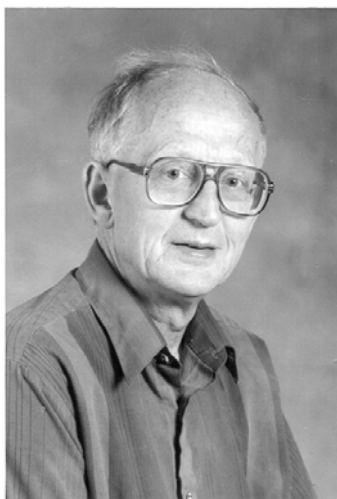


# Dr. F.X. Aherne

1936 - 2005



*Dr. Frank Aherne was a professor of Swine Nutrition in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Alberta, Edmonton from 1972 to 1995. Frank was the driving force behind the success of the Banff Pork Seminar for 20 years. He was an outstanding researcher, teacher and mentor, winning many national and international awards for his contributions. Within the Canadian pork industry he was well known for his dedication to extension, and insistence that scientific research be applicable to the on-farm situation. He always promoted innovation and application of research knowledge at the farm level. Dr. Aherne was also an industry investor, in the Alberta Pig Company, and a problem-solver who willingly shared his knowledge. For his legacy in farm-applied research, extension and creativity, the Banff Pork Seminar is pleased to recognize his contributions through the Dr F.X. Aherne Prize in Innovative Pork Production.*

# *Announcing*



***Free Registration & Travel to the  
Banff Pork Seminar, January 19-22, 2010  
for up to 3 Innovators***

***Open to owners, production managers,  
herdspeople or consultants in the  
Canadian pork industry***

## Dr. F.X. Aherne Prize for Innovative Pork Production

### *Registration & Travel Prizes for up to 3 Innovators each year!*

The Banff Pork Seminar is proud to offer a chance for pork producers, herdspeople and their consultants to 'strut their stuff' as a technology innovator and showing the rest of us how to put it into practice!

### *The 2010 Dr. F.X. Aherne Prize for Innovative Pork Production*

- Up to 3 prizes to be awarded, valued at \$1,800 each (no cash value – prizes must be accepted as awarded)
- Free registration to the 2010 Banff Pork Seminar, January 20-23, and accommodation for the innovator and a guest (based on double occupancy, maximum 3 nights at Banff Centre)
- Up to \$800 reimbursement for travel expenses to the Seminar
- Recognition by peers & the pork industry at the Banff Pork Seminar

### *What can be entered? Any innovation ... big or small!!*

- An original solution developed to answer pork production challenges or creative use of a known technology.
- The innovation can apply to any segment of pork production, such as feeding, breeding, disease control/prevention, manure management, ventilation, facility or enterprise management, pork quality and safety.
- Not all innovations are complex – simple ideas can be very effective solutions.
- Research at publicly-funded institutes is not eligible. Commercial research may be used to support the on-farm innovation

### *How do I enter?*

Read the *Contest Rules* listed on the next page, complete the *Directions for Application* and send along with your description, photos and details of how this innovation improved pork production.

Entries can be made at any time of the year. Entries must be received by **October 30, 2009** to be eligible to compete for the 2010 Award.

### *Send Entries to:*

#### **Banff Pork Seminar**

c/o Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Science  
4-10 Agriculture/Forestry Centre  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB T6G 2P5

### *For more information:*

Phone – 780-492-3651; Fax – 780-492-5771; or  
Email – info@banffpork.ca

### *Contest Rules:*

- Entrants can be owners, production managers, herdspeople or consultants in the Canadian pork industry
- All innovations entered must be in use **on a farm in Canada** at the time of the application.
- Entries will be judged based on their originality and creativity to implement a new technology on a commercial pork production unit. The candidate must demonstrate that the selection, implementation, and evaluation of this technology resulted in an improvement in at least one of the following areas:
  1. Improved productivity of the individual animal or overall herd, compared to a period (not less than three months) prior to the innovation.
  2. Improved profitability of the entire production unit or production area.
  3. Improvement to working conditions, resulting in improved morale and/or productivity for barn workers
  4. Improvements in animal well-being, including freedom from thirst & hunger, discomfort, pain/injury & disease.
  5. Reducing impact of the production unit on the environment.
  6. Improvements to pork quality and safety.
- Entries that use a product or service that is commercially available must clearly demonstrate a new and innovative use or application.
- In addition to above criteria, commercial companies making application should demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology under Canadian conditions.
- Entrants who wish to patent or maintain selling rights to the innovation are advised to seek legal counsel prior to making an application for the award. Photographs, drawings, and related materials submitted for judging become the property of the Banff Pork Seminar and may be used for publicity purposes by the Banff Pork Seminar Advisory Committee.
- **Deadline for entries is October 30, 2009.** Entries received as of that date will be judged in November by the Banff Pork Seminar Prize Committee. Decisions of the Committee are final and application materials will not be returned to applicants.
- The Committee will choose up to three (3) entries to be awarded the prize & will display the materials used for entry at the Seminar.
- **Winners will be notified by December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Prize applies only to the 2010 Banff Pork Seminar. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and are not transferable to another person or to a future Banff Pork Seminar.
- Unsuccessful entries can reapply in future years providing the technology is still in operation on the farm.

### *Directions for Application - include the following information:*

- Innovator's name & contact information (mailing address, phone, fax, email)
- Name/title of the innovation & location where innovation was implemented
- Description of how the innovation works
- Cost/benefit analysis of the innovation
- As needed, photographs, production data, testimonials from credible references, plans (floor plans), or any other materials (videotapes, etc) that you feel will aid the judges in understanding the innovation and its impact on the production enterprise.