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Institute Planning Authority Formed

The Institute for Systems Medicine steering committee recommended that a new non-profit entity be formed to serve as an interim fiscal authority for the development and management of the ISM project.

Based on that recommendation attorneys at Paine Hamblin filed incorporation documents for the Institute for Systems Medicine Planning Authority. A certificate of incorporation was issued on November 21, 2005 to the ISMPA as a non-profit corporation.

The initial board of directors for the ISMPA are: John Stone, Chair, Fred Brown, Treasurer and Chris Marr, Secretary. The three board members approved the initial bylaws by a unanimous consent resolution on the 21st of November.

The next meeting of the ISMPA board of directors is scheduled for February 12, 2006.

Spokane County Contributes \$250,000 to the ISMPA

The Spokane County Commissioners have approved \$250,000 for the Institute for Systems medicine Planning Authority for the 2006 calendar year.

Members of the ISMPA steering committee met with all three county commissioners numerous times to express the importance to the community of the proposed scientific institute. Council President Phil Harris led the budget deliberations and personally supported the funding request. All three commissioners voted for the ISMPA funding.

Commissioner Todd Mielke participated on the first of two trips to the Translational Genomics Research Institute with other legislators from the state including Senator Lisa Brown and Representative Tim Ormsby.

Spokane County Economic Development Director Erik Skaggs met with ISMPA leadership and expressed his support for the ISM. He articulated the economic development strategy of Spokane County which included the recruitment of retirees to the region and the important service that the ISM will provide with regard to the latest medical breakthroughs being available to our region.





Hood, Galas, Nelson, Pitcher meet with Jeff Trent

On November 29th Dr. Lee Hood and Dr. David Galas along with Jeff Nelson, CEO of Deaconess Hospital and Dr. Brian Pitcher, Chancellor of WSU Spokane traveled to the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix.

Dr. Hood began the day by presenting his view of systems medicine to an audience from Arizona State University including his thoughts about the ISM. This talk was followed by presentations at TGen by Dr. Galas, Dr. Trent and other TGen staffers.

The ISM delegation was also joined by Dr. Daniel Von Hoff, a world famous clinical oncologist and TGen researcher and Dr. George Poste, Director of the Arizona Bio-design Institute. Dr. Poste was previously Chief Scientific Officer at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

Discussions are underway about the potential collaboration between TGen, Battelle, ISB and

Providence Health Care Contributes \$120,000

Skip Davis, CEO of Providence Health Care and ISMPA steering committee member, recently agreed to contribute \$120,000 dollars to the ISMPA for the next twelve months. Providence Health Care operates hospitals throughout the region including Sacred Heart Hospital and Holy Family Hospital in Spokane. Sacred Heart Hospital is the second largest hospital in the state of Washington.

This contribution brings the total partnership contributions to \$480,000 dollars from WSU, GU, EHS and PHC.

Avista Corporation Contributes \$100,000

Avista Corporation recently agreed to contribute \$100,000 dollars to the ISMPA. Scott Morris, President of Avista Utilities and ISMPA steering committee member worked diligently along with Judy Cole and Roger Woodworth to facilitate the funding.

The \$100,000 dollar contribution can be all in cash or can be in the form of in-kind services that could include use of the Avista Corporate Jet and VPN Membership. Avista is also making available to the ISMPA Tom Paine, Director of Government Affairs and their Olympia lobbyist, Collins Sprague.

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to medicine will create
a powerful opportunity
for the Inland
Northwest...”*



Friends of the Institute

Business Community

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Political Leadership Contacted

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Senator Larry Craig
Senator Patty Murry
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Congresswoman Cathy McMorris
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Speaker Frank Chopp
Representative Tim Ormsby
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County Commissioner Todd Mielke

Academic Leadership

Father Robert Spitzer, President of Gonzaga University
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Economic Development Community

Rich Hadley, CEO of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce
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