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These 10-week internships at the Institut Pasteur, one of the world's leading private, nonprofit centers for infectious disease research, offer hands-on laboratory experience to undergraduates contemplating a scientific career. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. Living allowance is \$400 per week.

For information and downloads, see www.pasteurfoundation.org. Deadline: December 19, 2008.

As the Institut Pasteur prepares to celebrate its 120th year in the service of public health, they are also pleased to share our most recent newsletter now:
www.pasteurfoundation.org/pasteur_perspectives.html.

National Volunteer Week

Make sure to check out all the activities, give a few hours of your time to service, and then come celebrate! We will host a volunteer appreciation event on Friday, April 18 starting at noon. We will be out on the Quad with free treats to say thanks to all of UIUC's fabulous volunteers.

Relay For Life

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Societies signature fundraiser. Relay for Life is U of I's largest fundraiser, as we raised over \$250,000 last year to fight cancer. Teams of 8-15 walk the U of I's Track from 7 pm - 7 am on April 18 to show that as cancer doesn't sleep, neither do we. All are welcome for this fun night filled with entertainment, games, and ways to fight back! If you are interesting in participating or helping out, e-mail cacuofi@gmail.com or visit our website at www.relayforlifeuofi.com. Thanks!

Boneyard Creek Community Day

Saturday, April 19, 2008

Scott Park 207 E. Springfield, Champaign

Want to celebrate Earth Day 2008 by getting down and dirty at one of Champaign-Urbana's natural treasures? Itch in to help restore the beauty of the Boneyard Creek through Champaign, Urbana, and Campustown by volunteering for organized activities to clean up, mark storm drains and naturalize the Boneyard Creek.

* Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. (Volunteers will meet at Scott Park and receive assignments)

* 9:00 a.m. to NOON - Work Time (Clean-Up, Stormdrain Marking & Naturalization activities all around the community)

* NOON - Lunch in Scott Park

New this year - Online Registration! To register go to:

<https://webtools.uiuc.edu/formBuilder/Secure?id=2772516>

For more information contact: Cecily Smith at (217) 344-2371 / csmith@prairierivers.org
www.boneyardcreek.org.

National Center for Women & Information Technology Conference at UIUC

NCWIT, the National Center for Women & Information Technology, is excited to hold its national meetings on the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus. On behalf of Sam Kamin and LaSonya Harris, I'd like to invite you to our Workshop and Reception, which will be 5/14 on campus. NCWIT is focused on significantly increasing girls' and women's participation in computing. Over 110 distinguished organizations are part of the NCWIT coalition.

Together, we will learn about and discuss how many different disciplines are expanding the boundaries of computing and the positive impact they may have on the image of computing that we portray in our many outreach and recruiting efforts. As we meet in our alliances on 5/14, our creative visionaries from entertainment and marketing will form breakout teams of their own and develop interesting new computing image campaign concepts. Their readout back to us should be interactive, interesting, and entertaining. Even though fun, this conversation also has very serious implications for the computing/IT discipline and our nation's innovation/competitiveness, as we are failing to attract young people (boys and girls alike) to the computing discipline.

Meeting logistics and meeting RSVP can be found here: www.ncwit.org/workshop

We hope you can join us, and we look forward to visiting the UIUC campus. Questions can be directed to Malia Hamilton at malia@ncwit.org, or to 303-735-6671; please RSVP by April 18th, 2008.

APSA Annual Meeting in Chicago, April 25-27

The American Physician Scientists Association Annual Meeting will be taking place in Chicago, IL on April 25-27, 2008. APSA is a national student organization for medical students with research interests. If you are contemplating being a physician-scientist and would like to meet current and student MD/PhD's from 58-70 institutions across the country, this is a truly unique opportunity. While programming may not be geared at the undergraduate level, you will receive great exposure to current and to-be physician-scientists. You will get a good sense of if this is something you want to go into.

Confirmed speakers thus far include: Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, (Director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the NIH), Dr. George Yancopoulos (Senior VP of Research at Regeneron Pharmaceuticals), Dr. Funmi Olopade (Director of the Cancer Risk Clinic at University of Chicago and 2005 Recipient of the MacArthur Genius Award), Dr. Joseph Miletich (Senior VP of Research and Development at Amgen), Dr. Joia Mukherjee (Medical Director at Partners In Health), and Dr. Kenneth Chene (Scientific Director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Cardiovascular Research Center).

In addition to the keynote speakers, APSA also will hold a residency luncheon where we anticipate attendance by 15 residency programs that are tailored for physician-scientists in specialties of internal medicine, pediatrics, and pathology to name a few. Also, a panel of residents in these programs will talk about their first hand experience. Also, a career panel which includes young and established physician-scientists in different career pathways that span academia, NIH, and industry will talk.

Other highlights will include interactions with the American Society for Clinical Investigation (who publishes the Journal of Clinical Investigation) and the Association of American Physicians who are both honor societies for physician-scientists and represent the leaders of academic medicine and corporate healthcare.

The full meeting agenda can be found at <http://meeting.physicianscientists.org/> and you can register at <http://registration.physicianscientists.org/>

Feel free to email APSA President and University of Illinois MSP student Freddy Nguyen at fnguyen@uiuc.edu if you have any questions / comments, or want to try and coordinate rides up to Chicago, etc.

MCAT Info from Champaign Kaplan Center

From Kelsey Umbarger, Marketing Manager, at the Champaign Kaplan Center... As MCAT season swings into high gear, it's important for students wishing to take the test this year to register as soon as possible if they haven't tested yet. Some test dates and locations are already full, and we want to make sure students know they can register now for all remaining 2008 test dates at www.aamc.org/mcat.

Students who register early have a better chance of getting the test date and location that best fits their plans. Waiting too long to register can mean students will have to change their test dates or travel to a farther location—neither of which is ideal.

Closed Test Dates in Your Area:

Test Location: Champaign, IL

Status: April and May dates are full; June, July, August and September dates are still available, although; Champaign will not be offering the MCAT on August 26 or September 6, 12, or 13.

When the computer-adaptive MCAT was first introduced in 2006, the quantity of available test dates lured many students into postponing their test date or not registering in time to get their first-choice exam. We want your students to know that although there are many test dates available, spots at those locations are limited, and registering early is the only way to prevent major changes to their MCAT preparation schedule. I encourage you to share this information with your members – If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know. You can reach me at 217-367-0011 or kelsey.umbarger@kaplan.com.