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Fogarty grant to promote informatics in Kenya

A \$1.3 million grant to Indiana University from the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Center will establish the East African Center of Excellence in Health Informatics.

The new center will connect the expertise of one of the world's foremost informatics programs at IU and the Regenstrief Institute with one of the leading academic medical centers in East Africa at Moi University and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital to increase the capacity for electronic health records in one of the world's poorest regions.

For more information, see www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=1185.

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Indiana CTSI HUB part of NSF study

The Virtual Organizations as Socio-technical Systems (VOSS) team at Purdue University and the University of Michigan, funded by the National Science Foundation, is studying electronic collaborations of researchers who are geographically distributed but focused on the same intellectual challenges.

The goal of this project is to understand the degree to which websites used as science gateways, such as the nanoHUB at Purdue and the Indiana CTSI HUB, generate new intellectual capital; the technical and social features of the sites that support knowledge generation and the conditions needed to improve design choices for the expansion and creation of science gateways.

The Indiana CTSI HUB is being included in this study and IUSM faculty and staff involved with the HUB may be contacted to participate. Interviews will be conducted during the fall 2009 and spring 2010. Surveys will be distributed during late spring and summer of 2010. The Indiana CTSI encourages those contacted to work with the researchers to help answer these important questions.

More information about VOSS and this study are available from the research team led by Mike Beyerlein at Purdue, mbeyerle@purdue.edu, and by Ann Zimmerman at Michigan, asz@umich.edu.

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Kapur to direct Wells Center program

Reuben Kapur, PhD, has been named program leader for hematologic malignancies and stem cell biology in the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research effective Nov. 1

Dr. Kapur received his undergraduate degree at Washington State University and his Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at the University of Arizona. He completed his post-doctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. David Williams in the Wells Center as a Howard Hughes Scholar. He joined the pediatric faculty in the Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine as an assistant professor in 2001

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AAMC releases new data on physician workforce

This week the AAMC released the 2009 State Physician Workforce Data Book. The data book, developed by the AAMC Center for Workforce Studies, presents data and ranking by state on the physician supply, medical school enrollment, GME, and retention of physicians educated and trained. Among the report's key findings is a substantial variance in physician-to-population ratios, from 405 per 100,000 residents in Massachusetts to 174 per 100,000 in Mississippi.

For information, see aamc.org/workforce/statedatabook/statedata2009.pdf or aamc.org/workforce.

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Scope survey responses – change is coming

You spoke and Scope listened -- 527 faculty, staff or students took the time to respond to a recent survey on how the weekly e-newsletter could be more useful to you, the reader.

Of those responding:

- 52.9 percent of faculty, 53.1 percent of staff and 20.5 percent of students reported reading Scope weekly.
- 1.3 percent of faculty, 2.1 percent of staff and 17.9 percent of students never read it, but were polite enough to answer our survey questions.

Some of the comments hit home so a “new and improved” Scope format will be introduced soon. Subheads will be included to group similar items and make them easier for the reader to find. Updates on Indiana Clinic, the Dean’s Office and other areas will be included as frequently as they are available.

Many requested that Scope be sent out earlier on Fridays. Staffing shortages occasionally pose a problem on that front, but the Office of Public and Media Relations will work to address that request.

Separate issues of Scope for faculty, staff and students were suggested by some respondents. However, because many people want information in all areas, it would be impossible to segregate the issues according to “staff interests,” “faculty interest” and “student interests.”

Scope accepts story contributions from everyone at IUSM so if there is an item you don’t see and want to read about, contact the editor. Scope is a submission-driven publication, so please send in your stories, events, awards, and other items that would be of interest to your colleagues. This publication is for you – the reader – so your submissions are valued. At the end of each issue of Scope is information on how to easily submit stories.

The listservs used to distribute Scope are managed by the IUPUI Human Resources office. Because of this, we cannot remove individuals from those lists.

Since Scope was first published in a two-color paper format on June 2, 1997, there have been many changes at the IU School of Medicine, including our conversion to an e-letter.

If you wonder who gets Scope, it is distributed weekly to all IUSM students and residents, as well as 2,388 staff, 1,651 faculty, 341 staff with academic appointments and 44 external readers. Between April 1 and Nov. 17, Scope was viewed 19,000 times by faculty and staff with faculty appointments. An additional 29,725 page views were made by staff, students and residents. Unknown visitors viewed Scope on line to the tune of 3,800 page views.

Thank you for participating in our survey and for your suggestions, story submissions and readership. You have helped us improve our internal newsletter once again.

Mary Hardin
Scope editor

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MedTV update

The Office of Public and Media Relations now manages the MedTV screens on the medical school campus. This closed-circuit TV system, part of the IUPUI network, presents a wonderful opportunity for faculty, staff and students to communicate events and information of interest to others. It also serves as a source for broadcasting emergency information on campus.

The MedTVs are located in public areas of the HITS building, the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium, the Daly Center and Walther Hall.

Announcements from departments and offices are welcome. To have your department or office announcements posted on MedTV, please read the MedTV guidelines: communications.medicine.iu.edu/medtv. Questions? Phone 274-7722.

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Research Funding Update

The IU Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research offer a weekly digest containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions. Digests are sent on Wednesdays but may be sent more frequently if deadlines are urgent.

View the Research Funding Update. At us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=d9cf838be5f85c3a3221636c5&id=4fefcc795c.

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Call for proposals for teaching excellence symposium

The IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning is accepting proposals for the 2010 Edward C. Moore Symposium on Teaching Excellence. The event will take place on Thursday, March 4, at the IUPUI Campus Center.

This year the E.C. Moore Symposium brings the IUPUI campus community together to examine teaching excellence and instructional strategies employed in various disciplines to encourage student learning. What teaching strategies are IUPUI faculty employing? How can these learning opportunities be translated to other fields of study? Proposals from faculty who have won teaching awards, as well as those involving students in the presentation are encouraged.

Online proposal submissions will begin Monday, Nov. 2 and will be accepted until **Friday, Dec. 11**. Applicants will be notified in late January of their status. If you have questions, contact Jennifer Beasley at 274-1300 or jabeas1@iupui.edu.

Visit www.ecmoore.iupui.edu for more details or to submit a proposal.

This event is cosponsored by the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning, IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, University Information Technology Services, and Faculty Colloquium on Excellence in Teaching.

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Seventh annual autism conference registration open

“Transition in the Early Years: Early Screening, Identification, and Intervention in Autism Spectrum Disorders” is the 7th annual conference on autism provided by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center. The conference will be Friday, Dec. 4, at the Ritz Charles in Carmel.

This conference will provide a forum for information exchange among clinical/medical, educational and community providers and consumers. Empirically based information regarding the state of the field and best practice applications relevant to the audience and pertinent to the area of early screening and intervention in autism spectrum disorders will be discussed. All are invited to attend.

Full conference information, including an agenda, CME/CE/CRU accreditation, fees, location, and registration can be found on the IUSM Department of Psychiatry website at psychiatry.medicine.iu.edu.

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Tech commercialization workshop to support campus researchers

Researchers interested in turning research and discovery into commercially viable technologies and products are invited to attend the Dec. 17 IUPUI Innovation Workshop: Discovery to Enterprise.

The workshop will kick off a campus-wide initiative that supports researchers interested in technology commercialization —from concept to license.

The event, which will take place in the IUPUI Campus Center multi-purpose rooms (450 A, B, and C), from 8:30 a.m. to noon, is free of charge. More information and registration is available at the Solution Center web site (www.iupui.edu/~solctr/solution-center-events/iupui-innovation-workshop-discovery-to-enterprise).

The workshop will be co-sponsored by the Office for the Vice Chancellor for Research, the Solution Center, and the IU Research and Technology Corp. Those with questions should call 278-9170 or send email to solution@iupui.edu.

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Forum for advocates for children

Be an advocate for children by visiting www.childrensbureau.org/cobi now to get on the email list to be notified when registration for the 2010 Children: Our Best Investment Forum officially opens.

This year’s 12th annual forum, open to anyone who advocates for children, is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 9, at the downtown Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre. Riley Community Education and Child Advocacy at

the IUSM Department of Pediatrics is one of the presenting partners for this legislative advocacy for children forum.

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Radiology department name change

The IU Department of Radiology has changed its name to the IU Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences.

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Express shuttle provides transport from free lot

Free parking is available on the IUPUI Indiana Avenue lot. Transportation to and from campus is provided by Jags Express shuttle, which will circle through the lot every 10 minutes. To learn more about parking options, visit parking services or see www.parking.iupui.edu.

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Wishard art to be showcased at reception

Works of Hope and Healing, art inspired by Wishard Health Services, will be previewed at a reception Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Eskenazi Hall at Herron School of Art and Design. The 2009 grand prize winner, whose work will become a permanent part of the historic Wishard art collection, will be announced.

Parking tickets from the Sport Complex Parking Garage, 875 W. New York St., will be validated at the event hosted by Wishard Foundation, Wishard Pharmacy and Herron.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Maren Lawson at 630-6451 or maren.lawson@wishardfoundation.org.

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JagPerks benefits are many

As an IUPUI employee, you can access a number of services and discounts through the IUPUI JagPerks program including discounts from many cell phone providers, entertainment tickets, IndyGo Bus passes and more.

For more information, visit the Jag Perks menu on their web site at www.jagtag.iupui.edu.

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IUPUI surplus public auction

The public auction will be at 1830 W. 16th Street on Saturday, Nov. 21. The doors open at 8 a.m. and bidding starts at 9 a.m. Several items will be auctioned including office furniture, chairs, medical equipment, electronics, computers, monitors and more.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, public radio producer Stan Jastrzebski will present a profile on a Clay City, Ind., doctor who makes house calls while using electronic medical records via wifi connections.

Edward Dubovi, PhD, director of virology for the Animal Health Diagnosis Center at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, will explain his work to develop a new vaccine against dog flu – a virus he helped isolate.

D.A. Henderson, MD, MPH, former director of the World Health Organization’s global smallpox eradication campaign, will discuss his new book, *Smallpox- the Death of a Disease: The Inside Story of Eradicating a Worldwide Killer*, which details how he led the effort.

In this week’s *Sound Medicine* “Checkup,” Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore if a good joke can cure a bad mood.

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

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