



Arno Schober elected as Chair of Swine Innovation Porc

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This past September, Swine Innovation Porc's (SIP) board of directors elected Arno Schober to lead the organization as its new Chair. Arno has been a member of the Board since 2015 and had been serving as Treasurer since 2019.

Arno is a wean-to-finish pig producer near Barrie, Ontario and produces about 5000 market hogs per year. Arno has also been quite active on other pork industry boards, currently serving as Vice-Chair for Ontario Pork and also previously as a member of Canada Pork.

"SIP has evolved over the years, and I look forward to leading the charge in facilitating industry-led research solutions for the pork industry," said Arno. "I am very proud of the work the organization has accomplished to date, which includes over \$50 million invested in research initiatives. Cutting edge research is essential for the Canadian pork industry to stay competitive and profitable. With the next federal Agricultural Policy Framework around the corner, as well as the Pork Promotion and Research Agency coming online, there will be a lot of work to do to ensure that SIP is taking advantage of all funding opportunities to maximize the level of high quality and relevant research."

In addition to welcoming a new Chair, the board also elected Tara Terpstra as Treasurer. Tara, who has joined SIP in 2021, is a pork producer from Huron County in Ontario. She also serves on a number of other boards, including as Chair of the Research Committee at Ontario Pork, and also as a member of Livestock Research Innovation Corporation and Prairie Swine Centre. René Roy from *Les Eleveurs de porc du Québec* will continue again this year as SIP's Vice-Chair.

As SIP welcomes a newly-formed Executive team, congratulations must also be extended to SIP's outgoing Chair, Stewart Cressman. Stewart has been in this position since 2013 and has been with the organization since its founding in 2010. His contribution to the organization as its Chair has been invaluable. He has led the Board through two Swine Cluster programs and has been at the fore of its development as a nationally recognized institution. Many thanks to Stewart for his hours of hard work and his dedication to bringing producers across Canada together in order to join forces in creating nationally-driven R&D programs that benefit the industry.

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