

Western Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians Conference

Thursday, October 23 to Friday, October 24, 2025 Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 23			
7:00 a.m.	BREAKFAST		
7:55 a.m.	Announcements	Dr. Cordell Young (WCASV President)	
THEME: Influenza	Chair – Dr. Cordell Young, WCASV President		
8:00 - 8:45 a.m.	Ecology and evolution of swine	Susan Detmer, University of	
	influenza in Canada	Saskatchewan, WCVM	
8:45 - 9:30 a.m.	Rhodes Lecture: Influenza from		
	the US perspective and approach	Bailey Arruda, USDA - REE-ARS	
	to regional vaccines		
9:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Moderated discussion		
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	BREAK		
	Experiences developing a	Marie-Claude Poulin, Centre de	
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.	regional influenza vaccine in	développement du porc du Québec	
	Quebec	inc.	
	Regulatory perspective for		
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.	developing regional influenza	CFIA, speaker TBD	
	vaccines in Canada		
11:45 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony – presented by the WCASV Executive		
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH		
THEME: Swine Health	Chair – Melissa Desrochers, WCASV Vice-President		
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Brush up on pathology:	Yanyun Huang, Prairie Diagnostic	
	interactive session	Services Inc.	
2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Reproductive diagnostics for	Yanyun Huang, Prairie Diagnostic	
	practitioners	Services Inc.	
2:30 - 3:00 p.m.	BREAK		
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Grad student research		
	presentations		
4:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Poster session		
4:30 -5:45 p.m.	WCASV Business meeting		
6:00 p.m.	Reception		
7:00 p.m.	Banquet		



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8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	The Overdrive Dilemma – Nervous System Health in Veterinary Practice	Erin Wasson, (MSW, RSW)	
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	The importance of a functional microbiome in pigs	Ben Willing, University of Alberta, Department of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Science	
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	Approach to solving ventilation problems	Jose Luis Landero, Gowans Feed Consulting	
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	BREAK		
11:00 – 11:25 a.m.	Sometimes it actually is the feed!	Blaine Tully, Premier SHP	
11:25 – 11:50 a.m.	Glasser's – lessons learned	Brad Chappell, Topigs Norsvin	
11:50 – 12:15 p.m.	Biosecurity assessment using Glo-Germ	Joel Odquin, swine resident, Canada Packers (Maple Leaf Agrifarms)	
12:15 – 12:20 p.m.	Closing Remarks	John Harding, University of Saskatchewan, WCVM/Cordell Young, WCASV	
LUNCH TO FOLLOW			