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Emory Nursing Dean Marla Salmon Gives Keynote at Nursing Conference in Korea

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ATLANTA -- Marla E. Salmon, ScD, RN, FAAN, dean of Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, will give the keynote address at the Korean Academy of Nursing's 5th International Nursing Conference, entitled "Healthier Life with Nursing Leadership." The conference will be held October 19-21, 2005 at the Sejong University Convention Center in Seoul, Korea.

"It is a great honor for me to speak at this conference," says Dean Salmon. "The topic of Healthier Life with Nursing Leadership is an extremely important topic for nurses everywhere and for those we serve. It also will be a particular pleasure to be back in Korea again among so many wonderful colleagues and friends."

Dean Salmon will address the intersection of nursing research and health policy in her talk -- Leadership in Health Policy through Nursing Research: The Challenge of Caring at a Societal Level -- on October 21.

Salmon believes that nursing's professional responsibility is to enhance health through sound public policy, and that nursing research and public policy are symbiotic partners.

"Nursing research drives and informs health-related policy, while public policy-related questions and funding drive nursing research," she says. "Shaping health-related policy is one of nursing's most powerful professional tools for its work of caring and enabling health. At the same time, nurse researchers must be vigilant to address the need for information and knowledge to inform, direct, and hold health policy accountable."

Emory's School of Nursing has a long history of partnership with Korea, specifically with Yonsei University, located in Seoul. Since 2002, there have been annual faculty and student exchanges between the schools of nursing at Yonsei and Emory. This ongoing cultural exchange encourages students and faculty to examine nursing in a variety of international health care settings and institutions, and explore the health care systems, nursing roles in health promotion, and the role of the nurse practitioner.

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A nationally and internationally recognized leader in nursing and public health, **Marla E. Salmon, ScD, RN, FAAN**, dean and professor of the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing and director of the Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing, has been extensively involved in the area of international health, beginning early in her career with a Fulbright scholarship focused on national health systems development in Germany and Kuwait. Since then, she has worked with a number of international organizations, including the World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization, and is the former chair of the World Health Organization's Global Advisory Group on Nursing and Midwifery. Dean Salmon also has served as the Director of the Division of Nursing of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and served as Chair of the National Advisory Committee on Nursing Education and Practice. This federal leadership led to her receipt of the President's Meritorious Executive Award and both the U.S. Public Health Service's Chief Nurse Award and Special Recognition awards.

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