



CASV-ACVP Bursaries to Veterinary Students

CASV-ACVP awarded two additional student bursaries in the first quarter of 2025. Karoll-Ann Morin and Elsa Racine, both of the University of Montreal, received bursaries of \$1,400 to assist with travel expenses to the American Association of Swine Veterinarians' annual meeting in San Francisco in March.

Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS) – Release of 2023 Data

CIPARS has updated their interactive data visualizations on their web pages to include 2023 information for both the veterinary antimicrobial sales reporting data and for their farm antimicrobial use data.

The links to access the data visualization pages can be found [here](#)

Ag Mental Health Support

- [Resource links in eight provinces](#)
- Mental Health First Aid www.mhfa.ca
- In the Know training developed by University of Guelph offered in Ontario, PEI, Nova Scotia, BC, Alberta and Manitoba – <https://agriculturewellnessontario.ca/in-the-know/>
- Do More Ag Foundation list of therapists www.domore.ag/
- www.bethere.org – easy to utilize advice

Foot-and-Mouth Disease Confirmed in Cattle in Hungary

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) virus has been confirmed on a cattle farm in Kisbajcs, Hungary, less than two months after the virus was found in water buffalo, in Germany. Hungary's National Food Chain Safety Authority announced

CASV-ACVP Webinar Series

CASV-ACVP hosted the first of four planned member webinars on February 20th with Dr. Yolande Seddon, Associate Professor Swine Behaviour and Welfare, and NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Swine Welfare. Dr. Seddon discussed some of her current and past research projects as well as described her role as NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Swine Welfare.

Dr. Seddon's presentation was recorded and has been posted to the CASV-ACVP website <https://www.casv-acvp.com/>. The link to the recording is in the members' only section. Click on "More" at the upper right corner of the home page, then select "Login". The access to the members' only site is CanSwine and it is case sensitive. You will see all of the recorded webinars listed there. Once you view the webinar, let Susan Fitzgerald susan.tfio@bell.net know and she can provide you with a CE certificate.

The next webinar is April 16th, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Eastern time. The topic is "**Antimicrobial Use in Swine in Canada**". There will be three presentations: Pan-Canadian Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance; Canadian Integrated Program for Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance (CIPARS) - Swine farm component; and the Canadian Pork Production Perspective. An Outlook meeting request was sent previously.

In addition, we have two webinars with Dr. Christa Arsenault, CSHIN Manager on June 17th and December 10th. Christa will be providing highlights of the CSHIN quarterly reports.

Watch your email for additional webinars coming in 2025!

CASV-ACVP Board Activities – Q1 2025

Some of the items on which the Board has been working during the first quarter of 2025 included:

- formulated a plan to continue offering the member research e-newsletter but on a bi-weekly basis;
- awarded two student bursaries for travel to the AASV annual meeting;
- hosted a member webinar with Dr. Yolande Seddon, Associate Professor Swine Behaviour and Welfare, and NSERC Industrial Research Chair in Swine Welfare;
- at the invitation of Animal Health Canada, appointed Dr. Christine Pelland as the CASV-ACVP representative to the CanSpot ASF Technical Committee;
- participated in a CVMA meeting with National Veterinary Species Groups; and,
- continued monthly meetings with CPC.

U.S. Tariffs

U.S. President Donald Trump has announced tariffs on various products entering the United States from Canada. In response, Canada implemented immediate retaliatory tariffs of 25% on targeted U.S. goods worth \$30 billion. A second tranche of tariffs, covering an additional \$155 billion in American goods, is scheduled to take effect on March 25 should the U.S. tariffs remain in place. This situation, of course, is constantly changing.

Several products included in the second phase of retaliatory tariffs may have direct impacts on veterinarians in Canada. A range of veterinary equipment and supplies may be affected, including:

- Veterinary instruments such as vices, clamps, sterilizers, and Cobalt therapy units
- Anesthesia machines and surgical suction or oxygen administration apparatus
- Cameras, projectors, and diagnostic equipment with veterinary applications

Hungary's first case in more than 50 years on March 7, 2025

A farm with 1,400 cattle showed classic symptoms of foot-and-mouth disease at the beginning of March, before the presence of the pathogen was confirmed by the national laboratory. The national chief veterinarian, immediately ordered the closure of the farm and initiated an epidemiological investigation to try and establish how the virus reached the farm.

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

A full list of proposed tariffed goods can be found [here](#). The federal government has launched a [consultation process](#) to gather feedback from businesses regarding the financial impact of these tariffs.

In addition, a [remissions process](#) is available for businesses that rely on affected U.S. goods that cannot be reasonably sourced from domestic or non-U.S. suppliers. If your veterinary business may be directly impacted and lacks viable alternatives, we encourage you to reach out to CVMA for guidance on submitting a remissions request form.

Animal Health Canada – FMD Preparedness

Over the past two years Canada has been preparing for a potential foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak through the development of two key components:

1. The FMD Integrated Emergency Response Plan (IERP)
2. The Vaccination Implementation Support Structure (VISS)

Progress to date:

- Collaboration: Animal Health Canada is working with federal, provincial, territorial, and industry partners to clearly define roles and responsibilities, ensuring everyone knows what to do during an FMD outbreak.
- Identifying Gaps: Some gaps have been identified in how roles overlap during an outbreak. Animal Health Canada is addressing these to ensure a smooth and coordinated response.
- Vaccination Support: The Vaccination Implementation Support Structure (VISS) has been developed to outline Canada's vaccination strategy, including protocols for different livestock species.

Next Steps:

- Finalizing key components of the FMD Integrated Emergency Response Plan (IERP) and Vaccination Implementation Support Structure (VISS), with ongoing integration of protocols and strategies.
- Actively working to address and clarify gaps in roles and responsibilities, ensuring better coordination and preparedness amongst all stakeholders.
- Continuing resource planning to ensure personnel, equipment, and operational support are in place for an effective, timely response during an outbreak.

Goal: The goal is to complete and integrate the VISS as a key component within the FMD IERP, ensuring clear and actionable protocols for effective vaccination. From the evergreen FMD IERP document, and associated gaps list, stakeholders will have a clearer understanding of FMD planning and preparedness needs required for the immediate future. Addressing gaps will require striking specific working groups with broad stakeholder participation.

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

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