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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HOUSTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

UT-HOUSTON RESEARCH DAY SET FOR OCTOBER 2

There's still time to register faculty, fellow, and student poster or software demonstrations for the 4th Annual UT-Houston Research Day, **Friday, October 2**, 12:30-3:30 p.m., at the Edwin Hornberger Conference Center, 2151 W. Holcombe. For an accurate catering estimate, all faculty are encouraged to return registration cards whether planning to attend or not. Free parking is available. The Office of Research Services (ORS), UCT 1023, will continue registering posters and software demonstrations through **today, Sept. 18**. The website where faculty, fellows, and students can register is located at <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/ut_general/research_acad_aff/raa_office/res98.htm>. Participants can also e-mail registration information to: research@admin4.hsc.uth.tmc.edu or call the ORS at 500-3075.

Speakers for Research Day include: **Dr. Eric Boerwinkle**, SPH, **Drs. Jack Fletcher** and **Dianna Milewicz**, MS, and **Dr. Patricia Liehr**, SN. **Debbie McCoy**, associate vp, Arthritis Foundation, will also speak. All interested faculty, staff and students are welcome.

DR. WENDY WOLF ASSISTS WASHINGTON

Dr. Wendy J. Wolf, Division Director, Pediatric Cardiology, is on loan from UT-Houston to work with the federal government as a Senior Fellow for both the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Department of Health and Human Services. Wolf will focus her efforts on evaluating the quality of medical care delivered as part of the new Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This \$24 billion health care initiative was passed by Congress last year to help provide medical care to uninsured children.



Calendar Week of September 18-25

18 Last day to register posters or software demonstrations for 4th annual UT-Houston Research Day. Contact **500-3075**.

22, 24 Electronic Medical Record Class for Hermann Doctors: 4-5 p.m., Sept.22; 9-10 a.m., Sept.24. Call **704-6323**.

22-24 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People class. Contact **500-3133**.

25 AHA Grant-In-Aid Program Workshop, led by **Dr. Richard Kulmacz**, 1 p.m., MSB 3.001.

25 Conquering Cancer March, 6:15 p.m., The Institute of Religion, 1129 Wilkins St.

UTmost Interest

Dr. Steve Massey, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, was elected Co-chair for 2000 and Chair for the 2002 conference and also presenting papers were **Dr. Steve DeVries**, Ophthalmology and Visual Science, **Dr. Ruth Heidelberg** and **Dr. Garrett Kenyon**, both Neurobiology and Anatomy, at a recent FASEB meeting in Vermont...**Dr. William Dowhan**, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, presented a seminar at the University of Utrecht, The Netherlands...**Dr. Kimberly Napoli**, Div. of Immunology and Organ Transplantation, was elected to a second term as Treasurer of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring/Toxicology Division.

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FYI - Two grant programs concentrating on women's health are now being offered - Women's Fund for Health Education and Research and the Ortho Pharmaceutical Scholar in Women's Health Care (<http://www.jiwh.org/ortho.htm>). Application materials are available in the Office of Women's Health, MSB 3.102, and the Office of Sponsored Projects, MSB G.105. Internal proposals are due to the OSP by Tuesday, **Oct. 5**. For more information, contact **Cathy Moore**, OSP, 500-5851.

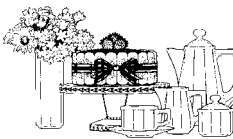
UT-Houston Reaccreditation Process (SACS) Under Way

During 1998-99, the UT-Houston Health Science Center is undergoing a 10-year reaccreditation process for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). More than 150 UT-Houston faculty, administrators, staff and students are serving on ten committees throughout the year as part of an institutional self-study. The fact sheet on the back is designed to provide more information. Also, watch for the Sept. 21 issue of *Monday Morning* for more information as well as a listing of school-wide participants.



NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION LUNCHEON ON SEPT. 23

The Annual New Faculty Orientation Luncheon, hosted by **Dean Max Buja** and the Office of Faculty Affairs, will be Wednesday, **September 23**, 12-1:30 p.m., in the UT private dining room. All new faculty appointed during the past year (since 9/1/97) are encouraged to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact **Mary Cole**, 500-5100.



UT FITNESS CENTER ADDS STAIR ACCESS

The MS Fitness Center has undergone new remodeling efforts in recent months to better accommodate its members. To avoid delays with the white freight/service elevators, Fitness Center members are now strongly encouraged to enter the Penthouse via Stairwell D from the 7th floor on the East side of MSB in the yellow section. For information, call 500-5044.

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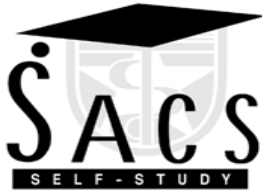
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FACT SHEET

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WHAT IS SACS?

The UT-Houston Health Science Center is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) with reaccreditation required at 10-year intervals. As part of the reaccreditation process, a year of institutional self-study (Sept. 1998 - Aug. 1999) and a review of institutional compliance measures is followed by a site visit of SACS representatives to assess our programs. That process is now under way under the direction of **Thomas F. Burks, Ph.D.**, executive vice president for Research and Academic Affairs. The Planning Office is coordinating the overall self-study; the Office of Institutional Effectiveness is coordinating the compliance portion of the study.

WHAT IS AN ALTERNATE SELF-STUDY?

SACS offers institutions the opportunity to conduct an Alternate Self-Study, which allows universities to choose an idea or topic of interest to the institution and pursue the viability of implementing the idea on campus. **UT-Houston has elected to use this approach to reaccreditation and will undertake a campus-wide review of interdisciplinary learning experiences and their potential for development.** UT-Houston is unique among all other academic health centers in Texas in the depth and diversity of our health-related expertise. This self-study provides an opportunity to explore our potential for developing interdisciplinary learning experiences for our students. UT-Houston will use the academic year 1999 to conduct the study. Because a self-study is a process of discovery, it may be determined in the final analysis that implementing an interdisciplinary experience across all schools is not feasible -- that is the purpose of the self-study, to allow the institution to thoroughly examine the viability and appropriateness of an interdisciplinary program at UT-Houston.

CURRENT INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIVITIES AT UT-HOUSTON:

- Clinical Competition.
- Frontiers in Interdisciplinary Health Care course, introduced in fall 1996.
- Two existing task forces examining interdisciplinary education and training at UT-Houston.
- Dual Degree Programs: MD/MPH, DDS/MPH, MSN/MPH programs.
- Acres Homes and Rusk Elementary Health Promotion outreach programs.
- UT-Houston Medicine/Public Health initiative with interdisciplinary components.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The intent of this study is to determine whether or not it is feasible to implement an interdisciplinary learning experience as a requirement for students who enroll in the fall of 2002. Identifying the structure of that interdisciplinary learning experience requirement is also part of the study. Ten teams representing all UT-Houston schools will be involved in providing final recommendations. The study teams will address various aspects of the academic enterprise in relation to the self-study and include faculty, administrators, and students. Teams will conclude their reviews by early summer 1999. Information about the SACS self-study can be found online at <http://oac.hsc.uth.tmc.edu/sacs>.