Fairbanks Institute formed with $10.5 million in gifts

A $10 million gift from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation Inc. to BioCrossroads will help IU School of Medicine and Regenstrief Institute Inc. researchers predict the future health of Hoosiers.

That generosity and an additional gift of $500,000 from the Guidant Foundation will establish the Fairbanks Institute, a long-term, predictive health study dedicated to building healthier communities nationwide.

The venture was announced Tuesday during a presentation in the VanNuys Medical Science Building.

IUSM faculty leading cores of the study are Douglas Miller, MD, principal investigator of the Fairbanks Institute and the Richard M. Fairbanks Professor in Aging Research; Keith March, MD, PhD, director of the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine and the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation Professor in Vascular Biology Research; Clement McDonald, MD, IU Distinguished Professor, director and research scientist at Regenstrief Institute and the Regenstrief Professor of Medical Informatics; Christopher Callahan, MD, the Cornelius and Yvonne Pettinga Professor in Aging and founding director of the Indiana University Center for Aging Research; Daniel Clark, Ph.D., research scientist at Regenstrief, associate professor of medicine and scientist at the IU Center for Aging Research; and Siu Hui, PhD, research scientist at Regenstrief, director of biostatistics at the IU Center for Aging Research and professor of medicine.

For additional information, see http://medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=478.
The annual Evening of the Arts will be at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 1, at the University Place Conference Center auditorium. The program features IUSM students, faculty and residents displaying their vocal, instrumental and dance talents.

Art work and photography produced by the medical students will be on display and sold that evening at a silent auction.

Proceeds from EOTA will help an estimated 1,000 people served by Wheeler Mission, Genessaret Free Clinic, St. Thomas Clinic and Indianapolis homeless programs.

This year marks the 15th consecutive year the medical students have staged Evening of the Arts.

EOTA tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students and may be purchased in advance at the Office of Medical Student Affairs, VanNuys Medical Science Building room 162, or at the auditorium. More information about the program can be found at www.iupui.edu/~iusmeota.

Daylight saving time changes begin April 2

This spring, most Indiana counties will observe daylight saving time for the first time since 1970. In 2006, DST begins at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April (April 2), and ends at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October (Oct. 29).

This change affects Indiana University campuses at Bloomington, Indianapolis, Kokomo, South Bend, Richmond, Fort Wayne, and Columbus. IU Northwest in Gary remains in the Central Time Zone (it already observes DST and will continue to do so). IU Southeast in New Albany remains in the Eastern Time Zone (it already observes DST and will continue to do so as well).

Daylight saving time will affect equipment with clock settings, including:

- Individual computer workstations and laptops
- Calendar accounts
- Telephone sets - desktop and cell phone
- Pagers
- BlackBerry, Palm, and other personal digital assistants

To learn more about how daylight saving time affects the equipment you use and Indiana University, see kb.iu.edu/data/atmc.html.

Don't forget to check the clocks in your car, on your microwave, VCR and/or DVD players as well.

Calendar time change confusion simplified

Information Services and Technology Management (ISTM) will change the time zone on campus computers it manages starting at 9 a.m. Monday, March 27. This will cause appointments scheduled after April 2 to advance by one hour. For example, an event scheduled for 9 a.m. on April 4 before the time zone adjustment will appear as 10 a.m. after the update.

ISTM is recommending that users print a copy of their calendar before the time zone is changed on Monday. Calendars also can be archived by following these instructions: How do I back up my calendar in Microsoft Outlook 2003?

Computer time zones can be verified by following these instructions: How do I check time zone in Microsoft Outlook
2003?

Users should correct calendar appointments before April 2, if possible. If not, after your time zone has moved to Eastern, ISTM recommends correcting appointments with the time zone checker tool supplied by UITS. The time zone checker tool can be accessed at kb.iu.edu/data/atqr.html

The time zone checker will reset appointments to Eastern Time. Note that as a result of meeting organizers updating the time zone, attendees will receive meeting notices for meetings that have already been accepted. Please accept the new meetings.

Also note that the time zone checker allows people to send a message to meeting organizers asking them to update meetings you are scheduled to attend. (You can not use this tool to change meetings you did not organize, and you should not use Outlook to change meetings you did not organize. Please let the meeting organizer know so he can update the meeting).

If you have a notebook supplied by ISTM that you normally do not use while in the office, schedule a time with ISTM personnel to adjust the time zone on your computer.

If you have a blackberry, PDA or other portable device please follow the instructions for your device:

On my Blackberry, how do I change the time zone?
On my PocketPC, how do I change the time zone?
On my Palm, how do I change the time zone?

How do I set the date and time on my office telephone?

For the most up-to-date information refer to: technology.iusm.iu.edu/Daylightsavings.htm

The help desk number is 274-5336 for those experiencing difficulties.

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Master’s degree available through CITE

The Clinical Investigator Training Enhancement Program, a clinical research training program for physicians, nurses, dentists, doctoral and postdoctoral scientists, is accepting applicants. The CITE Program allows participants to integrate formal research training with a fellowship or faculty position in their own department.

The purpose of this program is to prepare health care professionals for a career in clinical research. Approximately six credit hours per semester will be offered along with clinical research in one’s own discipline. As part of the CITE Program, participants receive a masters of science degree in clinical research through the IU Graduate School.

More detailed information is available at www.regenstrief.org/training/research/. Questions can be directed to Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@regenstrief.org, or to the program manager, Suzanne Galbraith at 630-7870, or sgalbraith@regenstrief.org. The program is partially sponsored by a K-30 grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

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Campus Facilities asking all to conserve

Energy costs continue to rise. Natural gas costs have increased this winter. Your home heating bills are probably higher even though we experienced the warmest January in almost 120 years.
Well, things are not any different for IU. Recently, Campus Facilities Services learned that an element of campus electrical costs will be increasing by approximately three times. The fuel cost adjustment portion of the university’s electrical bills has risen substantially in the last few months. The fuel cost adjustment of an electrical bill allows the utility company to recover their expenses for running their boilers. In the past year, that portion of the bill has risen by $90,000 per month. Starting in March, it is expected to increase another $140,000 per month.

How can everyone help conserve costs? So far, everyone’s work to help save energy has been great. The indoor air temperature set point changes have made an impact. Your efforts, patience, and customer support have been important to making that work.

To help further reduce campus electrical usage, everyone needs to be on the lookout for unnecessary usage. If you see rooms that are unoccupied and the lights are on, turn them off. If you are leaving for the day, turn off your computer monitor. If you feel it necessary to use a space heater, turn it off when you are not there, even if you are just going to a meeting and especially if you are leaving for the day. We can’t control the utility company’s rising costs, but, we can control our usage and make a difference.

IUPUI Police to launch traffic enforcement campaign

IUPUI police will begin a selective traffic enforcement campaign, beginning Monday, March 27.

The purpose of the campaign, said Capt. Bill Abston, is to prevent someone from being hurt or killed.

“We don’t want to write tickets that will cost motorists $150,” Abston said. “That’s why we are giving everyone fair warning they can avoid a ticket simply by obeying traffic laws.”

With major construction underway at IUPUI, including the construction of the Campus Center at University Boulevard and Michigan Street, police have watched a surge in speeding, turning right or left from the middle lane of Michigan Street, and failure to stop at stop signs.

IUPUI police have issued some tickets and warnings, but that didn’t stem the volume of infractions, Abston said.

“The stepped-up traffic enforcement will assign officers to selective sites where all those who speed, ignore stop signs, make improper turns from Michigan Street, or break other traffic laws will be stopped and ticketed.”

End-of-life issues topic of Women’s Health lecture

David Orentlicher, MD, JD, Samuel R. Rosen Professor of Law and co-director of the Center for Law and Health at the IU School of Law-Indianapolis, will speak about elder care law and end-of-life issues at the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health Noon Lecture Series. The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Lunch will be provided and CME credit is available. Reservations are not required.

For additional information, contact Tina Darling at 278-7253 or td Darling@iupui.edu, or see www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt/.
Promotion and tenure workshops

Four informational workshops on promotion and tenure will be offered to the IUSM faculty on the following dates:

Promotion & Tenure: General Overview
March 29 at noon to 1:30 p.m. in Fesler-Hurty Hall C

Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Research
March 30 at 8 to 9:30 a.m. in Fesler Hall 319

Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Service
April 13 at 8 to 9:30 a.m. in Fesler Hall 319

Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Teaching
April 19 at noon to 1:30 p.m. in Fesler-Hurty Hall C
Brown bag lunches are recommended for the noon sessions. Sample dossiers will be available for review, as well as other helpful information. Please call Sherie Bornino at 278-7263 to make reservations.

FEED Series: Oral Presentations

"The Art of the Oral Presentation" will be the topic of Kathy Zoppi, PhD, and Kurt Kroenke, MD, at the Wednesday, April 12, Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) Series hosted by the IU Department of Medicine. The workshop will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lower level auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

During this two-hour workshop, participants will review video examples of common student/intern problems with oral discussions during rounds and practice giving feedback on how to improve oral presentations. The workshop will help faculty develop the skills necessary to identify and remediate students who give disorganized presentations.

The program begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner and group sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. Faculty interested in attending should e-mail Roberta Brown at rabrown2@iupui.edu, or call 630-6906.

FEED is a quarterly series offering of 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.

Patient Safety and Health IT Conference – June 4-7

The 2006 Patient Safety and Health Information Technology Conference will be in Washington, D.C., June 4-7. Registration is free, but space is limited.

This conference will feature lessons and findings from the patient safety and health information technology portfolios sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Two faculty from IUSM will be presenting: Julie McGowan, PhD, and Atif Zafar, MD. IUSM and the Regenstrief Institute are two of the organizations engaged in these portfolios, and the conference will allow faculty to network with researchers and practitioners from across the nation who are working in these two very dynamic fields.
National health care conversation continues

The IUSM Department of Public Health and IUPUI hosted a national virtual town hall meeting authorized by Congress and organized by the Citizen’s Health Care Working Group. The March 22 meeting, "What Is Your Health Worth? A National Conversation on Health Care," was designed to stimulate dialogue from Hoosiers with concerns about the future of health care access, cost and quality.

The discussion is still open and individuals interested in adding their comments to the information that will be compiled and given to Congress can do so by accessing www.umich.edu/healthmeeting. There is a questionnaire on that site that can be completed through April 5. A conversation blog hosted by the Working Group can be found at www.americansdiscusshealth.org.

Gear up for bike safety with help from Riley Hospital

Spring has finally arrived and soon children will be enjoying the warmer weather and riding their bicycles. Riley Hospital’s Community Education and Child Advocacy Department wants to remind parents to encourage safety practices when children are riding bikes and other wheeled toys.

Make sure children wear a properly fitted helmet when riding a bike, scooter, skateboard or skates. The helmet should fit snugly on the child’s head and the strap should form a “Y” under each ear and be buckled at all times. Parents should set a good example by wearing a helmet every time they ride.

Riley Hospital’s Safety Store sells bike helmets, multi-sport helmets, knee and elbow pads, reflectors and bike flags at low prices. Safety Store educators are available during store hours to answer questions about products and child safety. Operated by the Community Education and Child Advocacy Department, in partnership with the Cheer Guild, the Safety Store is located on the first floor of the Riley Hospital Outpatient Center in the Over the Rainbow Gift Shop. Store hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on the Safety Store or bike safety, call 274-6565, or visit www.rileyhospital.org/kids1st.

Ticket information for Oscar Robertson Trophy breakfast

Basketball great Oscar Robertson is hosting his annual Oscar Robertson Trophy breakfast in Indianapolis on Friday, March 31, at 8 a.m., at Conseco Field House.

Robertson, who is a spokesperson for the National Kidney Foundation, will donate some of the proceeds to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana. Michael Kraus, MD, associate professor of medicine and medical director of IU’s Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis and Acute Dialysis Units, will be one of the speakers.

The 1976 and 1981 IU basketball teams will be honored for their undefeated seasons. A "Coach of the Year" and "Player of the Year" awards will be presented.

For additional information on the event or to obtain tickets, see www.oscarrobertsontrophy.org.
This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26, 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-host of this week's program is Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

This week's discussions will include Douglas K. Miller, MD, IU professor of medicine and geriatrics, who will talk about the Fairbanks Institute, a new $10 million life sciences initiative directed at improving public health.

Steven Schrader, PhD, will discuss an editorial published last fall in the Journal of Sexual Medicine on the effects of bicycle seats on men's reproductive health. Dr. Schrader is chief of the Reproductive Health Assessment Section for the National Institute for Occupation Safety and Health.

A recent study of the nation's emergency medical system ranked Indiana 44th in the country. Frank Messina, MD, an emergency medicine physician in Indianapolis, as well as a member of Sound Medicine's team of expert co-hosts, explains what this means.

Sound Medicine's Jeremy Shere uses his own twins to learn more about identical twins. He attends the 'Twins Convention' in Twinsburg, Ohio.

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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