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***Actinobacillus (Haemophilus) pleuropneumoniae* Symposium**

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On Thursday June 18, 1987 at the Canadian Society of Microbiologists' Annual General Meeting in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, the veterinary microbiology interest group held their first symposium. Pleuropneumonia of swine, which was chosen as the topic for the symposium, is a cause of major economic loss to Canadian swine producers, estimated in excess of \$40,000,000 annually. Despite the concentrated efforts of researchers, regulatory personnel, the biological/pharmaceutical industry, and producers, only limited progress has been made in reducing the impact of this disease in Canada, while in at least one country (Switzerland) the disease has been completely eliminated.

This symposium brought together researchers from Europe, the USA, and Canada to examine and review the important microbiological aspects of controlling this disease, and suggest where future progress might be made. The papers that were included ranged in format from a broad general overview to rather highly technical reports of new research areas. While given from a microbiological perspective, the presentations were related to the pathological, serological, clinical, and regulatory implications of past and current research

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and attempted to summarize and focus on recent advances. We believe that practitioners will want to keep abreast of the current state of knowledge of this important disease and gain insight into improved approaches to control that are under investigation. With this in mind, the speakers were asked to prepare brief papers, based on their presentations but from a somewhat more clinical view, to focus on these implications.

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