



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians

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Board Newsletter to Members

Four Honorary Memberships Awarded

At the CASV-ACVP annual meeting, the members approved honorary memberships for Dr. Josée Daigneault, Dr. Julie Ménard, Dr. Jim Fairles, and Dr. John Fairbrother.

Josée, Julie, and Jim have contributed significant time and energy to swine health activities and been long-time members of CASV-ACVP. Dr. Fairbrother has been recognized globally for his diagnosis, epi-surveillance, research, and training activities at the Université de Montréal.

Proposed New C & D Option for Swine Trucks returning from the U.S.

Currently, any trucks which transport swine into the U.S. destined for a slaughter plant must shovel and sweep out trailers before returning to Canada. All other types of swine transport (early weans, breeding stock, etc.) must be cleaned and disinfected prior to being allowed back into Canada.

CFIA is proposing a regulatory change which would allow for third-party truck washing audit programs to which transporters could voluntarily subscribe. These programs would allow transporters of early weans, breeding stock, etc. to just shovel and sweep out trailers as is currently in place for slaughter bound loads. However, they must seal the trailers in the U.S. and then follow specific C&D protocols once in Canada (protocols would be specified by the third-party audit program).

The third-party audit program will not be CFIA. CFIA will approve the audit group/association which would, in turn, oversee and audit the transporters that sign up. CFIA will

CASV-ACVP AGM and New Board

The CASV-ACVP AGM was held on-line on October 27th; 33 members participated. Highlighted accomplishments in 2022-2023 included:

- CASV-ACVP Summary of Analgesic and Anesthetic Options for Use in Swine was updated, posted on the members' only page of the CASV-ACVP website.
- Developed a template for an information sharing release between CFIA, individual producers and their herd veterinarian if there is a federally reportable animal disease.
- Provided comments on six position statements: Piglet Castration, Importation of Dogs, Dentistry, Climate Change, Animal Sentience, and Artificial Intelligence in Veterinary Medicine.
- With other NVSGs, held meetings with the CVMA and the Canadian Veterinary Journal regarding greater input from and engagement with food animal veterinarians on position statements and journal content.
- Sent letters regarding: funds to support enhanced biosecurity at assembly yards; drug shortages and implications for animal health; concerns about negative animal welfare implications of less flexibility in calculating commercial drivers' hours of service; and urging CFIA to utilize electronic signatures for export certificate endorsements.
- Continued to participate in discussions with the Veterinary Drug Directorate (VDD) and other national groups regarding access to important veterinary products.
- Provided feedback to VDD regarding access to products claiming to reduce pathogenic bacteria.
- Continued monthly meetings with CPC including review and comments on the CPC Piglet Pain Management document.

The AGM is also when we elect the incoming Board of Directors. Below are the members of the 2023-2024 Board.

Director	Representing
Dr. Kurt Preugschas	Director (WCASV) President
Dr. Jessica Law	Director (WCASV)
Dr. Christine Pelland	Director (OASV) Vice President
Dr. Ryan Tenbergen	Director (OASV)
Dr. Martine Denicourt	Director (AVIA)
Dr. Christian Klopfenstein	Director (AVIA)
Dr. Karine Talbot	Director at large
Dr. Blaine Tully	Director at large
Noémie Van Vyve	Director at large Past President
Dr. Isabelle Moreau	Director at large
Dr. Elisabeth Carrière	Director at large
Dr. Conor Voth	Director at large
Dr. Andrea Patterson	Director at large

CASV-ACVP Board Activities – Q4 2023

Some of the items on which the Board has been working during the fourth quarter of 2023 included:

- provided comments to CVMA on their position statement, Responsibility of Veterinary Professionals in Addressing Animal Abuse and Neglect;
- sent a letter to CFIA regarding adopting digitally secure electronic signatures on export certificates;
- revised the policy and procedures for CASV-ACVP bursaries;

audit the third-party group not the transporters.

Manitoba Pork has an audit program for consideration once this regulatory change is approved.

For those loads which currently have to wash in the U.S., this is a good option as most rewash back in Canada as they, and their customers, do not trust the biosecurity of the U.S. truck washes. This voluntary option would save the approx. \$500 U.S. cost per wash.

It is important to note that the washing requirements are staying the same unless there is a third party, audited truck wash program in place and the transporter voluntarily joins that program. There is no requirement to do this.

Only poultry and swine have special regulations for washing trucks. Other species just require a scrape out in the U.S. before returning to Canada..

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 Susan Fitzgerald in the CASV-ACVP office at susan.tfo@bell.net, 519-787-4322.

- had a presentation from Manitoba Pork regarding CFIA proposed changes to washing trucks returning from the U.S.;
- hosted two webinars on the ASF Compartmentalization Program for members;
- discussed organizing a series of webinars next year with financial support from AASV; and,
- continued monthly meetings with CPC.

Save the Date - February 12, 2024 - ASF Tabletop Exercise

Animal Health Canada is coordinating a simulation exercise focused on information flow during an African Swine Fever outbreak on Monday, February 12, 2024. The purpose of the exercise is to build greater understanding on the roles, responsibilities, and requirements for communication, notification, movement controls, and disease controls during an outbreak of ASF within Canada.

The scenario for this exercise will build upon lessons identified in previous exercises and will offer an opportunity to gain greater understanding about the voluntary movement ban, specifically the role of industry and provinces and territories in enabling this, and the means and mechanisms for early communication and notification. The scenario will also look forward and examine the detail behind destruction and disposal activities in the weeks following an outbreak.

The scope will be federal, provincial, territorial governments and industry, and the objectives of the session are:

- Clarification of any remaining questions on information flow from presumptive positive to post detection.
- Help to understand the leadership and decision-making needs in each province for voluntary welfare culls of healthy pigs.
- Help to understand the triggers for voluntary movement control decision making needs within a province.

The meeting will be virtual, but in-person attendance is encouraged.

Date: February 12, 2024

Location: 14 2901 Gibford Dr, Ottawa, ON K1V 2L9

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST)

Description	Time
Opening Remarks	10:00-10:10
Exercise Briefing	10:10-10:20
Exercise Start	10:20-12:30
Lunch	12:30-1:30
Exercise Continues	1:30-4:00
Debrief	4:00–5:00

Animal Health Canada will provide more details and a registration link closer to the time of the exercise.

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.