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Dear Fellow Dermatologists,

As you will see as you read through the latest edition of the ESVD Bulletin veterinary dermatology continues to thrive throughout Europe and the rest of the civilised World. Very soon the Second World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology will be held in Montreal, Canada. Other exciting developments are the setting up of the ESVD computer Bulletin Board (not to be confused with the old fashioned paper version!) and the establishment of distance learning programmes. The changes to the ESVD constitution and the procedures for electing board members are in the process of revision. More details of all these developments are given inside.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE OF VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY JOINS ESVD IN JOURNAL SPONSORSHIP

In April 1991 the membership and executive board of the ACVD received an invitation from ESVD president and VETERINARY DERMATOLOGY editor Dr. David Lloyd to join in sponsorship of the International Journal. This suggestion was greeted with enthusiasm, debated only briefly and passed by the College membership. Subsequently, the ACVD executive board named Dr. Carol S. Foil of Louisiana State University as the ACVD members co-editor.

With the publication of Volume 2, (1), Veterinary Dermatology became the official journal of the European Society of Veterinary Dermatology and the American College of Veterinary Dermatology. For ESVD members who are not familiar with the history of the ACVD, please see Dr. Foil's editorial in Volume 2 (2) due out this winter. It may surprise ESVD members to know that the ACVD is a small organization and currently has 60 board certified diplomates as members. (The American Association of Veterinary Dermatology, which comprises members with a special interest in veterinary dermatology is much larger, with a membership of about 300.)

As ESVD members know, there is a special subscription rate available to the members of the sponsoring organizations. In addition, joint sponsorship of the journal will only serve to increase the rich interactions between veterinarians of Europe and North America in our field of special interest - all matters related to the skin.

THE ESVD COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARD 24 HOUR INFORMATION AND INTERACTION IN DERMATOLOGY

What is a computer bulletin board? - It is a computer-operated system which enables members with a computer and modem to communicate via a central computer which is reached by telephone. Many Bulletin Boards (BBs) of this kind exist. Most are to do with computing but an increasing number of special interest BBs are now in existence. The ESVD system is the first dedicated veterinary speciality system. It forms part of the much larger Direct Line BB which is also available to members on the ESVD system, although the ESVD BB is only available to ESVD members and invited guests specialists.

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