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## **Applications for signature center funding due Oct. 30**

On September 5, Executive Vice Chancellor Uday Sukhatme announced a competition for the creation and designation of "signature centers" at IUPUI ([http://www.iupui.edu/administration/acad\\_affairs/signaturecenters.html](http://www.iupui.edu/administration/acad_affairs/signaturecenters.html)). A second memo from Vice Chancellor Sukhatme describing the mechanism for submission of applications is expected soon.

The centers are described as follows:

“A signature center is a research unit distinctly identifiable with IUPUI. In addition to representing an area of research strength, the center will usually build on some ongoing activities and have many of the following attributes:

Signature centers will often be interdisciplinary in character. They should have the capacity to attract significant external funding as appropriate to the disciplines involved, including federal grants and foundation support. The centers need to bring academic distinction to the campus. After an initial period of campus-based seed funding, they should become largely self-sufficient in a 3- to 5-year time frame.

- The work of the center should have something unique and distinctive, which makes it stand out. It should not focus on an area commonly studied at many other universities, although collaborations with other institutions could be a desirable feature.
- The center should engage in work which takes advantage of the urban location in Indianapolis and establish partnerships with local community and cultural organizations.”

The funding for each center will be \$200,000 to \$300,000 over a period of three years, with the cost shared equally by the campus administration and the school. Unfortunately, the School of Medicine will be unable to match these funds centrally, so funding matches must come from applicant units. Applications will be accepted for both new and existing centers and we encourage creativity in identifying matching funds.

The applications are to be relatively brief (four pages) and are due October 30 to both the School of Medicine Dean's office and the Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor. Further details will be forthcoming in Vice Chancellor Sukhatme's memo.

An ad hoc subcommittee of the Biomedical Research Committee will review the School of Medicine applications and will provide a rank order to the Executive Vice Chancellor according to the criteria set out in the memos. One additional criterion for the internal review will be a letter of assurance of matching funds from the appropriate office.

Questions should be directed to the IUSM Office of Operations at [iusmoper@iupui.edu](mailto:iusmoper@iupui.edu) or (317) 274-5373.

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## **Zhong-Yin Zhang named first Robert A. Harris Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

Zhong-Yin Zhang, PhD, chair and professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, was recommended to be the first Robert A. Harris Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology effective Oct. 1, pending final approval from the Board of Trustees.

The Robert A. Harris Chair in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology was established this year by multiple donors to honor Robert A. Harris, PhD, former chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. It is the intent of the donors that the holder of the chair will be the chairperson of the department.

Dr. Zhang was appointed chair and professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in 2005, having previously been professor of molecular pharmacology and biochemistry at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. Dr. Zhang received his doctorate in biochemistry at Purdue University.

Dr. Harris has been on the IUSM faculty since 1970, when he was appointed associated professor of biochemistry. He served as chair of the department from 1988 to 2004, and, since stepping down as chair, has continued his research on regulation of mitochondrial kinases and phosphatases, and regulation of gene expression. He was appointed Showalter Professor of Biochemistry in 1992 and named an IU Distinguished Professor in 2001.

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## **Dankoski and Logio appointed assistant deans**

Mary E. Dankoski, PhD, assistant professor of clinical family medicine and a Lester D. Bibler Scholar, and Lia S. Logio, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine, have each been appointed as assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development on a part-time basis. They will continue to work with Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development Stephen P. Bogdewic, PhD, in the areas of diversity and faculty development. They will each retain their current titles and

appointments.

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## **Skin stem cell investigator to present Beering Lecture**

Elaine Fuchs, PhD, Rebecca C. Lancefield Professor of Mammalian Cell Biology and Development at the Rockefeller University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, will deliver the Steven C. Beering Lecture on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at 8:30 a.m. in the Emerson Hall auditorium. Her presentation is entitled "Skin Stem Cells: Biology and Potential for Regenerative Medicine." A reception in the Mills Atrium of the VanNuys Medical Science Building will follow the lecture.

Fuchs takes a molecular approach to skin biology and stem cell research, and her studies bridge an understanding of the normal biology of skin stem cells, including their remarkable ability to self-renew, with an understanding of how these processes go awry in human diseases of the skin, including genetic diseases, skin cancers, and proinflammatory disorders.

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## **Workshop will explain the value, details of participating in clinical trials**

The Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation is sponsoring "AWARE for All," an educational program to help people make informed decisions about participating in clinical research.

The program will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the University Place Conference Center at IUPUI, 850 West Michigan St., Indianapolis. It is free and open to the public.

More than a dozen physicians and other experts from the IU School of Medicine, Roudebush Veterans Administration Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition will lead workshops on many aspects of clinical trial participation, including patient protections and consent, minority participation, and clinical trials for diabetes, cancer and neurological diseases.

Indiana Health Commissioner Judith A. Monroe, MD, will speak during breakfast, and the lunch speaker will be Lawrence Einhorn, MD, Distinguished Professor and the Lance Armstrong Foundation Professor of Oncology at IUSM.

For more information and to register, go to [www.awareforall.org/indiana](http://www.awareforall.org/indiana) or call 1-888-247-2773.

CISCRP is a non-profit organization focused on educating and informing the public about clinical research participation.

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## **Applications sought for O'Brien Research Core Center proposal**

The Division of Nephrology is preparing an application to the NIDDK for funding of a George M. O'Brien Research Core Center (<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-06-010.html>). The division is soliciting applications from investigators interested in conducting studies of renal physiology

or pathophysiology that capitalize on the advanced capabilities of the Indiana Center for Biological Microscopy in intravital and 3-dimensional microscopy as part of the Pilot and Feasibility Program. This program provides support (up to \$50,000 per year) for up to 2 years.

NIDDK intends the pilot and feasibility studies to: “(1) provide initial support for new investigators; (2) allow exploration of possible innovative new leads or new directions for established investigators, and (3) stimulate investigators from other areas to lend their expertise to research in this area.”

The division anticipates submitting 2-4 of these studies with the application to NIH. The final application is due in mid-November, but we are now soliciting pre-applications, which should be 1 page in length, in the form of the “Specific Aims” page of an NIH application, but also including key relevant references. These pre-applications must be received by October 13 th via email to [chyatte@iupui.edu](mailto:chyatte@iupui.edu). Successful applicants will be asked to submit a 5 page application by October 27 th.

For more information, please contact Bruce Molitoris, MD, ([bmolitor@iupui.edu](mailto:bmolitor@iupui.edu)).

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## **Biostatistics for Health Care Providers: A short course**

The Division of Biostatistics will be offering the short course Biostatistics for Health Care Providers (formerly known as Biostatistics for Physicians) on Nov. 6, 8 and 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The course will cover basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health care literature. The course will be open to faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as other interested students and staff. Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants. Go to <http://www.biostat.iupui.edu/ShortCourse/2006/Fall/index.htm> for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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## **American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants available for young investigators**

American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants are available, usually in amounts of up to \$25,000, to assist young investigators in the ranks of assistant professor, research assistant professor, and assistant scientist start their independent research projects and to foster cancer research at IUSM in Indianapolis and at the regional centers for medical education.

Applications of 8 to 10 pages (no recycled R01 applications) are due Nov. 15, 2006. Applications from research assistant professors and assistant scientists require a letter from the department chair certifying that the research proposal is independent of the research program of the laboratory P.I.

Applicants with prior funding from the cancer society or with significant funding from other sources are not eligible to apply. Limited support for partial salary may be allowed. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or submit proof of approval for a green card.

The funding period will be January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

For application forms contact Liz Parsons of the IU Cancer Center at (317) 278-0070 or [eparsons@iupui.edu](mailto:eparsons@iupui.edu).

## **FEED Series presents "Getting to No:" setting limits with patients**

"Getting to "No:" Setting Limits in Professional Practice" will be the topic of the Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) Series hosted by the IU Department of Medicine. The workshop will be on Oct. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the lower level conference rooms A and B of the Riley Outpatient Center (ROC). Faculty presenting at this FEED workshop will be Mary Ciccarelli, MD, Rich Frankel, MD and Alan Schmetzer, MD.

Participants will learn that limit setting with patients is an important component of professionalism and satisfaction at work. Few formal opportunities to learn about and discuss limit setting currently exist for practicing physicians. The purpose of this session is to review current evidence about the importance of limit setting in medical practice, to identify situations in which limit setting is necessary and appropriate and to practice skills for successfully setting limits with patients, colleagues and team members.

The program begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner followed by the group session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Faculty interested in attending should e-mail Roberta Brown at <mailto:dskatrud@iupui.edu>, or call 630-6906.

FEED is a quarterly series offering key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine's continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

## **Jim Yong Kim to present lecture on healthcare philanthropy Oct. 27**

Jim Yong Kim, MD, PhD, chair of the Harvard Medical School Department of Social Medicine, will present the Second Annual Lecture on International Healthcare Philanthropy on Friday, Oct. 27.

The lecture will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the IUPUI Lecture Hall, room LE 101, 325 University Boulevard.

The lecture is sponsored by the Baker-Ort Chair in International Healthcare Philanthropy, the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University and Eli Lilly and Co.

Dr. Kim is director of the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights at the Harvard School of Public Health and chief of the Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

For the past three years he served as director of the World Health Organization's HIV/AIDS unit, where he spearheaded the "3x5 Program" to treat three million people in five years, which set a global goal on AIDS treatment for the first time in history.

Dr. Kim was executive director and a founding trustee of Partners In Health, an international not-for-profit organization, where he and Harvard Medical School Professor Paul Farmer blazed a new trail in thinking regarding treatment and health care for people with tuberculosis, especially drug-resistant TB, and HIV in poor countries.

A member of the Institute of Medicine, Dr. Kim received a MacArthur “Genius” Grant in 2003. In 2006, he was selected as one of Time Magazine’s “100 Most Influential People.”

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## **October training sessions set for Study Manager clinical trials management software**

The Office of Clinical Research is sponsoring two training sessions in Study Manager, a software package that has been adopted as a comprehensive tool for managing clinical trials.

The training sessions last two days, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first session will be Oct. 23-24, the second Oct. 24-25. Both will be in the Union Building, room 544. To register, contact Karen Best at 278-5850. The sessions are free to all IUSM faculty and staff.

Study Manager features include components for real-time patient tracking, recruitment, enrollment statistics and financial data. IUSM’s Study Manager package includes the EDC component which is an electronic data capture (EDC) software program for creating electronic case report forms and capturing clinical data for virtually any type of drug or device trial.

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## **Medical Library offers class on electronic resources**

Faculty and staff who need to access online information resources may be interested in a two-hour, hands-on class, Locating and Using Electronic Resources. Current information on accessing and using Medical Library and Internet resources will be covered along with database searching tips. The next class is on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in room 318 of the Medical Library. Attendance is limited and registration is required. To register, call or email Elaine Skopelja at 274-8358 or [eskopelj@iupui.edu](mailto:eskopelj@iupui.edu).

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## **IUPUI United Way campaign enables you to do your part**

Join thousands of other IUPUI employees and participate in this years' United Way campaign through Oct. 18. This year's campaign goal is \$360,000.

There are many important reasons for contributing to United Way:

- Your gift can double. New donors who contribute to the Community Impact Fund (\$52 minimum gift) will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a Lilly Endowment grant. New gifts (regardless of level) made by science/health care professionals will also be matched dollar-for-dollar by a Lilly Endowment grant. Last year the Lilly Endowment match brought an additional \$100,000 to the United Way campaign.
- You get the best results. Your contribution is combined with thousands of others and invested in the solutions the community needs most. United Way does the research to find the root causes and creates community solutions that last.
- More than 90% of your contribution goes to United Way agencies. Investment earnings from a \$50 million gift to the United Way Endowment from the Lilly Endowment help pay for the United

Way operating costs. This allows more of your gift to go directly to United Way agencies and programs.

- Your gift can help in your community. Many agencies and programs in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks and Morgan counties are served by your gift to United Way of Central Indiana.

Make your pledge today at the IUPUI United Way website: [www.iupui.edu/~uwaycamp](http://www.iupui.edu/~uwaycamp). If you have questions, contact Mary Kate Myers at [myersmk@iupui.edu](mailto:myersmk@iupui.edu).

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## **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8, 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 Barbara Lewis. Co-hosts of this week's program are Frank Messina, MD, and Kathy Miller, MD.

This week's guests include John Seffrin, CEO of the American Cancer Society, who will talk about the decline in cancer deaths.

Joan Haase, PhD, RN, talks about using music therapy to help teen and young adult cancer patients cope with stem-cell transplant treatments. Debra Burns, PhD, MT-BT, explains how she incorporates music therapy into a physical therapy plan. Finally, Angie Brown, a certified music therapist, shares how music therapy has helped a young teen with autism.

Nancy Morgan, director of the Lombardi Cancer Center Arts and Humanities Program at the Georgetown University Medical Center, and Lisa Flaxman, founder of "musiKids," will discuss how the arts can help children undergoing cancer treatments.

Dr. Messina, an associate professor of clinical emergency medicine at IUSM, explains the popularity of emergency medicine among medical students.

Sound Medicine contributor Eric Metcalf interviews orthopaedic surgeon Michael Collins about his new book, Hot Lights, Cold Steel. Dr. Collins wrote the book while completing his surgical internship at the Mayo Clinic.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine as well other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>.

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## **Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips**

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at [cme.medicine.iu.edu](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu).

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## **Scientific Calendar online**

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [the new Scientific Calendar website](#). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu)
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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)

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