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### **Australian nurse educators take on global responsibility in new education alliance**

Australia's position as a world leader in nursing education has been confirmed with the appointment of the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) Chair, Professor John Daly as the new Chair of the Global Alliance for Nursing Education and Scholarship (GANES).

GANES is the only international body that provides strategic-level expertise in the education and professional development of nurses worldwide.

At the inaugural GANES Conference held recently in Toronto, the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) took on the leadership role for the next two years, during which time Professor Daly will serve as Chair.

Professor Daly is Dean of Nursing, Midwifery & Health at the University of Technology Sydney. He said that there was a clear endorsement for a global nursing education organization that could advocate and influence policy to build a sustainable nursing workforce.

"There is an urgent need for us to work globally with governments and key non-governmental organizations to assist in scaling up the global health workforce. We are excited about implementing and extending our agenda for improving health care for all. Investment in quality nursing and health education will be crucial to this aspiration."

The theme of the groundbreaking GANES Toronto conference was "*Educating the future nursing and health workforce: A global challenge*". 170 delegates from 17 countries attended the event, with over 80 papers presented.

GANES is planning a one-day symposium which will be organised in collaboration with the South African Deans of Nursing, to be held in Durban, in June 2009 just prior to the International Council of Nurses Congress. Plans are already underway to host the second GANES conference in Sydney in 2010.

Formed in December 2005, GANES was established by four of the world's leading nursing education organizations to improve patient care and ensure a robust global supply of highly educated nurses. Members share a commitment to enhancing the educational preparation of registered nurses, expanding opportunities for nursing education, and addressing student enrollment concerns. GANES members include the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, the Council of Deans of Health (United Kingdom), and the Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand).

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