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New curriculum launch prompts LCME to reschedule site visit

Preparation for re-accreditation has included an anticipated site visit in November 2016. With work on track and many milestones already achieved, an important update has been made to that schedule.

When informed that IU School of Medicine's new curriculum will roll out in August, the LCME (Liaison Committee for Medical Education) opted to reschedule IUSM's site visit for April 23-27, 2017. This move will allow the Site Visit Team to see more of the new courses in place, providing additional time to collect data to demonstrate its effectiveness.

The additional time will be used to be responsive to the findings from the students' analyses and self-study committees, and to document results from these and other improvement efforts. This change enables IUSM to showcase the new curriculum, while also demonstrating improvements to the legacy curriculum. As such, the rollout of IUSM's new curriculum in fall 2016 will stay on the same timeline.

Below is a summary of key dates:

Mock visit dates remain the same: April 17-19, 2016 and Sept. 11-15, 2016

New date for LCME site visit: April 23-27, 2017

Remove these dates from your calendar: Nov. 6-11, 2016

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Save the date: Medical Alumni Weekend is May 20-21

Reconnect with classmates and other IUSM alumni during Medical Alumni Weekend, May 20-21, in Indianapolis. Highlighted by the 69th annual Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon, this year's event honors the anniversary classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986 and 1991. Registration packets with details and a schedule of events will be mailed in January. Online registration begins in April. For more information, visit medicine.iu.edu.

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IUSM events calendar has new campus-wide home

The IUPUI campus calendar, which includes the IUSM events calendar, is migrating to events.iu.edu, supported by University Information Technology Services. To outline the changes that took effect Dec. 1, informational systems administrator Lucas Leadbetter of IU Communications answered a few questions.

Why is the old IUPUI calendar going away?

LL: The old system is retiring to accomplish a few things. First, it brings all events to a centralized system that has the technical backing of UITS to ensure extremely high uptimes and stability. Secondly, it brings all IU events together for the first time, making it easier for both administrators and end-users to find events that are interesting. Lastly, it is a much easier system to learn and is more feature-rich.

Will all IUPUI campus events be moved over?

LL: Yes, all events are being moved over. But calendar administrators must approve the events before they will show up live on the new calendar.

Are all the calendars and accounts already moved over to the new system?

LL: Currently, all calendars are moved over. And the new system is tied to your IU Network ID, so there are no longer separate accounts for the calendar.

Could you offer us a place for a short refresher on tips to enter or edit events?

LL: The best place to find information on how to add/edit/remove events is at the Events Calendar website.

Why are there no events showing, other than the UITS events?

LL: A number of users are still acclimating themselves to the new system, whereas UITS has been adding events for some time to the IUB calendar.

What is the benefit of the new system?

LL: The new system is backed by UITS, so they provide the service for us to use. This means high uptime and reliability, which the previous system couldn't claim. And adding new users is easier to do, as it is

handled through Active Directory.

For any questions about the change or the new calendar, email events@iu.edu.

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Research News

POISED model targets best practices for exam room computer use

The latest technological innovation to affect the doctor-patient relationship is the exam room computer with its promise of supporting safer, more efficient and more effective patient care. But exam room computing is challenging and there is growing evidence that it can be a threat to patient safety and detrimental to good relationships and health outcomes.

In a commentary published in the Nov. 30 issue of JAMA Internal Medicine, Regenstrief Institute Investigator and IU School of Medicine Professor of Medicine Richard Frankel, Ph.D., writes that the medical profession can ill afford not to develop and implement patient-centric, exam room computer-use best practices. He presents POISED, a model he has devised for developing and reinforcing good exam room computer-use by physicians.

- Prepare - review electronic medical record before seeing patient.

- Orient - spend one to two minutes in dialogue with the patient explaining how the computer will be used during the appointment.

- Information gathering - don't put off data entry as patients may question how seriously their concerns are being taken if physician does not enter information gleaned from patient into the computer from time to time.

- Share - turn the computer screen so patients can see what has been typed signaling partnership and also serving as a way to check that what is being entered is what was said or meant.

- Educate - show a graphic representation on the computer screen of information over time, such as patient's weight, blood pressure or blood glucose, so it can become a basis for conversation reinforcing good health habits or talking about how to improve them.

- Debrief - Exam room computers provide the ideal opportunity to use "teach back" or "talk back" format for the doctor to assess the degree to which recommendations are understood by the patient and correct as necessary."Being POISED for examination room computer-use need not cost additional visit time. Used well, just the opposite is true," Dr. Frankel's commentary concludes. "Medicine is fundamentally a human enterprise that is still practiced one conversation at a time. Our challenge is to find the best ways to incorporate computers [as care process partners] in the examination room without losing the heart and soul of medicine, the physician-patient relationship."

For more, visit the IUSM Newsroom.

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Faculty and Staff News

Shah named permanent chair of Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences

Himanshu Shah, M.D., interim chair of the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, has been named the permanent chair of the department effective Dec. 1. Dr. Shah had been serving as interim chair since June 1, 2014, following the departure of Valerie Jackson for the American Board of Radiology.

An associate professor of clinical radiology and imaging sciences, Dr. Shah is chief of radiology at Eskenazi Health, but plans to step down from that position after this year.

The recipient of numerous teaching awards within IU School of Medicine, Dr. Shah has served as a fellow with both the Society of Interventional Radiology and the American College of Radiology. He currently chairs the American College of Radiology CME and SAMS Committee. He has been named a "Top Doc" by Indianapolis Monthly annually since 2012.

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Dimond joins IUSM as executive associate dean of administrative and financial services

Jamie B. Dimond, MBA, an administrator at the University of Michigan Health System, will join the IU School of Medicine as executive associate dean of administrative and financial services. His appointment is effective Jan. 4.

Dimond currently is chief department administrator for the Department of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases at Michigan, with additional management responsibilities for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, the Acute and Chronic Renal programs, the Michigan Molecular Genetics Laboratories and the Pediatric Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit within C.S. Mott Children's and Von Voigtlander Women's hospitals.

Prior to his tenure at Michigan, he worked as a consultant with Accenture's Health and Life Sciences practice.

Dimond succeeds Kathy Peck, who resigned in July to become the chief operating officer at the University of Virginia School of Medicine.

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Financial services transition team announced

Sam Adams, associate director of financial analysis & reporting, will serve as interim associate chief financial officer. Adams assumes the duties of Jeremy Alltop, who resigned to join the West Virginia University School

of Medicine effective Dec. 14.

Adams' current duties will be supported by his management team which includes:

- Ashley Ray – assistant director, financial analysis & budget

- Laura Craver – assistant director, financial accounting & reporting

- Amy Pfaff – manager, business & auxiliary planning

To assist Adams in his interim role, Amanda Buckles will serve as interim associate director of business services, effective Dec. 14. Buckles currently works in the dean's office as a business manager.

Sara Bourff, who currently serves in the dean's office as associate director of business services, has accepted the position of associate business administrator for psychiatry and neurosurgery effective Dec. 14. She will support the chairs and chief operating officer from those departments, serve as a liaison for faculty on strategic initiatives and program development, and be IU Health Physicians' service line administrator for psychiatry.

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IUSM faculty named IU Health Medical Staff officers

The following IU School of Medicine faculty members will serve as 2016 Medical Staff officers for IU Health:

President - Larry Cripe, M.D., associate professor of medicine

Vice President - Mark Luetkemeyer, M.D., associate professor of clinical medicine

Treasurer - Elaine Cox, M.D., professor of clinical pediatrics

Secretary - Nicholas Zyromski, M.D., associate professor of surgery

In addition, the IU Health medical staff officers proposed a redesign of the Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) to better serve the medical staff during these changing times. Approved changes include revising the composition of the MSEC and updating the MSEC's duties to ensure compliance with the latest Joint Commission accreditation standards. Click here to read the amendments to the Medical Staff bylaws.

Questions or comments? Email medstaff@iuhealth.org.

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Student News

South Bend - Stache Bash raises funds for St. Margaret's House

Medical students at IU School of Medicine-South Bend raised nearly $2,600 in November on behalf of St. Margaret's House during a fall fundraiser sponsored by the American Medical Women's Association.

Students, faculty, family members, and representatives of St. Margaret's House attended the final event—

Stache Bash—which included a dinner, a raffle for gift baskets, and the crowning of the 2015 Moustache King. Joe Easton, a second-year medical student, won the honors with a carefully sculpted goatee. Mustachioed anatomy faculty members Michael Blakesley and David Halperin announced and crowned the king.

Easton bested about a dozen other first- and second-year student contenders and Associate Dean and Director Mark Fox—all who had been growing facial hair since mid-October. (The Moustache King wins by virtue of money raised, as opposed to the quality of his facial hair.)

This event was the sixth annual AMWA fundraiser and the fourth to benefit St. Margaret's House, a day center for women and children in need. Fundraising efforts include selling Mardi Gras beads on football weekends.

This year's co-chairs, second-year students Carly Smith and Leigh Anderson, introduced a "Go Fund Me" option for making donations, which helped raise $600 more than last year's proceeds.

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IUSM-Fort Wayne students give new meaning to 911

Twenty-one IUSM-Fort Wayne students made Thanksgiving brighter for area families by collecting food donations for the city's Community Harvest Food Bank. Traveling door to door in a northeast Fort Wayne neighborhood on Nov. 18, the group collected 911 items in just 2.5 hours.

The food drive was organized by MS2 students Katheryn Hannaford, Vi Tran, Alex Kosiak and Amanda Smith.

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Opportunities

Dec. 14 is final day to apply for ICTSI predoctoral training awards

The deadline to apply for predoctoral training awards in translational research through the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is Monday, Dec. 14. The research may involve applying discoveries made during work in a lab, developing clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing best practices. Predoctoral training positions are designed to provide students an opportunity for mentorship in research-intensive multidisciplinary settings as they work toward developing careers in translational research.

Funding is for two years, and benefits include a stipend, as well as health insurance and partial coverage of tuition and fees. Complete applications must be submitted by Dec. 14, and awards will begin July 1, 2016. Interested candidates must be pre-screened for eligibility by submitting their CVs to Colleen Gabauer at ictsi@purdue.edu by Monday, Dec. 7. For application details and eligibility requirements, visit indianactsi.org for application details and eligibility requirements.

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Nominations for 2016 IUSM Alumni Association awards due Jan. 15

Each year the IU School of Medicine Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni and faculty for their contributions. Alumni are encouraged to submit nominations by Friday, Jan. 15, for the following: Distinguished Medical Alumni Awards, the Early Career Achievement Award, and the Glenn W. Irwin, Jr. Distinguished Faculty Award. Award descriptions, the nomination form and details are available at ⬛ medicine.iu.edu. Awards will be presented during Medical Alumni Weekend, May 20-21, 2016, in Indianapolis.

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Apply by Jan. 15 for Imaging Technology Development Program

Applications will be accepted through Friday, Jan. 15, for the Imaging Technology Development Program (ITDP) coordinated through the Imaging Research Initiative of the IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research (OVCR). The ITDP's objective is to seed pilot projects for the development of new, innovative imaging-related technologies that enhance broader multidisciplinary research programs. Funded pilot projects are expected to provide the preliminary studies needed to demonstrate the feasibility of developing and implementing the new imaging-related technology, and serve as the basis for securing additional external funding sources to further the new imaging technology and its utilization.

Complete descriptions of the ITDP and application guidelines are available on the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research's InfoReadyReview portal. Applications are due by 5 pm, Friday, Jan. 15. Contact Etta Ward at emward@iupui.edu or 317-278-8427 with questions.

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Proposals sought for Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases grants

A primary research-related activity of the IU Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases Pilot and Feasibility program is to foster the development of new diabetes-related investigators and provide seed support for innovative, high-risk projects. The center is accepting applications for the funding of up to three meritorious proposals at up to $45,000 each.

This opportunity is available to investigators at the center's affiliated institutions: IUSM, IU Bloomington, IUPUI and Purdue University. Proposals must be directed toward basic biomedical, clinical, and/or translational research questions on one of the following:

- Cellular and molecular metabolism related to diabetes/obesity/metabolic syndrome

- Clinical outcomes research in diabetes and obesity

- Complications of diabetes and obesity

- Islet function and survival

- Nutrition and physiology of obesity

Letters of intent must be submitted by Friday, April 1, and proposals are due Monday, May 2. For more information and application guidelines, visit indianactsi.org.

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Around Campus

Indy - Apply by Dec. 11 for Institute for Supervising Excellence

IUPUI is hosting the Institute for Supervising Excellence, a competency-based program designed to support supervisors in managing daily responsibilities and leading others. Program participants will build upon existing skills and gain new tools and approaches. Designed for IUPUI faculty and staff in supervisory roles, the program consists of eight, in-person courses: Myers-Briggs Introduction to Type, Navigating Change, Conflict Management, Communication and Leadership, Performance Management, Appreciation Languages in the Workplace, Diversity in the University Workplace and Leading Effectively.

This year's cohort begins in January, and the courses are scheduled over the course of a calendar year. Twenty-five applicants will be selected, and there is no cost to participate. For more information, refer to this informational flyer.

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Indy - Visit the IHS Festival of Trees and support AIDS research

Show your support for biomedical research this holiday season. Visit the Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees from Nov. 20 -- Jan. 3, and vote for the tree sponsored by Voices for Tomorrow representing the new Indiana Center for AIDS Research.

Voices for Tomorrow, developed in conjunction with the IU School of Medicine's Gift Office, raises awareness and funding for HIV/AIDS research at the IU School of Medicine. The sponsoring organization of the tree with the most votes will be featured in the historical society's INPerspective magazine and will display the traveling tree trophy.

The Voices for Tomorrow tree is located on the historical society's second floor in the window across from the library. Indiana Historical Society, located at 450 W. Ohio St. in downtown Indianapolis, is a great place to meet family and friends.

Contact Nataly Lowder at nlowder@iu.edu or Bree Weaver, M.D., at bpitre@iu.edu for more information.

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Partner News

IU cancer researcher receives $450,000 Komen research grant

Chunyan He, Sc.D., associate professor of epidemiology at the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI and a researcher at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, is a recipient of a $450,000 Career Catalyst Research Grant from the Susan G. Komen organization. The grant will fund research to identify epigenetic markers that drive breast cancer development.

Dr. He will focus on epigenetics, the study of how age and exposure to environmental factors, may cause changes in the way genes are switched on and off without changing the actual DNA sequence.

"Findings from this project will identify for the first time genetic and environmental factors that impact epigenetics in normal breast tissue and identify causal changes that drive breast cancer development," Dr. He, a genetic epidemiologist, said.

For more about the research, visit the IUSM Newsroom.

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AMPATH receives Celebrating American Ideas Award

In late November, the Indiana University Center for Global Health and the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare program received the Celebrating American Ideas award from the Sagamore Institute at the Indiana Conference on Citizenship.

The Sagamore Institute, an Indianapolis-based thinktank formed in 2004, created the award to honor those who inspire Hoosiers by putting their vision to work. The first Celebrating American Ideas award was presented to the Navajo Code Talkers in 2010.

"The award demonstrates the significant role that AMPATH has played in national and international global health circles," said Jay Hein, president of the Sagamore Institute. "The Conference on Citizenship is dedicated to Hoosiers who make the world a better place through their service, and no one does it better than AMPATH."

Since 1989, Moi University School of Medicine and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, and a consortium of North American academic health centers led by the IU School of Medicine have worked together to deliver health services, conduct health research, and develop leaders in health care for both North America and Africa. The institutional partners are collectively named the Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare. Working with Kenya's Ministry of Health, AMPATH aims to develop an integrated healthcare delivery system that addresses the medical and social determinants of health. Serving a population of 3.5 million people in western Kenya, AMPATH aspires to reconstitute patients' lives, not just their health.

For more details, visit the IUSM Newsroom.

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