

**Lilly and International Council of Nurses Win
Partnership Award
from US Chamber of Commerce
Business Civic Leadership Center**

Award honors Lilly and ICN's efforts to fight multidrug-resistant tuberculosis

Washington, DC, November 19, 2008 - The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC) yesterday announced that Eli Lilly and Company and the International Council of Nurses (ICN) were the winners of The Partnership Award, one of BCLC's annual Corporate Citizenship Awards. As winners of this competition through an online public vote, Lilly and ICN were recognized for their groundbreaking work in combating the rising global threat of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) worldwide. The Lilly MDR-TB Partnership is especially active in the high-burden countries of China, India, Russia and South Africa.

BCLC Executive Director Stephen Jordan hailed the success of business-nonprofit alliances like the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership. "Lilly and ICN have made the world a better place by combining their skills to treat TB," said Jordan.

Through its partnership with Lilly, ICN offers training and education programs that are supplemented by global teaching resources, E-tools, and an annual awards program that honors nursing excellence in each of the high-burden TB countries.

ICN/Lilly 2007 award recipient, Kefilwe Mamagoale Mathlala, chief nurse and active nurse educator based at the Witbank TB Hospital in South Africa, emphasized the fundamental motivator for nurses caring for patients with TB and MDR-TB. "What I like most is when I see a patient cured and going home," she said.

David Benton, CEO of the International Council of Nurses, underscored the importance of the Partnership. "Nurses are the world's front-line resource against the deadly global pandemics facing us today. Lilly's support has helped us scale up our training efforts so we can save millions of lives by properly diagnosing and treating TB and MDR-TB."

Lilly CEO and President John Lechleiter, who accepted the award on Lilly's behalf, thanked Lilly's 17 partners working in 60 countries and communities throughout the world for their dedication to achieving the World Health Organization's goal of treating 50 million people by 2015.

“Lilly is proud to support this global multi-pronged effort involving nurses, doctors, hospitals administrators, research institutions, businesses, governments, and social service and advocacy institutions,” Lechleiter said. “Stopping MDR-TB is not about a single act, it’s about a series of joint initiatives that improve survival for some of the world’s most vulnerable and hard-to-treat patients.”

The Clinton Global Initiative also recognized the Lilly/ICN partnership in September this year for its commitment to “implement innovative solutions designed to produce tangible results that will positively change lives.”

About the International Council of Nurses (ICN)

The **International Council of Nurses (ICN)** is a federation of 132 national nurses associations representing the more than 13 million nurses worldwide. Operated by nurses for nurses since 1899, ICN is the international voice of nursing and works to ensure quality care for all and sound health policies globally.

About the Lilly MDR-TB Partnership

The **Lilly MDR-TB Partnership** was created to confront multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, a disease so daunting that no single organization can fight it alone. Since 2003, the public-private initiative, mobilizing 18 partners on five continents, has worked together to share expertise in the quest to contain and conquer one of the world’s oldest diseases. The Partnership’s multi-pronged approach includes: community support and patient advocacy; treatment, training and surveillance; transferring technology; research; and awareness and prevention. Additional information about The Lilly MDR-TB Partnership is available at www.lillymdr-tb.com

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