Duong chosen to direct IUSM-Terre Haute

Taihung “Peter” Duong, Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy and cell biology and of pathology and laboratory medicine at the IU School of Medicine, has been named assistant dean and director of the IU School of Medicine – Terre Haute. He has served as interim director for the past 18 months, succeeding Roy Geib, PhD, who had directed the center since 1992.

Dr. Duong will lead the Terre Haute center as it expands from a two-year program to a four-year rural health medical education program designed to encourage young physicians to practice in underserved areas of the state. The Terre
Haute center also has increased its enrollment by 50 percent to help offset an anticipated shortage of doctors in Indiana and nationwide. Since the statewide medical education system was established nearly 40 years ago, the Terre Haute center, like the other seven medical education centers in the state, have taught students for the first two years of medical school before they matriculated to Indianapolis for the final two years of their education and clinical rotations. The expansion plan to increase class size and the length of programs at the various medical education centers is to be in full effect by 2012.

Dr. Duong’s research interests include the mechanisms of brain aging and associated disorders, such as Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias. In 1992, he founded the Wabash Valley Neurological Research Bank to increase the available brain tissue resources for research in Indiana. That bank has gained support from a special population, the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, who approached him offering to donate brain tissue to his research.

Among Dr. Duong’s professional honors are several for excellence in teaching from IUSM-Terre Haute, the IU School of Medicine and the IU Board of Trustees, who have presented him with the Trustees Teaching Award for six consecutive years.

Dr. Duong completed graduate and postdoctoral studies in anatomy and neuroanatomy at UCLA and taught anatomy at Santa Monica (Calif.) College before joining the IU School of Medicine faculty in 1991. He also holds joint appointments in the Department of Biology at Indiana State University and in the Department of Applied Biology and Biomedical Engineering at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

U.S. News ranks 11 Clarian hospital programs

Eleven clinical programs at Clarian Health ranked among the top 50 national programs in U.S. News & World Report’s “2008 America’s Best Hospitals Guide.”

The programs at IU and Methodist hospitals were the only Central Indiana hospitals included in the rankings and are among only 170 hospitals recognized out of the 5,453 evaluated nationwide.

Programs at the Clarian hospitals, a partner of the Indiana University School of Medicine, ranked in 11 out of 16 specialties included in the July 23 issue, up from ten rankings last year. The programs were the only ones that made the rankings for 2008.

The complete guide and rankings can be found by visiting www.usnews.com/besthospitals.

The Clarian recognized programs and their numerical rankings are:

- Gastrointestinal Disorders - 13th
- Urology - 16th
- Orthopedics - 18th
- Neurology & Neurosurgery - 24th
- Geriatric Care - 25th
- Ear, Nose and Throat - 27th
IU Simon Cancer Center opening events: dragon boat, tours

What's 43 feet long, 600 pounds, and pink?

The Indy SurviveOars dragon boat.

The dragon boat, which is sponsored by the IU Simon Cancer Center and Clarian Health, will glide up and down the downtown canal as part of opening festivities of the new $150 million patient care building of the cancer center.

The women of Indy SurviveOars -- a group of breast cancer survivors -- will launch the dragon boat near the 10th Street Bridge (just south of Buggs Temple and the HITS building) at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 25. The crew will make their way to the Ohio Street Basin near the Indiana Government Center complex. After that, the Indy SurviveOars will pick up guest paddlers who will offer brief remarks during a program at noon near the Ohio Street Basin.

Following the program, the Indy SurviveOars will make other trips from the Ohio Street Basin to the U.S.S. Indianapolis Memorial and back to the basin with other guest paddlers.

To reach the canal, pick up the free IndyGo Red Line shuttle at University Place Conference Center and Hotel. From the hotel, take the Red Line to the Indiana History Center stop and then access the canal walk.

Immediately following the dragon boat event, the public open houses of the new building begin. Open houses are 1-5 p.m. Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26. During the open houses, visitors will have the chance to enter a drawing for free Indianapolis Indians tickets for the Saturday, July 26, baseball game.

An open house for IUSM employees will be Thursday, July 24, which Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard has proclaimed as “IU Simon Cancer Center Day” in Indianapolis. Tours and refreshments will be offered that Thursday from 7:30-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 3:30-5:30 p.m. At noon, a special program with the theme of “teamwork” will take place in the new building’s lobby and a special taped message with members of the Indianapolis Colts' offensive line will be shown. Like so many people, these Colts players have been touched by cancer.)

The IU Simon Cancer Center Night at Victory Field takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 26, as the Indianapolis Indians take on the Syracuse Chiefs. Cancer survivor and soccer coach Mike Etzkorn will throw out the first pitch.

The new patient building is a partnership between the Indiana University School of Medicine and Clarian.

For more information about the open houses and the new building, visit www.cancer.iu.edu.
Help with the IUSCC celebration – volunteer Saturday

Opportunities are still available to assist with the placement of ribbon signs on the medical center campus to celebrate the grand opening of the IU Simon Cancer Center.

To volunteer, meet at the Indiana Cancer Pavilion lobby at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 19. Teams will be assembled to put the ribbon signs, similar in size and shape to political campaign yard signs, along streets leading to the new patient care building.

Volunteers are asked to dress comfortably and bring a water bottle. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Applicants sought for chair, Department of Pediatrics

Indiana University School of Medicine seeks candidates for the position of Chair, Department of Pediatrics. The department is nationally recognized with outstanding strengths in the basic and clinical sciences, and is within the top 10 departments in the nation in NIH funding. Candidates for this position should have excellent academic and clinical credentials. They must have a demonstrated ability to lead and foster a multi-faceted clinical, research, and educational program in a competitive environment. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Women and under-represented minority candidates are particularly urged to apply.

Send curriculum vitae and references to:

David W. Crabb, M.D.
Chair, Search and Screen Committee
Indiana University School of Medicine
Fesler Hall 318
1120 South Drive
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114

Applications will be reviewed as received. Indiana University is an AAEOE, M/F/D.

Applicants sought for LARC director

Indiana University School of Medicine seeks an outstanding veterinarian to serve as director of our expanding animal resources program. Candidates must have a D.V.M. or V.M.D. from an accredited school of veterinary medicine and be licensed in the United States. Certification by ACLAM is strongly desired.
Thorough knowledge of all federal, state and regulatory requirements is required. At least five years of administrative, financial and human resources management experience is desired; excellent management, oral and written communication, and interpersonal skills are required. Academic appointments and research opportunities would be available for qualified candidates.

To apply, describe in a cover letter your vision of an optimally functioning laboratory animal resource center and explain how you would manage it and promote its growth. Send the letter, your curriculum vitae and the names of references or letters of recommendation, to:

Rose S. Fife, M.D., M.P.H.  
Search and Screen Committee  
Fesler Hall 318  
1120 South Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114  

Applications will be reviewed as received. Indiana University is an AA/EOE, M/F/D.
Summer medical career seminars for undergraduates

Two seminars remain in the summer series featuring speakers knowledgeable about navigating the path to becoming a physician. The seminars and panel discussions are intended for college students who are working on the IUPUI campus and are interested in a career in medicine.

All seminars will be held in Riley Hospital Outpatient Center, Ruth Lilly Learning Center Conference Rooms A & B. The series is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Each session begins at noon and ends by 1 p.m. The final two seminars:

**Careers in Primary and Specialty Care**
Physician panel
Thursday, July 24

**Financing Medical School**
Jose Espada, director of student financial services
Thursday, July 31

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

Pediatric Grand Rounds series begins Aug. 6

The first session in the series, “Embracing Diversity: The Influence of Diverse Belief Systems on Health Care Delivery,” will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Tony Blacketer and Juan Galan will present “Jehovah’s Witnesses: Alternatives to Blood Transfusions.”

The purpose of this series is to educate health-care providers about the influence of spiritual and religious beliefs on the health care experience. The Embracing Diversity Grand Rounds aims to improve the quality and responsiveness of medical care that supports and honors the unique cultural, religious, and spiritual beliefs of each patient. The series is supported in part by a grant from the Clarian Health Values Fund for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Health Care.

This series is designed for physicians, nurses, social workers, technicians, chaplains, educators and any others who interact with families in a health-care setting.
Biases and stereotyping topic of next DiversiTea session

Leslie Ashburn-Nardo, PhD will facilitate the next DiversiTea session on the Implicit Association Test. The program will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the Riley Outpatient Center, room A.

Dr. Ashburn-Nardo is an assistant professor with the Department of Psychology at IUPUI. She joined the faculty in 2003. Her research interests include stereotyping and biases over which people have little conscious control. Specifically, she investigates the origins of such biases, the impact of stereotypes and prejudices on members of stigmatized groups, and ways in which people can become aware of and reduce their biases.

Space is limited. RSVP by Wednesday, July 30, to mlaystro@iupui.edu or 274-7217.

The Implicit Association Test (IAT) is a tool in the development of theories of implicit social cognition, a body of results that suggest that many cognitive processes that affect behavior are unconscious in nature and are inaccessible to observation by the actor (hidden biases). These implicit processes affect perception, influence behavior, and color interpretation of past events. The most prominent implicit associate tests measure bias on race, gender and age.

DiversiTea is a collaborative staff development initiative of the Dean’s Office-HR Services and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. These sessions provide an opportunity to share information, expand thoughts and understanding through informal dialogue between the presenter and IUSM staff while utilizing the universal tradition of tea drinking to recognize our similarities and celebrate our differences.

Resident, fellows career reception

The 2008 Resident and Fellowships Career Reception will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St. The reception is sponsored by IUSM and Clarian Physician Recruitment.

Explore career opportunities and meet with representatives from Clarian hospitals, physicians groups, health-care systems and fellowship programs. Admission, parking and food are free and door prizes, including an I-pod and digital cameras, will be given away.

Contact Khalisha Brooks at 962-0380, or kbrooks1@clarian.org for more information.

FEED series for Aug. 20

The IUSM Dean’s Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development will present “How to Work with Other Talented People” on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the FEED workshop from 5 to 7 p.m. on the lower level of the Riley Outpatient Center, conference rooms A and B. Christopher Callahan, MD, director of the IU Center for Aging Research, will be the guest presenter.
During this two-hour workshop, participants will:

- Understand the barriers and facilitators to collaboration
- Understand their role in making collaborations successful
- Learn about different approaches to conflict management

1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits will be awarded to attendees. Those interested in attending should e-mail Marsha Quarles at maquarle@iupui.edu or call 317-278-3089

Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) present quarterly workshops on key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine’s continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

Women’s health noon lecture series

The women’s health noon lecture originally planned for Tuesday, July 22, has been canceled. Look for the lecture series to begin at noon, Tuesday, Aug. 26, in the auditorium of the IU Cancer Research Institute. Lunch and CME/CE credit will be provided at each noon lecture.

The list of topics and speakers will be regularly updated on the IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health website at www.iupui.edu/~womenhlt. Questions about the series can be referred to the Center’s associate director Tina Darling at 278-2264 or tdarling@iupui.edu.

Market project report on IHA website

The 2007 Thomson Reuters Market Projection reports have been posted to the Indiana Hospital Association website and are available for review and download at www.ihaconnect.org/ids_data.asp

Call for nominations for 2008 Indiana Public Health Awards

Nominations for the 2008 Indiana Public Health Awards are now being accepted. The three awards, given to a deserving minority health-care provider, corporation, philanthropist or public official, will be presented at the 2008 George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Dinner. Nominees should have demonstrated a passion for meeting the health
Communities of color suffer more from diabetes, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, cancer, stroke and infant death. Research shows that minority patients prefer a caregiver of the same race or ethnicity, which results in a higher level of trust and increased patient satisfaction. In response, George H. Rawls, M.D., retired assistant dean for student affairs at IUSM has devoted limitless energy to improving the academic preparation of minority students interested in health care.

Nominations for a minority health care provider, corporation, philanthropist or public official who represents the standards promoted by Dr. Rawls are due via e-mail or postmarked by Thursday, Aug. 7.

Nominations should include:

- Name and title of nominee
- Award for which you are making a nomination: (i.e. health care provider, corporation, philanthropist, or public official)
- Brief biography (history of clinical service, if applicable)
- Length of time serving in his/her current capacity
- Describe the nominee’s contributions to the underserved health care community (including, but not limited to patient care, programmatic support or development, volunteer efforts and public policy work)
- If desired, please attach additional information, i.e., curriculum vitae, articles, etc.

Submit nominations to Ollie Hairston at ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org, or to the Wishard Foundation, 1001 West Tenth Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

The Indiana Public Health Awards will be presented at the 2008 George H. Rawls, M.D. Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 16, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

For more information regarding Dr. Rawls, the Rawls Scholarship, the Rawls Scholarship Dinner, or the Indiana Public Health Awards, contact Ollie Hairston at 630-8502, ollie.hairston@wishardfoundation.org.

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Wishard's GRACE Program receives national recognition

A program designed to improve the quality of care for low-income seniors in Indianapolis has been recognized with the distinguished Chair Award from the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (NAPH). Wishard Health Services' Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders (GRACE) Program was honored during the 2008 NAPH Safety Net Awards program at their annual conference.

The Chair Award, NAPH'S top award, recognizes an organization for exceptional work in addressing the needs of the underserved.

“We are deeply touched to receive this prestigious award in recognition of the GRACE program and how it better meets the needs of our older patients. For each member of the GRACE team, this is a great honor,” said Steven R. Counsell, MD, GRACE medical director and the Mary Elizabeth Mitchell Professor and director of geriatrics at IUSM.
Founded in 2002, GRACE was designed as a practical, innovative model of primary care where vulnerable seniors benefit from a comprehensive team approach to health care and care coordination. For five years, the GRACE study followed nearly 500 patients age 65 or older who received care at Wishard Health Services. The model developed from the study has since become an ongoing service for Wishard geriatric patients.

GRACE supports eight community-based health centers and helps provide primary care to the 6,000 adults age 65 and older who look to Wishard Health Services for their health care.

This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 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.

Barry Franklin, PhD, co-author of “Take a Load off Your Heart”, will talk about the concept of preventive cardiology, and provide diet and exercise recommendations for maintaining heart health, with Sound Medicine's David Crabb, MD.

Teresa Fung, ScD, RD, associate professor of nutrition at Simmons College, whose study looks at ways women can prevent heart disease, will discuss the DASH diet with Sound Medicine’s Ora Pescovitz, M.D.

The shingles vaccine is now recommended for adults over 60. IUSM neurologist Karen Roos, MD, will explain the importance of the vaccine.

Sound Medicine contributor Les Lovoy will visit a support group for stutterers and talk about new therapies for the condition.

In this week’s Sound Medicine Checkup, Jeremy Shere looks at “walking interventions.”

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

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 Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

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

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