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## ***WSU's Dr. Mike Skinner Visits the ISB***

On February 1st, Dr. Mike Skinner, Director of the Center for Reproductive Biology at WSU visited the Institute for Systems Biology at the invitation of Lee Hood, President and Alan Aderem, Director.

Dr. Skinner presented his important data on the epigenomic origin of disease to the ISB faculty. The talk was well attended and ISB faculty were intrigued by the science presented. Dr. Skinner then met with John Stone, Alan Aderem, Lee Hood and Lewis Rumpler to discuss the ISM/WSU/ISB relationship.

Dr. Skinner went on to have lunch with fellow Pew Scholar Dr. Alan Aderem, while Lee Hood dined with John Stone and Lewis Rumpler. Both groups explored additional questions regarding ISM/WSU/ISB interactions and all parties agreed to continue dialog with respect to potential collaboration.

## ***Spokane Delegation Meets with Brown and Chopp***

A delegation representing the ISMPA from Spokane spent the day in Olympia along with individuals participating in the Spokane Chamber Olympia Fly-In.

The delegation was comprised of Skip Davis, CEO of Sacred Heart Hospital, Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University, Brian Pitcher, Chancellor of Washington State University Spokane, Chris Marr, Chairman of Empire Health Services and Lee Hood, President of the Institute for Systems Biology. Joe King, ISMPA lobbyist led the delegation in meetings with Speaker of the House Frank Chopp and Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown.

The delegation in both meetings communicated their support for the ISM and Lee Hood explained the concept of systems medicine. Speaker Chopp expressed his support for the ISM with Representative Tim Ormsby (also in attendance) agree-

The meeting with Senator Brown went equally well with the Senator agreeing to work with other members of the state legislature to secure the \$1,000,000 dollars requested.



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to medicine will create  
a powerful opportunity  
for the Inland  
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## **EHS Agrees to Loan Executives to the ISMPA**

Jeff Nelson, CEO of Empire Health Services has agreed to loan two EHS executives to the ISMPA.

Bruce Butler, VP of Corporate Development and Irwin Hurn, CFO will begin their work this month on the ISMPA management team. Bruce Butler will focus on ISM strategy and the development of business models with staff from PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Irwin Hurn will work on financial controls, reporting systems and financial models.

This generous contribution is in addition to a financial contribution of \$120,000 dollars in cash made by EHS in January of this year.

Nelson, Butler and Hurn have made significant contributions to the recent financial success of Deaconess Hospital and Empire Health Services. Collectively they see the ISM as a critical research asset to leverage for the region's medical system.

## **Spokane Chamber Supports Funding Requests**

The Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce facilitated presentations in front of the Public Policy Council and the Federal Legislative Advisory Group (FLAG).

ISM staff presented the ISM funding requests comprising a \$1,000,000 dollar state ask and a \$10,000,000 dollar federal ask. Both policy groups approved support for each of the funding requests.

## **ISM Presentations to the DAG and EDC**

As part of the strategic communications strategy for the ISM, key presentations to community groups is essential.

ISM staff presented to the Delta Angel Group at their holiday event that was attended by over 40 accredited investors. The Delta Angel Group is an active group of investors that invest in early stage technology companies.

Staff also presented to the Spokane Economic Development Council at the invitation of Gary Livingston, CEO of the Community Colleges of Spokane and out-going EDC Chair. Bill Dracos, PwC Director also participated in this presentation which was attended by over 30 EDC board members.

## **Announcements**

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*The next meeting of the ISMPA Steering Committee will be on March 16th from 2:30 to 4:30 at the WSU Health Sciences building. Please contact Tara Hamilton with any questions at 455-3005 or [tarah@ismedicine.org](mailto:tarah@ismedicine.org).*

## Friends of the Institute

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Rich Umbdenstock, CEO of Providence Services  
Skip Davis, CEO of Sacred Heart  
Jeff Nelson, CEO of Empire Health Services  
Bruce Butler, CFO of Empire Health Services  
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### Political Leadership Contacted

Governor Christine Gregoire  
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Senator Maria Cantwell  
Congresswoman Cathy McMorris  
Senator Lisa Brown  
Speaker Frank Chopp  
Representative Tim Ormsby  
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County Commissioner Todd Mielke  
County Commissioner Mark Richard  
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### Academic Leadership

Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University  
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Michael Burke, President, North Idaho College  
Jack Dawson, Dean, University of Idaho, CDA  
Brian Benzell, Superintendent of Spokane Public Schools  
Paul Buller, Dir. of Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Program, Gonzaga

### Economic Development Community

Rich Hadley, CEO of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce  
John Eliassen, CEO of the Spokane Area Economic Development Council  
Marty Dickenson, President, Downtown Spokane Partnership  
Bill Kalivas, CEO of Connect Northwest  
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