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Entry deadline for Banff Pork Seminar Aherne Prize is Oct. 31, 2019

Edmonton, Alta. Oct. 22, 2019: North America's pork industry has grown through innovation. This is highlighted in the annual Banff Pork Seminar (BPS) awarding of the F.X. Aherne Prize for Innovative Pork Production.

Researcher Dr. Ben Willing of the University of Alberta, chairs the BPS awards selection committee. He says BPS is always impressed with the creativity and quality of entries for the Aherne Prize.

Named after the late Dr. Frank Aherne, a professor of swine nutrition and production at the University of Alberta, the contest is open to owners, production managers, herdspeople, consultants, or anyone who has developed an innovation relevant to the North American pork industry.

"That can include original solutions to pork production challenges or creative uses for known technology," says Willing, "and past winners have included innovations both large and small, complex and simple. All segments of the pork industry qualify. That includes feeding, breeding, ventilation, disease control and prevention, transportation, manure management, animal handling, facility or enterprise management, and pork quality and safety.

The prize includes free 2020 BPS conference registration, accommodation at the world-renowned Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel and travel assistance for the Banff Pork Seminar Jan. 7 to 9, 2020 for up to two innovators. That's a value of approximately \$2,000 each. Perhaps equally satisfying is the recognition of having innovations featured at this world-renowned pork industry conference, says Willing.

Best place to find all contest details are on the Seminar website www.banffpork.ca. Entry deadline for the upcoming 2020 BPS Prize is Oct. 31, 2019.

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