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## **ICN's Partners in Development Award goes to Elsevier**

**Geneva, Switzerland, Durban, South Africa, 29 June, 2009** - The 2009 recipient of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) **Partners in Development Award** is Elsevier, the world's leading publisher of health and science information. ICN's Partners in Development Award recognises foundations, corporations, nongovernmental organisations or other groups that have demonstrated outstanding leadership and investment in nursing and health care capacity building, bringing benefit to the health of populations. The award was bestowed during the opening ceremony at ICN's 24<sup>th</sup> Quadrennial Congress, in Durban, South Africa.

"Elsevier has supported and collaborated with ICN since 2001 to deliver up to date knowledge to nurses in sub-Saharan Africa, through the innovative and effective Mobile Nursing Library programme, stated ICN President, Hiroko Minami. "Storing, packing and shipping the contents of the ICN Mobile Library and handling all logistics for the safe arrival of the Mobile Libraries at their destination, Elsevier has ensured the delivery of more than 250 libraries to nurses working in 17 African countries. This generous, sustained and indispensable contribution makes the Mobile Nursing Library possible and brings essential nursing knowledge to where it is so desperately needed."

For many nurses working in rural Africa, the Mobile Library is their sole source of current health information; yet they work in the most demanding and difficult of circumstances, often far from expert advice on critical health care issues. The access to current health information provided by the Mobile Libraries is literally a goldmine for them and for the populations they serve.

"The mobile libraries do a fantastic job in disseminating health science knowledge to the nursing professionals to be used on a daily basis in their treatment of patients in Africa. Elsevier is proud to be a partner in this initiative with ICN", stated Belinda Tudin, Business Development Manager, Elsevier.

ICN also wishes to recognise the many Elsevier employees working at the warehouse, in shipping, inventory, logistics and invoicing who have given careful attention and extra time to the work of packing and managing the shipment of the Libraries. We commend their efforts and critically important contributions.

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Elsevier's partnership with ICN is grounded in a shared conviction that quality health care begins with access to quality health care information. An informed nursing profession unlocks the door to prevention and treatment for so many who have gone without. This Award recognises Elsevier's commitment to strengthening and supporting nursing in delivering quality care and through that contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development goals.

#### **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 since 1899, ICN works to ensure quality nursing care for all and sound health policies globally.

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