

## Announcement of the Foundation Meeting of the World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS) and the First International Nursing Research Conference

With the temporary suspension of the International Nursing Research Conference, which had been held every 3 years starting from 1992 largely through the efforts of the International Activity Promotion Committee, from FY2005-2006 the Japan Academy of Nursing Science has considered how to best conduct an international conference that would contribute to the improvement of nursing science in Japan and internationally. At the 2006 General Assembly of the Japan Academy of Nursing Science, it was proposed to establish the World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS) (provisional title), and participation in the establishment of the new Academy was approved, including the holding of the First International Nursing Research Conference of the World Academy of Nursing Science in 2009.

In 2007, starting with member organizations of the Japanese Association of Nursing Programs in University, this concept was conveyed to nursing researchers in the USA and countries in Asia and they were urged to become founding members of the World Academy of Nursing Science. As of May 16, 2008, seven Japanese and five overseas organizations are the founding members, and the World Academy of Nursing Science Foundation Meeting and the First International Nursing Research Conference will be held as shown below.

### **Foundation Meeting of World Academy of Nursing Science**

Time: Friday, September 18, 2009, 14:00 – 17:00

Place: Kobe Chamber of Commerce and Industry

### **The First International Nursing Research Conference of World Academy of Nursing Science**     <http://wans.umin.jp/>

Meeting Chairperson: Aiko Yamamoto, RN, RMW, PhD. Professor at University of Hyogo, and Director of Research Institute of Nursing Care for People & Community, University of Hyogo

Time: Saturday-Sunday, September 19–20, 2009

Place: Kobe International Exhibition Hall, Kobe, Japan

Main Theme: Towards creating a new domain of nursing knowledge