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### **AGM 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - Resolution 2: Update Wording of Article 4**

There is an anomaly currently where many medical scientists are applying for fellowship of the Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine despite not being members of the professional body. Fellowship of an organisation is usually awarded to individuals who are contributing to their profession through active membership of their scientific and professional bodies. In addition, senior scientists from outside of Ireland, who may have many years of advanced practice in medical science, are not entitled to be approved as Fellows of the ACSLM. Under the EU directive, Ireland must allow EU nationals to apply for equivalent positions across all EU states. The following revision was proposed to the membership at the recent AGM on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017 to address these issues. The resolution was unanimously agreed.

#### **The existing Article 4 (b) has been amended to read as follows:**

- 4 (b) Any Applicant for admission as Fellow of the Academy shall hold :
    - 1(a) A Post Graduate degree in the field of medical laboratory sciences accredited or approved by the Academy of Clinical Sciences and Laboratory Medicineand
  - 1(b) Be a current member of the Academy for a minimum of 12 months
- or
- Be registered to practise as a medical scientist or equivalent in another country for a minimum of two years with fellowship or equivalent of their professional body for a minimum of 12 months
- and
- 1(c ) shall have a minimum of 2 years experience in the practice of medical laboratory science acceptable to council.

Please note:

These criteria apply to all fellowship applicants from the date of AGM (18 February 2017) i.e. one complete year's current membership.

Where Medical Scientists have previously held two years membership but are not current members and wish to apply for fellowship and have 1 (a) and 1(c), they should do so by March 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. Current membership (1 b) in this situation will apply from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.