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International science fair judges needed

Volunteers are needed to judge the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Indianapolis May 7-13. This event will attract 1,500 top science and technology high school students from all 50 states and 40 countries.

Also attending the event will be parents, student advisors, 1,200 judges and a panel of Nobel Laureates. Local K-12 students will visit the exhibits on designated days. The event offers an opportunity to highlight the science and technology programs at Indiana University and IUPUI.

Frank Witzmann, PhD, professor of cellular and integrative physiology, is the medicine and health category co-chair, and he is serving as the contact person in the School of Medicine. Dr. Witzmann can be reached at 278-5741, or fwitzman@iupui.edu.

About 50 faculty from IU and IUPUI have signed up to judge. Categories cover everything from behavioral and social sciences to zoology. Judges are needed in all the categories but particularly in space science, math and microbiology.

Volunteers will be accepted as late as May 7, but Dr. Witzmann said ideally organizers would prefer to have the judging lineup completed by Saturday, April 1.

Judges must be available for one and one-half days. Organizers are seeking 1,500 judges in 14 categories (135 judges are needed for medicine and health) who can commit Tuesday, May 9, from approximately 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday, May 10.

Judges should have an MD, a PhD, or equivalent degree or they may have a master's degree and a minimum of 6 years professional experience. Individuals are asked to pick a primary category and a secondary category in which they would like to be assigned.

Information about the event and a form to volunteer as a judge can be found at www.intelisef2006.org.

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Wishard computer network conversion

This weekend, Jan. 21 and Jan. 22, Wishard IT Services will be retrying the conversion of the entire WHS network to active directory services.

Until 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, Wishard Health Services will be running an incident command room that will be staffed with extra people to take problem calls, and route engineers to problem areas for quick resolution. This "war room" will accept calls reporting technical issues from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. The special phone number for reporting technical issues and problems is 630-7001 (x7001 internal to WHS phones).

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Gunderman speaks at Medical Humanities series

"Doing Well By Doing Good" will be the topic of Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, during the seminar series presented by the Program for Medical Humanities and Health Studies, in conjunction with the IU Center for Bioethics. The presentation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 301.

Dr. Gunderman is a faculty fellow at the Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence and co-director of the Program in Medical Humanities and Health Studies at IUPUI.

His presentation will look at the purpose of a medical practice and address whether protecting one's practice and protecting the patient are mutually exclusive.

The series is open to the public, but space is limited. Call Kelly Canaday at 278-1669, or email medicalhumanities@gmail.com to reserve a seat.

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Meslin to speak at inaugural seminar

The first in a series of seminars hosted by the Office of International Affairs and the Center on Bioethics will be Friday, Feb. 3. Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics will be giving his presentation "What makes international research ethical (or unethical)?" from 1 to 2 p.m. in room 2115E of University Library.

Other speakers and topics in the series will be:

- Thursday, Feb. 23
Mike Kowolik (Dentistry), "Guatemala"
John Sidle (IU Kenya Partnership)
- Wednesday, Mar. 29
Kathleen Hall (Medicine), "Nigeria"
Mary-Beth Riner (Nursing), "Mexico"
- Friday, Apr. 21
Ulla Connor (ICIC), "International communication"
- Friday, May 5
Michael Clayman (Eli Lilly), "Research ethics and the pharmaceutical industry"

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PubMed workshop available

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library will offer a "Basics of PubMed" workshop from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, in the Medical Library, room 318-319. For more information or to register for the workshop, email kkaneshi@iupui.edu (please put PUBMED in the subject line), or call 274-1612.

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Call for entries for Medical Humanities Student Essay Award

The Medical Humanities Student Essay Award is presented to a student at IUPUI whose writing is judged to be the best on a topic in the medical humanities and health studies. This \$500 award recognizes the work of students in understanding health and medicine from the perspectives of the humanities, law and social sciences.

The competition is open to undergraduate or graduate/professional students. The deadline for entries is 4 p.m. **Tuesday, Feb. 28**. See medhumanities.iupui.edu/essay.html for details.

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Euro-Par computing papers welcomed

Euro-Par, an annual series of international conferences dedicated to parallel computing, has issued a call for papers for its 2006 conference in Dresden, Germany, Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.

Craig Stewart, IU vice president of technology and chair of high performance bioinformatics for Euro-Par 2006, said faculty using bioinformatics applications on the TeraGrid should consider submitting a paper for inclusion in this section of the conference. Information on the conference can be found at www.europar2006.de/index.php?page=1.

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HHMI accepting award applications

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is accepting applications for the Physician-Scientist Early Career Award. Deadline is **Tuesday, March 14**.

The competition is open to alumni of HHMI-NIH Research Scholars and HHMI Research Training Fellowships for Medical Students who have received an MD, PhD, DDS, MD/PhD, or equivalent degree. Proposed research projects must be in the basic, translational or applied biomedical sciences.

Additional details for the award can be found at www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/earlycareer.html. For more information, call 800-448-4882, ext 8889, or email earlycareer@hhmi.org.

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Civic Theatre production benefits Midtown mental health center

Relive the golden age of radio when the Indianapolis Civic Theatre and the Wishard Memorial Foundation present comedy routines and famous tunes at The 1940s Radio Hour at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

The performance will stage an "on air" live show at the Indianapolis Civic Theatre, 3200 Cold Spring Road, on the campus of Marian College. A portion of the proceeds from the show will be donated to the Wishard Memorial Foundation to benefit Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

Sway to the rhythm of an 11-piece orchestra and be transported back to a time when such tunes as "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "Blues in the Night" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" were heard over the airwaves. The performance will feature a 1940s studio with characters, memorable commercials, the sound effects man and "applause" signs lighting up at key moments during the show.

Tickets are \$50 for regular admission and \$75 for VIP admission, which includes a pre-show reception with a catered buffet, curtain talk with the artistic director, an opportunity to meet the cast and local radio personalities and an autograph session.

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Michelle Mills at 924-6770, ext. 217.

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Darwin Day Conference at IUPUI

The Center for Inquiry Community of Indiana is hosting a Darwin Day Conference, Saturday, March 4, in room 100 of the Lecture Hall, 325 University Boulevard. The conference, which is free to Friends of the Center, students and teachers, will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Several distinguished speakers and panelists will debate evolution/intelligent design. The program is approved for CRUs for teachers and graduate credit through IUPUI. For additional information or to register, see www.centerforinquiry.net/indy.

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Diversity Week lecture recordings online

The Diversity Week lectures from Jan. 17-20 can be found on IUSM's ANGEL server at daly.medicine.iu.edu/med. Under the heading "Information," see "IUSM Info Shares."

Health-care disparities in minority communities was the focus of the Diversity Week presentations. Speakers and their topics which are now archived online:

- "Health Care Disparities for Women"
Haywood Brown, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology
Duke University School of Medicine, Jan. 17
- "Medical Injustice"
America Baracho, MD, Los Angeles, Calif.
Latino community leader, Jan. 18
- "Access to Health Care"
Sandra Gadson, MD, president, National Medical Association, Jan. 19
- "Access to Health Care - A Patient's Perspective"
Kem Moore, HIV/AIDS activist, Jan. 20

The directory also contains the recordings of the All School Grand Rounds, including the Jan. 11 presentation of Kenneth Ludmerer, MD, on "The Coming of the Second Revolution in Medical Education."

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Taylor Symposium: The Crisis in Urban Health Care

The 17th Annual Joseph T. Taylor Symposium will be from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the University Place Conference Center. This year's topic is "The Crisis in Urban Health Care."

Registration is free. Lunch tickets are \$30, or \$25 if purchased by Jan. 31. For online registration, visit universityplace.iupui.edu, or call 274-3280.

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Street closes for hospital construction

Wishard Boulevard between West Drive and Wilson Street closed Monday, Jan. 16, to accommodate construction of the new phase of Riley Hospital. The street will remain closed until construction is completed in December 2009.

For information on other closures at IUPUI, see www.police.iupui.edu/traffic.html.

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Pathologist takes healthy cut from Hoosier Lottery

Robert Ransburg, MD, a retired IUSM professor of pathology, recently received a \$1 million check from the Hoosier Lottery.

Ransburg became the first \$1 million second-tier winner in Indiana. By participating in the Power Play option of Powerball and paying one extra dollar, Ransburg quintupled his \$200,000 Match 5 prize.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, 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 Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include David Flum, MD, MPH, of the University of Washington, who is the author of a *Journal of the American Medical Association* article on the risks associated with bariatric surgery.

Patients today are moving beyond the time when doctors made all the decisions regarding their health care and are becoming more involved in their own health-care needs. David Mechanic, PhD, professor of behavioral sciences and director of the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research at Rutgers University, will elaborate on the pros and cons of this trend.

Frank Farley, PhD, a psychologist and professor of educational psychology at Temple University, will talk about his studies of natural risk takers, people with "type T" – or thrill-seeking - personalities.

Sound Medicine co-host David Crabb, MD, will be sitting in the guest seat this week to explain the meaning of the medical term "differential diagnosis."

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

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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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- e-mail the information to 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:

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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)

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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