

# **AGREEMENT OF RECIPROCITY**

## **AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL AND MOLECULAR MICROBIOLOGY OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MICROBIOLOGY AND THE CANADIAN COLLEGE OF MICROBIOLOGISTS**

Whereas, the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology and the Canadian College of Microbiologists have the common objectives to work for the safeguard of the public good with respect to the qualifications of professional Microbiologists in both countries, it is hereby agreed that the certification of Fellow in Clinical Microbiology, as recognized by the Canadian College of Microbiologists, is also recognized by the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology at the level of Diplomate in Medical and Public Health Microbiology.

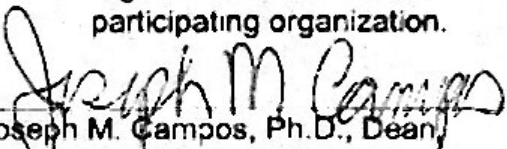
The purpose of this agreement of reciprocity is to gain recognition of the professional Microbiologist, the profession of Microbiology, and to promote professionalism through the fostering of mutual ideas and programs.

Certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology and as a Fellow of the Canadian College of Microbiologists is based on academic qualifications, professional work experience, and the successful completion of qualifying examinations.

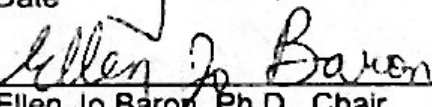
The terms of the agreement of reciprocity between the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology and the Canadian College of Microbiologists are set forth as follows:

1. This agreement permits a Diplomate in Medical and Public Health Microbiology who has completed the eligibility requirements and successfully passed the qualifying examination(s) of the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology or who has been recognized as a Diplomate in Medical and Public Health Microbiology under a "grandfather" clause, and who desires to work in Canada, to become a Fellow in Clinical Microbiology of the Canadian College of Microbiologists without examination. The individual must submit to the Canadian College of Microbiologists, Office of Registrar, the required application forms, fees, and proof of current certification by the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology. While employed in Canada, the Fellow in Clinical Microbiology must comply with all requirements of the rules including rules of revocation of certification, regulations, and operational procedures prescribed by the Canadian College of Microbiologists.
2. Conversely, this agreement permits a Fellow in Clinical Microbiology of the Canadian College of Microbiologists who has completed the eligibility requirements and successfully passed the qualifying examination(s) of the Canadian College of Microbiologists or who has been recognized as a Fellow in Clinical Microbiology under a "grandfather" clause, and who desires to work in the United States, to become a Diplomate in Medical and Public Health Microbiology of the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology without examination. The individual must submit to the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology, Office of the Certification Programs, the required application forms, fees, and proof of current certification by the Canadian College of Microbiologists. While employed in the United States, the Diplomate in Medical and Public Health Microbiology must comply with all requirements of the rules including rules of revocation of certification, regulations, and operational procedures prescribed by the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology.

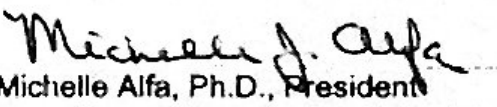
3. If a Registrant returns to his/her original country, he/she automatically assumes his/her original certification, is subject to the rules and regulations of the original certifying organization, and may then elect to relinquish his/her certification in the other organization to the agreement. However, the individual may elect to retain certification in both the Canadian College of Microbiologists and the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology. In such cases, the individual is subject to compliance with the rules, regulations, and operational procedures of both organizations, and is subject to the payment of established fees or dues levied by the respective organizations.
4. Each certifying organization may require any individual desiring reciprocal recognition to produce, upon request, documentary evidence supplied within 30 days by the Board/College of the organization of origin, that said individual has qualified for certification and is currently in good standing with that organization.
5. If either certifying organization terminates this agreement of reciprocity, the Registrants may retain certified status in either (or both) certifying organizations that they hold current certification with at the time of termination.
6. If either organization entering into this agreement of reciprocity shall at any time alter the eligibility requirements or method of certifying Microbiologists, written notice 30 days prior to the effective date of such change shall be sent to the reciprocating certifying organization.
7. This agreement of reciprocity of the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology and the Canadian College of Microbiologists may be unilaterally terminated by the governing body of either organization on 6 months notice, said notice being given by certified mail or a similar method of delivery.
8. The rules of the American Board of Medical and Molecular Microbiology of the American College of Microbiology and the Canadian College of Microbiology shall not discriminate against registrants on the basis of having obtained registrant status by reciprocity.
9. All fees or dues of the participating certifying organization required for the processing of individual applications will be established and levied at the discretion of each participating organization and the collection of said fees or dues is the sole responsibility of each participating organization.

  
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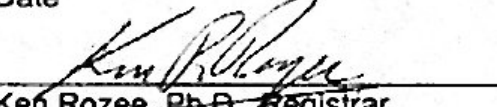
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 Michelle Alfa, Ph.D., President  
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 Ken Rozee, Ph.D., Registrar  
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