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## **Distinguished Pharmaceutical Scientist Awarded Honorary Doctorate**

*Vinod Shah Recognized by 240-Year-Old Hungarian Institution*

**Rockville, Md., December 07, 2012** – Recognizing a career dedicated to contributing to the improvement of the quality of medicines, Semmelweis University, one of the most prestigious institutions in Hungary, has awarded an honorary doctorate degree to Vinod P. Shah, Ph.D., who currently acts as a consultant for the U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP). USP is a scientific, nonprofit public health organization that sets standards for the quality of medicines, food ingredients and dietary supplements. USP standards are used in more than 140 countries.

Prior to his work with USP, Dr. Shah served for 30 years with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and has been with the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) for over 15 years. For the past ten years, Dr. Shah has collaborated with Semmelweis University's school of pharmacy in organizing international regulatory workshops in bioequivalence and dissolution requirements, biowaivers and ways to improve and maintain drug product quality. These workshops are attended by an average of 250 scientists from 25 to 35 countries. It is in recognition of this service that the University awarded its honorary doctorate to Dr. Shah. Semmelweis University is home to the oldest medical school in Hungary and is considered a major European center of knowledge and excellence in biomedical sciences.

Dr. Shah's consulting roles at USP include advising and assisting USP's General Chapters—Dosage Forms Expert Committee, associated Expert Panels and the USP Dosage Form Performance Group as USP evolves its performance and quality tests for various routes of drug administration.

"Dr. Shah has been justly rewarded for his expertise and dedication," said Roger L. Williams, M.D., USP's chief executive officer. "It has been my privilege to know and work with him over the span of his nearly 40-year career. I'm very pleased that he has been awarded this honorary degree."

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### **About Semmelweis University**

Founded in 1769, Semmelweis University is the oldest medical school in Hungary. With an over 240-year-old tradition of academic excellence, Semmelweis University is widely recognized as one of Europe's leading centers of medicine and health sciences, combining innovation and a time-tested tradition in three main areas: education, research, and health care.

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