

The Ontario Association of Swine Veterinarians

Year in Review – November 2019 to October 2020

2020 has brought some challenges, as everyone knows, for in-person meetings. We have had to cancel much of our quarterly meetings due to restrictions on gatherings. This has also affected all of the Ontario agricultural and producer meetings.

A summary of the key events and initiatives is as follows:

1. Annual Fall Conference
 - a. November 8-9, 2019
 - b. Guest speakers: Dr Montserrat Torremorell (Minnesota), Dr Andeia Arruda (Ohio), Dr Daniel Linhares (Iowa)
 - c. Topics: PRRS, influenza, Senecavirus A, provincial updates
 - d. Maxwell Scholarship winner – Hannah Golightly
2. March 2020
 - a. OASV was part of the initiative through Swine Health Ontario (SHO) and Animal Health Lab for automatic reporting and tracking of new PED cases in the province through SHO; this was previously carried out by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture until April 2020
3. June 2020 Annual General Meeting (virtual)
 - a. Topics: COVID-19, provincial updates, President's report
 - b. Elections carried out for new executive
4. July 2020
 - a. OASV members responded to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture request on PRRS vaccine use:

“At this time, would you consider the introduction of a new MLV PRRS vaccine (containing a Type 2, Lineage 1 strain of PRRS not yet detected in Canada) to the Canadian market to be advantageous and outweigh the risk of a possible adverse event such as a recombination or reversion leading to the vaccine acquiring virulence? Please Respond: Yes/No”

Summary: The general consensus was that we do not have the background or knowledge to assess to potential risk for genetic reassortment and adverse effects with different PRRS viruses and vaccine. The response was mixed on how

comfortable an individual member would be with implementing a new vaccine virus in the province for various reasons, but general caution was emphasized.

5. November 2020

- a. The executive has planned a virtual fall meeting with both Canadian, American and European guest speakers. This will be mini series of lectures. The hope of the executive is to offer this CE opportunity to all Canadian vets.

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