Construction to begin on Fairbanks Hall

Plans were announced this week for construction of Fairbanks Hall, an education and resource center, which is a collaboration of the IU schools of medicine and nursing and Clarian Health Partners.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer on the building which will be situated between 10th and 11th streets on the east side of the downtown canal. The 182,000 square-foot, six-story building will include a 30,000 square-foot, high fidelity simulation center, as well as classrooms and administrative offices. The building will cost an estimated $44 million, largely financed by Clarian, and a generous contribution of $6 million from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation Inc.

For the complete story, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=488.

IU to participate in BIO 2006

Indiana University’s commitment to life sciences will be on display April 9-12 in Chicago when the university participates in BIO 2006, the leading international conference for the biotechnology industry in the United States.

Several of IU’s leading entrepreneurial researchers from the School of Medicine in Indianapolis and the College of Arts and Sciences in Bloomington will be on hand to spread the word about the life sciences resources and expertise at the university. About 18,000 biotechnology professionals from around the world are expected to attend BIO 2006.

For additional information, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=489.

IURTC opens satellite office in Medical Science Building

The Indiana University Research and Technology Corporation is opening a new on-campus office in the basement of the Van Nuys Medical Science Building (room B51). IURTC business development managers will staff the office to discuss inventions and answer questions about patenting, licensing and commercialization.

Office hours are Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (staffed by Cathy Farmer), Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (staffed by Matt Rubin from 8 to 1 and William Lyon from 1 to 5), Thursday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (staffed by Rebecca Lyon) and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (staffed by Kun Ma). No appointment is necessary.
IUMG Foundation supports life science companies

The IU Medical Group Foundation has designated funds to nurture life science start-up companies created by IUSM faculty each year. An Investment Review Committee, composed of three faculty members, a representative from BioCrossroads and one from IU Research and Technology Corporation, recently was established to evaluate proposals and ensure the start-ups support the missions of IUSM.

The committee is co-chaired by Robert McDonald, MD, MBA, director of life sciences initiatives for the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the IU Emerging Technology Center, and Robert Jones, MD, executive associate dean of strategic planning, analysis and operations.

The first award recipient, ImmuneWork LLC, founded by David Wilkes, MD, and Michael Klemz, MD, and based on IU intellectual property, is a pharmaceutical company developing a treatment to reduce the body’s immune response to non-native tissues and would be useful for transplant patients who may reject transplanted organs.

IUSM faculty who are interested in forming a new business should contact IU Emerging Technology Center for assistance. IUETC serves as a business incubator to help new companies grow and enable them to take new technology to the marketplace.

Beering Award nominations sought

The Beering Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2007 Steven C. Beering Award for Advancement of Biomedical Science. The deadline for submission is Wednesday, May 10.

The award honors an internationally recognized individual for outstanding research contributions to the advancement of biomedical or clinical science. The award, a tribute to former IUSM Dean Beering, is presented annually and consists of a prize of $10,000. The recipient is asked to present one major lecture to the medical community at the time the award is bestowed and to spend about three days at IUSM, and deliver one or two additional lectures to smaller groups. Three of the past recipients have become Nobel laureates since receipt of this award.

Elaine Fuchs, PhD, professor and director of the Laboratory of Mammalian Cell Biology and Development at Rockefeller University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, is the recipient of the 2006 Beering Award. Her lecture will be presented Tuesday, Oct. 31. Dr. Fuchs is an internationally recognized leader in cell biology and molecular genetics.

Nominations for the 2007 award should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishment(s) of the nominee, importance to biomedical or clinical science, and why you believe he/she is deserving of this honor. Include a curriculum vitae and a list of key publications of the nominee.

Please send information to the attention of Jan Walther, IUSM Dean's Office, 1120 South Drive, Fesler Hall 302. Co-chairs of this year's award committee are David Burr, PhD, chairman of the Department of Anatomy, and David Crabb, MD, chairman of the Department of Medicine.

Biostatistics for Physicians: A Short Course

The Division of Biostatistics will offer a three-part course on basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in the medical literature from noon to 4 p.m. May 9-11. 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 www.biostat.iupui.edu/ShortCourse/2006/index.htm for a detailed brochure and registration form.

Informatics to offer laboratory graduate summer program

The intelligent use of information technology is essential to the success of the modern laboratory, yet the gap between the world of the laboratory scientist and the IT professional looms wide. To bridge this gap, the IU School of Informatics and LIMS Institute will offer a unique graduate courses in an intensive summer session, June 5-9, at IUPUI.

The Laboratory Informatics Summer School offers two courses. Comprehensive IT for the Laboratorian is geared for the laboratory scientist and will present a full spectrum of topics in IT relevant to the uses, needs and interests of laboratory scientists. The Laboratory Operations for the IT Professional provides a comprehensive picture of laboratory practice, including important issues in regulatory compliance.

The courses are open to currently enrolled graduate students at IU. In addition, non-IU students can be admitted through IUPUI's graduate non-degree program (www.iupui.edu/~gradoff/gnd). The classes will be held in the Informatics and Communications Technology Complex, 535 W. Michigan St.

For more information about the Laboratory Informatics Summer Program or to register, visit www.limsconference.org.

Library hours for April 14
The IUSM Medical Library will observe special hours during the Friday, April 14, campus holiday. Public hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A faculty librarian will be available for assistance during that time.

Contact Elaine Skopelja at 274-8358, or eskopelj@iupui.edu with any questions or comments.

Biomedical Entrepreneur Network meeting April 11

“SBIR Funding as a Catalyst for Job Creation: Advice from Indiana’s Most Prolific Winner of SBIR/STTR Contracts” will be the topic of the next meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network Tuesday, April 11.

The speaker will be Mark Deuser, president and CEO of Space Hardware Optimization Technology. Since 1990 the company has earned 45 Phase I, II and III SBIR and STTR contracts with NASA, the U. S. Army, Navy, Air Force, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. SHOT also serves commercial companies such as Bastian Material Handling, Fire King Security Group and Procter & Gamble.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. The program is free, but space is limited so registration by Friday, April 7, is requested at www.indianabionetwork.org.

The Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network promotes information sharing and networking for biomedical entrepreneurs. Sponsors are the Indiana Health Industry Forum, Indiana University Research and Technology Corp. and Ice Miller.

Combined Seminar Series for April

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series will present David Curiel, MD, PhD, from the Division of Human Gene Therapy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. His presentation, “Targeted in Vivo Gene Delivery Via Tropism Modified Adenoviral Vectors – A Ten Year Quest for the Holy Grail,” will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Conflict management topic of LAMP seminar

The Friday, April 21, Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) will shed light on “Conflict Management and Negotiation Skills.” The presentation will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in conference rooms A and B of the Riley Outpatient Center.

Objectives for Session:

Define negotiation and its scope in your professional and personal lives
Utilize a range of tools for diagnosing and managing conflict
Describe the core elements of Principled Negotiation
Apply the concepts of Principled Negotiation to a career development scenario
Lunch will be served so it is important to RSVP to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu, or 278-5461.

Lantos to speak at pediatric grand rounds – April 26

“The Refinement of Neonatal Bioethics: 1970-2006” will be the topic of John Lantos, MD, professor of pediatrics and of medicine at the University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine, on Wednesday, April 26, at the pediatric grand rounds. The lecture is from 8 to 9 a.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Dr. Lantos is also the associate director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. He has authored numerous articles on medicine and ethics, and the books:

The Lazarus Case: Life and Death Issues in Neonatal Intensive Care
The Last Physician: Walker Percy and the Moral Life of Medicine
Do We Still Need Doctors?

Mark your calendar: All-School Grand Rounds June 21

William Neaves, PhD, president and CEO of the Stowers Institute for Medical Research in Kansas City, Mo., will present the final All-School Grand Rounds for this academic year at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 21. The location has yet to be determined. Dr. Neaves’ topic will be “Stem Cell Research: Science, Religion and Law.”
Annual Richter Conference – May 4 and 5


The primary purpose with this conference is to identify and discuss the complexities of simultaneous diagnosis and treatment of co-morbid psychiatric and substance abuse disorders. The target audience includes primary care physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, licensed mental health therapists, counselors, social workers, and other allied mental health professionals.

The conference will be led by our 2006 Visiting Richter Professor Timothy Wilens, MD, Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital, and Andrew Chambers, MD, David Dunn, M.D., and Alan Schmetzer, MD, IUSM Department of Psychiatry.

Visit the website at www.iupui.edu/~psycdept/richter.htm for complete conference and registration information, or call 278-5838 to request a paper copy of the.

Solutions Conference – May 17

The 2006 Solutions Conference is an annual event that brings IUPUI's top scientists, faculty, researchers, and programs together with business and technology leaders, entrepreneurs, nonprofit organizations and policy makers to understand trends, examine research, and identify partners.

This year's conference will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Informatics and Communications Technologies Complex at the corner of West and Michigan streets on the IUPUI campus.

The event is open to the public. Registration fees include admittance to the conference, parking and annual membership: $75 general public; $50 partners and discounted rate.

For event information, see www.iupui.edu/~solctr/conference/2006/index.html.

To register, see www.iupui.edu/~solctr/forms/conf-reg-form.php.

For questions or comments, email solution@iupui.edu, or call (317) 278-9170.

Medical Information Day prize drawing – April 11

Think 4-1-1, the telephone number you dial for information. Then think about the numerous services medical librarians provide. Medical Information Day is the national observance recognizing the invaluable information and vast range of services provided by medical librarians. The observance is on April 11 (4-11).

To celebrate the day, the IUSM Libraries will sponsor a drawing for one grand prize. To enter, email rlmlill@iupui.edu, or visit the Ruth Lilly Medical Library in person. The winning name will be drawn at 11:30 a.m. on 4-11 and the individual will be notified by email. IUSM, IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, and IU School of Nursing faculty, staff and students are eligible for the drawing. Employees of the IUSM Libraries are not eligible. Limit is one entry per person. You must show identification before collecting the prize.

The prize is the Diamond Package at the Canterbury Hotel, 123 S. Illinois St., and includes dinner for two at the restaurant in the Canterbury Hotel (excludes alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuities), valet parking, and turndown service with chocolate truffles. See www.canterburyhotel.com.

Melanoma Monday observed with free skin cancer screenings

The American Academy of Dermatology has designated each May as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. May 1 has been designated as “Melanoma Monday.”

The IU Department of Dermatology in cooperation with the AAD will sponsor a free skin cancer screening from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. May 1. The screenings are available for students, faculty, staff or members of the community.

Appointments are needed. To schedule a free skin cancer screening, call one of the sites for the screenings:

IUPUI Health Services, Coleman Hall: 274-8214
Regenstrief Dermatology Clinic: 630-7064
Indiana University Dermatology Clinic: 278-6664

More details are available at www.iupui.edu/~derm/.

EOTA a success

The 2006 Evening of the Arts raised more than $3,000 in the sale of tickets and artwork consigned to the silent auction, and corporate donations. The proceeds of the April 1 event will benefit the homeless and poor who are treated in the mission clinics by medical students who regularly volunteer their services.
About 140 people attended to see 10 acts varying from an original concerto to Indiana classical dance to Dixieland jazz.

Co-chaired for this year’s event were James Smith, MS 4; Micah Bhatti, MS 3; Joseph W. Frank, MS 3; Jennifer Phan, MS 1; and Monica Khurana, MS 2.

Project Joy was fun for all

On Saturday, Feb. 11, IUSM students visited with residents of Lockefield Village to play games, dance, sing karaoke and participate in various Valentine’s Day activities as part of Project Joy, one of the 16 projects sponsored by the Office of Medical Service Learning.

Project Joy, led by Lilian Azih and Kofo Dabiri, provided 12 medical students the opportunity to interact with more than 20 geriatric patients, their families and Lockefield Village staff in an effort to provide the residents with a fun-filled Valentine’s Day experience.

According to Lilian Azih, the project was an overwhelming success, “It didn’t matter what activity we were doing or how much time was spent doing any particular activity; what mattered was the evident joy on the faces of the residents.”

Project Joy will team with another OMSL project, Spring House Calls, for its next project on May 6.

The Office of Medical Service Learning, directed by Patricia Keener, MD, and Patricia Treadwell, MD, facilitates the development of social and community oriented medical students through local, national and international service-learning projects. Learn more at www.medicine.iu.edu/~omsl/.

Alumni reunion information online

The 2006 IU Medical Alumni Reunion weekend will be May 19-20. For a schedule of events or a registration form, see alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/reunions/med06/.

St. Margaret’s Guild Decorator’s Show House opens April 29

The St. Margaret’s Hospital Guild Decorators’ Show House and Garden Walk will be April 29 through May 14. All proceeds benefit Wishard Health Services and the EMBRACE program which provides services for women who are diagnosed with cancer.

This year’s home is Le Chateau Renaissance, 1143 W. 116th St., Carmel. The 55,000-square-foot residence sits on 40 acres overlooking Williams Creek. The doors for public tours will open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day except Mondays. Tickets are $20.

Other special events and information can be found at www.showhouseindy.com or by calling 317-849-4023.

Scope deadline is Wednesday

Friday, April 14, is a campus holiday so the deadline for Scope will be moved to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 12. Scope will be distributed on Monday, April 17.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 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, and Kathy Miller, MD.

Guests include independent producer Shia Levitt who will present the first of two stories on mercury. While most people realize the danger mercury can present, one place where mercury is still present is in a chemical known as thimerosal, a preservative in some vaccines. Shia Levitt looks at the controversial vaccine preservative and why some doctors are nervous about bans on its use.

Stephen Jay, MD, will talk about another aspect of the danger of mercury: the risk it poses to women of child-bearing age. A recent study by two environmental groups found that one in five U.S. women of child-bearing age tested at an unsafe mercury level. Dr. Jay directs the IU Department of Public Health.

Hugh Hendrie, MD, IU professor of psychiatry, will discuss a recent study that found that seniors who exercise at least three days a week for fifteen minutes per workout can reduce the risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease by up to 40 percent.

A new national survey found than more than a third of U.S. workers go to work when they are sick with the flu. At the same time, more than half of the same group is annoyed when somebody else does that. Susan Rehm, MD, medical director of the National Foundation of Infectious Diseases, joins Sound Medicine to talk about these conflicting attitudes.

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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- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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- 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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