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### PRESENTING PORK CRC APSA AWARDS

University of Queensland post-graduate, Larissa Beale, has been awarded Pork CRC Best Presentation at the 2011 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Australasian Pig Science Association (APSA) Conference, recently held at the Adelaide Hilton Hotel.

Her presentation (*'Probiotics successfully limit the severity of post weaning diarrhoea'*) scored 81.14 (out of a possible 100) and was the only one in the Top Five which was assessed by all seven judges.

Best First Time Presenter was University of Adelaide post-graduate, Alice Weaver, for her presentation *'Feeding gilts high fibre diets prior to mating improves oocyte quality'*.

Dr Jo Pluske's Poster (*'Sourcing cereal feed grains for pigs: what are the views of the supply chain?'*) won the best poster award, scoring 55.00 (out of a possible 70)

Pork CRC CEO, Dr Roger Campbell said all presentations and posters were of the highest quality and the competition tough: "The Australian pork industry's medium to long term future, especially in research and development, is clearly in the very capable hands of some fine young Pork CRC supported students."

The importance of encouraging young people to join the research ranks that support the industry was summed up by Pork CRC Chairman, Dr John Keniry, during his A.C. Dunkin Memorial Lecture at the 2011 APSA Conference.

During the six year life of the first Pork CRC, it had supported 50 honours students, 23 PhD students and five post-doctoral researchers.

"They will form the nucleus of young researchers and production management personnel that will carry the industry forward in future years," Dr Keniry said.

"In addition to those education programs, we pioneered a process of inviting organisations to bid to undertake projects in areas identified as of interest to Pork CRC.

"This process resulted in many new researchers coming into the industry and bringing with them knowledge gained from research in other industries that has proved very worthwhile for the pork industry," he concluded.

In the new CRC for High Integrity Australian Pork, an educational component has been built into all four programs.

The seven person judging panel comprised Dr Dave Cadogan of Feedworks, Dr Roger Campbell, Mr Graeme Crook and Ms Sue Merry, all Pork CRC, Mr Tony Edwards of Ace Livestock Consulting Mr Dave Henman of Rivalea and Dr Pat Mitchell of APL.

There were 24 presentations and 29 posters eligible for the Pork CRC Awards and the top five results in the Presentation and Poster categories were:

Oral Presentations – Averaged Scores

	Presentation Title	TOTALS
<i>L Beale</i>	<i>Probiotics successfully limit the severity of post weaning diarrhoea</i>	81.14
<i>B Mullan</i>	<i>The response of female pigs to dietary lysine when fed a diet containing Ractopamine</i>	78.67
<i>R Hewitt</i>	<i>Birth weight influences final weight but not rate of growth of finisher pigs</i>	78.00
<i>A Weaver</i>	<i>Feeding gilts high fibre diets prior to mating improves oocyte quality</i>	75.80
<i>F McPherson</i>	<i>Semen factors associated with post-breeding sow responses</i>	75.67

Poster Presentations – Averaged Scores

Name	Poster Title	Totals
<i>J Pluske</i>	<i>Sourcing cereal feed grains for pigs: what are the views of the supply chain?</i>	55.00
<i>R van Barneveld</i>	<i>Semi-moist extruded creep feed improves intake of pigs post-weaning</i>	52.17
<i>K Moore</i>	<i>Available lysine: energy requirements for male pigs immunised against gonadotrophin releasing hormone</i>	52.00
<i>A Edwards</i>	<i>Effect of dietary energy density on Ractopamine responses in finishing pigs</i>	49.00
<i>R Hewitt</i>	<i>Pig performance responds linearly to ractopamine dose</i>	48.67

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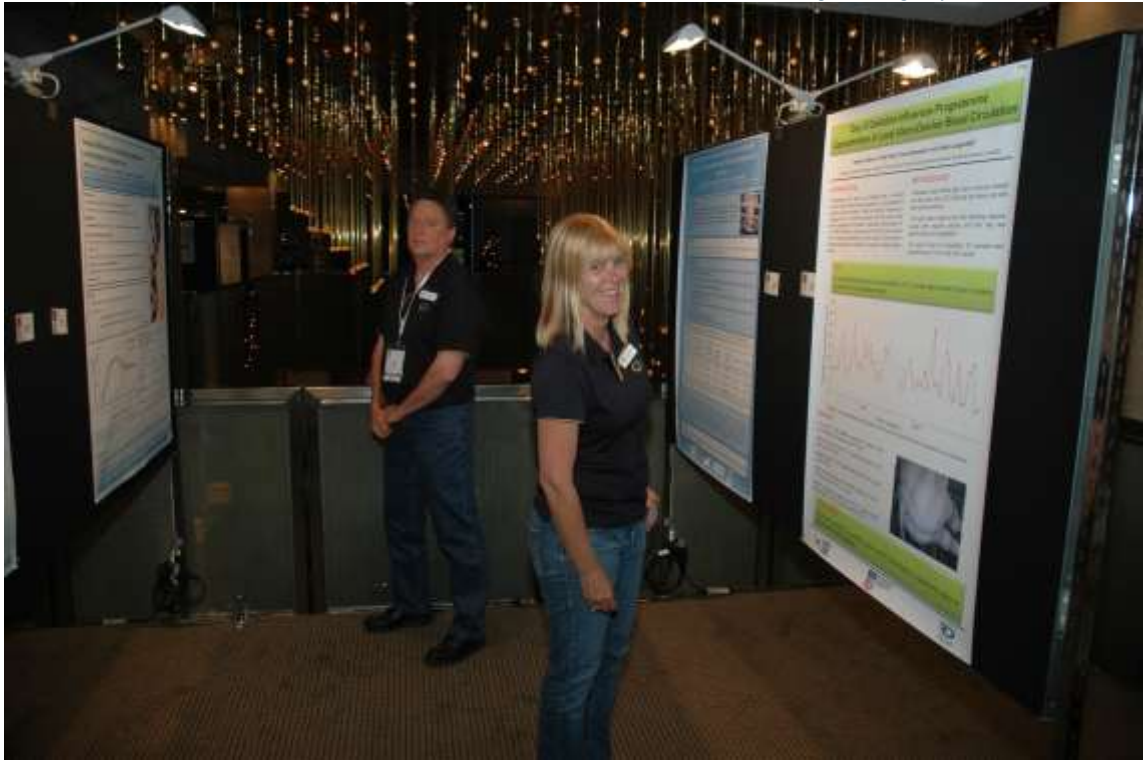


Larissa Beale, Pork CRC supported University of Queensland post-grad, presents at the APSA 2011 student workshop.



Alice Weaver, Pork CRC supported University of Adelaide post-grad, presents at the APSA 2011 student workshop.

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Graeme Crook and Sue Merry, both of the Pork CRC, helped judge posters at APSA 2011. Best poster was won by Dr Jo Pluske.