Surgery department promotes faculty

Two IUSM faculty members have been promoted to leadership roles in the Section of Plastic Surgery.

Robert Havlik, MD, professor of surgery has been named chief of plastic surgery at Riley Hospital, and director of the craniofacial program and vice-chief of the Division of Plastic Surgery at IUSM.

A 1984 graduate of Yale Medical School, Dr. Havlik completed general surgery and plastic surgery residencies at Yale New Haven Hospital, a hand surgery fellowship at Harvard Medical School affiliated hospitals, and a pediatric craniofacial surgery fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He joined the IUSM faculty in 1993.

Dr. Havlik has fostered the development of several new techniques in craniofacial surgery at Riley Hospital including the double opposing Z-palatoplasty and maxillomandibular distraction osteogenesis, an innovation which has greatly improved the prognosis of children with severe micrognathia and other facial abnormalities.

He has held numerous offices in national and international surgical organizations and presently is a delegate to the American Medical Association and chairman of the Plastic Surgery Residence Review Committee. He is the immediate past president of the IUSM faculty.

Alan Michael Sadove, MD, James Harbaugh Professor of Surgery, has been named chief of surgery at the Clarian North Medical Center. Dr. Sadove trained in plastic surgery at University of Virginia and completed the prestigious craniofacial surgery fellowship at New York University Medical Center before joining the IUSM faculty in 1983.

Dr. Sadove and his colleagues are credited with making the Riley Hospital craniofacial unit one of the foremost in the world with over 1,800 current patients. He introduced the complex procedures involved in intracranial-extracranial
surgery and helped refine them to their present status. He has led the multidisciplinary craniofacial team which has resulted in the development of an ACGME-accredited craniofacial fellowship training program at IUSM.

Dr. Sadove previously served as chief of plastic surgery at Riley Hospital. A member of many important national and international societies, he has served as president of the Ohio Valley Society of Plastic Surgeons, the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons and the American Cleft Palate Association. He presently is a director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

Campus to be tobacco-free Aug. 14

The IUPUI campus will become tobacco-free Aug. 14. To assist smokers who want to kick the habit, the IUPUI Human Resources Administration has contracted with the Clarian Tobacco Control Center to offer smoking cessation counseling to campus employees and students.

The cessation counseling is available to students for $25 for four one-on-one or group sessions. Employees can attend the same number of session for $25 if their gross pay is less than $25,687, or for $50 if their gross IUPUI pay is above that amount.

For more information, call 962-9662. For information on other community smoking cessation programs or the campus tobacco-free policy, see www.hra.iupui.edu.

For information on the policy, see www.iupui.edu/news/releases/060517_tobacco_free.htm.

IARC seeks proposals

The Indiana Alcohol Research Center at IUSM is one of the nation’s premier research centers focusing on genetic factors that contribute to alcohol abuse and alcoholism. The IARC, which is in its 19th year of continuous NIH funding, is composed of several research and service cores together with a core for pilot projects.

The Pilot Project Core is designed to foster innovative research that will enhance the mission of the IARC and contribute to the alcohol research field. Proposals from both junior and senior investigators who have not previously been engaged in alcohol research, or established investigators who are just entering the alcohol research field, are encouraged to apply. Pilot proposals selected from this round of review will be included as part of the pilot project component of the competing renewal that will be submitted in December 2006.

All proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit and relevance to the theme of the alcohol center, which is “Genetic Determinants of Alcohol Ingestion.” Pilot projects should be designed to take advantage of the following cores and resources available in the IARC: animal production (for provision of selectively bred rat or mouse lines that differ in alcohol intake), genomics and molecular biology (microarray expression profiling, real time PCR, genotyping of alcohol-related genes), proteomics (protein analysis by 2D gels and/or mass spectrometry methods), and alcohol clamp methodology (maintenance of constant blood alcohol concentrations in humans and rodents).

The IARC seeks pilot projects that will strengthen its research program in these core areas as well as projects that focus on brain imaging in animals or humans. Contact Janice Froehlich, PhD, or David Crabb, MD, for details about the cores.

It is intended that pilot projects will be funded at a level not to exceed $35,000 per year for one or two years. No more than 5 percent faculty salary may be requested and equipment purchases are discouraged (if included they must be carefully justified). "Equipment" includes non-consumable items costing more than $5,000. As always, level of funding is dependent on approval of the IARC budget for 2006-2007, which is dictated by the federal budget. To apply, submit a proposal that does not exceed five pages including references using the NIH format. Attach a
Submit proposals to:

Dr. Janice Froehlich
Scientific Co-Director of the Indiana Alcohol Research Center
Interim Vice Chancellor for Research, IUPUI
Administration Building 122
355 North Lansing Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Deadline for receipt of proposals is Friday, Sept. 1. Pilot proposals that are selected for inclusion in the competing renewal of the IARC would be funded in December 2007.

Search begins for academic affairs exec

With the administrative restructuring of Indiana University by the Board of Trustees in January 2006, IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz acquired additional responsibilities as executive vice president of the university. This has created an opportunity for an assistant executive vice president to work with the EVP to manage the academic program processes for IUPUI and the regional campuses.

The assistant executive vice president will report to the EVP and will support the interactions of the EVP with the Indiana Commission on Higher Education, coordinate the activities of the Academic Leadership Council of the university, and serve as liaison to the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs and University Policies Committee.

The Assistant Executive vice president position is a two-year (12-month, .75 FTE) assignment based at IUPUI for an individual who has interest in learning more about academic administration, policy issues in higher education and Indiana University.

For detailed information, see www.iupui.edu/~aao/academicjobs/IN-EXEC06003htm.HTM.

The future of medical libraries discussion - July 24

All IUSM faculty and staff are invited to attend a presentation by Medical Library Association President Jean Shipman at 11 a.m. Monday, July 24, in the Lilly Auditorium, room 0130, at University Library.

Shipman will speak on the future of academic health sciences libraries and new roles for librarians. No registration is required. Contact Elaine Skopelja eskopelj@iupui.edu for additional information.

HPV vaccines topic of noon lecture

Kenneth Fife, MD, PhD, will provide an “Update on HPV Vaccines” during the July 25 Women’s Health Noon Lecture, sponsored by the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health. The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Lunch is provided.
Summer series conclusion – July 25

The final summer series presentations for college students who are working on the IUPUI campus and are interested in a career in medicine will be Tuesday, July 25.

Jose Espada, director of student financial services, will speak from noon until 1 p.m. in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, rooms 311 A & B. The presentation is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch.

The series is sponsored by the School of Medicine Admissions Office. For further information, call 274-3772.

Saving time, money in clinical trials topic of luncheon

How to reduce the expense and the time necessary to complete clinical trials will be discussed at a luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Indiana Venture Center, 902 N. Capitol Ave., Suite 302.

Presenting will be Arun Nataraj, PhD, MBA, director of business development for Syngene International, a wholly owned company of Biocon, (www.biocon.com), one of the largest biotech companies in Asia. Biocon is headquartered in Bangalore, India, with U.S. operations headquartered in Iselin, N.J.

The lunch is free, but space is limited so reservations are requested. Contact Linda Calis at lcalis@indianaventurecenter.org, or call 684-6700. If you have questions contact Steve Beck, president and CEO, Indiana Venture Center Inc. at 684-6810, or sbeck@indianaventurecenter.org.

Special faculty meeting called for July 26

A special IUSM faculty meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 26, in Myers Auditorium at Wishard Memorial Hospital. The program is planned for the grand rounds time most departments have on Wednesday mornings and Mitch Roob will speak on “Affordability of Health Care and the Need for New Models.” Roob is the secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

Roob is spearheading the state’s policy development for health care for lower income uninsured. The new models being considered are similar to ones recently adopted in Massachusetts. The special meeting will provide an opportunity for faculty to learn more about the administration’s plans and to provide feedback before those plans are finalized.

More information on the policy is available on the Indiana FSSA website at www.in.gov/fssa/healthcare/affordability/index.html.

Discovery Team meetings advance Relationship-Centered Care Initiative

All members of the IUSM community are invited to attend meetings of the Discovery Team (DT), a growing group of internal change agents interested in bringing relationship into all aspects of the medical school.

DT meets monthly to offer support, conduct peer coaching, share ideas and reflect on experiences or activities witnessed or attempted. New voices are welcome to DT, which currently has more than 160 members.

The Discovery Team is one of many activities resulting from the Relationship-Centered Care Initiative (RCCI), which began at IUSM in 2003. More information about this initiative is available at the RCCI web site at
IUSM has earned recognition as a national leader in the RCC movement. You have an opportunity through membership in the Discovery Team to change the future, perhaps even well beyond IUSM. At the very least, you'll find like-minded folk who want to make life even better at IUSM.

Future DT meetings will be Thursday, July 27, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 312B; Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 10:30 am to noon in Medical Science Building, room 312C, and Thursday, Sept. 21, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Medical Science Building, room 312B.

Contact Becky Reyes at 630-6987, or rreyes@regenstrief.org if you have questions about the meetings.

CORE software demonstration

A demonstration of the CORES software developed at Vanderbilt University will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 7 in the Daly Center, room 186. The Core Ordering and Reporting Enterprise Systems allows for efficient internal electronic billing within the research community, specifically directed toward core facilities billing.

More information about the CORES software is available at this web site: www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/root/vumc.php?site=CORES.

For further information about the demonstration, contact Mark Deeg, MD, PhD, chair of the Core Oversight Committee, 554-0000 or mdeeg@iupui.edu, or Lisa Dinsmore, 274-4404 or ldinsmo@iupui.edu.

Mark your calendar: Sept. 6 All-School Grand Rounds

"Pandemic Influenza – the IU School of Medicine Response" is the title of the Sept. 6 All-School Grand Rounds. The presentation will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Emerson Hall lecture hall.

Michael Olinger, MD, and his colleagues, Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, Douglas Webb, MD, and Stephen Wilson, MD, will present information about pandemic flu and give an update on the medical school's plan. All students, residents, and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Run/walk to raise money for IUSM amyloidosis research

The Fourth Annual Debbie's Dash for Amyloidosis 5K Run/Walk will be Sunday, Aug. 27, at North Central High School. The event will educate the Indianapolis community about the disease and raise money to continue amyloidosis research. The race is named after Debbie Nell, who died in 2001 of amyloidosis, a rare hereditary disease that degenerates organs by interrupting protein synthesis in the body.

The event is free but donations are appreciated. Proceeds will benefit amyloidosis research at IUSM by Merrill Benson, MD, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine. Dr. Benson in 2003 was the first recipient of the prestigious Pasteur-Weizmann/Servier International Prize in Biomedical Research for his pioneering research on protein deposits, called amyloids, and amyloidosis.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the race will start at 9 a.m. For further information, contact Lindsey Rabinowitch at (317) 722-1452, or lindseyr@cicf.org.
Last chance to volunteer at Indiana State Fair

Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to represent IUSM at the 2006 Indiana State Fair during Indiana University’s 12-day presence at the fair, Aug. 9-21.

Sound Medicine will be the focus of one of the tent displays and the other IUSM display will include information about patient treatments and research in the neurosciences, diabetes, cardiovascular, vascular and cancer specialties.

Faculty, staff and students are highly encouraged to volunteer Thursday, Aug. 10, or Sunday, Aug. 13. Two-hour shifts are available between 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. T-shirts and admission to the State Fair will be provided.

For more information or to volunteer, contact iusm@indiana.edu by Friday, July 28. Include your name, daytime phone number and preferred time slot(s).

Thefts from vehicles on rise

In the past few months, there has been a noted increase in thefts from vehicles parked in parking garages in downtown Indianapolis and on the IUPUI campus. The IUPUI Police are asking individuals with information about these or any crime at IUPUI, to contact them at 274-7911. For crime prevention tips, see www.police.iupui.edu/CrimeAlerts/ca071406.html.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 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 Ora Pecovitz, MD.

Guests will include J.D. Graham, MD, medical director of the chest pain evaluation center at St. Francis Hospital, who will discuss why a proposal of routine cardiac screenings make sense for some, but not all middle-aged Americans.

Glenn Phillips, PhD, outcome research consultant with Eli Lilly and Company, will discuss the importance of considering patients’ perspectives on being ill and receiving care.

Marci Campbell, PhD, professor in the Department of Nutrition at the University of North Carolina, will discuss how to change eating habits using computers to develop personalized nutrition education programs.

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

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