



Board Newsletter to Members

Dr. Chris Byra Awarded 2020 Honorary Membership

At the CASV-ACVP annual meeting, the members approved an honorary membership for Dr. Chris Byra. Chris has contributed significant time and energy to swine health activities not least of which was his involvement with the Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network.

New Strategic Financial Planning Committee

The Strategic Financial Planning Committee is a new ad hoc committee of the association rather than a standing committee. Its mandate is to review the annual operating budget of CASV-ACVP and suggest options for ensuring long-term sustainability. Currently, the association is slowly depleting reserves.

We are looking for volunteer members, please contact Susan Fitzgerald susan.tfio@bell.net if you are interested in joining this committee.

Humane Transport Regulations Factsheets

The Canadian Pork Council has produced six factsheets relating to the new transportation regulations. There are also a sample transporter contingency plan and a generic swine movement document.

The publications can be downloaded from their website <https://www.cpc-ccp.com/resources> (near the bottom of the page).

CASV-ACVP AGM and New Board

The CASV-ACVP AGM was held on-line on October 29th; 30 members participated. Those on the call suggested the Board consider holding a Zoom meeting for the AGM every year going forward (action item for Board) Highlighted accomplishments in 2019 included:

- Awarded two Lifetime Honorary Memberships in 2019 – Dr. Al Theede and Dr. George Charbonneau
- Continued monthly CPC and CASV-ACVP update calls.
- The CASV-ACVP Animal Welfare Committee developed a position statement on breeding animal housing to support our members.
- Board members are participating in three working groups regarding revising the Transport Code of Practice - swine, intermediary/markets; and livestock walk-on (common elements).
- Created an ASF awareness document which was sent out via CVMA and the Canadian Association of Bovine Veterinarians. Objective was to reach veterinarians who may be treating pet pigs or animals owned by small scale producers.
- Developed a Position Statement on Pig Sales to Non-commercial Producers
- Kept members updated on the new Transport Regulations
- Created a new and improved website www.casv-acvp.com

The AGM is also when we elect the incoming Board of Directors for 2020-2021. The chart below show the members of this year's Board. Thank you to Trevor Lank and Mike De Groot, who rotated off the Board this year, for their contributions to the Board and to the CASV-ACVP membership.

	Director	Representing	
1	Dr. Blaine Tully	Director (WCASV)	
2	Dr. Jessica Law	Director (WCASV)	President
3	Dr. Jim Fairles	Director (OASV)	
4	Dr. Ryan Tenbergen	Director (OASV)	Vice President
5	Dr. Josée Daigneault	Director (AVIA)	
6	Dr. Christian Klopfenstein	Director (AVIA)	Past President
7	Dr. Kurt Preugschas	Director at large	
8	Dr. Karine Talbot	Director at large	
9	Noemie Van Vyve	Director at large	
10	Dr. Isabelle Moreau	Director at large	

CVMA Position Statements – ELDU and Humane Mass Depopulation

The CASV-ACVP Board has been reviewing and providing comments on position statements and consultations issued by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association. The two most recent documents were on Extra Label Drug Use in Veterinary Medicine and Humane Mass Depopulation.

Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS) Reports

The summary reports representing data for the **2018 surveillance year** are available in HTML format on the [CIPARS web page](#).

Due to the Public Health Agency's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the CIPARS multi-stakeholder webinar, which normally takes place during Antibiotic Awareness Week in November, will be held in early 2021. Details will be forwarded when confirmed.

ASF – Changes to Import Permit Requirements Related to Regionalization

Please be advised that the information on the [Importers: understanding feed controls to prevent African swine fever](#) page has been updated.

The policy document [Import requirements for plant-based feed ingredients imported for use in livestock feed](#) has also been updated. This document has been modified to accommodate exporting countries where CFIA recognizes part of the country as free of African swine fever.

Overall, the CASV-ACVP Board supported the position statement on ELDU in Veterinary Medicine. The document recognized that veterinarians are legally permitted to prescribe drugs in an extra label manner and, in some cases, this may be the most prudent option available. As acknowledged in the position statement, extra-label may simply mean the product is to be used for diseases, doses or duration of treatments that are different than the approved drug labelling or in combination with other drugs.

We also supported the statement that ELDU should only be prescribed by a licensed veterinarian within the confines of a valid veterinary-client-patient relationship and only in circumstances where an approved veterinary product is not available or is not suitable.

Regarding humane mass depopulation, the CASV-ACVP agreed with the CVMA position. It stated methods used must be as humane as achievable in the situation. Mass depopulation must only be performed by personnel who are trained and supervised by persons experienced in depopulation and knowledgeable in animal welfare. Methods of killing and restraint must be adapted to the specific circumstances of the situation and the species, size, and age of animal. CVMA recognized the potential for emotional impacts on everyone involved in mass depopulation activities and suggested that resources be available to support these individuals.

2019 CIPARS Surveillance of AMU and AMR in Canadian Pigs and Pork

On December 1, 2020, there was a webinar on the 2019 results of CIPARS surveillance of antimicrobial use and resistance in Canadian pigs and pork. Some of the key findings regarding antimicrobial use were:

- Compared to 2015, the percent change in the quantity of antimicrobial use through feed indicated decreases ranging from 28% in 2016 to 48% in 2019 nationally. This is based on defined daily doses (DDDs)/1000 pig days at risk.
- Legislative changes in December 2018 removed growth promotion claims.
- Preventative use increased from 50% of the overall quantity in feed in 2015 to 74% of the aggregated quantity in 2019.
- The only Category I antimicrobial use in grow finisher pigs is ceftiofur which decreased to 0.5 DDDs/1000 pig days. This may be in part due to new Québec legislation in 2019 limiting Category I antimicrobials.

Regarding antimicrobial resistance results:

- Resistance in Category I antimicrobials remains low.
- Significant increase in resistance to ceftriaxone in Salmonella in the Prairies.
- Significant increase in resistance to ciprofloxacin in Campylobacter nationally.
- Significant decrease in resistance to ampicillin, streptomycin and tetracycline in E. coli in Québec.
- Resistance trends in swine isolates from farm and abattoir surveillance were similar.

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.*