



**Distinguished Visitor Award – Dr Greg Cronin to Present at AWSC
Alternative Farrowing Systems Seminar – Melbourne**

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Dr Greg Cronin presented at the APL/AWSC workshop “Identifying R&D Options for Alternative Farrowing Accommodation” on Wednesday 15th September 2010. The title of Dr Cronin’s presentation was “An Australian perspective on non-crated farrowing systems”. The workshop was extremely successful and was attended by approximately 100 people from a variety of backgrounds including pork producers, scientists, animal welfare groups, animal liberation groups and supermarkets.

The major gaps in current knowledge identified by speakers and the audience, in terms of pen/facility design were, adapting non-crated systems to the Australian environment, nest size, nest hygiene/effluent management, bedding requirements, temperature control, and individual vs group parturition. In terms of genetics it is selection for “fit for purpose” and for stockmanship it’s attitude/knowledge/motivation and knowledge transfer.