

The 2012 Dr. F.X. Aherne Prize for Innovative Pork Production

What Can Be Entered?

Any Innovation ... Big or Small!!

An original solution developed to answer pork production challenges or a creative use of a known technology.

Not all innovations are complex – simple ideas can be very effective solutions.

The innovation can apply to any segment of the pork industry; such as feeding, breeding, ventilation, disease control and prevention, manure management, facility or enterprise management, pork quality and safety.

What Does The Prize Include?

Two complimentary registrations to the 2012 Banff Pork Seminar, January 17-20, for the innovator and guest.

Three nights' accommodation at Banff Centre for the innovator and guest (based on double occupancy).

Up to \$800 reimbursement for travel expenses to and from the Banff Pork Seminar.

The chance to 'strut your stuff' as a technology innovator and receive recognition by peers and the pork industry at the Banff Pork Seminar.

Contest Rules and Adjudication Process

How to Enter

Read the Contest Rules and complete the Application Form available online at www.banffpork.ca.

With your application, send a succinct outline description in **400 words or less** how this innovation works and details of how this innovation improved pork production.

Include up to **five supporting documents**, which could include visuals (video, photographs), impact statements or letters of support, financial statements, production data, design plans, drawings, or any other materials that you feel will aid the judges in understanding the innovation and its impact on the production enterprise.

Submit **five copies** of the complete application. Electronic submissions only require one copy.

Your total application package and supporting documents should **not to exceed 20 pages**. Brevity may benefit your application.

Entries can be made at any time of the year.

Nomination Deadline for 2012 Award is October 28, 2011

Eligibility

Entrants can be owners, production managers, herdspeople or consultants in the pork industry anywhere in Canada, United States or Mexico.

Individuals may submit his or her own innovative technology or may be nominated.

All innovations entered must be in use on a farm in Canada, United States or Mexico at the time of the application.

Previously submitted entries who were unsuccessful may reapply in future years providing the technology is still in operation.

Research at publicly-funded institutes is not eligible. Commercial research may be used to support the on-farm innovation.

Entries that use a product or service that is commercially available must clearly demonstrate a new and innovative use or application.

Entrants are expected to attend the Banff Pork Seminar on January 17-20, 2012 to receive their award in person.*

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. Entrants agree that 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.

Judging Criteria

The Committee will choose up to three (3) entries to be awarded the prize & may display the materials used for entry at the Seminar.

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.

In addition to above criteria, commercial companies making application should demonstrate the effectiveness of the technology under North American conditions.

Dr. F.X. Aherne 1936 - 2005



Dr. Frank Aherne was the driving force behind the success of the Banff Pork Seminar for 20 years. Frank was a professor of Swine Nutrition in the Department of Animal Science at the University of Alberta, Edmonton from 1972 to 1995. 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.

Important Dates

Entries must be received by October 28st, 2011 to be eligible to compete for the 2012 Award. 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.

Winners will be notified by December 1st, 2011. Prizes apply only to the 2012 Banff Pork Seminar and are not transferable to future Banff Pork Seminar. Prizes must be accepted as awarded and may be claimed by the innovator or nominator.

***Winners are expected to be present January 19th, 2012** to accept the award. If neither innovator nor nominator are available to attend, another person is requested to attend to accept the award, but is not eligible for complementary registration, accommodation or travel reimbursements.

Send Entries to:

info@banffpork.ca

OR

Banff Pork Seminar
c/o Dept. AFNS
4-10 Agriculture/Forestry Centre
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB T6G 2P5

General Information about the Banff Pork Seminar

The Banff Pork Seminar is a technology transfer meeting for the pork industry that has been held in Banff, Alberta, Canada since 1972. The conference program is coordinated by the Department of Agricultural, Food & Nutritional Sciences, University of Alberta, in cooperation with Alberta Pork, Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and other pork industry representatives.

Offering a view to the future in its plenary sessions and practical "take home" information in its breakout sessions, the Banff Pork Seminar now attracts more than 600 delegates from all across Canada, the USA, Europe and Asia. Our attendees represent all aspects of pork production and every large pork organization and business is well represented at our Seminar. As such, it is now the premier pork educational seminar in North America.

Dates of Future Conferences

January 17-20, 2012

January 22-25, 2013

January 21-24, 2014

January 20-23, 2015



Register at www.banffpork.ca



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Registration & Travel Prizes for up to 3 Innovators!

The Banff Pork Seminar is proud to offer a chance for pork producers, owners, production managers, herdspeople and consultants, in the pork industry in Canada, United States or Mexico, to 'strut your stuff' as a technology innovator and show how to put it into practice!

Up to three prizes available to be awarded to innovators, valued at \$1,800 each!