Bayer HealthCare Announces Recipients of 2010 WFH International Hemophilia Nursing Fellowship

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BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, July 10 /PRNewswire/ -- Bayer HealthCare announced today the recipients of the 2010 World Federation of Hemophilia's International Hemophilia Nursing Fellowship (IHNF). This global initiative, supported by Bayer, provides hemophilia education and training to nurses in developing countries – areas where hemophilia-trained healthcare professionals are in short supply. The nurse applicants were from 11 different countries (Algeria, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, Eritrea, Laos, Morocco, Paraguay, South Africa and Venezuela). Four recipients were selected from the 66 applications, the largest number since the program began in 2005.

"Our goal is to help improve expertise, disease management, and, ultimately, achieve our goal of Treatment for All members of the global hemophilia community. Currently, 70 percent of people with hemophilia worldwide go undiagnosed, and 75 percent of the world's hemophilia population is living without adequate care, the majority of whom live in developing countries," said Mark Skinner, president, World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH). "The life expectancy of a child born with hemophilia in a developing country is less than 20 years. Providing nursing professionals from these areas is a key factor in identifying and treating hemophilia. We greatly appreciate the support Bayer provides to make this program a success."

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