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USP Board Member Judith Oulton Joins UCSF School of Nursing as its 2009 Presidential Chair

Internationally Recognized Expert Brings Extensive Experience to UCSF Campus

Rockville, Md., April 27, 2009 — Judith A. Oulton, D.Sc. (hon), M.Ed., R.N., former chief executive officer of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and current member of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Pharmacopeial (USP) Convention, has joined the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) as a visiting professor after being named its 2009 Presidential Chair.

Oulton is an internationally renowned expert in issues such as health care and the worldwide nursing shortage. Her efforts to advance the field of nursing have spanned her entire career. Oulton recently retired from ICN, a federation of national nurses' associations that works to maintain a strong international community of nurses and to promote sound health policies around the world in collaboration with the United Nations and other nongovernmental organizations. ICN represents millions of nurses in more than 130 countries.

Oulton was instrumental in forming the World Health Professions Alliance, which was created in 1999 by the International Pharmaceutical Federation, the World Medical Association and ICN to address global health issues and to help deliver cost-effective, quality healthcare worldwide. The group facilitates collaboration between health professionals and major international stakeholders such as governments, policymakers and the World Health Organization. She has also worked in government, education and service in a variety of clinical areas throughout her career. In addition, she currently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of USP, a nonprofit scientific organization that works to improve the health of people around the world through public standards and related programs that help ensure the quality, safety and benefit of medicines and foods.

As Presidential Chair for UCSF, Oulton is serving as a visiting professor in the School of Nursing, sharing her knowledge and expertise in ways that facilitate research, policymaking, leadership and capacity building.

“Serving as UCSF Presidential Chair is a wonderful accomplishment and one of many professional achievements for Dr. Oulton that recognize her tireless and extraordinary efforts to raise the level of care for patients, which depends heavily on the important contributions of nurses,” said Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP chief executive officer. “I congratulate her on this well-deserved honor and know that the entire UCSF community will benefit from her expertise.”

The University of California's Presidential Chair program was established in 1981 to encourage new or interdisciplinary program development or to enhance existing academic programs. Each campus is limited to one Presidential Chair at a time. For more information about the program, visit www.ucsf.edu/.

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