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Xu named Hulman-George Professor

Yan Xu, PhD, has been named the first Hulman-George Family Professor of Gynecologic Cancer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, pending approval by the IU trustees. She previously was an associate professor in the Department of Molecular Medicine at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. She also was an associate staff member of molecular biology, cell biology and biochemistry in the Departments of Cancer Biology and Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Her primary research interest is lipidomics, a new area of research that looks at lipids in the same way genomics studies genes or proteomics researches proteins. Dr. Xu's research focuses on lipids as markers for ovarian cancer either for diagnostic purposes or to monitor the status of disease. She also is researching lipid molecules for signaling between cells or within cells to determine the role they play in the growth of malignant tumors.

The Hulman-George Family Chair in Gynecologic Cancer was established in 2004 when the original Mary Fendrich Hulman Chair Fund was divided to create an additional endowment. The fund initially was established in 1990 by Mari Hulman George in honor of her mother.

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T. K. Li to present Mark Brothers Lecture

Former IUSM Associate Dean for Research Ting-Kai Li, MD, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, returns to IUSM on Feb. 23 and 24 as the Mark Brothers Lecturer.

The Mark Brothers Lectureship was endowed by Dr. and Mrs. Guey C. Mark to honor Dr. Mark's elder brothers. The award recognizes internationally renowned medical scientists of Asian descent, bringing them to the campus to interact with faculty and students.

Dr. Li's research-oriented presentation entitled "Animal Models in Alcohol Research: What Are We Modeling?" will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in the first-floor auditorium of the IU Cancer Research Institute.

At 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, Dr. Li's clinically-oriented presentation, "Alcoholism: Understanding the Developmental Trajectory and Recovery," will be in the same auditorium.

Dr. Li was a faculty member in the IU Department of Medicine with joint appointments in biochemistry and psychiatry from 1971 to 2002, when he resigned to join the NIAAA.

Dr. Li, who was the first associate dean for research at IUSM, received the highest academic honor bestowed by the university when he was named a Distinguished Professor in 1985. His accomplishments again were recognized when, in 1999, he was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Throughout his career, Dr. Li has been an international leader in scientific advances that have transformed both the way alcoholism as a disease is understood and the means of understanding alcohol's effects on the body and the brain.

For questions about the lectures, contact Janice Walther, IUSM Dean's Office, at 278-3048, or by e-mail at jkwalthe@iupui.edu.

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Event to support Kenya Medical Scholarship endowment

Faculty Women will launch the Kenya Medical Scholarship endowment fund on Wednesday, March 8, with an international celebration. The event will take place in the Herron School of Art galleries from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join the fellowship, enjoy fine art and a selection of international wines and hearty appetizers while supporting students interested in making a difference. Herron galleries will be open and those in attendance will be able to participate in a silent auction of American artists' works to support Imani Workshops, an economic development arm of the IUSM AMPATH program in Eldoret. Imani crafts also will be available for purchase.

Reservations can be made by mailing a check, made out to Faculty Women's Club, to Mary Cook, 312 W. North St., Indianapolis 46202, or call 636-0138. The cost is \$40 per person and the deadline is Wednesday, March 1.

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Hoosier Oncology Group to move to IUETC

The Hoosier Oncology Group LLC, a Walther Cancer Institute subsidiary, is moving its offices to the Indiana University Emerging Technologies Center.

HOG, is a non-profit, contract research organization comprising 400 cancer physicians, researchers and nurses in the greater Midwest region. It was founded in 1985 by IU Cancer Center faculty and Indianapolis-area oncologists who desired to increase cancer patients' access to clinical trials.

"Moving into the IUETC will allow us to establish relationships with new strategic partners as we position our organization to better service our customers and develop new business," said HOG Chairman Christopher Sweeney,

MBBS. "At the same time, we are grateful to the Walther Cancer Institute as this move furthers the Walther mission of enhancing collaborations." Dr. Sweeney, who is an assistant professor of medicine at the IU Cancer Center, said the move is a logistical step that will allow HOG to increase its support of cancer research across the IU, Purdue and Notre Dame campuses as well as further our role in the life sciences efforts throughout Indiana.

"The Hoosier Oncology Group is a key alliance for Clarian Health Partners and the IU School of Medicine, as it has a strong track record of managing cancer clinical trials," said IUETC President and CEO Mark Long. "HOG fits the life sciences profile of a start-up company involved in a high-growth sector."

On March 1, the IUETC will celebrate its third birthday. This weekend, Long will discuss the anniversary, HOG's arrival and other successes on Gerry Dick's "Inside Indiana Business" (WFYI TV 20, 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, or WTHR Channel 13, 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12).

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NIH policies on multiple PI's and electronic application submissions

The National Institutes of Health recently announced two policy decisions affecting investigators, one allowing multiple principal investigators on research awards, and the second delaying implementation of electronic submission of R01 awards.

The NIH will begin to implement a Federal-wide policy to formally allow more than one principal investigator (PI) on individual research awards this year. This presents a new opportunity for investigators seeking support for projects or activities that clearly require a "team science" approach and which do not fit the single-PI model. The multiple-PI model is intended to supplement, and not to replace, the traditional single PI model. The NIH will make the multiple-PI option available for applications submitted in response to a selected group of Requests for Applications (RFAs) and Program Announcements (PAs) with May-June 2006 receipt dates. It is expected that the multiple-PI option will become available for most investigator-initiated research grant mechanisms submitted for January 2007 and later application receipt dates. The detailed announcement can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-036.html>.

The electronic submission announcement follows the agency's Aug. 19, 2005 announcement of plans to: 1) transition from the PHS398 application to the SF424 Research and Related (R&R) application; and 2) simultaneously transition to electronic submission of grant applications via www.grants.gov.

After input and analysis, NIH has adjusted the implementation timeline for electronic application submission to provide an additional four months (one submission round) before the transition of the NIH traditional research grant (R01) mechanism and all subsequent mechanisms (see the updated timeline at http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/files/Electronic_receipt_timeline_Ext.pdf). The transition date for the U01s, NIH's Research Cooperative Agreements, has also shifted to allow this mechanism to transition with the other complex research mechanisms in October 2007.

The detailed announcement can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-06-035.html>.

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Quarterly breakfasts to bring together faculty, venture capitalists

The IU School of Medicine and Indiana University Research and Technology Corp. (IURTC) will host quarterly breakfasts for faculty and venture capitalists. The breakfasts will provide an informal setting for faculty to get to know investors and to discuss their invention ideas for businesses. Entrepreneurs also will be invited to share their startup experiences.

The first breakfast will be in the Ice Miller Room at IURTC, 351 W. 10th St., at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 13. Two representatives of Indianapolis venture capital firms, and Mark Carney, CEO of Andara Life Science, and Chad Barden, president and CEO of Quadraspec, will attend. RSVP to Jennifer Matlik at jmatlik@iu.edu by **Wednesday March 8**.

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Students, Lockefield Village residents to celebrate Valentine's Day

Residents of Lockefield Village will be treated to fresh flowers and entertained with karaoke Saturday, Feb. 11, when the Office of Medical Service Learning's Project Joy and the Geriatric Student Interest Group host a Valentine's event for seniors.

Medical students are asked to meet in the atrium of the Van Nuys Medical Science Building at 12:30 p.m. for refreshments before proceeding to Lockefield Village. Students interested are asked to respond by email to Lilian Azih at lazih@iupui.edu, or Kofo Dabiri at kdabiri@iupui.edu.

Project Joy offers medical students an opportunity to plan and lead monthly interactive projects with geriatric patients at Lockefield Village Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, just north of the Wishard Primary Care building. Monthly projects include "Adopt a Resident," visits with pets, bingo and talent shows. Participants also meet with Lockefield Village staff, therapists, and physicians.

The Office of Medical Service-Learning promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through 15 innovative service-learning experiences for medical students. Service-learning refers to organized volunteer service activities which further the education objectives of IUSM competencies. OMSL is directed by Patricia Keener, MD.

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AAMC's MedEdPORTAL now available

The AAMC is asking its constituents to "beta test" the new MedEdPORTAL searchable database, an online resource through which faculty can publish, share and discover peer-reviewed educational materials. There are currently more than 250 indexed and discoverable resources (including 100 "virtual patient" applications) available in MedEdPORTAL.

The resource offers a customized home page called MyMedEdPORTAL that allows users to track their submissions and discover recently published items in their area of interest. It also features a web-based submission process that allows faculty to submit their educational work for consideration by the peer-reviewers.

After reviewing MedEdPORTAL at www.aamc.org/mededportal, constituents may send comments and suggestions to mededportal@aamc.org. Medical educators are encouraged to submit their high-quality teaching materials to MedEdPORTAL in order to enhance the collection.

For additional information, contact Chris Candler, MD, AAMC Division of Medical Education, at ccandler@aamc.org, or Robby Reynolds, AAMC Division of Medical Education, at rreynolds@aamc.org.

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AAMC releases report on faculty salaries

The AAMC's "Report on Medical School Faculty Salaries, 2004-2005" is now available at www.aamc.org/publications. This is the AAMC's 41st review of full-time faculty compensation. The report presents the total compensation attributable to teaching, patient care or research for more than 80,000 full-time medical school faculty. The report uses fiscal year 2005 data from all 125 U.S. medical schools and covers all sources of compensation: fixed/base

salary, medical practice supplement, bonus/incentive pay, and uncontrolled outside earnings.

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Faculty Teaching Award nominations sought

In 1992, IUSM inaugurated an annual recognition of superior teaching by its faculty. The purpose of the Faculty Teaching Award is to highlight the importance of teaching within the school as well as to recognize those who have excelled in this responsibility. The award is presented at the spring Faculty Meeting.

All full-time faculty and librarians within the statewide system for Medical Education are eligible. Nomination of previous recipients of university or campus teaching awards is discouraged. Serious consideration will be given not only to faculty who teach in the traditional lecture setting but also to faculty who excel as leaders of small groups.

To allow time for the Committee on Faculty Teaching Awards time to consider nominees and make final selections, materials should be sent to Sandra Herrin, Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs (MECA) at EF 200, 714 N. Senate Avenue, Suite 200 Indianapolis, IN 46202-3297 on or before Friday, April 7.

For additional information, see meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/FTAC2006.htm.

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Trustee Teaching Awards call for nominees

Each year the Indiana University trustees recognize excellence in teaching through a program known as the Trustee Teaching Awards. Recipients of this prestigious award receive a stipend, have their names displayed on a plaque, and are recognized at award ceremonies at IUSM and at IUPUI. In addition, the IUSM award recipients are recognized at the medical school commencement in May.

This year the criterion of excellence in teaching is the primary factor for selection. It is anticipated that 37 outstanding IUSM teachers will receive the award.

The awards committee needs help identifying IUSM's best teachers. Self-nominations are not accepted but faculty, residents and students may submit names to meca@iupui.edu by Tuesday, Feb. 28. When submitting a nomination, include your university status (student, resident/fellow or faculty) and include the nominee's department.

For additional information, see meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/TTA.htm.

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IUCC launches new web site

The Indiana University Cancer Center has launched a new web site at cancer.iu.edu. The renovation of the IU Cancer Center web site has been guided by research to achieve a more user-friendly design. The site also features expanded patient and news sections.

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Get inspired -- see early talents of the next generation

The 2006 INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) is coming to the Indianapolis Convention Center

May 7-13. These 1,400 finalists are talented high school students representing 40 countries, regions and territories. They have created engineering, science and technology projects which will be judged during the event.

ISEF needs 1,500 professionals to judge entries in the 14 scientific categories. To qualify, judges must have a PhD, MD, DO or DDS, or six years related professional experience beyond a bachelor's of arts or science or master's degree. Judges for the areas of medicine and health are particularly needed.

Judging is Tuesday afternoon and evening, May 9, and all day and evening on Wednesday, May 10. Meals will be provided and a judges' reception will be held on Wednesday evening.

Judge candidates may sign up at www.intelisef2006.org. Click on the link to "Judges," select "Categories," and then choose "Medicine and Health Sciences." For more information, visit www.sciser.org/isef.

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Hoosiers for Higher Education annual Statehouse visit

Hoosiers for Higher Education will make their 15th annual Statehouse visit to raise public awareness about the importance of higher education for Indiana's future Tuesday, Feb. 21. This year's visit will take place in the rotunda of the Indiana Statehouse with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. and a legislative briefing at 2 p.m.

IU football head coach Terry Hooppner will be the guest speaker. After a visit with legislators, there will be a legislative reception at the Indiana Roof Ballroom with IU President Adam Herbert. The annual Welsh-Bowen Award will be presented along with a new HHE Volunteer of the Year Award.

Sign up by visiting www.gov.indiana.edu/hhe.

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Class offers tips on conducting electronic research

Researchers and staff who use the Medical Library and Internet electronic medical resources may be interested in the 2-hour, hands-on class, Locating and Using Electronic Resources. It covers the publishing process and presents tips on using databases and other virtual information.

Class time is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, in room 318 of the Medical Library.

For more information or to register, call or email Elaine Skopelja at 274-8358, or eskopelj@iupui.edu.

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Conference on Healthy Living - Feb. 22

The second annual Indiana University Conference on Healthy Living, sponsored by several schools on the IUPUI campus, IU alumni and the Indiana Department of Health, will be Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Indiana Government Conference Center, South auditorium, 302 W. Washington St.

Speakers will discuss obesity, cardiovascular fitness, diabetes, recreation and leisure and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Keynote speaker Lloyd Kolbe's lecture, "Obesity: The Perfect Storm," addresses one of America's most serious epidemics and its potential dangers not only to our body, but our economy.

The event is open to the public and costs \$25 for members of the IU Alumni Association and \$40 for nonmembers. This day long conference includes a buffet lunch. For a complete schedule of events or to register online, visit

www.alumni.iupui.edu or call 274-5060, toll free at (866) 267-3104. Registration is due Wednesday, Feb. 15.

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International research ethics topic of seminar

The second in a series of seminars hosted by the Office of International Affairs and the Center on Bioethics will be Thursday, Feb. 23, with Mike Kowolik, PhD, School of Dentistry, and John Sidle, MD, (IU-Kenya Partnership) speaking on "International Research Ethics: Guatemala and Kenya." The presentation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. in room 2115E of University Library.

Other speakers and topics in the series will be:

- Wednesday, March 29
Kathleen Hall (Medicine), "Nigeria"
Mary-Beth Riner (Nursing), "Mexico"
- Friday, April 21
Ulla Connor (ICIC), "International communication"
- Friday, May 5
Michael Clayman (Eli Lilly), "Research ethics and the pharmaceutical industry"

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Levinson to present Pfizer lecture in Clear Health Communication

Wendy Levinson, MD, will present "Disclosing Medical Error: A Challenge for Physicians" at noon, Friday March 3, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Dr. Levinson's research on malpractice and the outcomes of disclosure will be highlighted during this presentation. Dr. Levinson is a professor of medicine and chairman of the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and former president of the Society of General Internal Medicine. She is visiting Indianapolis as part of a Pfizer Visiting Professorship Grant in Clear Health Communication. Her research encompasses predicting communication links to malpractice, faculty development and organizational change.

This presentation is open to the public and admission is free.

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Special Care Sitter trains teens to care for children with special needs

Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department will host its first Special Care Sitter training session on March 18. Special Care Sitter is a class designed to teach skills necessary for babysitting for a child with a disability.

Special Care Sitter is open to teenagers ages 13-16 who have successfully completed a babysitting course which teaches basic life-saving techniques, first aid, rescue breathing, emergency care for the choking child, and basic child development. Teens learn disability awareness, an introduction to medical and adaptive equipment, information on different disabilities, communication techniques, and techniques in adapting activities for children with different types of disabilities.

After successfully completing the Special Care Sitter class, participants must complete a 4-hour internship program, such as babysitting during a support group meeting, special Mother's Day Out program, Parents Night Out program, church services, conferences or other events at which children with disabilities are present. A certificate of completion is awarded following the class and internship.

For more information or to register, call Christina Rogers, Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department, at 317-278-7621 or toll-free 1-888-365-2022. Or email cmrogers@iupui.edu.

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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.

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Evening of the Arts showcases student talent

The 2005 Evening of the Arts will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the University Conference Center auditorium. The annual Evening of the Arts showcases students' music, dance and acting talents. Medical faculty, residents and staff also will perform.

Proceeds from the event are used to purchase medical equipment and supplies for Indianapolis-area homeless clinics. IUSM students and residents often volunteer their time to help provide patient care as part of the school's Health and Homelessness Project.

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 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-hosts of this week's program are David Crabb, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include Stuart Spechler, MD, chief of the division of gastroenterology at the Dallas VA Medical Center, who will explain how occasional heartburn can lead to a condition called Barrett's esophagus and a higher risk of esophageal cancer. Dr. Spechler is an expert on the condition.

Mike Murphy, MD, discusses his research on stem cell treatment for peripheral vascular disease or PVD. Dr. Murphy is an assistant professor of surgery at the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine.

Co-host David Crabb, MD, will shift to the guest seat to discuss common medical terminology.

Patient and physician relationships were the topic of an article in a recent issue of the journal, Family Practice Management of the American Academy of Family Physicians. The author of this article, Deanna Willis, MD, will discuss what to do when the doctor/patient relationship is no longer benefiting either party. Dr. Willis is the medical director of quality and medical management for the IU Medical Group in Indianapolis

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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Scope wants your news items.

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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:

- acronyms
- 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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