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Dear colleagues,

The European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine's mission is to further scientific progress in laboratory animal medicine in Europe and increase the competency of those who practice in this field. Even though ECLAM has nearly 100 Diplomates, many expert colleagues do not wish to undertake a 3-year residency in order to qualify for the examinations. In accordance with this goal and our Constitution, we are announcing that those with internationally-recognised expertise may now apply for approval to sit the certification examinations without a prior residency.

As a Diplomate, you will help to strengthen the position of veterinarians dedicated to the care of animals bred and used for scientific purposes and higher education. ECLAM welcomes your participation; involvement in the College facilitates passing on your knowledge to the next generation of specialists. Further, you can help to develop the College and influence the work and the future of specialist education. The work that we do together has an impact on the quality of laboratory animal veterinarians and encourages young veterinarians to engage in the speciality.

The requirements for approval as an internationally-recognised expert are the following:

1. at least 10 years of experience practicing the speciality
2. advanced training in laboratory animal medicine
3. demonstrated competency and significant contribution to the development of laboratory animal medicine through teaching, research and practice
4. professional involvement with a licensed establishment as a laboratory animal veterinarian (supervisor, teacher, director or laboratory animal scientist), at least 60% of the time (24 hours/week)
5. licence (or eligibility) to practice veterinary medicine in Europe
6. willingness to contribute to the work of the College
7. a minimum of five publications of the following types:
 - a. one as first/primary author of a publication that applies scientific methods on topics relevant to lab animal science or medicine, published in an international peer-reviewed journal
 - b. four publications or reports that **either** (i) apply scientific methods in veterinary medicine or biological sciences; **or** (ii) are a review, case report, book chapter, working group report or internal company report in the field of laboratory animal medicine or science
8. two letters of recommendation from ECLAM Diplomates
9. satisfactory moral and ethical standing in relation to the practice of veterinary medicine

We hope you will consider this invitation to seek the ECLAM Diploma. Please send your application, addressing the points above, to the Secretariat at eclam.assistance@gmail.com. Applications are welcome any time, but those received before 1 December 2019 will be reviewed in time for the 2020 examinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat with any questions you may have.

With my best wishes on behalf of Council,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pat H', with a vertical line to its right.

Patricia Hedenqvist