

## **Emeritus Professor Susan Evelyn Dorsch**

The degree of Doctor of the University was conferred upon Emeritus Professor Susan Evelyn Dorsch at the ceremony held at 4.00pm on 2 May 1996.

### **Citation**

*Presented by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor D J Anderson*

Chancellor

I have the honour to present Emeritus Professor Susan Dorsch for admission to the degree of Doctor of the University.

Professor Dorsch, Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1989 to the time of her retirement on 13 January 1995, had a distinguished career at the University of Sydney. She made an outstanding contribution to the University through her leadership in teaching, research and academic administration.

Professor Dorsch began her academic career at the University of Sydney as a postgraduate research student in the Department of Pathology. Her subsequent appointments as Senior Lecturer, Associate Professor and then Professor of Pathology are an obvious indication of the high esteem in which she is held. Her lectures were renowned for their excellence and her pathology slide classes were always considered a particular delight. Her research focused on transplantation immunopathology, with a particular interest in the mechanisms of tolerance. She published in *Nature* and other prestigious journals.

Her rapid promotions to a Chair in 1983, as Pro Vice-Chancellor in 1986 and as Deputy Vice-Chancellor from 1989 are clear evidence of her standing in Australian academic life. Professor Dorsch served this University with distinction. Her insistence on the application of the highest academic standards, her advice and guidance on matters relating to staff selection, promotion and development provided enormous assistance to the Academic Board and the wider University community.

Professor Dorsch's expertise has been recognised in many other universities and nationally through requests for advice or service on high-level selection committees for staff and for scholars applying for prestigious international awards.

Professor Dorsch has played a key role in many scientific and professional bodies, for example, by chairing the Board of Directors of the Australian-American Educational (Fulbright) Association.

The Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee of NSW, the Australian Selection Committee for the Harkness Fellowships, the Scientific Committee of the Melanoma Foundation, the NH&MRC and the Museum of Contemporary Art are among the many bodies which have benefited from her advice and commitment.

Chancellor, I have great pleasure in presenting Emeritus Professor Susan Dorsch for admission to the Degree of Doctor of the University.