



Update from the International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine January 2022

Dear friends,

As you are a stakeholder or organization sharing common interests with the International Association of Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine (IACLAM), I am writing to update you about IACLAM's accomplishments over the past year.

IACLAM members include the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), the European College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ECLAM), the Indian College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ICLAM), the Japanese College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (JCLAM) and the Korean College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (KCLAM). The Philippines College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (PCLAM) participates as an observer organization. We also continue to support the development of other new Colleges of LAM.

In the last update I sent you, I shared IACLAM's strategic plan that was approved in November 2020. I am pleased with the progress that we have made on the plan thus far. A few highlights:

- One of our goals is to establish IACLAM as a non-profit organization (NPO). IACLAM put together an Organizational Task Force, chaired by Dr. Hilton Klein (ECLAM/ACLAM). After researching requirements in several Countries, we decided to register IACLAM as an NPO in the USA. Application has been made in Delaware, USA.
- Regarding our goal to promote harmonization of knowledge and skills required for a newly boarded laboratory animal veterinarian, IACLAM's Training Task Force, chaired by Dr. Patricia Hendenqvist (ECLAM), published a paper in the January 2022 Journal of the American Association of Laboratory Animal Science (JAALAS), entitled *Toward Global Harmonization of Training and Certification of Specialists in Laboratory Animal Veterinary Medicine* https://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/aalas/jaalas/pre-prints/content-jaalas_21000044. This paper describes the process that led to an agreement on the knowledge and skill requirements for a newly certified Diplomate. Through the efforts of the Training Task Force, the member Colleges also agreed to the minimum requirements for publications by applicants, prior to application to take the Diplomate examinations.
- The IACLAM Board of Directors (BOD) clearly defined the requirements and process for Associate and Full Membership of Colleges in IACLAM, and the criteria for moving from an Associate Member College to a Full Member College.
- Recognizing the importance of an up-to-date IACLAM website, with helpful information, to developing Colleges of Laboratory Animal Medicine and our stakeholders, we have moved the development of a new website up in our priority list. A Communications Task force was set up, chaired by Dr. Arvind Ingle (ICLAM), to develop the new website. Watch for exciting changes in the coming year!
- IACLAM has established a Nominations Subcommittee, chaired by Dr. Hilton Klein (ECLAM/ACLAM) to ensure that we continue to have experienced, competent and engaged IACLAM leadership.

We are excited to announce that Dr. William Pang (ACLAM) was nominated by IACLAM, and subsequently was elected, as a Councilor representing International Discipline-centered Organizations to the **World Veterinary Association**. Dr. Pang's term as World Veterinary Association Councilor is 2022-2024. Congratulations and thank you William!

We are thrilled that Dr. Hilton Klein (ECLAM/ACLAM) was awarded AAALAC International's most prestigious award, the Bennett J. Cohen Award. This award recognizes outstanding individuals who have, through their exceptional service and significant contributions to AAALAC International, demonstrated a strong and abiding commitment to advancing science through promotion of the highest standards of laboratory animal care in research, testing, and education. Hilton has served many years on the IACLAM BOD, was IACLAM's President 2017-2020, and currently serves as IACLAM's Past President. Well done, Hilton!

IACLAM is a lean organization representing over 1,600 laboratory animal medicine diplomates from the Member Colleges. As such, we rely exclusively on volunteers to meet the goals of IACLAM and to reach out and support developing Colleges. Our volunteers are all very busy in their occupations and day-to-day lives but take the time to support the work of IACLAM. We can't always accomplish as much as we want to, as fast as we want to, but I am indeed humbled and thankful for the hard work of the IACLAM BOD. At this time, I would like to specifically recognize Dr. Kazuo Yano (JCLAM) for his service as IACLAM Secretary-Treasurer over the past seven years. Secretary-Treasurer is an important and busy position. Kaz carried out the duties of Secretary-Treasurer in a very thorough, efficient, professional, accurate and cheerful manner, and we very much appreciate his efforts on our behalf. Although, Kaz will pass on the duties of Secretary-Treasurer to Dr. Koji Hanai (JCLAM), Kaz will remain on the IACLAM BOD.

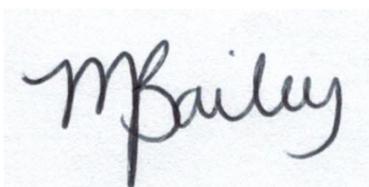
The 2021/22 IACLAM BOD is:

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

On behalf of the IACLAM Board of Directors, I would like to wish you a healthy and happy 2022. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Bailey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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