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## **ICN appoints new Nurse Consultant expert in regulation**

**Geneva, Switzerland, 9 April 2010** - The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jean Barry RN, MSC, as ICN Nurse Consultant responsible for ICN's regulatory policy and program work and the nursing education portfolio. She will join ICN staff as of 19 July 2010.

A native of Canada, Jean Barry has 20 years of experience in the field of nursing regulation at the provincial and national levels in Canada and is currently the Director of Regulatory Policy for the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA). Her work in this capacity includes national licensure exams for registered nurses and nurse practitioners; mobility and trade agreements; the national code of ethics and the certification program in 19 specialty areas. Ms Barry has provided regulatory expertise to contribute to CNA's international health partnership programmes with colleagues from Africa, South East Asia and Latin America.

Ms Barry has also worked in nursing regulation for the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC), overseeing the exam program and the assessment of credentials of nurses from multiple countries. Previous to joining CRNBC, Ms Barry practiced clinically in adult and pediatric acute care environments in Vancouver, British Columbia, Toronto Ontario and St John's Newfoundland.

"We are very pleased to have Jean join ICN. She has wide experience of nursing regulation and licensure at both a federal and provincial level, and has assisted national nurses associations in developing and strengthening regulatory frameworks and tools," said David Benton, ICN's Chief Executive Officer. "Her skills and experience will support ICN's work in ensuring nurses, patients and families benefit from the best and most relevant possible regulatory support in health systems worldwide."

"I am very excited about taking on this new challenge. Joining ICN will provide the opportunity to work with the global nursing community on strengthening nursing regulation and supporting safe and competent nursing practice", stated Ms Barry. "Professional regulation is receiving increasing attention around the world and I look forward to contributing to ICN's leadership in this area."

### **Editor's note**

The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses associations representing the millions of nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses and leading nursing internationally, ICN works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

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