



## CASV-ACVP AGM

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the AASV Annual Meeting and Conference. Seventeen members attended the AGM in person and two via webex.

## Drs Charbonneau and Theede Newest Lifetime Members

At the CASV-ACVP annual meeting, the members approved two new lifetime honorary memberships: Dr. George Charbonneau from White Lake, Ontario and Dr. Al Theede from Saskatoon. Dr. Charbonneau was in attendance at the meeting and was presented with his plaque. Dr. Theede's presentation will be made at a later date. Both George and Al have contributed significant time and energy to CASV-ACVP activities.

## 2019 CASV-ACVP Board of Directors

Dr. Jessica Law, WCASV  
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## CASV-ACVP Committees

Animal Welfare  
Dr. Karine Talbot – Chair  
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Dr. Trevor Lank  
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## New CASV-ACVP Executive

During its March meeting, the CASV-ACVP Board elected Dr. Christian Klopfenstein as the new President. Dr. Klopfenstein is the Swine Health and Biosecurity Coordinator at the Centre de développement du porc du Québec inc. He replaces Dr. Jim Fairles from Ontario, who remains on the CASV-ACVP Board as Past President. Dr. Jessica Law, Red Deer, Alberta, was elected as Vice President.

## CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy

The CASV-ACVP Board has suggested to the Canadian Pork Council (CPC) they hold a webinar to provide veterinarians with their expectations relating to the implementation of the policy at the farm level. The webinar will likely be held in April.

## ELDU CgFARAD Withdrawal Recommendations

Extra-label use exists when the use of a medication differs from the label directions for any of the following parameters: dosage; duration or frequency of treatment; purpose of treatment; route of administration; species of animal; age or stage of production.

In the new CPC Vaccine and Drug Use Policy, a withdrawal time must be established prior to the use of any drug in an extra-label manner. While the policy states a veterinarian *should* access the Canadian global Food Animal Residue Avoidance Database (CgFARAD™) service not *must*, this could greatly increase the number of swine veterinarian requests to CgFARAD for withdrawal interval recommendations.

As mentioned at the AGM, the CASV-ACVP is proposing to create a members' only website for ELDU recommendations of minor deviations, e.g. treating an ailment not listed on label. The CAPV-ACVA hosts a similar repository for poultry recommendations. Requests have to be submitted to CgFARAD™ by an individual veterinarian and every two years recommendations are updated. A CASV-ACVP Board committee will work on this initiative over the coming year.

## Breeding Animal Housing Position Statement

The CASV-ACVP Animal Welfare Committee developed a position statement on breeding animal housing to support our members. It has been emailed to all members and is also posted on the website [www.casv-acvp.ca](http://www.casv-acvp.ca) under the position statements tab. The CASV-ACVP position statement on breeding animal housing was developed in response to CASV-ACVP members' concerns about the Pig Code requirement to transition farms to loose-housing gestation. Veterinarians service farms with many different types of housing. It is the opinion of the Animal Welfare Committee that what matters most in delivering optimum animal care is the quality of animal husbandry and not so much the type of housing.

The Welfare Committee reviewed the current AASV sow housing position statement as well as the Pig Code. The Committee agreed to name the position statement "Breeding Animal Housing" so that all breeding animals including

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Dr. Christian Klopfenstein  
Dr. Blaine Tully

#### 2018 Membership Numbers

The 2018 CASV-ACVP membership by region was:

- WCASV - 51
- OASV - 44
- AVIA - 62
- Eastern Canada – 3
- Students – 12 – 8 Quebec, 4 Saskatchewan
- Lifetime Honorary - 2
- Total - 174

Note: Only the students applying to CASV-ACVP are captured in the numbers above. If regional associations have students who are interested in becoming a member, there is no fee to join but there is an application form to complete.

#### Advertising in the CASV-ACVP Newsletter

CASV-ACVP accepts classified advertising (e.g. job postings) in the e-newsletter. The cost is \$125 per week for classified advertising. For promotional and marketing type ads, we offer one banner ad each week at \$500 per week. The CASV-ACVP newsletter is sent to 180 association members each week. If you are interested in advertising in the newsletter, please contact Mary Loggan in the CASV-ACVP office at [mary.tfo@bell.net](mailto:mary.tfo@bell.net), 519-669-3350.

boars, sows and gilts could be included in our position statement.

#### 2020 AGM Proposal for Canadian Location

As part of the CASV-ACVP 2018 membership survey, members were asked where we should hold the CASV-ACVP Annual General Meeting. Of the survey respondents, 55% would like to see the Annual Meeting held in Canada in conjunction with regional meetings and moved around. Travel costs and time away are the major reason people don't attend the AASV meeting. As well, some who do attend the AASV meeting, prefer to attend other sessions that occur at the same time as the CASV-ACVP AGM

A Board committee has been struck to look at AGM options and the committee has recommended that we proceed to hold the AGM in 2020 in conjunction with a regional meeting. The Board will continue to develop the plan to host the 2020 AGM in Canada.

#### Transport Code of Practice

The National Farm Animal Care Council has begun the review and updating of the Recommended Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals: Transportation which was published in 2001. The Transportation Code Development Committee will be comprised of a combination of members representing transporters, producers, veterinarians, processors, researchers, retailers and food service, provincial protection/enforcement groups, national animal welfare organizations, as well as the federal and provincial governments.

Working groups will be established for all species for which a national Code exists (some may be combined), as well as for other specialized sections of the Code such as hatchery transport, poultry catching, and care of animals at intermediary points. There are potentially 14 working groups. The structure of the Code will be divided into: walk-on livestock; carry-on livestock; and poultry.

The CASV-ACVP Board has indicated to the CVMA we would like to have representation on three of the working groups: swine, intermediary/markets; and livestock walk-on. The latter working group will look at common elements affecting the transportation of animals that walk onto vehicles.

#### African Swine Fever

The Canadian Pork Council has estimated an outbreak of African Swine Fever in Canada could cost the industry up to 100,000 jobs and cause up to \$24 billion in losses. The CFIA imposes strict regulations on the import of animals and animal products from countries where African swine fever is known to occur to prevent entry into Canada. They are working with the Canadian Border Services Agency to develop procedures for confiscated pork products at ports of entry. Canada currently has 15 meat-sniffing dogs at border security points. The federal government recently announced they will spend up to \$31 million over five years to increase the number of detector dogs to 39.

Canada will also host the first-ever international forum on African Swine Fever prevention in Ottawa on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a by-invitation-only event which will include government and industry invitees from the United States, Mexico, China and the European Union. The forum will explore four key areas for action: preparedness planning, enhanced biosecurity, ensuring business continuity and coordinated risk communication.

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