



## Dr. Neil Shantz and Dr. Robert Friendship Awarded 2022 Honorary Memberships

At the CASV-ACVP annual meeting, the members approved honorary memberships for Dr. Neil Shantz and Dr. Robert Friendship. Both have contributed significant time and energy to swine health activities and been long-time members of CASV-ACVP.

## Animal Health Canada Awards – Dr. Jim Fairles and Dr. Glen Duizer

As a part of the annual Animal Health Canada (AHC) Forum in September, AHC presented two awards to deserving candidates making a difference in Canadian farmed animal health and welfare. The **Carl Block Award** is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions in the field of livestock animal health. The **Leadership in Collaboration Award** is new and is intended to recognize an individual's commitment to farmed animal health and welfare through the promotion of public-private collaboration.

The Carl Block Award was presented to **Dr. Jim Fairles**, a long time AHC Board member nominated by his peers for his passion and commitment to animal health. Throughout his veterinary career, Dr. Fairles has devoted his time to service and has been a leader in the veterinary profession in Canada for many years working at the provincial, Canadian, and international levels on various boards and committees.

AHC was also honoured to present its new Leadership in Collaboration Award to **Dr. Glen Duizer** with the Government of Manitoba. Dr. Duizer is a recognized leader in Manitoba for his work in animal health and surveillance, including leading projects which established public-private collaboration

## CASV-ACVP AGM and New Board

The CASV-ACVP AGM was held on-line on October 7<sup>th</sup>; 35 members participated. Highlighted accomplishments in 2021-2022 included:

- The CASV-ACVP Board approved a position statement on On-Farm Surgical Procedures and Veterinary Oversight which defines major versus minor surgical procedures.
- Commented on three CVMA Position Statements: pain management in animals, telemedicine, and animal welfare at auction markets.
- Participated in VDD roundtable of national species-specific veterinary associations, livestock producer associations, and veterinary drug manufacturers. Discussed access to important veterinary products
- VDD subsequently held a bilateral meeting with the CASV-ACVP and the Canadian Pork Council to discuss swine specific issues.
- Provided feedback to ASF National Project Manager on draft of Canada's Invasive Wild Pig Strategy (2022-2032).
- Swine Depopulation Methods Reference Document is available on members' only page of the CASV-ACVP website [www.casv-acvp.com](http://www.casv-acvp.com)
- Noémie van Vyve represented CASV-ACVP at 2022 Congress on Canadian Veterinary Workforce.

The AGM is also when we elect the incoming Board of Directors. Below are the members of the 2022-2023 Board.

### Director

Dr. Blaine Tully  
Dr. Jessica Law  
Dr. Christine Pelland  
Dr. Ryan Tenbergen  
Noémie Van Vyve  
Dr. Christian Klopfenstein  
Dr. Kurt Preugschas  
Dr. Karine Talbot  
Dr. Martine Denicourt  
Dr. Isabelle Moreau  
Dr. Jim Fairles  
Dr. Elisabeth Carrière

### Representing

Director (WCASV)  
Director (WCASV)  
Director (OASV)  
Director (OASV)      Past President  
Director (AVIA)      President  
Director (AVIA)  
Director at large      Vice President  
Director at large  
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## CASV-ACVP Board Activities – Q4 2022

Some of the items on which the Board has been working during the last quarter of 2022 include:

- Provided comments to CVMA on four position statements: Piglet Castration, Importation of Dogs, Dentistry, and Climate Change;
- Have initiated discussions with CVMA and the National Farm Animal Care Council regarding increased input and representation of food animal veterinarians on committees;
- Begun developing a template for an information sharing release between CFIA, individual producers and their herd veterinarian that could be utilized if there is a federally reportable animal disease;
- Continue to participate in discussions with the Veterinary Drug Directorate, other

networks across Manitoba, including a PED provincial disease management program with the Manitoba Pork Council.

#### **CFIA Document - Assessing lameness for transport**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has published a new infographic: [Assessing lameness for transport](#). They stated this tool has been prepared to clarify the decision-making process when assessing lameness before loading animals for transport.

#### **Veterinary Antimicrobial Sales Reporting (VASR)**

The [2021 Veterinary Antimicrobial Sales Highlights Report](#) is live and marks the fourth publication since the regulations came into force. This report summarizes key findings, providing a comprehensive picture of antimicrobials available for veterinary use and supports the antimicrobial resistance surveillance program and stewardship.

The Public Health Agency of Canada's, Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Unit have released an [interactive data platform](#), this include the sales data collected by VASR.

#### **Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter**

The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 180 association members each week. We accept classified advertising (e.g., job postings) in the e-newsletter. For promotional and marketing type ads, we offer one banner ad each week. We will also distribute technical bulletins for veterinary pharmaceutical products and other registered health products. There are advertising packages for companies interested in combinations of classified, banner and technical bulletin advertising.

If you are interested in any advertising opportunities, please contact Krista Bates in the CASV-ACVP office at [krista.tfio@bell.net](mailto:krista.tfio@bell.net), 519-787-4322.

national species-specific veterinary associations, livestock producer associations, and veterinary drug manufacturers regarding access to important veterinary products;

- Provided feedback to VDD regarding access to products claiming to reduce pathogenic bacteria; and,
- Continue monthly meetings with CPC including review and comments on the CPC Piglet Pain Management document.

#### **Swine Medicine Advancement Recruitment and Training (SMART) program December 2022**

In response to the ongoing shortage of swine veterinarians and difficulty in attracting new DVMs to the profession, the SMART program is being launched by Dr. John Harding, WCVM with collaboration from swine industry partners. The program is supported financially by charitable donations from benefactors, businesses and industry associations to a charitable trust initiated and maintained by the University of Saskatchewan. The mission of the SMART program is “to develop programs supporting the recruitment, retention and advance training of swine veterinarians in Canada”. The program has four pillars:

1. **Pharmhouse summer student experience program** arranges 12-week work terms for DVM undergraduate students from any Canadian CVM. Work terms are tailored to the student's swine experience and involve working on farms, shadowing veterinary teams, and production research.
2. **Clinical competency training and verification:** The SMART program will establish a prioritized list of clinical competencies for entry-level and early career swine veterinarians. Competencies will be tiered based on difficulty and verified based on standardized criteria. Clinical competencies will be a component of the Pharmhouse summer student program.
3. **Foreign-trained veterinarian (FTV) swine residency certification program:** An alternative pathway to licensure for foreign veterinarians is by way of board certification as a recognized veterinary specialist. For FTV with substantial swine experience, certification by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners (ABVP) in Swine Health Management (SHM) is a viable option. The SMART program is launching an ABVP-approved SHM residency program that will fulfill the licencing criteria to practice swine medicine (limited scope licensure) in AB, SK and MB) upon successful board certification.
4. **Swine veterinary advanced education program:** With the goal of improving knowledge and practical skills of swine veterinarians, this program will deliver targeted continuing education and provide mentorship to Canadian veterinarians wanting to pursue ABVP-SHM certification.

For additional information on SMART, please contact [john.harding@usask.ca](mailto:john.harding@usask.ca).

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*Susan Fitzgerald on behalf of CASV-ACVP Board of Directors.*

**Mission:** To be a responsive, proactive voice for veterinarians involved with the swine industry in Canada.