



Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians

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Board Newsletter to Members

Honorary Membership Awarded

At the CASV-ACVP annual meeting, the members approved an honorary lifetime membership for Dr. Doug MacDougald. Doug has contributed significant time and energy to swine health activities and has been a long-time member of CASV-ACVP and the Ontario Association of Swine Veterinarians.

CASV-ACVP Student Bursaries

The CASV-ACVP student bursary committee awarded a total of \$12,800 to students this year.

Recipients are:

University of PEI - Sinéad Riordon

University of Montreal - Stephen Frazer, Mégane Jutras, Yuhuan Claire Su

WCVM - Roman Nosach

OVC - Matthew Armstrong, Minh Man Pham

CASV-ACVP Annual

Membership Fees Increasing

The CASV-ACVP Board reviewed budget projections out to 2029.

Annual membership fees have not increased since 2017 although operating expenses have gradually increased each year. The Board approved a motion to increase annual fees to \$150 from the current \$100 beginning with the membership fees collected in 2025, and then a \$5 increase per year thereafter.

The Board also approved registering CASV-ACVP for HST to allow us to offset our HST paid on expenses as an input tax credit. CASV-ACVP paid \$3,200 in HST last year which was absorbed as an operating expense.

CASV-ACVP AGM and New Board

The CASV-ACVP AGM was held online on October 18th; 36 members participated. Highlighted accomplishments in 2023-2024 included:

- Hosted three member webinars on ASF Compartmentalization Program plus an additional four webinars with financial support from AASV
- Continued the monthly calls with CPC staff and recommended veterinarian representatives for Pig Code review. Dr. Karine Talbot was accepted by CVMA as their representative on the Code Development Committee.
- The Board also had representation on CFIA ASF preparedness calls and have worked to ensure CASV-ACVP is notified of confirmed federally reportable diseases impacting swine.
- Provided swine data for Firstline prudent drug use app and provided a letter of support for phase II of CVMA Stewardship of Antimicrobials by Veterinarians Initiative (SAVI) project.
- CASV-ACVP has representatives on CVMA working groups for position statements on Access to Veterinary Care (Isabelle Moreau) and Farm Animal Transport (Jessica Law) and provided input on the Position Statement on Vaccination of Animals.
- Worked with national groups on a white paper on access to veterinary products for federal advocacy and provided a list of priority swine health needs for CVMA to use in their government advocacy efforts. The Board sent a letter to CFIA, CCBV, Health Canada, and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada emphasizing difficulty in accessing veterinary medical products in a timely manner.
- CASV-ACVP was invited by the Veterinary Drugs Directorate to appoint a CASV-ACVP representative to the Canadian Animal Feed and Health Products Engagement Committee (Isabelle Moreau).
- Participated in meetings between the CVMA and the national veterinary species groups.
- Participated in CFIA and Public Health Canada updates on UN General Assembly declaration on AMU reduction
- Board representative attended and gave report at CVMA presidents' meeting.
- Renewed the financial agreement with CPC and the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System to jointly fund the Canadian Swine Health Intelligence Network

The AGM is also when we elect the incoming Board of Directors. Below are the members of the 2024-2025 Board.

Director	Representing	
Dr. Kurt Preugschas	Director (WCASV)	Past President
Dr. Jessica Law	Director (WCASV)	
Dr. Christine Pelland	Director (OASV)	President
Dr. Conor Voth	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	
Dr. Isabelle Moreau	Director at large	Vice President
Dr. Elisabeth Carrière	Director at large	
Dr. Svetlana Ponsin	Director at large	
Dr. Andrea Patterson	Director at large	

2023 CIPARS Annual Swine Webinar

The Public Health Agency of Canada's Canadian Integrated Programs for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS) held a webinar on November 19th to present the current reporting year's key

SHIC Webinar: H5N1 Influenza Risk to U.S. Swine

On November 20, 2024, the Swine Health Information Center hosted a webinar on H5N1 Influenza Risk to U.S. Swine. That webinar was recorded and is available for viewing at

<https://iastate.app.box.com/s/aedathyymufg53m4f0ot5vjim3akhlqz>

The run time is 1 hour 35 minutes. It includes an overview of H5N1 in dairy cattle in the U.S., a case summary of the backyard pigs in Oregon, research on swine risks, and an update on aspirin and sodium salicylate use in swine (concern arose with FDA because of discussions regarding use in H5N1 positive dairy cattle).

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

findings for swine. The 2023 reports are not yet posted [on the website](#) but some highlights from the webinar were:

- Overall, AMU decreased relatively by 40% since 2019, and 4% since 2022.
- The majority of reported antimicrobial use continue to be Category II antimicrobials
- Small quantities of Category I antimicrobials are used by injection each year
- Tetracyclines had the highest quantity of antimicrobial sales, followed by macrolides, penicillins, and bacitracins
- Depending on the year, 40-60% of tetracycline sales were for pigs, and 40-50% were for beef cattle, primarily for use in feed.
- For swine in 2023, resistance decreased among Salmonella and Campylobacter isolates and remained stable among E. coli isolates

2023 Veterinary Antimicrobial Sale Highlights Report

The [2023 Veterinary Antimicrobial Sale Highlights \(VASR\) report](#) is live and marks the 6th publication since the regulations came into force. Through the collaborative efforts of Health Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada, the VASR system since 2018 has collected and reported on data submitted by relevant manufacturers, importers, and compounders. This report summarizes key findings, providing a comprehensive picture of medically important antimicrobials available for veterinary use and supports PHAC's antimicrobial resistance surveillance program and stewardship. For more information and to access the highlights report please visit [Health Canada's web site](#), sales data up to 2022 can be also viewed on the Public Health Agency of Canada's [interactive data platform](#).

Letter from Market Access Secretariat, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Dear Canadian veterinarians,

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency understands that Extra Label Drug Use is within the professional responsibility of veterinarians within Canada. The European Union (EU) has a list of antimicrobial medicines which are explicitly reserved for human use. That list is published here ([Implementing regulation - 2022/1255 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)).

This reserved for human use list has implications for exports of animals and products derived from animals to the EU that are produced in Canada. Non-EU countries must respect the restrictions on antimicrobials designated as reserved for human use in the EU on all exports of such commodities. Canada's system of oversight of antimicrobial use in animals has been added to the list of approved third countries by the EU ([Implementing regulation - EU - 2024/2598 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)).

Canadian veterinarians, as well as respecting guidance on prudent use of antimicrobials in Canada, should keep this list of antimicrobials 'reserved for use in humans only' in mind whenever treating livestock, poultry species, farmed wildlife that is used for food, honey bees, or aquacultured finfish, molluscs and crustaceans, and use alternative antimicrobials, when treatment is required, as per the context of the individual clinical case.

Canadian veterinarians following this guidance allows Canada to assure the EU that exported animals and products derived from animals in Canada, comply with the EU outcomes as the measures in Canada provide equivalent outcomes.

For further information concerning the EU's regulation on veterinary medicinal products, please refer to: [EUR-Lex - 02019R0006-20220128 - EN - EUR-Lex](#). For information concerning the EU's restrictions on use of certain antimicrobials on animals and products derived from these animals for food use that are imported into the EU, please refer to: [Delegated regulation - 2023/905 - EN - EUR-Lex](#).

The Government of Canada will continue to engage with industry stakeholders in preparation for the application date of the EU's Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulation in September 2026.

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.