School of Medicine, and their dedicated doctors for their efforts to bring the citizens of Indiana the best possible cancer care and improved treatment capabilities and congratulates them on their well deserved recognition,” the resolution states.

IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, IU Cancer Center Director Stephen Williams, MD, and Daniel Evans Jr., president and CEO of Clarian Health, were invited to attend the General Assembly’s Organization Day events and were present when all the Indiana senators asked to have their names added as sponsors of the resolution.

“There isn’t one of us here who through a family member or constituent hasn’t been served by this great institute,” said Sen. Wyss.

Sen. Patricia Miller, R-Indianapolis, who chairs the Senate Health and Provider Services Committee, said she was grateful for the IU School of Medicine’s service and leadership. “In the area of health care, IU is on the cutting edge of cancer treatment,” she said.

“Being honored in this way is a humbling experience,” said Dr. Brater. “We have a charge and that charge is to be the best medical school in the nation to treat you and your constituents.”

The concurrent resolution names and congratulates the 18 “top cancer specialists” mentioned in the publication.

For additional information on the Indiana physicians included in America’s Top Doctors for Cancer, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=371.

M&M: Mindfulness in Medicine

The Littlest Patient

_The story below is from a letter written by parents to their child’s physician at Riley Hospital._

First, we want to tell you a story. We first met when you wanted to do an assessment of our son during rounds. He was about four weeks old at the time and still only about 1 ½ pounds. When you began your examination, you did something no other doctor, nurse or respiratory therapist had done - you _spoke_ to our son as if he were a healthy, normal-delivery newborn. You called him by his name and sympathized with him like people do when trying to calm a child.

Later that night, we went home and cried. Not out of sadness, but out of gratitude, appreciation, and hope. For the first time, someone who fully comprehended the severity of our son’s situation had treated him like he was a real person and not just a small fetus in an incubator.

We also want to tell you something about our past. Both of us started undergraduate courses as pre-meds. One of us actually took the MCAT, was accepted to medical school and completed the second year. We both tell people we couldn’t stand the sight of blood, but that isn’t the real reason. The truth is that we both became disillusioned with the people in medicine. We both wanted to help and care for people. The medical profession seemed to be reduced to
people who made decisions about peoples’ lives based on risk-assessment and statistical probability, something like a computer. The medical emphasis seemed to treat the patient's body, rather than the patient as a whole. The profession seemed to work too much like a business, maximizing profits at the expense of care. Whether or not these impressions were accurate or fair, they barred our entrance to the field.

The last place we would have expected to learn that truly great doctors still do treat the patient as a whole – and the place we needed it the most – was in the Riley NICU. You treated our son like a person, not just a case. You treated our family like an important piece of his health, not as annoying individuals who had to be updated. Your care was influenced by our son’s individual situation and not just by some blind risk assessment.

You might think this is simply what you do as a routine part of your job, but your love for our son and compassion for our family is why we think you are the most exceptional doctor we have ever met.

Applications sought for associate dean, Graduate Medical Affairs

IUSM seeks an outstanding and committed medical educator and administrator to serve as associate dean of Graduate Medical Affairs.

Candidates must possess an MD and/or PhD or the equivalent and have a keen interest and expertise in graduate medical student education and administration. Qualified candidates will have an understanding of the IUSM system, the Clarian Health System, Wishard Health Services and the VA, as well as the educational requirements of the ACGME. The associate dean will be qualified for a faculty appointment at the rank of professor or associate professor.

Address all nominations and applications for this position to Richard B. Kohler, MD, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1120 South Drive, Fesler Hall 318, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114.

See www.medicine.iu.edu/~resident/index.html for more information on the residency and fellowship programs.

Indiana University is an EEO/AA employer, M/F/D.

Hayman named COO at Wishard

Jim N. Hayman has been appointed chief operating officer at Wishard Health Services. His responsibilities will include day-to-day management while leading the development and implementation of programs and services that support Wishard's mission, vision and goals.

Hayman most recently worked at Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, where he had been since 1985. Prior to his tenure at Parkland, Hayman served as director of pharmacy services at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Hayman received both his bachelor's degree and his master's degree in pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. He also received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas.

Hayman's new role was most recently held by Steve Nathan, an executive from FTI Cambio Health Solutions, a health care management firm.

Indiana 21st Century Fund issues new request for applications

The Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund is again soliciting proposals designed to develop and
commercialize advanced technologies in Indiana with an emphasis on academic and commercial-sector partnerships.

The fund now is part of the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the public-private development corporation created this year by the Indiana General Assembly to replace the Indiana Department of Commerce. The fund offers grants of up to $2 million for projects that are approved via the fund's peer-review process and by the board of directors of the economic development corporation.

Significant changes have been made in the latest request for applications:

- There are no longer fixed application deadlines.
- Support to new start-up or small businesses needing seed capital is emphasized.
- The review of the technology's commercialization potential has been expanded.
- The proposal format is more flexible.

Karl Koehler, PhD, deputy director of the fund, has urged IUSM investigators to contact him to discuss ways their technology development proposals can meet the fund's requirements.


**December deadline for ACS grants**

The American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants are to assist young investigators – assistant professors or assistant scientists – in starting research projects and to foster cancer research on the IUSM campus at Indianapolis and the regional centers.

The deadline for submitting applications is Thursday, Dec. 1. Forms may be obtained from Liz Parsons in the IU Cancer Center office, room 455, Indiana Cancer Pavilion. She can be reached by phone at 278-0078, or email her at eparsons@iupui.edu. The IUCC fax number is 278-0074.

The applications (8-10 pages, no recycled RO1 applications) will be reviewed by the ACS Institutional Research Grant Committee, which is chaired at IUSM by Leonard Erickson, PhD. Investigators receiving granting must submit an interim and a final progress report, required by the ACS.

Typically these ACS grants are in the amount of $15,000 to $20,000 and are for the period Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2006. Investigators who have received prior funding from the ACS or who have significant funding from other sources are not eligible to apply. Limited support for partial salary may be allowed. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or submit proof of approval for a green card.

**Biomedical research grants available**

The application deadline for an IUSM biomedical research grant is Friday, Jan. 6.

The objective of the Biomedical Research Committee is to foster scholarly and creative research by worthy investigators so that they can compete successfully for extramural research support.

In general, two categories of research projects will benefit from this program:

- Research projects of investigators new to the school who do not yet have extramural funding and who need support to acquire the preliminary data necessary to compete for extramural funding.
- Research projects of established investigators who are between funding periods from extramural sources.

Applications for both categories are considered small grants and should have a maximum requested amount of
$40,000 and be limited to one-year duration. The same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

For additional information, see adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/brg.htm. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the Executive Associate Dean for Research Affairs, Clinical Building, Room 365.

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IUSM team announces new recommended PDA device

Two years ago, the IUSM handheld technology team evaluated personal digital assistant (PDA) devices and recommended the Palm Tungsten C for IUSM faculty, staff and students. The Tungsten C has since been discontinued and newer devices released.

In preparation for making the 2005-2006 PDA recommendation the team evaluated several devices including the Palm T5, Tungsten E2 and the newest release, the Palm T/X.

The team has determined that the Palm T/X is the best PDA platform for the IUSM campus environment. As with the Tungsten C, the Palm T/X has built-in wireless capacity (Wi-Fi and Bluetooth). Also the Palm T/X has 128 MB of Flash main memory: data and applications are not lost when the battery power diminishes. These were the key evaluative points, but there are numerous advantages to the Palm T/X device – such as a larger screen.

IUSM faculty, staff and students benefit from purchasing the recommended Palm T/X in several ways:

- Discounted price and special “bundles” through CDW-G
- Full support provided by the handheld technology team including
  - technical troubleshooting,
  - specialized “how to” documentation and guides
  - individual or group consultation sessions

The Palm T/X can be purchased online with a discount applied upon checkout through the IUSM - CDW-G web site. Several options are available:

- Palm T/X with 1 year manufacturers warranty (standard)
- Palm T/X bundled with 1 year extended service plan (2 years of warranty coverage).

Carrying cases and extended memory cards are also featured and discounted on the CDW-G web site.

The web site is accessible in the Angel IUSM PDA Community. To access the site:

- Login to Angel and go to the “Community Groups” section of your “My Page”
- Click on “Find a Group” and type in the keyword “PDA”
- Click on “Enroll (no PIN required)” to enroll in the Community

The IUSM - CDW-G web site is in the “Discounted - PDAs & Accessories” folder.

Contact the IUSM handheld technology team with questions or comments at ajhatfie@iupui.edu.

* Note: Palm OS is necessary for the Clinical Encounters Tracking PDA program required for MSIII & MSIV. For that reason Pocket PC devices were not evaluated.

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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 opportunities 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.

Cardio care chaplain to present Seminar in Medical Humanities

Paul Bay, D Min, cardiovascular care chaplain, will present the final Seminar in Medical Humanities and Bioethics for 2005 from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library. His presentation is entitled "A Randomized Controlled Study of the Effect of Chaplain Interventions on Anxiety, Depression, Hope and Religious Coping in the CABG Patient."

Heart disease continues to be a major cause of death in the United States.

Coronary artery bypass graft surgery (CABG) has become a common and effective treatment for coronary artery disease. Rev. Bay will discuss the effect of positive religious interventions in improving coping and recovery for these patients.

The lecture is open to the public, but space is limited. A light lunch will be served. Contact Kelly Canaday at 278-1669, or email medicalhumanities@gmail.com to reserve a seat.

Adipose tissue society to meet in Indy in 2007

The annual international meeting that focuses on the biology and translational implications of adipose-derived stem cells – the International Fat Applied Technology Society – will be held in Indianapolis in the fall of 2007, when Keith L. March, MD, PhD., director of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine, is president of the society.

The meeting should bring at least 150 scientists to the city, Dr. March said.

Dr. March, professor of medicine, cellular and integrative physiology, and biomedical engineering, will chair the scientific sessions for the group's 2006 meeting in Baton Rouge.
IU-Moi program featured on WFYI TV 20

The IU-Moi University Partnership and the program they have established to help people in Eldoret, Kenya, survive HIV/AIDS is featured in "The Power of One in Kenya: Into the Heart of Hope." It was filmed by an Indianapolis-based organization called The Power of One. The program airs at 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, on WFYI TV 20 (the Indianapolis PBS station). It will be repeated at 4 a.m. on Dec. 4 and Dec. 7.

Nominations for 2006 Excellence in Diversity Awards

In honor of Joseph T. Taylor, the first dean of the IUPUI School of Liberal Arts, nominations and applications are sought for the sixth annual IUPUI Excellence in Diversity Awards. Chancellor Charles Bantz will confer the awards during the Joseph T. Taylor Symposium on Feb. 22.

Nomination and application forms are available online at www.life.iupui.edu/culture/taylor_awards.asp. Deadline for application is Monday, Dec. 19.

Shopping made easy – on the IUSM alumni site

Stumped for an office holiday exchange gift?

Need the perfect stocking stuffer?

Fruitcake or IUSM sweatshirt? It's a no brainer. See www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/merch/ for a selection of IUSM gear including fleece wear, T-shirts, hats and other items of interest.

Biology Club's annual poinsettia sale

The holidays are approaching and the IUPUI Biology Club is holding its annual poinsettia sale on Thursday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first floor of the SL/LD Science building. Prices start at $5 a plant. Questions can be directed to Dawn Bauman at dbauman@iupui.edu.

See www.biology.iupui.edu/biologyclub/ for more information on the club.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 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 Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include David Dunn, MD, who will discuss FDA concerns about some ADHD medications, including Strattera, which may cause suicidal thoughts in children and adolescents. Dr. Dunn is the training program director of child and adolescent psychiatry at IUSM and he directs the Riley Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic.
Ann Lagges, PhD, will discuss the physical and emotional challenges surrounding childhood obesity. Dr. Lagges is an IUSM clinical psychologist counseling children and their families on the issues relating to childhood obesity.

Medical ethics, politics and the “morning-after” pill will be discussed by Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics, when he makes his monthly appearance on Sound Medicine.

This week, Jeremy Shere defines "jugular." Shere is a regular contributor to Sound Medicine.

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

**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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