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## Message from the Steering Committee

For close to two years we have been pursuing a single minded vision. A vision of a private scientific institute exploring and answering the profound questions surrounding human health. An institution that will be built on meaningful collaboration with area higher education institutions, hospitals and other regional institutions interested in participating in this exciting project.

We are particularly pleased that Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University and Lane Rawlins, Chancellor of Washington State University have been contributing their leadership to this initiative.

Finally, without the energy and genius of Dr. Leroy Hood, we would not be where we are today. On behalf of the region we would like to thank Lee for his contribution and scientific vision.

## *Institute Forms a Steering Committee*

No project of this scope can be accomplished without leadership. Volunteer leadership from area institutions gathered on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the project and agree to act as a steering committee moving forward. The steering committee is:

- Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University
- Lane Rawlins, Chancellor of Washington State University
- Brian Pitcher, Chancellor of Washington State University Spokane
- Rich Umbdenstock, CEO of Providence Services
- Len Peters, Lab Director, Pacific Northwest National Lab
- Lee Hood, President of the Institute of Systems Biology
- Fred Brown, CEO of NexIT
- John Stone, Principle, Riverstone Development

The steering committee at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting concluded that a retreat should be held that would allow area researchers and institutional leadership to engage in a discussion about the mission and vision of the proposed institute. All members agreed and a date was set for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Bozarth Retreat Center

Founding Partners




## Successful Retreat for the Institute

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 48 excited participants convened for a full day retreat at the Bozarth Center in north Spokane.

Area institutions represented included: Washington State University, Gonzaga University, Eastern Washington University, Sacred Heart Hospital, Pathology Associates Medical Labs and Pacific Northwest National Lab. Both scientists and administrators were present. Jim Clinton, Executive Director of the Southern Growth Policies Board, a non-profit organization representing the 13 southern states advocating innovation and technology facilitated. Mary Jo Waits, Senior Policy Advisor at the Arizona Center for Economics presented her recent study “Meds and Eds” and Lee Hood presented the luncheon keynote address. At the end of the retreat, all present agreed to the following communiqué:

- ◆ We believe that a systems approach to medicine will create a powerful opportunity for the Inland Northwest to compete by linking health care and higher education assets throughout the region
- ◆ The creation of an Institute of Systems Medicine will enable unique opportunities for regional collaboration among area institutions including but not limited to Washington State University, Gonzaga University, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories, Providence Health Services and Empire Health Services to facilitate the recruitment of world class talent to the region.
- ◆ The private institute model will create extraordinary and scalable fundraising opportunities thereby strengthening the participating partners and the institute will be entrepreneurial, creating opportunities for commercialization and economic development.
- ◆ We support the creation of a steering committee to develop appropriate next action steps including the development of a feasibility and implementation plan for the proposed systems medicine institute.
- ◆ INTEC is committed to supporting the formation of the proposed institute moving forward and invites the participation of other institutions in making this project a success.



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## New Members Join the Steering Committee

Based on the recommendations of the retreat participants and existing members of the steering committee a number of new nominations have been accepted for steering committee membership.

The new members are:  
David Galas, VP and CSO for Systems Biology, Battelle Memorial Institute  
Chris Marr, President of Foothills Auto Group and WSU Regent  
Skip Davis, CEO of Sacred Heart Hospital  
Jeff Nelson, CEO of Empire Health Services  
John Luger, Retired Entrepreneur

## ***First \$500,000 Raised in Support of the Institute***

Many thanks go out to John Stone, Fred Brown and John Luger for their financial contributions to this effort. The generosity of these men will facilitate the development and planning for this important initiative. Funding for the proposed institute will be significant. The support of private individuals like John, Fred and John will be critical to its future success.

## ***Steering Committee Members meet with Governor Gregoire***

On June 28<sup>th</sup> the Governor announced the new chair for the Life Science Discovery Fund. Lura Powell was selected to chair the trustees and Senator Lisa Brown and Representative Jeff Morris were also named.

John Stone and Lewis Rumpler attended a private fundraiser for Governor Gregoire and had the opportunity to present the Institute idea to her. The Governor expressed positive support and urged John and Lewis to continue to develop the initiative and to keep her informed.

## ***Friends of the Institute***

### Business Community

John Stone, Principle, Riverstone Development  
Lee Hood, President of the Institute of Systems Biology  
Scott Morris, President Avista Utilities  
Kim Pearman-Gillman, Vice President, Itron  
Jack Faris, President, WBBA  
Chris Marr, President Foothills Automotive  
Dave Curry, CEO of World Wide Packets  
Tony Bonanzino, CEO of Hollister-Steir  
Tom Turner, CEO of Itronix  
Fred Brown, CEO of NextIT  
John Luger, Retired entrepreneur  
Don Lightfoot, Founder of GenPrime  
Tom Tiffany, CEO of Pathology Associates  
Rich Umbdenstock, CEO of Provident Services  
Skip Davis, CEO of Sacred Heart  
Jeff Nelson, CEO of Empire Health Services  
Bruce Butler, CFO of Empire Health Services  
Lisa Shaffer, Co-Founder Signature Genomics  
Bassem Bejjani, Co-Founder Signature Genomics  
Bob Hamacher, Founder of BHW1  
Pardner Wynn, CEO of Lumify  
Peter Allison, CEO of Biogenesis Corp  
Steve McGrew, President of New Light Industries  
Dan Roarke, CEO of Matrical  
Dave Sabey, Principle of Sabey Corp  
Mick McDowell, Principle of McDowell Development  
Jack Ossello, Dentist

### Political Leadership

Congresswoman Cathy McMorris  
Senator Larry Craig  
Senator Lisa Brown  
Mayor Jim West

### Academic Leadership

Lane Rawlins, Chancellor of Washington State University  
Brian Pitcher, Chancellor of Washington State University Spokane  
Jim Peterson, Vice Provost for Research, Washington State University  
Dennis Dyck, Associate Vice Provost for Research, Washington State University  
Mike Skinner, Director, Center for Reproductive Biology, WSU  
John Nilson, Director, School of Molecular Biosciences, WSU  
Bryan Slinker, Chair, Vet. and Comparative Anatomy, Pharmacology, WSU  
Keith Jones, Director, Office of Intellectual Property Administration, WSURF  
Yogi Gupta, Director, Institute of Shock Physics, WSU  
Terry Hassold, Professor of Molecular Biosciences, WSU  
Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University  
Stephen Freedman, Academic Vice President of Gonzaga University  
Gary Webber, Associate Academic Vice President of Gonzaga University  
Yolanta Kozyra, Assistant Director of Institutional Research, Gonzaga University  
Nancy Staub, Dean of Biology, Gonzaga University  
Len Peters, Lab Director, Pacific Northwest National Labs  
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Doug Ray, Chief Research Officer, PNNL  
Steve Wiley, Manager of Systems Biology, PNNL  
Bill Kimmerly, Manager of GTL Programs, PNNL  
David Galas, VP and CSO of Systems Biology, Battelle Memorial Institute  
Bill Isgrigg, COO, The Heart Institute of Spokane  
Thomas Miller, VP, Medical Affairs, Sacred Heart  
Kathy Tuttle, Medical & Scientific Director, Clinical Research, Sacred Heart  
George Luger, Professor of Computer Science, University of New Mexico

### Economic Development Community

Rich Hadley, CEO of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce  
John Eliassen, CEO of the Spokane Area Economic Development Council  
Bill Kalivas, CEO of Connect Northwest  
Kim Zentz, Executive Director of SIRTI  
David Bonga, President of the Camas Institute



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