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USP Welcomes Dr. Kevin Hool as Vice President of Applied Compendial Research

Rockville, Md., April 1, 2009 — The U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention announces that a long-time industry scientist, Kevin Hool, Ph.D., has joined the organization as vice president of applied compendial research. In this role, Dr. Hool will lead the research and development laboratories that support the creation and maintenance of USP's written standards and their accompanying physical reference materials. These standards help to ensure the identity, quality, purity and strength of pharmaceuticals, dietary supplements and food ingredients sold in the United States and throughout the world.

Prior to joining USP, Dr. Hool worked at The Dow Chemical Company for 22 years, most recently as director of core technologies in Dow's Global Analytical Sciences. He served in a variety of positions during his tenure including leader of Dow R&D Environmental, Safety, and Health and global product leader for new products. Dr. Hool also served as Dow's representative in the Directors of Industrial Research Analytical Group (DIRAG), which consists of 43 companies and organizations spanning the petroleum, chemicals and life sciences industries. He currently serves as DIRAG's chairman and USP's representative in the group.

"We are very pleased to have Kevin join USP," said William Koch, Ph.D., chief metrology officer of USP. "His experience and expertise will be a major asset to the organization as it continues to grow its standards-setting activities, which support the public health by making available high quality medicine and food products to citizens worldwide."

Dr. Hool earned his Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry at Edinboro State University and his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in analytical chemistry at the University of Illinois.

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