Biennial Dean's Scientific Sessions/Grand Rounds – Sept. 13

Scientific Session 2006 will begin at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, with IUSM Dean Craig Brater welcoming guests at the Myers Auditorium, Wishard Memorial Hospital. Speakers will include D. Wade Clapp, MD, who will present “Identifying Molecular Targets in the Tumor Microenvironment as a Strategy to Develop Therapies for Plexiform Neurofibromas.” Dr. Clapp is the Frieda and Albrecht Kipp Professor of Pediatrics and professor of microbiology and immunology at IUSM.

The second presentation, “Gycomic and Glycoproteomic Measurements in Health and Disease,” will be made by Milos Novotny, PhD. He is an IU Distinguished Professor, the Lilly Chemistry Alumni Professor, and director of the National Center for Glycomics and Glycoproteomics at IU-Bloomington.

From 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. a poster session will be in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium. Anyone wishing to submit a poster for the poster session can submit online at www.medlib.iupui.edu/faculty/scs2006/. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6.

Scientific Sessions 2006 organizers note that two abstracts were submitted without author information. Those who have submitted abstracts are asked to resubmit their abstract if they did not include author information.

NIH updates policies for Kirschstein National Research Service Awards

The National Institutes of Health has announced a change in policy for funding of tuition, fees, and health insurance costs associated with Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards (NRSA). The new policy applies to new and competing-continuation (renewal) NRSA institutional research training grants (T32, T34, T35, and the NRSA component of T90), competing individual fellowships (F30, F31, F32, and F33), and all other grant mechanisms that utilize NRSA authority, awarded beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2007. It also applies to the non-competing continuation years of institutional research training grants that received competing awards in FY 2006. For this cohort, the FY2007
non-competing awards will be issued recalculating budget categories to reflect this new policy.


**Biomedical Entrepreneur Network meeting Sept. 12**

"The State of Entrepreneurship in Indiana" will be the topic when the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network kicks off its Fall 2006 series on Tuesday, Sept. 12, featuring Jim Pearson, president and CEO of Suros Surgical Systems.

As president & CEO of Suros Surgical Systems, Inc., Pearson has positioned the company to a leading market presence in vacuum assisted breast biopsy systems. He continues to work closely with Suros engineers in assessing and strengthening surgical platform technologies that enable the company to meet a diverse patient population and respond to physician needs for clinically advanced tissue excision capabilities.

The program will be moderated by Jack Pincus, vice president of technology transfer for Indiana University Research and Technology Corp.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Ruth Lilly Learning Center auditorium at the Riley Outpatient Center, Riley Hospital for Children. The program is free, but registration is required 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.

**Mock residency interviews need faculty assistance**

Faculty volunteers are needed for mock videotaped interviews arranged by the Medical Student Affairs Office for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Students who have participated have been extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to practice and to hear valuable feedback from faculty interviewers.

Faculty and house staff familiar with the residency interviewing process are sought to conduct and critique the interviews. About 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; the OSCE Center has the facilities to run 15 concurrent interviews. Volunteers would need to commit at least 2 hours during which they would conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student’s performance.

Faculty from all disciplines are needed, but no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be interviewing students interested in his or her specialty.

Tentative dates for the mock interviews are 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, Sept. 28, and 1 to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 18. Interviews will be held at the Clinical Skills Education Center at Methodist Hospital (OSCE Center).

As soon as faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year students will be invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be required to submit residency application materials to MSA. Those materials will be forwarded, along with transcripts, to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty and house staff interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Carlene Webb-Burton at cwebbbur@iupui.edu, or 274-7173.
Clarian blood drives set for Sept. 15

Blood donors are needed for next Clarian blood drive on Friday, Sept. 15 at Methodist Hospital and at IUSM. Donations can be made at Wile Hall, room 320, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and at the Indiana Cancer Pavilion, room 102, between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A free mini physical and Clarian logo item will be provided to all donors.

John Shaw Billings Society lecture season begins Sept. 18

Bryan Hanson, Ph.D., the former Percy Levon Julian Professor of Chemistry at DePauw University and currently the chair of the chemistry department, will speak at the Sept. 18 meeting of the John Shaw Billings Society at 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Medical History Museum.

In addition to instructing chemistry and biochemistry classes, Dr. Hanson teaches a class for non-science students, “Medicinal Plants for Poets,” in which he instills chemistry principles through the medium of medicinal flora. In addition, Dr. Hanson authored a book, Understanding Medicinal Plants: Their Chemistry and Therapeutic Action, and collaborated on an article exploring the historic use of medicinal herbs in southern Indiana. A product of his research is the talk for the Sept. 18 meeting, “The Materia Medica of Dr. William D. Hutchings of Madison, Indiana.” The museum is located at 3045 West Vermont St., Indianapolis.

For more information contact the museum at (317) 635-7329 or wheeler@imhm.org

Fong to lecture on challenges, opportunities in academia and biotech industry Sept. 26

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology Seminar Series is sponsoring a lecture by former department graduate student, Kenneth Fong, PhD, now a member of the board of trustees of California State University, president of Kenson Ventures, LLC, and founder and CEO of Clontech Laboratories.

Dr. Fong will discuss “Opportunities and Challenges in Academia vs. the Biotech Industry” at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B26.

His talk will be preceded by a 3 p.m. reception in the Morris Mills Atrium of the Medical Science Building.

Spirituality and poetry: An evening of conversation Sept. 12

Authors Wayne Muller and Mark Nepo will provide an evening of thought-provoking entertainment Tuesday, Sept. 12, at the Hulman Riverhouse at White River Gardens, Indianapolis Zoo.

A reading and conversation will begin with a reception at 7 p.m. The readings begin at 7:30. The event is free and reservations are not requested.

Muller is founder of Bread for the Journey International and the author of several best-selling books, including his latest Learning to Pray: How We Find Heaven on Earth. Nepo is a poet and philosopher who has taught in the fields of poetry and spirituality for more than 30 years. His most recent work is The Exquisite Risk. More information on his work can be found at www.MarkNepo.com.
IUSM faculty, staff can help bring life sciences conferences to Indianapolis

The Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association is asking the faculty and staff of the IU School of Medicine to help the ICVA land the conferences and meetings that will help build our life sciences community. The ICVA provides a free service to assist local and national planners in securing hotel and program space for meetings and conventions.

If you are a member, sit on a committee or serve on a board of a medical association, encourage the association to meet in Indianapolis and to contact the ICVA. Help us get in the door, be placed on the consideration list and forge the relationships that can bring those meetings and conventions here.

Recent successes include the Association for Vascular Access and the Renal Physician's Fellows meeting, both of which come in September of this year. We also will welcome the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation in June 2008 and the Society for Free Radical Biology in Medicine in November 2008. With the Indiana Convention Center expansion and more hotel space coming on line, the ICVA can assists groups from 50 to 65,000.

For more information contact Jeanna Bates, national sales manager, at jbates@indianapolis.org or (317) 684-2476.

Honors

Wilma Griffin, curriculum development specialist in the Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, retired after 15 years of service to Indiana University School of Medicine and was awarded the "Distinguished Hoosier" award, signed by Gov. Mitch Daniels, in recognition of her countless contributions to Indiana University. A reception was held on July 14 in her honor. She was also the recipient of the Indiana Department of Education's "Bell Ringer" award from Superintendent Suellen Reed, PhD, in recognition of her years of service in secondary education at Center Grove High School and Pike High School.

Linda K. Hankins, former associate director of Riley Hospital for Children's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department recently was named the recipient of the Roberta West Nicholson Child Advocacy Award for 2006. Hankins, who retired from the department in March after 19 years of service, was selected by the Children's Bureau Inc. board of directors for her perseverance in advocacy for health care and legislation on behalf of all children, including children with disabilities and special needs.

Dean Maglinte, MD, professor of radiology, was presented the Richard H. Marshak International Lecturer award at the 35th Annual Meeting of the Society of Gastrointestinal Radiologists held in conjunction with the European Society of Gastrointestinal and Abdominal Radiologists in Crete, June 23. He also served on the faculty of the combined SGR/ESGAR meeting and presented a lecture at the plenary session, "The Challenge To Fluoroscopy in Small Bowel Imaging in the 21st Century," on June 19 and a workshop, "Multislice CT Enteroclysis," on June 20. He received the Gold Medal Award from the Indiana Radiology Society in May 2006.

James A. McAteer, PhD, professor of anatomy & cell biology, has been elected into the Fellowship of the Acoustical Society of America. This honor is reserved only for those who have rendered conspicuous service or made notable contributions to the advancement or diffusion of the knowledge of acoustics or the fostering of its practical application.

Sharon M. Moe, MD, professor of medicine, will be honored Sept. 30 at the 2006 National Kidney Foundation of Indiana's Indianapolis gala fundraiser at the Indiana Roof Ball Room for her numerous professional advancements in the field of nephrology.

Peter Nalin, MD, associate professor of clinical family medicine and associate dean for graduate medical education, was chosen as the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) 2006 recipient of the A. Alan Fischer Award. The A. Alan Fischer Award was established in 1984 and designed to "recognize members who in the opinion of the board of directors of the IAFP have made outstanding contributions to education for family medicine, in undergraduate,
graduate and continuing education spheres.” The award was named in honor of Dr. Alan Fischer, a long-time member of the IAFP who established the Department of Family Medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine and the Indiana University Family Practice Residency Program.

Karen Stroup, Linda Hankins, and Jennifer Swartz of Riley Hospital for Children's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department received an award of merit at the 2006 EPIC Awards luncheon, sponsored by the Indianapolis Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, for their development of a brochure titled "Special Children Need Special Care," which outlines a comprehensive view of safety and care for children with disabilities or special health care needs. Swartz also received an award of merit for her development of the "Safe at Home Activity Book," a piece designed to help families learn together about home safety. Both publications are part of a series of education materials representing Riley Hospital’s commitment to child safety.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, 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 Pescovitz, MD.

Host Barbara Lewis and David Crabb, MD, talk with Stephen Jay, MD, chairman of the Department of Public Health at Indiana University School of Medicine about how well prepared Indiana’s health care system is for the possible outbreak of an avian flu pandemic.

On Sound Ethics Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center of Bioethics, talks with Barbara Lewis and Ora Pescovitz, MD, about whether prisoners should be accepted as subjects in clinical trials. This practice fell out of favor in the 1970’s, but now the National Academy of Sciences is suggesting it may not be such a bad idea.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at http://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 the new Scientific Calendar website. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar.

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