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## **SURREY DIETITIAN WINS AWARD FOR HER DEDICATION TO EDUCATION**

Dietitian Jacki Bishop, who recently retired from her role as Programme Director for Dietetics at The University of Surrey, was made a Fellow of The British Dietetic Association at the Association's Awards Ceremony in London on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Fellowship is the highest honour that the profession bestows on a dietitian and is conferred in recognition of the work in which Jacki has been involved nationally to promote the profession and the science and practice of dietetics, especially in relation to her work in training hundreds of dietitians.

Jacki qualified as a dietitian in 1972, and has been a significant contributor to the profession of dietetics for over three decades. She has been a driving force in taking the profession forward, working in academia at the University of Surrey since 1976, and has actively participated in education and professional development to ensure that the standards of the profession are upheld.

She has been actively involved with The British Dietetic Association over many years and has been a member of numerous committees and working groups. In particular she has been committed to ensuring quality in the training of dietitians; students and colleagues who have worked with Jacki have the highest regard for her professional qualities as a leader, role model and mentor.

In addition, Jacki continues to uphold standards in dietetics as she is a registrant partner for the Health Professions Council ([www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)).

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Said Jacki: "I am both surprised and delighted to receive this award. I have been in the profession for a long time and it is fantastic to be joining friends and colleagues who have also been made Fellows over the years."

She continued: "At an early stage in my career I felt that there was much to be done and wanted to teach and inspire dietitians to reach the high standards necessary to take the profession forward. One of my great delights has been seeing my former students working in the many NHS Trusts that I have visited over the years. I really believe that there is a great opportunity for new graduates to meet their potential and take the profession forward, working not just in the NHS but also in industry, research and the media. It is up to the dietetic profession to make sure that there is something happening for them tomorrow and it is fulfilling to know that there are many of my graduates doing that."

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## **Notes to Editors**

1. The British Dietetic Association Awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday 21 June 2006 at The International Hotel, Docklands, London.
2. Further information on the conference and the awards ceremony is available from:

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3. The British Dietetic Association, founded in 1936, is the professional association for registered dietitians in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is the nation's largest organisation of food and nutrition professionals with over 5,000 members. About two-thirds of members are employed in the National Health Service. The remaining members work in education, industry, research, sport settings or freelance.

Registered dietitians hold the only legally-recognisable graduate qualification in nutrition and dietetics. They are experts in interpreting and translating the science of nutrition into practical ways of promoting nutritional well-being, disease treatment and the prevention of nutrition-related problems. Their advice is sound and based on current scientific evidence.

Registration, awarded by the Health Professionals Council, is an indication that a dietitian is fit to practise and is working within an agreed statement of conduct.

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