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Date: October 13, 2004
To: CPE-eligible ECFVG Candidates
From: Dr. Deborah Kochevar, Chair, ECFVG
Re: Clinical Proficiency Examination (CPE)

On behalf of the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG), thank you for your patience as we make every attempt to increase the capacity of the CPE in 2005 and beyond. We had anticipated adding new test sites to the currently full 2005 CPE schedule during our October 8-9, 2004 meeting. However, we must complete evaluation of two new CPE sites (one private, one university-affiliated) before we can begin scheduling candidates at those sites. Addition of these two new sites to the five ECFVG-approved CPE sites will more than double the current capacity of the CPE, which stands at 137 candidates/year. Please be assured that the ECFVG will maintain your completed application in the order in which it was received until the 2005 schedule is finalized.

The private site in Las Vegas anticipates administering its first evaluated CPE in January 2005, whereas the university-affiliated site, in November 2005. Because the private site will complete the evaluation process in early 2005, the ECFVG should be able to finalize the 2005 CPE schedule in March 2005 and mail new applications in April to all eligible candidates who have either completed an old application but not yet been assigned a 2005 test date or requested a new application but not yet received one. Candidates will then have 45 days to return a completed application, and CPE assignments will be made in the order in which either the original completed but unfilled application or the original request for an application was received. New applications received after that 45-day deadline will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. The ECFVG anticipates being able to accommodate all candidates who have requested a CPE application to date but not yet been assigned a test date with the new 2005 CPE schedule.

Please log on to the ECFVG Web site at www.avma.org/education/ecfvg/default.asp for updates regarding evaluation of the new CPE sites and the 2005 CPE schedule. Should you have questions regarding the CPE, please contact Ms. Annie Liu, ECFVG Testing Coordinator (800-248-2862, ext 6682; aliu@avma.org), or Dr. Beth Sabin, Assistant Director, AVMA Education and Research Division and staff consultant to the ECFVG (ext 6675; esabin@avma.org).