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Laboratory Animal Medicine

ESLAV-ECLAM Mutual agreement on collaboration

ESLAV is a member organization for veterinarians in the field of animals to be used for research, education and testing, and provides a forum to discuss issues which concern the members. ESLAV objectives are to promote and disseminate expert veterinary knowledge within the field. Collaboration and exchange of information with other Societies, allied scientific disciplines and European and national authorities is important for both ESLAV and its counterparts.

ECLAM is an organization established in Europe for the veterinary speciality of laboratory animal medicine. ECLAM is overseen by the European Board of Veterinary Specialization (EBVS). The mission of the College is to further scientific progress in laboratory animal medicine and promote the competency of colleagues working in this field in Europe.

ESLAV and ECLAM share common mission to increase standards in animal research and find the following work division appropriate

ESLAV achieves its objectives through:

- Representative voice of the profession in political issues like the European Commission
- Organizing activities like meetings, lectures, discussions, and publications;
- Encourage members to provide training for veterinarians practicing or wishing to practice in the field of laboratory animals, both at the under- and postgraduate level
- Providing a professional network in the field of laboratory animal medicine

ECLAM achieves their mission through:

- Defining and evaluating standards for post-graduate education, training and experience as a prerequisite for qualification (via examination) as a Specialist;
- Providing routes for qualification through education, training and experience that provide the most time-efficient pathway to qualify for examination;
- Certifying veterinarians as specialists through initial certification and periodic recertification
- Developing, adopting and supervising continuing education programmes.

ESLAV and ECLAM collaborate to achieve our common goal through joint activities and mutual agreements. Together they ensure veterinarians in the field of animal research, education and testing are represented and heard in the different initiatives of decision making bodies in Europe.

It is agreed that ESLAV is the point of contact for the Commission for all aspects related to Directive 2010/63, including EVERI meetings, NCP meetings and appointing experts for EWG meetings. ESLAV will do this in concertation with ECLAM, will consult and take decisions with ECLAM where appropriate, and would provide ECLAM with background information and meeting summaries to make sure everyone is kept on the same page.

It is agreed that ECLAM is the point of contact for policy making bodies for items relating to formal requirements for initial training and continuing education for laboratory animal veterinarians, recognizing the diversity of establishments and aiming for the proportionality and international harmonization. ECLAM will do this in concertation with ESLAV, will consult and take decisions with ESLAV where appropriate, and would provide ESLAV with background information and meeting summaries to make sure everyone is kept on the same page.

Both organizations agree that each organization that will receive in the future an invitation from European Authorities for the Transposition of Directive 2010/63 and for any other Regulation related to Lab Animal Science and Medicine and Animals used in Research at large will inform the other organization and will act according to the above mode of action.

This agreement is valid for the calendar year of signature and will automatically renew for periods of 12 months each, unless decided differently by one of the organizations.

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