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## **ACRP Welcomes New Chair and Vice Chair, Announces Board Election Results**

Alexandria, Va.—The Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) is pleased to announce that **Heike Schön, MSc, MBA**, assumed the position of chair of the Association Board of Trustees (ABoT) effective January 1, 2010. She succeeds 2009 Chair **David M. Vulcano, LCSW, MBA, CIP, RAC**, who becomes immediate past chair. The board chair is the highest ranking elected position in ACRP. At its quarterly meeting in October, the board also elected **Valerie Willetts, RN, CCRA, CCRT**, as its vice chair for 2010.

ACRP also is pleased to announce that **Norbert Clemens, MD, PhD, Teresa-Lynn Hinkley, RN, BScN, MBA, CCRC**, and **Liz Wool, RN, BSN, CCRA, CMT**, have been elected as new members to serve on the board for two-year terms of office commencing January 1, 2010. Re-elected for their second two-year terms on the ABoT were **Clara H. Heering, MsC, Dave Mastro, MBA, Gary Shangold, MD, Betsy Stein, CCRC**, and **Susan H. Warne, CCRC**.

The election was called for by the Board of Trustees as prescribed by ACRP's bylaws, and the election was issued in accordance with ACRP's incorporation in the state of Ohio. ACRP thanks the membership for its participation in this year's election.

Since 2007, **Heike Schön, MSc, MBA**, has been managing director of the European contract research organization CSG mbH in Berlin, Germany. Before joining the company, she gained more than 13 years of experience in globally operating contract research organizations through various management positions in clinical research, medical marketing, and business development within Europe. She holds master's degrees in psychology and business administration, and her experience covers clinical research, medical marketing, business development, and marketing. Since joining ACRP in 2001, she has supported chapter activities throughout Germany and cochaired the Fifth and Sixth Annual ACRP European Conferences. She has been a member of the ABoT since January 2005, and more recently was cofounder and chairperson of the ACRP German Chapter.

As vice chair, **Valerie Willetts, RN, CCRA, CCRT**, having already served two terms on the ABoT, is now in line to serve as its chair in 2011. Willetts is founder, president, and chief executive officer of ASKA Research in Vancouver, Canada. She has been engaged for more than two decades in delivering a variety of educational programs to the industry and in managing and monitoring clinical research trials for academia, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and contract research organizations in North America and Europe. A member of ACRP since 2003, she first joined the ABoT in 2006, and is a former chair of the ACRP Canada Chapter and a former lead chapter chair for ACRP North America.

**Norbert Clemens, MD, PhD**, is a board-certified physiologist and a member of ACRP's affiliate, the Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators. His broad exposure to

worldwide healthcare issues includes service in several academic positions; as medical director for Intersan GmbH, PAION, and Valeant Pharmaceuticals International; as general manager and head of global clinical trial services at Analytica International GmbH; and as head of clinical development at CRS Mannheim GmbH in Gruenstadt, Germany, his current position. He is a board member of the research and development section of the German Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, for which he is a member of the drug safety and educational commissions. He also is immediate past president of the German Society of Pharmaceutical Medicine and treasurer of the International Federation of Associations of Pharmaceutical Physicians.

**Teresa-Lynn (Terri) Hinkley, RN, BScN, MBA, CCRC**, has been an ACRP member since 1997, a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator (CCRC®) since 1999, and an active leader in ACRP global and Canadian initiatives for many years. She served as president of the Canadian Chapter in 2007–08, and later assumed responsibility for membership for the chapter. She also sits on the overall ACRP Membership Committee and its Chapter Affairs Subcommittee, and is an Item Writer for the CRC exam. Currently the director of clinical operations at Helix BioPharma Corp. in Whitby, Ontario, Canada, she has successfully launched two new business units, and has the experience to translate strategy into operations. She welcomes the opportunity to serve the ACRP membership in this manner.

**Liz Wool, RN, BSN, CCRA, CMT**, president and CEO of QD-Quality and Training Solutions, Inc. in San Bruno, Calif., has worked for 19 years in the product development industry, including positions in biotech and pharmaceutical companies, investigational sites, contract research organizations, and academia. She became a Certified Clinical Research Associate (CCRA®) in 2000, and has served the ACRP Northern California Chapter as a member of its Education Committee, as vice president, and as president since 2008. On a global level, she holds appointments to the ACRP Membership Committee and its Chapter Affairs Subcommittee, to the CRA Forum Steering Committee, and to the Editorial Advisory Board for ACRP's peer-reviewed journal, *The Monitor*. She serves on the faculty for both the ACRP CRA and CRC Examination Review Courses, and has spoken at the ACRP Global Conference and at various events of the ACRP Chapters.

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