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ICN Announces the Release of Version 2 of the International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP®)

Geneva, Switzerland, 18 August 2009 – The International Council of Nurses (ICN) released Version 2 of the International Classification for Nursing Practice (ICNP®) at the recent ICN 24th Quadrennial Congress in Durban, South Africa. ICNP® is an international standard for nursing terminology and an integral part of the global information infrastructure informing health care practice and policy to improve patient care worldwide. Version 2 includes more than 400 new concepts.

“Version 2 enhances efforts to describe and compare nursing across countries, cultures and languages,” said David Benton, ICN's chief executive officer. “The ICNP® tool facilitates the visibility of nurses, supports the examination of nursing practice worldwide, and streamlines comparison of nursing at the international level. Data-based nursing knowledge will help improve decision-making for outcomes-driven nursing interventions, health care resource management, and nursing and health care policy development.”

ICNP® Version 2 is available electronically, see www.icn.ch/icnp.htm to download files with the new version. A new web-based collaborative ICNP® workspace, ICNP® C-Space, is also available at icnp.clinicaltemplates.org. C-Space provides a tool set for ongoing development and distribution of the ICNP®. Additionally, the ICNP® Browser and Translation (BaT) Tool is available to assist with distributed work by translation teams via the Internet. Work is progressing to ensure re-use of previous translation work and assist translators with updating changes between versions. A monograph, entitled ICNP® Version 2, about the history and current state of ICNP is available at the ICN Bookshop. See www.icn.ch/bookshop.htm

The launch of the new version, was a landmark event for the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and represents the work of countless nurses and experts worldwide. ICN welcomes input and ideas for ongoing development and improvement of ICNP®.

ICNP® Programme note: Anyone who intends to work with ICNP® in any capacity must sign a Use Agreement with the ICNP® Programme. See www.icn.ch/icnp_permission.htm for further information on using ICNP®.

Editor's note: The **International Council of Nurses** (ICN) is a federation of 133 national nurses associations representing 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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