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IACP Names Shafer New Executive Vice President

New EVP to Lead the Association in its Mission
to Protect, Promote, Advance Pharmacy Compounding

MISSOURI CITY, Texas – The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) has named Rod Shafer, R.Ph., as its new Executive Vice President. This follows the announcement earlier this year that L.D. King, MBA, the current EVP, would step down after nearly 10 years of service to the organization.

“This was a thorough and complex process, with a committee that worked harder than any other committee I’ve been on. In the end, I believe we hit a grand slam home run!” said David Nicoletti, R.Ph., FIACP, past president of IACP and chair of the EVP search committee.

“I’m looking forward to working with this important sector of the profession—the compounding pharmacist,” Shafer said. “The compounding pharmacist’s ability to individualize medications that ensures the most appropriate dose and delivery system improves compliance, adherence and overall patient health outcomes. The provision of personalized medication solutions is the epitome of a patient-centric approach to health care.”

Shafer received his bachelor of science degree in 1977 from the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. He brings extensive pharmacy association management experience, most notably in his 15-year tenure as CEO of the Washington State Pharmacy Association from 1994-2009. Shafer is a seasoned leader in the pharmacy community, having served as president of the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) from 2005-06 and on the board of trustees for the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) from 2003-06. He also has served on numerous committees in both those organizations, the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA) and the United States Pharmacopeia (USP).

Prior to his tenure at the Washington State Pharmacy Association, Shafer owned a pharmacy and served as staff pharmacist in several pharmacies in and around Seattle, Wash., from 1977-1994. During that time, his career included work in long-term care, hospital and community pharmacy settings. Shafer served as Affiliate Professor at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy and was a clinical faculty member there from 1982 to the present. He has served on various state and national health task forces and he has participated in research projects

documenting the cost savings and improved health outcomes when pharmacists, in a collaborative effort, work with patients and physicians to optimize and manage medication therapies, provide wellness information, and address public health issues including immunization, smoking cessation, emergency contraception and disease management. Shafer's extensive career has garnered numerous awards, including the University of Washington School of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Washington State Pharmacy Association's Pharmacist of the Year Award and its Distinguished Service Award.

Shafer will assume his position as IACP's EVP on April 27, 2009. The EVP search was managed by a six-person committee representing the interests of the IACP Board of Directors, the IACP Foundation Board, IACP members and industry suppliers. Search committee members were David Nicoletti, Committee Chair; Diane Boomsma, President of IACP; Rich Moon, President-Elect of IACP; Gus Bassani, Secretary of IACP; Andy Komuves, and Bill Letendre.

About IACP

The International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) is a non-profit association founded in 1991 to protect, promote and advance the art and science of the pharmacy compounding profession. We represent more than 1,900 pharmacists and technicians who are committed to the safe and ethical practice of pharmacy compounding. In addition, we represent more than 67,000 patients, physicians, nurse practitioners and veterinarians through our ally grassroots organization, Patients & Professionals for Customized Care (P2C2). We are committed to ensuring the rights of physicians to prescribe, of pharmacists to prepare, and of patients to take customized medications that meet their unique, individual health needs.

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