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ESLAV-ECLAM Mutual Agreement on Collaboration

ESLAV is a member organisation for veterinarians in the field of animal research and provides a forum to discuss issues which concern the members. ESLAV objectives are to promote and disseminate expert veterinary knowledge within the field of animal research. Collaboration and exchange of information with other Societies and allied scientific disciplines is important for ESLAV.

ECLAM is an organisation established in Europe to certify veterinarians as specialists in laboratory animal medicine. ECLAM is a recognised member college of the European Board of Veterinary Specialisation (EBVS). The primary objectives of the College are to promote education, research, best practice and the 3Rs in laboratory animal medicine in Europe, and to increase the competency of those who practise in this field.

ESLAV and ECLAM share a common goal to support the veterinarian's role in animal care and use and to increase competence of laboratory animal veterinarians.

ESLAV achieve their mission through:

- representing the profession in political issues discussed by the European Commission;
- supporting continuing education and training by organising activities such as meetings, lectures, and webinars of general interest;
- encouraging members to provide training and support for veterinarians practicing or wishing to practice in the field of laboratory animal medicine, both at the undergraduate and postgraduate level.
- providing a forum to discuss issues which concern them, in the field of laboratory animal science, in general and in Europe specifically

ECLAM achieves its objectives through:

- establishing standards for post-graduate education, training, experience, examination and certification for qualification as a Diplomate of ECLAM;
- encouraging research, best practice, the 3Rs and other contributions to knowledge in laboratory animal medicine, and promoting communication and dissemination of this knowledge;

- supporting continuing education in laboratory animal medicine;
- committing itself to the development of a culture which recognises the importance of quality and quality assurance in its activities.

ESLAV and ECLAM have been and are working together to achieve our common goal of making sure that laboratory animal veterinarians 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 European Commission for all aspects related to Directive 2010/63, including EVERI meetings, National Contact Point meetings and appointing experts for Expert Working Groups. ESLAV will do this in cooperation with ECLAM, will communicate content of meetings, and create common ESLAV-ECLAM position statements, where appropriate. These joint statements will be approved by both Boards.

Within ESLAV, ECLAM will be the point of contact for education leading to EBVS specialization.

Both organizations will jointly organize educational events, as defined in **Annex I**.

Both organisations will ensure that each others' interests are represented. Each organisation will inform the other to make sure both are updated. For this purpose, there will be regular meetings of the ESLAV President and ECLAM President.

This mutual agreement on collaboration 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 organisations. The duration of Annexes will be agreed on a case by case basis.

Signatures of Presidents:

President of ECLAM:		Date 09/11/2025
President elect of ECLAM:		Date 27/11/2025
President of ESLAV:		Date: 07/11/2025
Past President of ESLAV:		Date: 07/11/25