



## ❖ Message from the President

I cannot begin my mandate without saluting the outgoing president, Jim Whitehouse. When he became president, our association was in a difficult financial position. Nevertheless, this did not prevent him from taking on the task with courage and determination. His efforts succeeded in bringing the CSBA out of the economic slump in which it struggled because of the circumstances. His courage allowed him to be innovative and dare to make crucial changes which gave new life to our organization. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for his devotion, his involvement and his effectiveness.

At the time of our 2004 annual meeting, I was surprised and honoured that you chose me to succeed to him. I wish to thank you for your confidence and I say to you that it is with great pleasure that I have accepted the mandate. I know that I will be supported by the members of the CSBA office and that we will be well served by our new general manager and his team. We will have the heart to continue the work started by the retiring president and to continue to promote Canadian breeders, as much at home as internationally.

As you can see from the Newsletter, this year will be characterized by the introduction of several new tools in order to better serve our members. More than ever, it is important that we maintain our high standards of quality. Commercial producers are dealing with questions of profitability and at the same time, they want to produce pork of higher quality in order to meet the requirements of consumers. We all know that they cannot reach that point without having good replacement genetics. However, in the event of economic difficulties, buying replacements is the first expenditure which is reduced by producers, with the risk to compromise the quality of their longer-term production. We must thus constantly remind them that higher quality genetics that we can provide is essential to preserve their competitiveness on the markets. Producers need genetic suppliers, but they seem sometimes to ignore this... It is thus our responsibility to remind

them regularly to preserve the future markets for the breeders as well as that of Canadian pork.

A clear mandate from the annual meeting of March 30, 2004, is to emphasize promotion in Canada. I therefore sincerely hope that the accomplishment of my mandate will allow the CSBA to invest to promote the higher genetic quality of our livestock, particularly for the Canadian producers.

Madeleine Hayeur, President

## ❖ Electronic registration made easy!

A system for electronic registration of purebred swine is in place that works on the CCSI web site. It uses a combination of information from CLRC and performance data to assemble required information for new litter registrations. The pedigree information required for registration is automatically assembled from the performance testing database, and allows breeders to quickly register all litters, or select specific litters of interest. The system can be used by individual breeders, but breeders can also sign a form to allow someone else to do it on their behalf. For more information, please contact Jim Groves at CCSI, Tel: (613) 233-8872 Extension 25, Email: [jjmg@ccsi.ca](mailto:jjmg@ccsi.ca), Fax: (613) 233-8903.

## ❖ Electronic registrations fees slashed!

Fees for electronic registration have been reduced to \$5.50 per litter from the previous charge of \$10.10 per litter. Part of the reduction is because of efficiency of electronic registration. However, a substantial part of the reduction has been done to make it more economical for breeders to keep their herds up to date with registrations. This will, however, mean less revenue to CSBA from registrations. To compensate for this, fees for transfer of ownership will be increased to \$20 and for certificates will be increased to \$10. The Board felt that the easiest time for breeders to be paying more is when they are getting revenue with the sale of breeding animals. A copy of the new fee schedule is included with this Newsletter, and is also available on the CLRC web site at [www.clrc.on.ca](http://www.clrc.on.ca). The reduced fees for electronic registration take effect immediately, while increases will take effect on September 1, 2004.

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### ❖ Genetic protection

Two options for genetic protection have been introduced. One is a non-breeding agreement to be signed by the seller and buyer, where the buyer is not allowed to register any descendants. The other is a genetic protection agreement to be signed by the seller and buyer, where the buyer can not sell genetics for an agreed upon number of generations. CLRC will keep track of this. The signed agreement form must be submitted to CLRC at the time of transfer. A copy of each form has been included with this Newsletter, and the forms are also available on the CLRC web site at [www.clrc.on.ca](http://www.clrc.on.ca).

### ❖ Breed Club Awards 2003

CSBA Breed Club Awards were presented for registered top boars and gilts tested in 2003 based on dam line index in Landrace and Yorkshire, and based on sire line index in Duroc. Keystone Pig Advancement received awards for top Landrace boar and top Landrace gilt. Sogeporc received awards for top Yorkshire boar and top Yorkshire gilt. Madeleine Hayeur received awards for top Duroc boar and top Duroc gilt. Congratulations to the winners!

### ❖ CSBA Board of Directors for 2004

Donald MacDonald	Atlantic Region
André Auger	Quebec
Bernard Dion	Quebec
Madeleine Hayeur	Quebec
Don Dietrich	Ontario
Scott Robinson	Ontario
Alfred Wahl	Western Region

The Mid-Western Region director position is vacant.

### ❖ New Executive Committee

Madeleine Hayeur - President  
Bernard Dion - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Don Dietrich - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Alfred Wahl

### ❖ Representatives to CPC, CLRC and CCSI

Bernard Dion has been appointed as the CSBA representative for the **Canadian Pork Council**.

Don Dietrich has been appointed as the CSBA representative for the **Canadian Livestock Records Corporation**.

André Auger has been appointed as the CSBA representative for the **Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement**.

### ❖ Thanks to past directors

The Board wishes to thank outgoing directors Murray Roeske for Western Region and Jim Whitehouse for Ontario, for their many years of service as directors for CSBA.

### ❖ CLRC Marketplace

In November, CLRC introduced the CLRC Marketplace. This is a section of the CLRC website where breeders can place an internet page for their farm to promote their breeding program and stock sales or provide other information to potential buyers. This can also be a way to establish links to breeder's own website.

The annual fee for a webcard is \$150 plus GST/HST. For registration, log in [www.clrc.ca](http://www.clrc.ca), lick on "CLRC Marketplace", then "Marketplace Sign-Up".

### ❖ Dan Stephenson elected as CLRC Chairman

Following the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of CLRC held on April 3, 2004, Dan Stephenson was elected as Chairman, Sheryl Blackburn as Vice-Chairman of the CLRC Board of Directors for 2004. Don Dietrich of Shakespeare, Ontario, was elected as a new Director representing CSBA.

### ❖ Change of address for CSBA head office

As noted in the last Newsletter, CSBA recently signed an agreement for management and related services from the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI). With this change, the office is now located at:

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