IUSM receives extramural support for two major programs

IUSM celebrated “Christmas in June” this week with a major gift for breast cancer research and a federal grant that will expand the school’s HIV/AIDS treatment program in Kenya.

The Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer is increasing its support of the IU Cancer Center with a $6.8 million gift, bringing the total commitment by the Fort Wayne, Indiana-based foundation to more than $10 million in gifts to IU.

This gift will support the IU Breast Cancer Research Program, a multidisciplinary program that includes basic science and clinical investigators from 11 departments at IU and IUSM. Co-leaders of the program are George Sledge, MD, the Ballvé Lantero Professor of Oncology, and Linda Malkas, PhD, the Vera Bradley Professor of Oncology.

For more information on the gift, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=520.

IUSM also has been awarded a $8.9 million federal grant to expand its highly regarded HIV/AIDS programs in Kenya, tripling the number of patients who will be receiving anti-retroviral drug treatments.

The grant, from the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, is in addition to a $15 million grant for the HIV/AIDS program received by IUSM in 2004. The program, known as AMPATH for Academic Model for the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS, is operated in collaboration with Moi University School of Medicine and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital.

For additional information on the program and the new grant, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=521.

AAMC issues new guidelines to attract physician-scientists

The nation’s medical schools and teaching hospitals must take a leading role to increase the number of U.S.
physician-scientists available to follow up on recent scientific advances, according to a new report by the Association of American Medical Colleges. “Promoting Translational and Clinical Science: The Critical Role of Medical Schools and Teaching Hospitals” makes recommendations on how academic medical institutions can attract, nurture, and support more translational and clinical physician-scientists.

To download a free copy of this report, go to www.aamc.org/promotingclinicalscience.

AACR seeks applicants for research awards

The American Association for Cancer Research seeks nominations for the sixth annual Landon-AACR Prizes for Basic and Translational Cancer Research. Nominations will be open until Thursday, Aug. 10.

These two major international prizes recognize seminal basic and translational cancer research discoveries at the cutting edge of scientific novelty and significance. Eligible candidates are active, recently published scientists who have made extraordinary advances in cancer research, and whose scientific innovation and creativity have accelerated progress against cancer and have implications for future discoveries and contributions to cancer research.

The recipient of each prize will receive an unrestricted cash award of $200,000. Both will present lectures during the 98th AACR Annual Meeting, April 14-18, in Los Angeles, Calif., to stimulate and inspire their colleagues to new thinking and fresh approaches in both basic and translational cancer research. They will also participate in the annual Landon-AACR Prize Symposium at the University of Miami/Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center in January 2008.

For further information on the nomination process and other details about the prizes, see www.aacr.org/default.aspx?p=6255. Inquiries regarding this award should be directed to awards@aacr.org.

Ethics fellowship applications now accepted

Applications are available for the 2006-2007 Clinical Ethics Fellowship sponsored by the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics. The application deadline is Thursday, June 15.

This 10-month fellowship focuses on training health-care professionals in clinical ethics, including ethics consultation, hospital ethics committee work and ethics research. Graduates will become capable members of the ethics community.

The target audience for the fellowship includes physicians, nurses, chaplains and social workers. Other members of the community (e.g. attorneys or members of administrative staffs) may also apply.

Application to the fellowship is competitive. The application process includes submission of a written application (which includes several brief narrative essays), a letter of support from the applicant’s immediate supervisor, one letter of recommendation, and interviews with Fairbanks Center staff.

For an application and additional information contact Patty Bledsoe, Fairbanks Center Program manager, at 962-9260, or pbledsoe@clarian.org.

The 2nd Annual Third Year Tip-Off

In June, the class of 2008 will begin their first clinical rotations, an experience many students meet with a mixture of excitement and anxiety as they begin the journey of making their career choices. Also, roughly half of the students
from the class will be arriving in Indianapolis for the first time from their respective Centers for Medical Education from across the state.

To alleviate some of their anxiety, student leadership from the classes of 2007 and 2008, IUSM Alumni Ambassadors and the IUSM Alumni Association are hosting the 2nd Annual Third Year Tip-Off social event from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Rathskeller Restaurant, 401 E. Michigan St.

The mixer will enable students to meet faculty and alumni representatives from the various core-clerkship and sub-specialty departments, as well as fourth-year students who have completed their third year, prior to the third-year orientation. Sunday’s mixer also is intended to allow students to inquire about future career choices in medicine, as well as to enable all students from the third year class to get to become acquainted.

For additional information, contact Derik Geist - class of 2007 at dgeist@iupui, Evan Armington - class of 2008 at earmingt@iupui.edu, or Jon Barada - director of alumni programs for IUSM at jbarada@iupui.edu.

Information manager demo planned

QUOSA Information Manager with full-article retrieval, article organization, and sync and link with EndNote / RefMan / ProCite will demonstrated from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, June 15, in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Download a free demo version of QUOSA Information Manager from www.quosa.com/downloads.html.

For more information, contact James Morgan, director of education technology and information systems director, Information Resources and Educational Technology at IUSM, 274-1408.

Intercultural health literacy topic of brown bag lecture

The Indiana Center for Intercultural Communication in the IU School of Liberal Arts and the IU European Union Center of Excellence will host a brown bag lecture presented by members of the Health Literacy/Medical Labeling Project Team. “Intercultural study of health literacy and medicine labels” will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15, in the University Library, room 1116.

Presenters will include Ulla Connor, PhD, ICIC; Bill Rozycki, PhD, ICIC; and Miguel Ruiz Garrido, PhD, Department of English Studies, Jaume I University, Spain.

The event is funded by an IUPUI International Development Fund grant and the IU European Union Center of Excellence. For more information please see the ICIC website at www.iupui.edu/~icic or contact Alicia Anino at 274-2555.

Sibling support resources fair

Parents, families and professionals are invited to attend the information fair, "Sibling Support Resources Available for Families of Children with Special Needs," on Thursday, June 15.

Sponsored by the Edward A. Block Family Library, the fair is being held in conjunction with Riley's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department and the Indiana Parent Information Network, which partners with Riley Hospital in the delivery of support and advocacy information to the families Riley serves.

The fair is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor of the Riley Outpatient Center, near the Safety Store and the
Over the Rainbow Gift Shop. For more information, contact Tom Lund at 278-1645, or rileyFRC@clarian.org.

Parking permits expire at end of June

IUPUI parking permits expire June 30. To purchase a new permit online, go to www.parking.iupui.edu/. Select “On-Line Services,” and then choose “Purchase a Permit.” Individual’s 10-digit university IDs are required to purchase permits online.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, 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 David Crabb, MD.

Guests will include Joe Palca who has worked as a science correspondent for National Public Radio for 14 years. Dr. Palca, who has a doctorate in psychology, will talk about the need to encourage students to study the sciences and will talk about his experience of moderating a discussion panel of Nobel Prize winners.

Adeel Zaidi, MD, is the clinical assistant professor of medical and molecular genetics at the IUSM Adult Genetics Clinic. He will be on Sound Medicine to discuss the work that the clinic does in evaluating and counseling patients and their families.

Sound Medicine also will feature an encore report by NPR health correspondent Joanne Silberner about two physicians who talk about their personal experiences as patients with cancer.

Jeanne Kennedy, director of community and patient relations at Stanford University Hospital, will discuss a survey that reported that 55 percent of people polled were dissatisfied with health care last year.

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

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.

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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