# INDIANA BIOSCIENCES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

# AT-A-GLANCE

The IBRI fills a major research gap by connecting academic discovery and industry development, and public and private enterprise to improve human health.

## **DISCOVERY** WITH PURPOSE

### What

The Indiana Biosciences Research Institute (IBRI) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit and independent applied research institute formed in 2013. Our motto is Discovery With Purpose, reflecting our commitment to the translation of scientific discovery into improved outcomes.

Founders of the IBRI were Lilly Endowment, the state of Indiana, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, Roche Diagnostics, Dow AgroSciences (now Corteva Agriscience), Eli Lilly and Company, Indiana University Health, Cook Medical, Indiana University School of Medicine and the city of Indianapolis.

## Why

Indiana's life sciences economy comprises 1,689 companies employing 55,000 with \$90,000+ annual salaries and has a \$78 billion-dollar annual economic impact to the state.

In 2012, Indiana state, civic, corporate and academic leaders called for creating an independent applied research institute to serve as a novel, mutually beneficial bridge between industry and academia. The goal is to capture and accelerate game-changing, outcome-driven research—both industry-sponsored and publicly funded—through the attraction and retention of world-class talent to the IBRI.

The IBRI exists to bring together companies and universities to work collaboratively on interrelated health issues that are of both global significance and have a disproportionate impact on Hoosiers—diabetes, metabolic disease and poor nutrition.

#### Where

The IBRI's labs and offices are currently housed in approximately 20,000-square feet of leased space in the Indiana University School of Medicine's Biotechnology Research and Training Center (BRTC) at 1345 W. 16th Street on Indianapolis' near-westside on the border of the planned 16 Tech Innovation District.

With groundbreaking in late 2018, the IBRI will anchor 68,000 square feet of the new Building One in 16 Tech with office, innovation, collaboration and lab space. Completion is scheduled for mid-2020.

### Who

The IBRI employs 36 full-time scientific and administrative employees, and up to a dozen students and interns for its research teams.

#### The IBRI's current leadership includes:

Rainer Fischer, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scientific and Innovation Officer

Mark Andersen, CPA, CFA, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Administration

**Robert Considine, Ph.D.,** Professor of Medicine, and Director, the IBRI Diabetes Center

**Stephanie Grinage,** Vice President for Advancement

**Steven Haney, Ph.D.,** Research Fellow, the Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Center

**Teresa Mastracci, Ph.D.,** Senior Scientist, Director of the Regenerative Medicine and Metabolic Biology Group

Jay McGill, Ph.D., Chief Operating Officer

**Michael Pugia, Ph.D.,** Research Fellow, Director of Single Cell Analytics Center

**Daniel Robertson, Ph.D.,** Research Fellow, Director of the Applied Data Sciences Center

**Victor Wroblewski, Ph.D.,** Research Fellow, the Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Center

**Vidadi Yusibov, Ph.D.,** Senior Research Fellow, and Director of the Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Center

#### When

By attracting new and retaining existing talent, the IBRI's goal over the next five years is to build a world-class organization of researchers, innovators and entrepreneurs who will catalyze scientific discovery and its application, resulting in improved health and nutrition outcomes for patients.

#### How

The IBRI was initially funded with \$50 million provided by the state of Indiana, Lilly Endowment, Eli Lilly and Company, Roche Diagnostics, Dow AgroSciences, IU Health and Indiana University. In 2016, the institute received an additional \$88.5 million in funding commitments from Lilly Endowment, Eli Lilly and Company Foundation and Cook Medical. In 2017 the institute received an additional \$20 million commitment from the state of Indiana.

The IBRI is looking to expand its partnerships with life sciences and IT companies and philanthropic organizations worldwide to increase the potential for research, discovery, translation and collaboration. For more information about donation opportunities, please visit http://www.indianabiosciences.org/giving/

#### The IBRI's Mission and Vision

MISSION: To become the leading independent, industryinspired applied research institute in the discovery and development of innovative solutions to improve health, targeting diabetes, metabolic disease and poor nutrition.

VISION: Build a world-class organization that catalyzes activities across Indiana's life sciences community and beyond.

#### **Our Values**

**Collaborative** – We cannot do research alone – this is a team sport and a long game: the IBRI exists to enhance the robust life sciences ecosystem by bridging industry and academic research.

**Teamwork** – We work together as one team, both within and across our operations, and externally with our partners and stakeholders.

**Innovative** – We are focused on game-changing research to help solve the most persistent health problems and challenges.

**Integrity** – We do the right thing by adhering to the highest ethical standards and being honest, respectful, transparent, responsible and accountable.

**Inclusive** – We operate in a diverse ecosystem of colleagues, partners, stakeholders, and patients where we respect diversity in people and in ideas.

#### The IBRI's Research Areas

The IBRI is focused on discovery and applied research to facilitate the development of technologies and innovations aimed at improving human and animal health, agriculture and the environment.

#### The IBRI Diabetes Center

Dr. Considine and his team are studying the molecular basis of diabetes and its complications. In one focus area, Dr. Mastracci's lab is using zebrafish, mice and human tissue to explore mechanisms for beta cell regeneration. This center is actively recruiting diabetes investigators to the Lilly Diabetes Center of Excellence at the IBRI.

#### The Single Cell Analytics Center

Dr. Pugia and his team are working with industry and academic partners to commercialize a platform to make diagnosis of infections and diseases possible from ultimately, a single cell.

#### The Applied Data Sciences Center

Dr. Robertson and his team are making vast amounts of health data accessible for analysis by industry and academic partners to better identify and predict human diseases.

#### The Pharmaceutical Biotechnology Center

Dr. Yusibov and the team he is assembling will focus on human health concerns through the development and manufacturing of therapeutic antibodies and vaccines. The center will have interdisciplinary science teams working together on a common goal.

#### Governance

The Board of Directors supervises the IBRI management structure. There are currently 11 members, including a representative of the state of Indiana, the CEO of the IBRI, and other high-level members representing the life sciences industry, research institutions, investors, donor organizations and regional universities.

The IBRI's Scientific Advisory Board provides guidance on the direction and implementation of research and development. There are currently 11 members, including the IBRI's Chief Executive Officer/Chief Innovative and Scientific Officer (CEO/CSIO).

The Executive Leadership Team is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the IBRI and is comprised of the CEO/CSIO, COO and CFO.

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