

**Canadian Animal Industries Award in Extension and Public Service  
(non-ruminants)**

**Dr. Phil Thacker**



Dr. Thacker was born in Vancouver in 1952 and obtained his B.Sc in animal nutrition in 1974 at the University of British Columbia and a Master degree in swine nutrition at the same university in 1978. He finally obtained his PhD degree in swine nutrition at the University of Alberta in 1982.

He has been nominated for this award based on the vast volume of resource material he has provided to the swine and feed industries for the past 25 years. Dr. Thacker is a Professor at the University of Saskatchewan where he teaches “Basic Nutrition” and “Swine Production”. For his activity he was given the “Professor of the Year Award” in 1996 and 2001, given for teaching excellence. Dr Thacker is the author of over 165 refereed publications including 6 scientific reviews, 22 book chapters and 65 magazine articles. He co-authored the “Swine Nutrition Guide” and edited a book on “Non-traditional Feed Sources for Use in Swine Production”. Dr. Thacker was part of an international team of scientists that developed a user friendly, comprehensive and practical CD to increase profitability by increasing reproductive efficiency. The CD is the most comprehensive information source currently available on the subject of swine reproduction. He was a member of the 1998 NRC Subcommittee to establish the “Nutrient Requirements of Swine”. He has given more than 80 talks to swine producers and academic and feed industry personnel in 8 provinces and 14 countries. He has served his profession locally, nationally and internationally, most recently being appointed to the U.S. National Pork Board Nutrition Committee and the Non-Antimicrobial Production Enhancers Group. He was also a member of the Swine Subcommittee of the Expert Committee on Animal Nutrition for more than 9 years.

**Nominated by Dr. Lee Campbell**

*Pictured above: Claude Miville (Fédération de producteurs de porc du Québec) and Dr. Phil Thacker*