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The Centre for Organizational Governance in Agriculture ("COGA") is pleased to provide professional development and educational programs for directors, officers, management, staff, producers, growers, and interested individuals of agricultural boards, commissions, and associations of British Columbia.

Making Ideas Work for BC's Regulated Animal Producers

Dr. Theresa Burns, DVM MSc PhD
Chief Veterinarian, Province of British Columbia

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Dr. Gigi Lin, DVM, Diplomate ACPV
Animal Welfare, Extension & Emergency Management Veterinarian

Monday, March 4th, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – VIA ZOOM

About the Workshop

Dr. Burns and Dr. Lin will provide an overview of roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Chief Veterinarian (OCV) of British Columbia and the Animal Health Centre (AHC, BC's provincial veterinary diagnostic laboratory), as well as the services that these organizations provide to regulated animal producers in BC. Current and emerging health and welfare risks facing production animals, including avian influenza in poultry, Salmonella Dublin in dairy cattle, and African swine fever, will also be discussed, as well as the programming that the OCV and AHC have put in place to monitor and mitigate those risks.



About our presenters

Dr. Burns was raised in the Fraser Valley, British Columbia. Over the years since her graduation from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine, she has worked as a frontline veterinary practitioner with both large and small animals.

Between stints in practice, she completed MSc in Theriogenology and PhD in Epidemiology and worked as a consultant. Her experience has given her a strong working understanding of farming practices, food production systems and agricultural communities. She has an ongoing interest in collaborative, real-world solutions to complex animal and One Health challenges.

As Chief Veterinary Officer of British Columbia, Theresa provides provincial leadership on animal health and welfare, and One Health. Theresa and her team provide expertise to uphold provincial regulations and to create positive outcomes for animals and people. Beyond the regulatory focus, Theresa and her team identifies animal health priorities, delivers animal disease surveillance programming, and antimicrobial use policy analysis.

Dr. Gigi Lin joined the Office of the Chief Veterinarian in October 2023 as the Animal Welfare, Extension and Emergency Management Veterinarian. Gigi received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of British Columbia in 2013 and earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 2017. Gigi is also board certified by the American College of Poultry Veterinarians. Before joining the OCV, Gigi spent 7 years working as a private poultry veterinarian, providing diagnostic, consultation, teaching, and field services to all levels of the commercial poultry industry and small flocks in Western Canada. Gigi is passionate about helping and working in animal agriculture in BC. She particularly enjoys disease investigation and creating continuing education opportunities for livestock and poultry producers.

Registration

There are two ways to register:

1. Complete the attached registration form and scan/email to office@bccoga.ca
2. On-line at www.bccoga.ca and click on the registration link.

The cost of this workshop is \$26.25 (\$25.00 + \$1.25 GST).

NOTE: No changes or cancellations after the close of registration at Noon on Friday, March 1st.

We do not accept credit cards; however we do accept e-transfers to office@bccoga.ca and use the password **CVOUN2024**

Registration closes at Noon, Friday, February 23rd, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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