SUVON service to be discontinued

The Indiana Higher Education Telecommunications System plans to retire its State University Voice Operated Network (SUVON) service, effective May 31.

SUVON is a private network that provides long distance calling to faculty and staff at more than 75 universities, colleges and K-12 institutions across Indiana at no charge to the caller. All fees associated with Indiana University's use of the SUVON network are currently funded by University Information Technology Services.

Traditionally, to access SUVON on the IUB or IUPUI campus you would dial 16 plus the area code and seven digit telephone number. Additionally, at the IUB campus, direct dialed calls (9+1+area code+number) are routed via SUVON, when possible, to avoid unnecessary long distance charges.
The IHETS decision to terminate this service will result in a shift in how calls are routed and billed within IU's telephone system. Starting June 1, all calls that previously used SUVON will be routed via IU's long distance provider, meaning that long distance charges will apply to calls previously carried on the SUVON network.

In an effort to minimize the impact to departmental budgets, UITS is planning two courses of action that will take effect on June 1:

1. All calls made from the IUB or IUPUI campus to any other IU campus will be free of charge. The dial plan will require 10 digit dialing (9+1+area code+ number) and an authorization code, but all calls will be billed at a $0.00 rate.

2. All domestic long distance calls (in state and out of state) will be billed at a reduced rate of $0.07 per minute for the first 60 seconds of the call and in 15 second increments thereafter. July 1, billing statements will reflect this rate reduction and incremental billing change.

To help you plan for SUVON's discontinuation, UITS will provide a summary of your unit's past eight to 12 months of SUVON calls, estimating the costs for those calls at the new reduced long distance rates. To obtain this report, contact commreq@iu.edu.

For more information, call UITS Telephone Services Customer Service:

   IUB – (812) 856-2287  
   IUPUI – (317) 274-3004

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**IUPUI Staff Council blood drive a success**

IUPUI Staff Council “Spring into Life” blood drive provided 175 units to the Indiana Blood Center, which is about one-third of the daily amount distributed by the center to 60 Indiana hospitals.

This is the third collection sponsored by the council. Four mobile units were located on the IUPUI campus and one unit was at the Safeco Building to collect blood donations from IUPUI employees and students.

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**Call for abstracts for Cancer Research Day**

Cancer researchers in Indiana are invited to submit research abstracts for the annual Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center Cancer Research Day on May 7.

Students, fellows, and faculty conducting cancer research at IUPUI, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University, and the Walther Cancer Research Center at the University of Notre Dame are invited to present their current cancer research efforts at this year's event.

Cancer Research Day, led by James Klaunig, PhD, encourages collaboration among the cancer research institutions in the state.
Abstracts should be submitted electronically by **Wednesday, April 30**, for basic science, translational/clinical, or population science categories at cancer.iu.edu/intranet/CRD/. Individual laboratories may submit multiple abstracts; if space becomes limited, each laboratory will be asked to identify representative posters.

The scientific poster session is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the atrium of the VanNuys Medical Science Building. Cash awards for best posters by graduate students and by post-doctoral/medical fellows in all three research categories will be selected by a review board.

Michael J. Birrer, MD, of the National Cancer Institute will deliver the keynote address from 3 to 4 p.m. in room 101 of the IU Cancer Research Institute. He is with the NCI's cell and cancer biology branch and director of the Molecular Mechanisms Section.

For more information about Cancer Research Day, contact Dr. Klaunig at jklauni@iupui.edu.

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**Donate blood for breast cancer research at Komen race**

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tissue Bank at the IU Simon Cancer Center will collect blood samples from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 19th, in Military Park during this year's Komen Indianapolis Race for the Cure. Two tents in the southwest corner of the park will be used by tissue bank volunteers to collect a small blood sample from volunteer donors.

In the first tent, participants will fill out a consent form and a questionnaire that focuses on medical history. The form and questionnaire will take 20 to 30 minutes to complete. Donors are encouraged to bring a list of medications they currently are taking. In the second tent, participants will have two tablespoons of blood drawn, which will take about 10 minutes.

To participate in the blood draw, individuals must be female and at least 18 years old.

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**NIH expands career development awards**

The National Institutes of Health has released a notice revising and expanding the policy concerning concurrent support for career development awards and research grants.

The notice states that "currently mentored K award recipients in the last two years of their support period are permitted to reduce the level of effort required for the K award and replace that effort with the effort on an NIH research grant or subproject provided that they remain in a mentored situation." The policy change "expands eligible grants to include research grants obtained from any federal agency, clarifies when the research grant may be obtained relative to the years remaining on the K award, and clarifies that status as a PI on a multiple PI award also confers eligibility."

Faculty letters sought for GHHS nominations

The IUSM chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society is accepting letters of recommendation for class of 2009 students who have shown exceptional interpersonal skills with colleagues, faculty and patients and have shown a caring approach to the practice of medicine (including service to the community).

Last year 29 students were inducted into the GHHS; 18 of these students had a letter of recommendation from at least one faculty. Peer and faculty nominations are an important part of the GHHS selection process, as well as the student's academic standing and personal essay. Letters of recommendation for current third-year students should briefly describe the student's performance and character and why you think this student should be inducted. Letters should be submitted to Angie Graves (mailto:angdgrav@iupui.edu) by Friday, May 30.

Contact James Williams, PhD, (Williams@anatomy.iupui.edu), GHHS IUSM chapter committee chair, with any questions or visit the Arnold P. Gold Foundation website at humanism-in-medicine.org/.

Call for proposals for “Cancer Stories” – a symposium

The IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI and the IU School of Medicine are sponsoring a two-day symposium on “Cancer Stories: The Impact of Narrative on a Modern Malady,” Nov. 6-8.

The symposium will be based on the premise that narratives about cancer have shaped the human and institutional response to cancer in America. Prose, poetry, performance and the visual arts constitute the range of narratives the symposium will explore. Included are both the production and reception of cancer stories by physicians, nurses, patients, artists, and advocates to explore how the cultural meaning of cancer has shaped the human and institutional response to it. "Cancer Stories" is a free symposium as one of a series of events surrounding the dedication of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Send electronic proposals for panels, workshops or roundtables, and individual papers to Judi Izuka Campbell, Medical Humanities Program, mailto:jizukac@iupui.edu, by Friday, May 16. Please observe a 1,000-word limit for panel proposals, 500 for workshops or roundtables, and 350 for individual papers. Proposals should include the title of the presentation(s) and proposers' complete contact details.

Visit medhumanities.iupui.edu/symposium_2008.htm for more information

HHMI to invest in early career scientists

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has announced a new grant program for early career scientists. Through a national competition, HHMI plans to award more than $300 million to as many as 70 early-career scientists from various biological and medical scientific disciplines.

Awardees will receive six-year, non-renewable appointments to HHMI.

Scientists must indicate their intention to submit an application by Wednesday, April 30. The deadline
for completed applications is **Tuesday, June 10**. HHMI plans a second competition in 2011.

A description of the program, an FAQ and application forms can be found at [www.hhmi.org/research/competitions/earlycareer2009/](http://www.hhmi.org/research/competitions/earlycareer2009/).

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**Quick Facts: NIH Public Access Policy**

Find out steps to take and how to be compliant in NIH applications, proposals and progress reports. Informational sessions will address the process of retaining author rights and gaining copyright permission to submit manuscripts, pertinent resources to ensure compliance, and the various ways to submit a manuscript to PubMed Central. A website, checklist, and other resources will be provided. Q&A will follow the presentation. The NIH Public Access Policy took effect Monday, April 7.

Sessions will be:

- Monday - April 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Medical Library 301/302
- Tuesday - April 22, noon-1 p.m., Medical Library 301/302
- Thursday - April 24, 3-4 p.m., Medical Library 301/302

No registration is required.

Contact Beth Whipple at [mailto:ewhipple@iupui.edu](mailto:ewhipple@iupui.edu) or 278.6179 for more information.

Co-sponsored by the Ruth Lilly Medical Library and the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs & Professional Development.

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**Imaging Sciences Educational Workshop for April 23**

The Imaging Sciences Educational Workshop lecture for Wednesday, April 23, will be presented by Chen Lin on “Whole Body MRI System and Safety.” The lecture will be from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Research II, room E101.

A clinical whole body MRI is a complex system with different components. A good knowledge of their functionalities and characteristics is necessary for the proper usage of a MRI scanner as well as the understanding of the associated biological effects and potential safety risks. This lecture explains the recommended guidelines to ensure the safety of the operator and the subject/patient undergoing an MRI exam.

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**Fairbanks Ethics Lecture April 23**

Visiting Professor Martha Montello, PhD, will present “Narrative Bioethics: How Stories Matter” on Wednesday, April 23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. The lecture is sponsored
Dr. Montello will identify how basic guidelines from the narrative model can help structure moral thinking about difficult medical ethics cases. Dr. Montello is an associate professor in the Department of History and Philosophy of Medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine where she also chairs the pediatrics ethics committee.

Lectures in the Fairbanks Ethics Series are free, open to all, and do not require pre-registration. Continuing education credit is offered to physicians, nurses, social workers, and chaplains at no charge. For additional information contact Patty Bledsoe, mailto:pbledsoe@clarian.org or 962-9260.

Stanford Faculty Development Series in Clinical Teaching

The “Stanford Faculty Development Series in Clinical Teaching,” sponsored by the IUSM Department of Medicine and the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, will be offered during the months of May & June.

The course is designed to improve clinical teaching and was developed by Drs. Kelley Skeff and Georgette Stratos at the Stanford Faculty Development Center, which was formed more than 20 years ago. The center has trained more than 120 physician facilitators nationally and internationally.

Three of the IU faculty members who have completed this training will facilitate the course for clinical teachers at IU: Glenda Westmoreland, MD, associate professor of clinical medicine; Julie Vannerson, MD and Robert Vu, MD, assistant professors of clinical medicine.

The course consists of seven, two-and-one-half hour sessions that will be held weekly. The methods promote active learning and include small group discussion, videotape review of teaching vignettes, role-play exercises and optional supplemental reading. The sessions also serve as a forum for the discussion of teaching and the exchange of ideas and strategies regarding clinical teaching. A maximum of 2.25 CME credits are offered.

The sessions will be on Thursdays, May 1-June 12, from 1-3:30 pm, the Daly Student Center, room 122A. RSVP required by Thursday, April 24, to sarareed@iupui.edu. Space is limited.

Hurley to speak as Harper Scholar’s Visiting Professor

Marja Hurley, MD, will present at the Tuesday, April 29, Edwin T. Harper Scholar's Program Visiting Professor Seminar Series, at noon in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

Dr. Hurley is an associate dean and director of the Office of Health Career Opportunity Programs at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1972 and became not only the first black woman to graduate from UConn's medical school, but also the first black woman to be a vice president at the medical school.

Following the presentation, Dr. Hurley will lunch with Harper Scholars at IUSM. The IU Department of Anatomy is hosting the event.
IUSM research grants available

The application deadline for IUSM's Biomedical Research Grant, Research Enhancement Grant, Pilot Funding for Research Use of Core Facilities, and Pilot Funding for Research Use of LARC Facilities is Thursday, May 1.

For additional information on these three programs, see adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/irf.htm.

Melanoma Monday – free skin cancer screening

The American Academy of Dermatology has designated each May as Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month. The IU Department of Dermatology will sponsor a free skin cancer screening on Monday, May 5, from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Screenings will be offered at IU Dermatology Clinic, IUPUI Health Services in Coleman Hall, and Regenstrief Dermatology Clinic. Appointments are needed. Call 630-6833 to schedule a free screening.

Marketing your research ideas – May 5

“From Mind to Market: Starting and Funding a Biotech or Life Science Business and Protecting Ideas” will be from 3 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, in room 304 of Emerson Hall. Postdocs and graduate students are invited.

Experienced professionals will provide an overview of starting a business to spin-off your laboratory creations, finding funding to launch the business, and protecting the intellectual property behind your creation. They will present some basics that should be considered by those who want to move their ideas from mind to market.

Speakers:

- Jack H. Pincus, PhD, vice president of technology transfer, IU Research and Technology Corporation
- Bob Greising, JD, partner, Krieg DeVault Attorneys at Law, LLP
- Jason Houdek, JD, associate, Krieg DeVault Attorneys at Law, LLP
- Troy Hege, MBA, project manager, BioCrossroads

RSVP at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=VjVg7eW0ygMavERiFx6mYQ_3d_3d

Biostatistics for health care providers
On May 6, 7, and 8, the Division of Biostatistics will offer a short course on basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health care literature. The course, Biostatistics for Health Care Providers will be from 1 to 5 p.m. each day and is open to faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as other interested students and staff. Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

Go to [http://www.biostat.iupui.edu/Teaching/ShortCourse](http://www.biostat.iupui.edu/Teaching/ShortCourse) for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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**Next IBEN presentation May 13**

"The Future of Healthcare: Personalized Medicine" will be the topic of the May 13 meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network.

Personalized medicine is use of information and data from a patient's genotype and/or other clinical information to stratify disease, select a medication, provide a therapy, or initiate a preventative measure that is particularly suited to that patient at the time of administration. The presentations will focus on personalized medicine for disease detection as well as to provide a therapy suited to the patient. Topics will include “Directed Immunity” and “Can Metabolic Profiling Personalize Your Healthcare?”

Speakers at the meeting, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium, will be Larry C. Blaszczyk, PhD, co-founder and chief scientific officer of Muroplex Therapeutics Inc.; David E. Seitz, MD, PhD, co-founder and chief medical officer of Muroplex and Daniel Raftery, PhD, CEO of Matrix-Bio Inc. and professor of chemistry at Purdue University. The panel will be moderated by Mike Neibler, vice president of Safis Solutions.

The event is free, but pre-registration is requested at [http://www.indianabionetwork.org/](http://www.indianabionetwork.org/).

The Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network is sponsored by Ice Miller, Indiana University Research and Technology Corporation and the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

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**Conference focuses on venture capital for life sciences**

The final event of the Kelley School of Business 2007-2008 Indiana Life Science Collaboration Conference Series will focus on the availability of venture capital in Indiana and whether that market is connecting with entrepreneurs.

The day-long conference on May 16 will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the University Place Conference Center.

Attendees will be welcomed by Gov. Mitch Daniels, and speakers will include Michael McRobbie, PhD, president of Indiana University; France Cordova, president of Purdue University; Craig Brater, MD, dean of the IU School of Medicine; Gus Watanabe, MD, chairman of BioCrossroads and Marcardia Biotech; Nate Feltman, Indiana secretary of commerce; David Johnston, president and CEO of BioCrossroads; Mary Walshok, associate vice chancellor of public programs at the University of California-San Diego; Bruce Molitoris, MD, director of the division of nephrology at IUSM; and other representatives of the, business, and venture capital communities.
Cost of the “Life Sciences is a Capital Idea” conference is $40. For complete conference details, or to register go to www.kelley.iu.edu/lifesc/

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**Public Health and Medicine Summit**

The Indiana State Department of Health will host the second Public Health and Medicine Summit on June 3-4, 2008 at the Indianapolis Adam's Mark Hotel. The Public Health and Medicine Summit brings together the Public Health Nurses Conference and the Public Health and Medicine Day.

Registration is $25 for general attendees and $15 for students. CME credit will be available. Those interested in attending may register at https://www.inpha.org/summitform.asp.

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**Canada geese – pal or pest?**

Campus Facility Services has the required permits to remove Canada geese nests on campus through the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The campus contact for this is Mike Lennis (278-2364).

Campus Facility Services also cautions against feeding the geese. While this may sound like a harmless practice, it can actually be harmful to both the geese and the people in the area. According to an Indiana Department of Natural Resources:

“End the hand-feeding of geese. Property visitors feed bread crumbs and other human food to the geese. The Canada goose’s natural diet includes seeds, plants and insects, and human food is not a healthy substitute. Hand feeding encourages the geese to stay in one place and it also causes them to grow accustomed to human interaction. Not only is this dangerous to the geese, but it could result in more aggressive and harmful behavior by the geese towards humans.”

For more information about Canada geese, see www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/link.html?,pdf/CanadaGooseFAQ.pdf.

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**This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 20, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.
This week, Chancellor's Professor Douglas Rex, MD, director of endoscopy at Indiana University Hospital, will discuss the importance of careful colonoscopy, screening for polyps and for less visible flat growths on the colon wall which are more likely to be cancerous.

Guest host Kathy Miller, MD, a breast cancer specialist at the IU Simon Cancer Center, will provide information on the latest developments in breast cancer research and the value of large scale research projects like those funded by the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure.

Thanks to advances in pediatric medicine, children with special needs are living longer than ever before. Mary Ciccarelli, MD, an associate professor of pediatrics and medicine and the associate chair for pediatric education at IUSM, will discuss how special needs children must make the transition from being cared for by a pediatrician to entering the world of adult medical care.

Author Gary Taubes will discuss his book, “Good Calories, Bad Calories.” Taubes argues that nutrition and public health research and policy have been driven by poor science; he specifically challenges the effectiveness of low-fat diets.

NPR reporter, Alix Spiegel “deconstructs” the traditional family dinner to explain its multiple health benefits.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine as well as other helpful information can be found at [http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/). Sound Medicine is underwritten by the Lilly Clinic, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group; Jeremy Shere’s “Check-Up” is underwritten by IUPUI.
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- 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.

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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)

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