

EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF LABORATORY ANIMAL VETERINARIANS



CONSTITUTION

Article 1: Name

The European Society of Laboratory Animal Veterinarians (ESLAV), hereafter known as "the Society" is a non-profit organisation according to the French Law of July 1st, 1901 and the Decree of August 16th, 1901.

The official language of the Society is English.

Article 2: ESLAV's Vision, Values, Mission and Objectives.

Vision

The vision of the Society is to be recognized as one of the leading international expert organizations in the field of laboratory animal science and medicine.

Values

ESLAV believes in independent, scientifically based progress and development. ESLAV regards animals as sentient beings with a value on their own. Use of animals in research, testing and teaching must therefore be limited to situations where other alternatives do not exist, number of animal must be kept as low as necessary number and all unpleasant experiences for the animals must be minimized.

Mission

The mission of the Society is to advance and promote the highest ethics and best scientific, medical and management practices in the care and use of all animals used in support of research, testing and teaching.

Objectives:

The objectives of the Society are:

- To promote and disseminate expert veterinary knowledge within the field of laboratory animal science and medicine;
- To serve as subject matter experts in the development of laws, regulations and guidelines that impacts the care and use of laboratory animals;
- To collaborate with allied organizations in the development and implementation of basic and advanced training programs in the field of laboratory animal science and medicine;

- To promote sharing of data and the dissemination of advances in laboratory animal science and medicine through electronic communications, webinars, and seminars and scientific meetings.

Article 3: Registered Office

The registered office is located at:

Service de Zootechnie – Centre de Recherche Pierre Fabre (CRPF)
17 avenue Jean Moulin
81106 Castres Cedex, France

The registered office can be moved, if needed, by simple decision of the Governing Board.

Article 4: Life Span

The life span of the Society is unlimited.

Article 5: Members

Membership to the Society shall be open to veterinarians regardless of nationality. The different categories of members (ordinary members, honorary members, students ...) are specified in the Bylaws.

Article 6: Subscription and Cancellation

Candidatures and Resignations shall be addressed to the Secretary who will submit them to the Governing Board.

Membership in the Society will be lost through resignation, loss of life, or cancellation due to non payment of membership fee or for serious reasons as decided by the Governing Board, after due consideration of explanations provided by the member. Each application shall be supported by two actual members and agreed by the Governing Board.

Article 7: Fee

Membership fees are payable on a yearly basis. The membership fee will be proposed by the Governing Board and any change will be determined and voted at the Annual General Meetings.

Article 8: Resources

The resources of the Society are composed by:

- membership fees;
- sponsorship or any resource or grant which would not be contradictory with applicable legislation;
- any other income (e.g. scientific meeting income).

Article 9: Governing Board

- 9.1. The Society is governed by a Governing Board which consists of members elected for 1 (one), 2 (two) or 3 (three) years depending on the duty occupied.
- 9.2. The Governing Board consists of the President, the President Elect or the Past President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and at least 4 (four) Ordinary Members.
- 9.3. The duties of Secretary, Treasurer and Ordinary Members are occupied for 3 (three) years, whereas the duty of the President is held for 2 (two) years. The duties of President Elect and Past President are held on alternative year.
- 9.4. Voting members of the Society shall be eligible for election as officers and members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board Members shall be elected at the General Meetings.

Article 10: Governing Board Meetings

The President shall be the Chairperson of the Governing Board meetings, and in his absence the Past President or the President Elect will deputize.

The Governing Board shall meet face-to-face at least twice a year at a meeting called by the President, or at the request of two thirds of its membership.

During the Governing Board Meetings, the Governing Board could invite some observers, members of the Society or not.

Minutes of these meetings shall be written by the Secretary. These documents shall be signed by the President and kept by the Secretary.

Article 11: Payment - Reimbursement

Governing Board Members shall not receive any payment.

However, they can be reimbursed for their expenses with written proof.

Article 12: General Meeting

The General Meeting is composed by all the paying Members.

General Meetings will take place once a year following notification issued by the President or the Secretary at least 8 (eight) weeks in advance by email and/or direct mailing and by posting it on the Societies web site. The agenda items will be included on the notification, but subjects can be submitted to the Secretary up to 6 (six) weeks before the meeting.

General Meetings will be held in various parts of Europe and nearby countries, the venues to be selected by the Governing Board, bearing in mind the wishes of the membership.

The President shall be the Chairperson of these meetings and will be assisted by the Governing Board Members.

At the General Meeting, members of the Governing Board are elected, reports from the Governing Board are presented on the functioning of the Society, account reports are approved, and agenda items are discussed.

Decisions on the internal functioning of the Society are taken with a simple majority of the votes of members present.

Minutes of these meetings shall be written by the Secretary. These documents shall be signed by the President and kept by the Secretary.

Article 13: Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary Assembly General meeting shall be organised on request of at least 1/3 (one third) of its Members or on request of the Governing Board in accordance with the procedures specified in article 12.

No business shall be transacted at the Extraordinary General Meeting other than that for which the meeting was called.

Minutes of these meetings shall be written by the Secretary. These documents shall be signed by the President and kept by the Secretary.

Article 14: Bylaws

Bylaws are drawn by the Governing Board, approved at the General Meeting and applicable to all members for the ordinary functioning of the Society.

Article 15: Dissolution

In case of dissolution decided by at least two thirds of the members present or represented at a General Meeting, one or several liquidators will be appointed and the assets, if present will be assigned according to article 9 of the (French) law of the 1st of July 1901 and the decree of the 16th of August 1901.

Any residual assets should be distributed in accordance with the objectives of the Society in accordance with article 2.

Cambridge, September 16th, 2013

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