

## BIOGRAPHIES OF FEATURED SPEAKERS



### Rick Bergmann

In 1987 Rick Bergmann began hog farming in the Steinbach, Manitoba area. In 2004 he was elected as a director to the Manitoba Pork Council where he currently serves as vice-chair. Today he also holds the position of chair of the Canadian Pork Council (CPC). Throughout his time at CPC, he has represented producers in many areas, including the World Trade Organization, Country of Origin Labeling, NAFTA, CPTPP and most recently Animal Health Canada. Rick also serves as a director on the board of Canada Pork International, the export arm of the CPC.



### Greg Bilbrey

In 2016 Greg Bilbrey joined PIC as a key account manager serving specific larger accounts in the eastern Midwest region of the US. Prior to joining PIC, Greg served as the senior account manager for Agri Stats, a professional benchmarking organization providing cost and performance analyses and comparisons for the commercial swine, broiler, turkey and egg industries. Here he helped participants find opportunities to improve performance, efficiencies, cost and profit. Greg's experience also includes 15 years in the Land O' Lakes system working as a swine records specialist, swine program manager and district sales manager.



### Scott Dick

In 2007 Scott Dick and a business partner opened Agra-Gold Consulting Ltd. The company specializes in livestock nutrient management plans, optimizing the value of nutrients in manure while ensuring environmental sustainability. Since that time, Agra-Gold Consulting has overseen over 3.5 billion gallons of manure spread and helped sell over \$3 million of nitrogen on behalf of their clients. Formerly with Elite Swine (a division of Maple Leaf Foods), Scott was one of the first professional agronomists to be solely dedicated to livestock nutrient planning in North America.



### Andrew Dickson

Andrew Dickson brings more than 35 years of experience to the livestock industry, including agricultural extension, legislative and regulatory policy development, and rural economic development. He has been General Manager of Manitoba Pork since 2005. Prior to joining the Council, he worked for the Manitoba government in Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives where he held a variety of positions, including agricultural representative, chief of 4-H programs and over 20 years as the Director of the Interlake and Eastern Regions.



### Dr. Leah Dorman

During her 20 years as a veterinarian, Dr. Leah Dorman has seen many changes in agriculture, including consumers becoming more interested than ever before in their food and how it is produced. She was hired by Phibro Animal Health Corporation as part of the company's commitment to encourage and support open dialogue about producing safe food, promoting animal health and balancing the needs of people, animals and the planet. She is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, U.S. Animal Health Association, the National Institute for Animal Agriculture (NIAA) and a board of director for the U.S. Pork Center of Excellence.



### Myrna Grahn

With more than 30 years marketing ideas, concepts and products in the food industry, Myrna Grahn is currently manager of the University of Manitoba's Farm and Food Discovery Centre. She is also an instructor with the School of Agriculture's diploma program in advanced communications. In her nearly 20 years with Manitoba Agriculture, Myrna held a variety of roles from business development and value chain specialist to functional food and nutraceutical specialist. As a recent consultant with the Public Trust Steering Committee, she worked with stakeholders in the Canadian food system to build, maintain and enhance the public's trust in the food they eat.



### James Hofer

Manager of a 600-sow farrow to finisher operation since 1996, James Hofer has served on the Manitoba Pork Council (MPC) board of directors since 2000. He is a long-time member of the Sustainable Development and Research Committee and has been a member of MPC's executive committee. James has served as a director on the Manitoba Livestock Manure Management Initiative, Manitoba Hog Grading, and the Manitoba Safety Program. For several years, James also was a member of the Provincial Trades Advisory Committee (Pork Production).



### Dr. Mark Knauer

Dr. Knauer is currently a swine extension specialist at North Carolina State University (NCSU) where he focuses on genetics and production management. Born and raised on a pure-line pig and cattle operation in southern Wisconsin, Mark received his B.S. in agriculture education and M.S. in animal breeding at Iowa State University before continuing on for his PhD in animal breeding and genetics at NCSU. From there Mark completed a short Postdoc at the Institute for Pig Genetics in the Netherlands before accepting a position with the National Pork Board as the Director of Animal Science.



### Richard Leach

Today Dr. Richard Leach contributes to Fast Genetics' genetic advancement through his management and involvement in a multitude of molecular and quantitative genetics projects. He also provides technical support to the U.S. sales team and customers. Richard obtained a BSc in Genetics from the University of Liverpool, followed by a PhD in Genetics from the University of Edinburgh's Roslin Institute. Prior to Fast Genetics, Richard worked as geneticist for a large swine genetics company, focusing on customer-oriented R&D. His previous experience also includes work as a quantitative geneticist researcher with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



### Eric Olson

Professional agrologist Eric Olson helps owners of small and large farm operations make effective business decisions so they can increase the profitability of their farms and enhance their competitive edge. With more than 28 years in the agricultural industry, Eric has an unparalleled understanding of local and international market conditions, which he uses to help producers strategically develop their operations. His services with MNP include assisting with strategic planning — helping clients identify and take action toward long-term goals — as well as engaging in business planning to set goals for the next one to three years.



### Dr. John Patience

For 21 years Dr. John Patience directed the Prairie Swine Centre in Saskatoon after which, in 2008, he accepted his current position at Iowa State University. John's research focuses on dietary energy, ingredient evaluation and wean-to-finish management. He also has a long-term interest in water, the so-called "forgotten nutrient." John consults extensively in pig nutrition and management across North and South America as well as Europe and Asia. In 2017 he was named Honorary Master Pork Producer by the Iowa Pork Producers Association.



### Dr. David Redekopp

A winner of provincial and national awards in career development, Dr. David Redekopp has devoted almost 30 years to the development of better career development and workplace concepts and practices. He has worked with private sector, government and not-for-profit organizations in a wide range of industry sectors. Dave has been privileged to be invited to work in almost all Canadian provinces and territories, Bulgaria, England, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Wales and the United States. His passion for career and leadership development pervades his work, which includes teaching, facilitation, public speaking, product development and research.



### Dr. Yolande Seddon

Dr. Yolande Seddon is an assistant professor of swine behaviour and welfare at the University of Saskatchewan's Western College of Veterinary Medicine and the NSERC Industrial Research Chair in swine welfare. Yolande conducts applied swine behaviour and welfare research covering all aspects of swine production. Her previous research includes management of the gestating sow, economic evaluation of higher welfare sow housing systems and pain behaviour



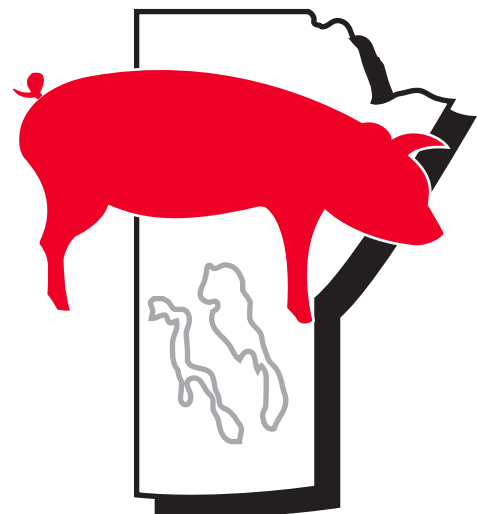
### Dennis Stevenson

Dennis Stevenson has been involved in intensive swine production since 1986 with a family-owned, 30-sow farrow-to-finish farm. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Diploma in Agriculture in 1996, Dennis worked on and managed swine production facilities and related businesses prior to taking on his current role with Zoetis. Today Dennis spends part of his time working with veterinarians, farm consultants and producers in the swine industry to improve animal care, animal welfare and overall farm performance through classroom and on-farm training initiatives.

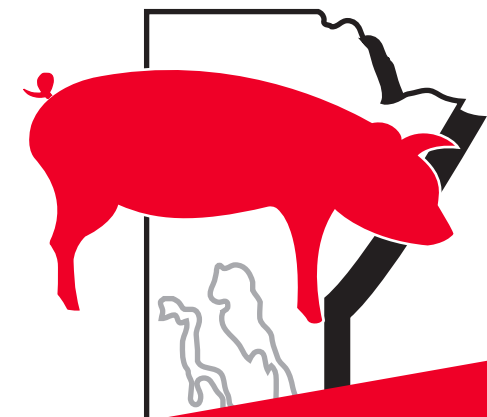


### Dr. Blaine Tully

A partner at Swine Health Professionals, Dr. Blaine Tully's veterinary work includes on-farm health monitoring, helping farmers to improve farm production parameters, health and well-being, and food safety programs. Throughout his career, Dr. Tully has been involved with many professional and industry groups and is currently the Past-President of the Canadian Association of Swine Veterinarians, President of the WCASV and Canadian Director of the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. Blaine volunteers on multiple welfare and antimicrobial use committees in Canada and the USA.



# MANITOBA SWINE SEMINAR 2019



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## SHARING IDEAS AND INFORMATION FOR EFFICIENT PORK PRODUCTION

February 6 - February 7, 2019

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### OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE

Dr. Egan Brockhoff, Prairie Swine Health Services • Dr. Clayton Johnson, Carthage Veterinary Service • Dr. Tom Stein, Maximus Systems • Dr. Robert Stuart, Stuart Products, Inc. • Jeroen Van Boekel, Greyland Pork • Barry Watson, Farm Credit Canada

## SHARING IDEAS AND INFORMATION FOR EFFICIENT PORK PRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2019 Manitoba Swine Seminar. This year we have assembled a group of speakers who bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to address various challenges and issues affecting Manitoba's pork industry. Addressing today's challenges will help Manitoba's producers remain competitive in the future.

The 2019 Manitoba Swine Seminar will again host a series of presentations that provide useful information for anyone associated with the pork production business and present ways that each participant can contribute to the long-term sustainability of the pig industry.

Included among the topics to be discussed at the 2019 Manitoba Swine Seminar are: an update on the state of the industry, discussions on trade, African Swine Fever, financing a new barn build and sow management. The Seminar will also be looking ahead to 2030, examining what might be just around the corner for the pig industry

The Manitoba Swine Seminar has received tremendous support and interest over the past 33 years. The 2019 Seminar will be held at the Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre located near the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. This is a large facility with many amenities to accommodate the participants attending the Seminar.

### SEE YOU AT THE SEMINAR!

#### SWINE SEMINAR 2019 COMMITTEE:

**Ron Bazylo**, Manitoba Agriculture  
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**Dr. Martin Nyachoti**, University of Manitoba  
**John Sawatzky**, Topigs Norsvin Canada  
**Dennis Stevenson**, Zoetis  
**Dr. Chengbo Yang**, University of Manitoba

## February 6

8:00 – 9:30 am Registration

9:20 – 9:30 am Opening Remarks

### MAJOR SPEAKERS

9:30 – 10:00 am **AMU and Public Trust: Reframing the Conversation on the Use of Antibiotics in Animal Agriculture**  
 Dr. Leah Dorman  
*Phibro Animal Health*

10:00 – 10:45 am **Technologies to Measure Sow Condition**  
 Dr. Mark Knauer  
*North Carolina State University*

10:45 – 11:15 am **Once Upon a Time: Our Story Through the Eyes of an Advocate**  
 Myrna Grahn  
*Farm and Food Discovery Centre University of Manitoba*

11:15 – Noon **First 24 hours of Pig Care**  
 Dennis Stevenson  
*Zoetis*

Noon – 1:00 pm LUNCH

**Break Out Session A**  
**Sow Management**

**Post-Cervical Insemination**  
 James Hofer  
*Starlite Colony*

**Strategic Needs for Vitamin E in Swine Production**  
 Dr. Robert Stuart  
*Stuart Products, Inc.*

**Sow Mortality**  
 Dr. Clayton Johnson  
*Carthage Veterinary Service*

3:00 – 3:15 pm REFRESHMENT BREAK

3:15 – 4:00 pm **Employee Trust in the Workplace**  
 Dr. David Redekopp  
*Life-Role Development Group*

4:00 – 4:30 pm **African Swine Fever: Current Status and Biosecurity Strategies for Producers**  
 Dr. Egan Brockhoff  
*Prairie Swine Health Services*

4:30 – 6:00 pm **Manitoba Swine Seminar's Industry Hospitality Reception**

## February 7

8:00 – 9:30 am Registration

9:10 – 9:15 am Opening Remarks

9:15 – 9:30 am **The Honourable Ralph Eichler, Minister**  
 Manitoba Agriculture

### MAJOR SPEAKERS

9:30 – 10:15 am **Raising the Bar: Swine Production and Welfare in 2030**  
 Dr. Yolande Seddon  
*Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatchewan*

10:15 – 10:45 am **Genetics 2030: What the Future Holds**  
 Dr. Richard Leach  
*Fast Genetics*

10:45 – 11:15 am **Technology & Hog Farming: The Smart Barn in 2030**  
 Dr. Tom Stein  
*Maximus Systems*

11:15 – Noon **Canada's Export Pork Trade Update**  
 Rick Bergmann  
*Canadian Pork Council*

Noon – 1:00 pm LUNCH

1:00 – 1:15 pm **Award Presentation to Dr. Laurie Connor**  
 Department of Animal Science  
*University of Manitoba*

1:15 – 1:45 pm **Manitoba Swine Industry Update**  
 Andrew Dickson  
*Manitoba Pork*

1:45 – 2:30 pm **Water in Your Barn: The Right Amount, the Right Quality, the Right Delivery**  
 Dr. John Patience  
*Iowa State University*

2:30 – 2:45 pm REFRESHMENT BREAK

2:45 – 3:15 pm **Phosphorus Capture From Manure: Research From the MLMMI and a Practitioner's Response**  
 Scott Dick  
*Agra-Gold Consulting Ltd*

3:15 – 3:45 pm **Benchmarking and Profit Drivers**  
 Greg Bilbrey  
*PIC*

3:45 – 4:15 pm **The Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship, New AMU Regulations and Your Farm.**  
 Dr. Blaine Tully  
*Swine Health Professionals*

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Registration fees include GST)  
**GST registration # : 801289372**

**Advance Registration Fees**  
 (by January 23):  
 Two Days \$196.35 One Day \$131.25

**Registration Fees**  
 (after January 23):  
 Two Days \$210.00 One Day \$140.00

**Registration Fees for Students (with I.D.)**  
 Two Days \$95.00 One Day \$75.00

*Note: One copy of the proceedings and lunch is included in the cost of registration. Additional copies of the 2019 proceedings will be provided at the Seminar registration table for \$35.00 per copy. Copies of previous proceedings will also be available.*

### Cancellation Policy

For cancellations received by January 23, 2019 registration fees will be refunded minus a \$50 administration fee. Cancellations received after January 23 will not be refunded.



We have again been able to provide a quality Seminar at reasonable registration fees but we need your participation to ensure success

For more information, please contact:

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### Accommodation

Please make your own reservations and state that you are with Manitoba Swine Seminar (Group # 823307) to be assured of receiving the preferred rate of \$131.00 single/double exclusive of all taxes. FREE PARKING.

For reservations call:

Victoria Inn Hotel & Conference Centre  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba  
 Tel: (204) 786-4801

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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Affiliation:  Producer  Education  
 Industry  Student  
 Government  Other

Special requirements (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: This information will appear on your nametag. If more than one registrant, please attach a separate sheet with information as required. (Nametags are necessary to participate in all sessions and food functions.)

### Days attending:

February 6, 2019  February 7, 2019

### Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

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