Alumni Updates

- Thank you, alumni leaders Alumni chapter leaders from around the country recently gathered in Kingston for their biannual planning weekend. See photos! Congratulations to the RIDOT Affinity Chapter, named the 2009 Alumni Association Outstanding Chapter of the Year. The RIDOT Chapter was formed in 2008.

- Listen to NPR interview with URI Alumnus Maj.Gen. Michael T. Flynn '81, who is leading the U.S. intelligence effort in Afghanistan, was recently interviewed on NPR's Morning Edition. Listen.

- Think Big Plays Two special football-alumni events are coming up soon: On September 26, it's URI-UCONN football at Rentschler Field, East Hartford, and on October 3, it's URI-BROWN in Providence. Get all the details!

- Seminar-on-the-Links The College of Pharmacy's 16th annual Dr. Louis A. Luzzi Seminar-on-the-Links Program will be held on September 14 at Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingstown, R.I. Online registration is available (deadline is September 4).

University News & Events

- URI Honors Colloquium to spotlight India A land of mystery and paradox, India, depending on whom you ask, is a country of snake charmers or a land full of call centers. URI's 2009 Honors Colloquium, Demystifying India, which runs September 15 through December 8, is a series of public lectures, performances, and exhibits exploring India's history, culture, and impact on literature, art, apparel, business, political and social movements, and the environment. More...

- Researcher sheds light on "man-eating" squid; finds them timid, non-threatening Recent international news reports about scuba divers off San Diego being menaced by large numbers of Humboldt's or jumbo squid have raised the ire of University of Rhode Island biologist Brad Seibel. As a leading expert on the species who has dived with them several times, he calls the reports "alarmist" and says the squid's man-eating reputation is overblown. More...

- Distinguished Achievement Award 2009 Dean's List honorees announced Each year, in addition to the four President's Distinguished Achievement Award winners, URI's colleges and the Graduate School of Oceanography honor individuals representing their areas. These "Dean's List" Award winners have been announced. The awards will be presented at the 2009 Distinguished Achievement Award Celebration on Saturday, October 17, at the Providence Westin Hotel. More...

- URI prepares to welcome increased number of veterans G. I. Jobs magazine has placed the University of Rhode Island on its 2010 list of military friendly schools. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools doing the most to embrace America’s veterans as students. Long before the new G.I. Bill took effect this August, URI was hard at work on ways to ease that transition by removing any enrollment roadblock and by establishing support for student-veterans while at URI. More...

- Chemist wins national award The Society for Analytical Chemists has awarded Assistant Professor of Chemistry Radha Narayanan its $40,000 starter grant for her work on the early detection and eventual remediation of trace pollutants in water. The award is given to only one assistant professor whose proposed research has considerable scientific merit and the likelihood of making a significant impact on the field of analytical chemistry. Narayanan has just completed her first year at URI. More...
Newport event  Save $10 on your admission to the 4th annual Newport Mansions Wine & Food Festival's Grand Tasting on Sunday, September 27. The tasting event, held from noon-4 p.m., will offer wine samples from more than 150 producers and food from many local restaurants and caterers. Learn more.

At the chapters  On September 5, the Chicago Chapter is taking in a Red Sox-White Sox game, and the Southern California Chapter is heading to Weins Winery for a wine tasting and lunch. On September 26, the Northern California Chapter is holding its 13th annual clambake, and on October 2, the Arizona Rhode Runners are getting together for a networking event in Scottsdale. See what your chapter has planned.

Threatened marine creatures in New England is subject of new book by URI science writer  Basking with Humpbacks: Tracking Threatened Marine Life in New England Waters, a new book by Todd McLeish, a science writer in the Department of Communications and Marketing, has recently been published by University Press of New England. The book features stories of some of the region's most threatened marine species, and combines McLeish's first-person adventures and his interviews with biologists studying and protecting them. More...

September 5  URI-Fordham football: Game tickets available now

September 8-10  Auditions for URI Theatre production of Boy Gets Girl

September 9  URI classes begin.

September 15  Honors Colloquium event: "India and the World," featuring Edward Luce, Washington Bureau Chief, Financial Times

September 22  The Fray in Concert at the Ryan Center

September 24  Big Thinkers Event in Boston, featuring President David M. Dooley

October 5  College of Pharmacy Building groundbreaking

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