



BC Sustainable Poultry Farming Group (SPFG)

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Status Summary for the January 23, 2018 SPFG Committee Meeting

Two guests attended the meeting to give presentations:

1. Liam Polsky, Bioenterprise Corporation BC
They are a not for profit Global Ag network with over 4,000 experts that connects researchers to funding sources. They work with start-up companies to provide commercialization services if company meets their mandate. Their key services are access to strategic networks and mentoring. They also have strong links with other companies to provide services that they can't provide in-house – such as banks, regulatory, executive search, accountants, and law firms. The food and beverage is their biggest sector at 50%. Ag waste management tools at 13%, Agri-waste is at 13%; and animal health at 5%. The biggest opportunity is connecting industry entrepreneurs to producers and making them aware of SPFG's top research issues.
2. Michelle Coombe, BC Ministry of Agriculture
Michelle provided an update of the project: **2015-01** *Genomic Analysis of Wetland Sediment as a Tool for Avian Influenza Virus Surveillance in Wild Waterfowl*.

Updates on SPFG projects:

2015-01 *Genomic Analysis of Wetland Sediment as a Tool for Avian Influenza Virus Surveillance in Wild Waterfowl* – An in-person update was provided. They are in year two of the project and half way through data collection.

2015-02 *The Development and Commercialization of Aerobic Digestion of Poultry Manure to Produce Bio-Active Fertilizers* – The project is completed and SPFG had the opportunity to review a draft final report. A final report will be posted on the SPFG website once it has been fully reviewed.

2015-07 *Reducing Salmonella and Campylobacter contamination of poultry* - The project is complete and a report will be posted on the SPFG website once it finishes the review process.

2016-02 *One-day knowledge translation workshop in April 2017 on Wetland Sediment testing as a Tool for Avian Influenza Virus Surveillance* – the project has been delayed to later in 2018.

2016-06 *BCAC's Public Trust Initiative* - Sharon Eistetter has resigned from her position of Manager of Public Trust, but the project will continue. The project has been active over the past months and still has plans in place for future activities.

- *For more information on these projects, please see the document Updates January 23, 2018 final in the current research and project section of the website*

The next SPFG meeting is scheduled for April 2018.