The Core Resources Committee sponsored a day-long seminar and meetings with Dr. Philip Hochenberger, director of Core Resources at Northwestern University, in which best practices were presented and valuable tips on monitoring effective cores were discussed.

The OVPR and the Graduate School held a retreat with various faculty members designed to address how the two units can work together to develop an effective research environment for graduate students.

The joint WSU/ Henry Ford Health Systems public health program known as INPHAASE sponsored a seed money funding program for research directed at mental health issues in the public health arena, resulting in the funding of three collaborative projects involving researchers from both institutions.

OVPR and WSU’s Multidisciplinary Nano Incubator hosted a summer nano workshop series to introduce WSU nano faculty to some of the instrumentation and labs at WSU. The one-hour workshops provided essential information on instrument capabilities and contacts to faculty and their students who are interested in exploring new research capabilities and collaborations in the nanotechnology-related areas. A total of nine workshops were held.

Wayne State University will host a symposium for postdoctoral scholars, “National Postdoctoral Association Michigan Regional Meeting: Pathways to Careers” on October 22, 2011. This symposium is co-sponsored by Wayne State University, University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Karmanos Cancer Institute, Henry Ford Hospital System, and the Van Andel Research Institute. This day-long symposium features presentations by national leaders on multiple careers available to postdoctoral scholars including careers in academia, industry, patent law, publishing, public policy, and federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. William Paul, Distinguished Investigator from the National Institutes of Health.

Julie O’Connor received two awards from the International Association of Business Communicators Detroit Chapter for OVPR’s New Science publication. The first was an Award of Excellence – Annual Reports; the second was Best of Show – Communication Creative.

Division of Research press releases during the third quarter of FY 11 include:

- WSU/Karmanos scientists explore role of tumor suppressor gene in inhibiting prostate cancer cell metastasis
- WSU/KCI researchers couple tumor cryoablation with immunotherapy to improve tumor immunity
- Soy increases effectiveness of radiation at killing lung cancer, Wayne State University study shows
- Federal research team at WSU finds progesterone gel reduces preterm birth in women with short cervix
- Wayne State University students study risk factors of common diseases in rural India; new ambulance service set up by students in remote village saving lives
• WSU researcher awarded $900,000 to determine common genetic link among Gulf War Illness patients
• Wayne State leads study to improve management of cancer pain in African Americans
• Teaching with technology: WSU professor examines status quo, benefits of online learning in Canada
• Wayne State University researcher appointed executive guest editor of Current Pharmaceutical Design
• WSU files for patent on researcher's vaccine technology for Chlamydia
• Wayne State University chosen as Michigan's sole participant in EcoCAR 2
• Wayne State student awarded prestigious NSF graduate research fellowship
• URC researchers team up on winning proposals
• String Project@Wayne named String Project of the Year by American String Teachers Association
• World premiere of Wayne State University composed orchestral commission to take place in Torino, Italy
• Wayne State University researchers find new way to examine major depressive disorder in children
• Wayne State University study finds super bacteria in local meat
• Wayne State University researcher receives NSF CAREER Award to redesign wireless networking
• Wayne State University to study the role of vitamin D in African-Americans with high blood pressure
• Wayne State University professor receives lifetime achievement award for research on Iraqi refugee and immigrant health disorders
• URC report: Information technology sector shows potential for Michigan
• Wayne State University professor honored for commitment to multiple sclerosis research
• Wayne State University first-year engineering students selected as finalists in design competition
• Wayne State University researchers win grant from the National Science Foundation to target tinnitus
• Wayne State University announces research enhancement program in the arts and humanities awards totaling over $194,000
• Religion benefits traumatic brain injury victims, Wayne State University research finds

INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (IEHS)

• IEHS researchers have successfully partnered with community outreach leaders, clinicians, population scientists, and public health researchers to achieve significant gains in public health awareness and to make strides in the early detection of environmentally-linked disease.
• IEHS investigators have competed successfully for two University Research Corridor grants, four INP HAASE grants representing collaborations between WSU and the Henry Ford Health System, one IEHS-Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy Collaboration Award, and two WSU Research Enhancement Awards.
INSTITUTE OF GERONTOLOGY

- IOG faculty made a guest appearance on the "Craig Fahle Show," radio program hosted by Craig Fahle, WDET 101.9 FM, Detroit, MI, July 20, 2011.
- IOG faculty made a guest appearance on the "First Shift," radio program hosted by Tony Trupiano, WDTW 1310 AM, Detroit, MI, August 11, 2011.
- Peter Lichtenberg received the John Santos Award for Excellence in Sustained Gerontology Programming from American Psychological Association Division 20 (Adult Development and Aging).
- Cathy Lysack and Mark Luborsky submitted a research proposals to the U.S. Department of Defense, “Developing a Meaningful Life: Social Reintegration of Service members & Veterans with SCI.” The proposal has been recommended for funding, but is pending.
- IOG faculty have published or have in press 15 articles or other publications in the third quarter of FY 2011.