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Judith Shamian, RN, PhD, D.Sc, (Hon), LLD (Hon), FAAN announced as Keynote Speaker for the 2018 Annual AHNA Conference in Niagara Falls, NY

The American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) announces that Dr. Judith Shamian, RN, PhD, D.Sc, (Hon), LLD (Hon), FAAN, Past-President of the International Council of Nurses, and former President and CEO of Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Canada, will be the keynote speaker at their 2018 annual conference in Niagara Falls, NY. The event will take place June 5 through June 10, 2018 at the Conference & Event Center Niagara Falls with the theme, “Creating and Expanding Global Presence.” Her keynote presentation will be on Thursday, June 7, 10:30 to Noon.

About Judith Shamian

Judith Shamian, RN, PhD, D.Sc, (Hon), LLD (Hon), FAAN is the past-president of the International Council of Nurses, former president and CEO of VON Canada (Victorian Order of Nurses) and was previously a professor at the Lawrence S. Bloomberg School of Nursing at the University of Toronto. There she was also a co-investigator with the Nursing Health Services Research Unit and a former executive director of the Office of Nursing Policy.

Serving as President and CEO of VON Canada, Shamian guided the organization through a time of great transition and transformation to bring it under one organizational umbrella. This reorganized structure will allow VON to maintain its place as Canada’s largest, not-for-profit, charitable home and community care provider through the next century. In her role there, Judith championed the home and community care agenda in Canada, and worked to strengthen partnerships between formal healthcare providers, families and friends who provide care, and volunteers and community organizations, in order to recognize and support the entire spectrum of care.

Shamian obtained her PhD from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; her master’s in public health from New York University; and her baccalaureate in community nursing from Montreal’s Concordia University. She is the recipient of the 1995 Ross Award for Nursing Leadership, the Governor General of Canada’s 2002 Golden Jubilee Medal, and the Award of Merit from CNA and CFNU in 2004, and holds honorary doctorate degrees from the University of Lethbridge, Alberta (2005), and Ryerson University, Toronto (2006). In 2008, she received the CNA Centennial Award, which recognizes nursing leadership over the past 100 years. In 2009, Shamian received the Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 award from the Women’s Executive Network, and became an International Fellow with the American Academy of Nursing.
About AHNA

At its founding in 1981, the American Holistic Nurses Association (AHNA) adopted as its primary mission, the advancement of holistic healthcare by increasing awareness and promoting education, as well as personal community-building among nurses, other healthcare professionals and the public. This non-profit professional membership organization is the definitive voice for holistic nursing for registered nurses and other holistic healthcare professionals around the world. Holistic nursing focuses on integrating traditional, complementary and alternative treatment opportunities to improve the mind body and spiritual health of the whole person.

AHNA delivers valuable resources, improves educational tools, and offers superior networking opportunities to a vibrant and expanding universe of holistic healthcare professionals. AHNA currently services more than 4,500 members through 130 local chapters/networks in the U.S. and abroad. Holistic nursing is recognized by the American Nurses Association as an official nursing specialty with both a defined scope and standards of practice.

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