



President's Message

I very much appreciate the Directors' confidence in my taking on the Presidency of Canadian Swine Breeders Association for the upcoming year. My sincere thanks to Madeleine Hayeur for her magnificent efforts. Her leadership and control of our organization has allowed increased registrations - record numbers in 2005 and in 2006 - at lower costs so as to assure financial success for CSBA. Madeleine will continue to act on our committees, to give her experienced advice to the purebred breeding industry.

Our pig industry continues to change and evolve. CSBA will need to change with it, as it has in the past, to stay in the forefront of the evolution. Canadian breeders are now able to export pigs around the world because of our health status in Canada as well as the recognizably-improved pigs tested in the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement Program. More and more importing countries are demanding pedigreed pigs, along with their performance data, to assure the breeding purity and productivity benefit from the importations. We are seeing now that CSBA can be a vehicle for all breeders to enhance the sales benefit to their pigs through registration. Lengthy discussions related to the applications for CSBA membership from PIC and Hypor were conducted at our Directors and annual meetings. There will likely be further applications from the larger breeding companies to have their breeding programs recognized in our Canadian herd book. Mr. David Trus, Supervisor of the Canadian Animal Pedigree Act for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, outlined in considerable detail the flexibility of the Animal Pedigree Act to allow CSBA to reflect, and represent, the entire swine breeding industry, both pure breeding and cross breeding. A vote by our members for these membership applications and recognition of the breeding programs will be allowed soon.

In that CSBA represents the purebred breeding industry, it should be in the interests of our breeder members to accommodate the changes that are occurring so rapidly in this industry. The greater our representation, the greater is our influence on the breeding industry and its recognition around the world.

Alfred Wahl, P.Ag.
President, CSBA

CSBA Annual General Meeting held March 27, 2007 in Edmonton, Alberta



This year's CSBA annual general meeting was held at the Fantasyland Hotel at the West Edmonton Mall in Edmonton, Alberta. CSBA was grateful to have excellent presentations from Dr. Graham Plastow, program director for the Alberta Bovine Genomics Program; Dr. Yves Plante, Research Scientist from the Canadian Animal Genetic Resources Program; and Dr. John Bell, Research Manager for the Alberta Livestock and Industry Development Fund. Members interested in the content of these presentations can download the slides from the CSBA website. The meetings were well attended, with representation from all regions. Members were pleased to see a very successful year both financially and with record number of registrations (81,000 pigs) in 2006. Reports were received from representatives to the Canadian Centre for Swine Improvement (CCSI), the Canadian Pork Council (CPC), and the Canadian Livestock Records Corporation (CLRC). The meeting ended with a presentation from Rosemary Smart of the Canadian Swine Exporters Association (CSEA). Rosemary highlighted the tremendous growth in Canadian swine exports. It was a suitable tribute to the good work that members have put into maintaining and developing high quality Canadian purebred swine genetics.

Board of Directors for 2007

This year's directors include Donald MacDonald for the Atlantic Region; André Auger, Madeleine Hayeur and Line Th roux for Quebec; Don Dietrich and Scott Robinson for Ontario; Jim Long for the Mid-West Region; and Alfred Wahl for the Western Region. The

Executive Committee consists of Alfred Wahl (President), Madeleine Hayeur (1st Vice President), Scott Robinson (2nd Vice President) and Donald MacDonald. André Auger is the representative to CPC, Don Dietrich to CLRC and Madeleine Hayeur to CCSI.

CSBA Achievement Merit Award recognizes commitment to excellence.

CSBA is pleased to present this year's Swine Breeder's Achievement Merit Award to Donald Dietrich of Dietrich Farms in Shakespeare, Ontario. Don and his wife Myrta run their swine business on the Dietrich family farm that dates back to the 1800s. The close-knit family includes two daughters, Christine and Lisa, son Paul and 6 grandchildren. Paul has helped to run the farm for the past 15 years, and like his father is an active member of the swine community. Mr. Dietrich is in his 25th year as a purebred swine breeder and operates an impressive 160 sow farrow to finish facility, along with 450 acres of crop land.



Scott Robinson presenting the CSBA Merit Award to Donald Dietrich at this year's AGM in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Dietrich's efforts to support and promote Canadian purebred swine genetics are apparent both domestically and abroad. His list of past presidencies and committee participation is long, including Presidency of the Ontario Swine Breeder's Association and a director with the group for 15 years. His involvement has also taken him all over the world, including seminar and tradeshows in Brazil and China. Striving for excellence, Don Dietrich and his family are an example to all purebred breeders, with champion breeding stock for nearly every year since he began breeding.

In his nomination, Donald Dietrich was described as a man of "trust and integrity" who has been a strong supporter of the purebred industry. The CSBA wishes to take this opportunity to thank Don and his family for their excellence in breeding purebred swine stock and for their support of the industry.



Breed Club Awards

The Canadian Swine Breeder's Association is pleased to announce the award winners for the highest indexing animals. 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 in 2006 and Top Sire and Dam with progeny evaluated in 2006.



Duroc

Top Sire: *KPA Genesis* of Oakville, Manitoba

Top Dam: *KPA Genesis* of Oakville, Manitoba

Top Boar : *Ferme Jacques Ouellet*

St-Joseph de Kamouraska, Québec

Top Gilt: *KPA Genesis* of Oakville, Manitoba



Yorkshire

Top Sire: *Perfo Porcs Inc,*

Notre Dame de Bon Conseil, 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: *KPA Genesis* of Oakville, Manitoba

Top Dam: *Raymond Coutu et Fils,* St-Thomas, Québec

Top Boar: *KPA Genesis* of Oakville, Manitoba

Top Gilt: *Sogéporc,* Notre Dame de Lourdes, Québec
and *KPA Genesis,* Oakville, Manitoba

