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President's Message

Dear Members,

This third year as the President of the Canadian Swine Breeders Association has been a great honor, as well as a challenge! I am really honored by the trust you put in me for a third year and I sincerely thank you for that.

As we all know, all those involved in agriculture are facing difficult times and the swine industry is no exception. This year and the ones that follow will offer up many challengers for the CSBA and its members. I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that the directors and general manager of the CSBA are committed to meeting these challenges head on, following the best interest of all the members. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, please don't hesitate to send them to us. Meeting the requirements and expectations of its members is the raison d'être of this association. Once again, I would like to thank you for the confidence you put in me and the CSBA.

I wish you all a very nice summer!

Madeleine Hayeur

CSBA Annual General Meeting held March 23, 2006 in the National Capital Region

This year's CSBA annual general meeting was held at the Four Points Sheraton Gatineau. The meeting was a great success with over 30 people in attendance. The meeting commenced at 1:00 pm with a review of the previous year's minutes and financial statements. This was followed by presentation of the Breed Club awards and updates from representatives from CCSI, the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC), and the Canadian Swine Exporters Association. The meeting also included an informative presentation by Dennis MacKerracher, chair for the Canadian Pork Council's National Hog Identification and Traceability System Working

Committee. Mr. MacKerracher gave an update on their activities and touched on the future directions the Committee will take on this important issue.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to exploring the foundations of a DNA bank for swine in Canada. Presentations were received from four speakers. Dr. Pramod Mathur from CCSI presented the potential benefits of a national DNA bank for swine. David Trus, on behalf of Shane Morris, from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada discussed DNA bank activities undertaken by other Canadian associations, noting that 25 of 44 associations have DNA typing options in their by-laws. Dr. Shu Chen from the University of Guelph talked about practical issues related to submission of samples and suggested the type of samples that can be collected for the DNA bank. Rick Pfortmiller from the US National Swine Registry (NSR) discussed their DNA bank program and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to visit with CSBA and felt that there would be great mutual benefit from working together. Following the presentations, a motion was passed to develop a DNA bank proposal following the example of the NSR and to explore opportunities to cooperate on further developments for such a project with the NSR. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Executive Committee for 2006

President: Madeleine Hayeur
1st Vice President: Bernard Dion
2nd Vice President: Alfred Wahl
Director: Don Dietrich

CSBA representatives to other industry organizations

CPC: Bernard Dion
CLRC: Don Dietrich
CCSI: Madeleine Hayeur



CSBA Achievement Merit Award Recognizes breeder's commitment to excellence

This year the CSBA board was proud to announce Quebec breeder Yvon Lacasse as the recipient of the Achievement Merit Award. Patriarch of an 8th generation farming family, Mr. Lacasse exemplifies the excellence that is synonymous with the Canadian Swine industry. A pioneer of performance testing and the genetic improvement program, Lacasse's Pleinchamps swine have been some of the highest ranking and most sought after genetics for many years. Aside from his excellence and dedication to the Canadian Swine industry, Mr. Lacasse is also a dedicated family man who is an active leader and volunteer in his community of Saint-Anselme, Quebec. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Lacasse and his family for their tremendous contribution to our industry and to congratulate him on his success. More information on Mr. Lacasse and the Achievement Merit award can be found on our website.



Yvon Lacasse, with wife Diane Bolduc, recipient of this year's CSBA Achievement Merit Award



Breed Club Awards

The Canadian Swine Breeder's Association is pleased to announce the award winners for the highest indexing animals in 2005. The prize recipients were honoured at the CSBA annual general meeting this past March. The awards were presented in two categories; Top Boar and Gilt evaluated and Top Sire and Dam with progeny evaluated in the past year.



Duroc

- Top Sire:** *Keystone Pig Advancement*
Oakville, Manitoba
- Top Dam:** *Keystone Pig Advancement*
Oakville, Manitoba
- Top Boar :** *Keystone Pig Advancement*
Oakville, Manitoba
- Top Gilt:** *Keystone Pig Advancement*
Oakville, Manitoba



Yorkshire

- Top Sire:** *Ferme Porcine de Beauce*
Ste-Marie de Beauce, Québec
- Top Dam :** *Sogéporc*
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec
- Top Boar :** *Sogéporc*
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec
- Top Gilt:** *Sogéporc*
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec



Landrace

- Top Sire:** *Keystone Pig Advancement*
Oakville, Manitoba
- Top Dam:** *Raymond Coutu*
St-Thomas, Quebec
- Top Boar:** *Sogéporc*
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec
- Top Gilt:** *Sogéporc*
Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec

