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West Lafayette, Indiana Pharmacist, Cynthia P. Koh-Knox, Honored for Outstanding Community Service

Washington, DC – The Indiana Pharmacists Alliance (IPA) has selected Cynthia P. Koh-Knox as the recipient of the 2011 Bowl of Hygeia Award for outstanding community service. Koh-Knox was presented with the award during the IPA and Community Pharmacies of Indiana (CPI) Joint Annual Convention September 9-10, 2011. The Award is sponsored by the American Pharmacists Association Foundation and the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations.

Koh-Knox became involved several years ago in a program designed to help former drug addicts responsibly take medications and avoid relapses. She serves as the pharmacist member of a correctional team that works with certain patients who are given the opportunity to participate in an intense treatment program monitored by the court that keeps them out of jail and tries to rehabilitate them into upstanding citizens. Koh-Knox runs the “pharmacy hotline” where the participants are able to have contact about any medication related questions. She has turned this service into a very innovative elective rotation for P4 pharmacy rotation students.

Established in 1958, the Bowl of Hygeia Award recognizes pharmacists who possess outstanding records of civic leadership in their communities and encourages pharmacists to take active roles in the affairs of their respective communities. The award is presented annually by participating state pharmacist associations, including those in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In addition to service through their local, state and national pharmacy associations, award recipients have devoted their time, talent and resources to a wide variety of causes and community service.

The Bowl of Hygeia is the most widely recognized international symbol for the pharmacy profession and is considered one of the profession’s most prestigious awards. The Bowl of Hygeia has been associated with the pharmacy profession since as early as 1796 when the symbol was used on a coin minted for the Parisian Society of Pharmacy. The bowl represents a medicinal potion and the snake represents healing. Healing through medicine is precisely why the pharmacy profession has adopted the Bowl of Hygeia symbol.

Information regarding contributing to the Bowl of Hygeia future is available by contacting the APhA Foundation at 202-429-7565 or info@aphafoundation.org.

About the American Pharmacists Association Foundation

The APhA Foundation is affiliated with the American Pharmacists Association, the national professional society of pharmacists in the U.S. The APhA Foundation, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., works to design solutions to medication use problems in America. The APhA Foundation’s mission is to improve the quality of consumer health outcomes affected by pharmacy. For more information, please visit the APhA Foundation website <http://www.aphafoundation.org/>.

About the National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations

The National Alliance of State Pharmacy Associations (NASPA) promotes leadership, sharing, learning, and policy exchange among pharmacy leaders in all 50 states and Washington, DC, and provides education and advocacy to support pharmacists, patients, and communities working together to improve public health. NASPA was founded in 1927 as the

National Council of State Pharmacy Association Executives (NCSPA). For more information, please visit the NASPA Web site www.naspa.us.

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