South Carolina College of Pharmacy’s (SCCP) Kelly Ragucci has been named the winner of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) 2015 Education Award, to be presented as part of the opening general session at ACCP’s 2015 Global Conference on Clinical Pharmacy, in San Francisco on October 18.

Ragucci, professor and chair of the Clinical Pharmacy and Outcomes Sciences Department at the SCCP, was cited for her “sustained work and leadership in clinical pharmacy education,” which ACCP Executive Director Michael Maddox called “truly commendable and has set a high standard for other educators nationally to emulate.”

ACCP’s Education Award recognizes a member who has shown excellence in the classroom or clinical training site, conducted innovative research in clinical pharmacy education, demonstrated exceptional dedication to continuous professional development, or shown leadership in the development of clinical pharmacy education programs.

“Dr. Ragucci is illustrative of the College’s commitment to education and we’re delighted she is being recognized for her outstanding work,” said Philip Hall, campus dean at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). “She is an exemplary faculty member.”

Often selected as a professor of the year by students in the pharmacy college, Ragucci has also been honored with University-wide accolades such as being named winner of the MUSC Teaching Excellence Award as Educator-Lecturer (2012) and MUSC Outstanding Clinician Award (2011). She was a finalist for the 2013 Governor’s Professor of the Year Award and has won numerous other awards.

Ragucci earned her bachelor’s in pharmacy with high honors from Ohio Northern University and her PharmD from the University of Toledo College of Pharmacy. She did a primary care specialty residency in family medicine at MUSC in 1997-98 and has earned certifications in Basic Life Support, Physical Assessment, Board of Pharmacotherapy Specialists, Diabetes Education and Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support.

After serving as assistant professor at Wilkes University, she joined MUSC in 2000 and was promoted to associate professor in 2004. She became a full professor in 2011 and served as assistant dean for the curriculum on the MUSC campus before becoming CPOS chair in 2013.

She has served as chair of the ACCP Clinical Practice Affairs Committee and has served in several national positions, including as chair of the Ambulatory Care Practice and Research Network and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.