

## **Canadian Sheep Federation Appoints New Executive Director**

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June 21, 2013 – Ottawa, Ontario - Following an exhaustive search, the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF) Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Corlena Patterson as its new Executive Director.

"We are confident that the skills Corlena brings to this assignment will be an asset to the organization and will help the Canadian Sheep Federation work as an advocate for sheep producers, creating conditions for the success of the industry" said Andrew Gordanier, CSF Chair.

Corlena has been a member of the CSF team since May of 2011, serving as Project Manager to the National TSE Eradication Plan. Corlena has an extensive background in Canadian agriculture including a five year tenure as adjunct lecturer in the Agriculture and Equine Departments of the University of Guelph. In addition to a Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from McGill University, Corlena is completing a Master's program with the Royal School of Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

"I would like to thank the CSF Board of Directors for their support in my appointment as Executive Director. I am excited for the challenges and opportunities this post presents, and for the future of the Canadian sheep industry" says Patterson, adding "Having been a producer myself, this position is near and dear to me"

Patterson will assume Executive Director responsibilities for the Canadian Sheep Federation straight away, maintaining momentum in the renewal process, as well as on the Traceability, Scrapie and On-Farm Food Safety (OFFS) files.

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