

# Thirty-First Annual Conference

of the

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

September 24 - 26, 1998

## Welcome to Spokane!

On behalf of the Program Committee and the Board of Directors of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, we'd like to invite you to join us at the 31st annual conference of the AABP.

The Program Committee has prepared an exciting and innovative program. This year we have departed somewhat from the traditional format of the AABP meetings. The new AABP Clinical Forums on Thursday morning offer the opportunity to discuss subjects of interest to you with an expert and colleagues in a relaxed small group setting. The General Session on the impact of antibiotics on human health will introduce you to a very important issue that may have a tremendous impact on veterinary practice and the availability of antimicrobials for animals. On Saturday morning we will offer a symposium on the food and water issues that may impact your clients' businesses in the coming year. We are also offering a provocative session on practice management issues that can affect your practice. We will have a very interesting lineup of general and split sessions, research topics, and of course the ever-popular practice tips.

Our practice tips this year will lead off with a tribute to Eric and Mary Williams, who have served AABP devotedly for 29 years as our Editor and assistant. They will be retiring from their AABP service after this meeting. Be sure to attend and help us pay tribute to one of our most devoted members and founders!

This year we have planned a social event that we hope all registrants will attend. It will feature a delicious King Salmon barbecue, carnival games, dancing, and auctions to benefit the Amstutz scholarship fund. It will be lots of fun for the whole family, and the ticket price is unbeatable. Be sure to join us!

Spokane is a wonderful convention site. The convention facilities are first-rate and beautiful, on the banks of the Spokane River, across from the rolling hills of Riverside Park. The main hotels and downtown are located within an easy walk from the Convention Center. Spokane is served by many major airlines and is an easy drive for most Western practitioners. Mike Anderson and Greg Ledbetter, the local arrangements chairs, have done a super job of arranging the social events and tours for our group.

Be sure to join us for a lot of fun and great continuing education! See you in Spokane!

Jim Sears  
AABP President

Walt Guterbock  
Program Chair

Mike Anderson and Greg Ledbetter  
Local Arrangements Coordinators

## Exhibits

### Hours

Thursday, September 24 10:00 AM - 6:45 PM

Friday, September 25 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Convention Center Exhibit Hall

The exhibit area will provide the veterinarian with an excellent opportunity to meet with providers of biologics, pharmaceuticals, equipment and services applicable to cattle practice. The "Guide to the Exhibits" will feature the telephone and fax numbers of exhibitors for your convenience after the convention.

Exhibits are adjacent to the lecture halls and will have food service areas open during milk/refreshment breaks and luncheons.

A Mixer/Buffer Reception will be held in the exhibit area from 5:15 PM until 6:45 PM on Thursday, September 24. The activity brings veterinarians, sponsors, guests and exhibitors together for a light meal and camaraderie. The ever-popular practice tips will follow the reception.

Bovine Bucks worth \$2.00 towards the price of a beverage and sandwich will be given to each registered veterinarian or use during the Thursday and Friday luncheon breaks in the exhibit hall.

## Bovine Giveaway

Five practitioners can win \$100.00 each by visiting the exhibit area. Bring business cards to deposit in milk cartons at each exhibit booth. Winners will be announced at the AABP registration area on Friday afternoon, September 25. All veterinarians registered at the meeting are eligible to add their cards to the drawing.

## Welcoming Reception

Location: Spokane Convention  
Center Roof Deck Patio

Hosted by the Program Committee

Get oriented with the Convention facility and city, plan your Convention activities and relax and visit at your leisure with friends and colleagues. Members of the Program Committee will be in attendance to answer your questions about the program, as will the tour group, convention bureau, event planner, and local veterinarians. People familiar with Spokane will be there to answer your questions about the city. A cash bar will be open featuring Northwestern wines and local microbrews; soft drinks will be

provided at no charge. Reception will provide hors d'oeuvres of Northwestern cheeses provided by the Program Committee. This will be a great place to meet your friends before the conference!

### **New! AABP Clinical Forums**

Tired of slide lectures in dark rooms? Got questions you're afraid to ask in front of a crowd? Join your colleagues and an expert moderator in an extended discussion of a topic that really interests you! AABP Clinical Forums allow small groups of members to discuss topics of mutual interest with experts and colleagues. The moderator will bring some material to get the discussion going, but after that the floor is open for you and your colleagues to share questions, advice, experiences, practice tips and war stories! All clinical forums will meet from 10 AM - 12 Noon on Thursday, September 24. All forums have an enrollment limit of 20 and a fee of \$20 per participant.

**"Attracting and Retaining Associate Veterinarians in Your Practice."** Leader: Dr. John Simms, Shippensburg, PA.

**"Rational Use of Antimicrobials in Cattle."** Leader: Dr. Mike Apley, Iowa State University.

**"Surgery in Bovine Practice."** Leader: Dr. David Anderson, Ohio State University.

**"Obstetrical Problem Solving."** Leader: Dr. Grant Frazer, Ohio State University.

**"Designing a Vaccination Program."** Leader: Dr. Ron Schultz, University of Wisconsin.

**"Using Dairycomp 305 to Measure Herd Performance."** Leaders: Dr. Connor Jameson, Dr. Steve Eicker, Valley Agricultural Software.

**"Using DHIplus to Measure Herd Performance."** Leader: Dr. Stephen Smith, DHI Computing Services.

**"Controlling Johne's Disease."** Leader: Dr. Michael Collins, University of Wisconsin.

### **Software Library Coordinator: Dr. Gale DeJong**

The AABP Software Library is composed of freely-copyable software programs. It will be available to members all day, Thursday, September 24. Some of the programs are in the public domain, some are marketed as shareware, and others are demonstration versions of commercially-available software.

Software is chosen to serve a variety of interests: practice management, beef and dairy applications, word processing, statistics, Internet access, and fun subjects. Each program is checked for viruses, compressed, and loaded onto the hard disks of dispensing computers. "Shopping Lists" are provided listing all software available. All software programs are listed alphabetically and by category with a description of their use and application to allow browsing for programs of interest. All browsing is free. To copy programs, diskettes which are pre-formatted and pre-loaded with decompression data must be purchased from

a software librarian at a nominal fee. All proceeds from the sale of these diskettes are devoted to the maintenance and growth of the library. Software contributions are continually sought to build library usefulness.

### **Kings, Rings, and Swing in Spokane Saturday Evening Social**

The Saturday evening social opens at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and silent auction on the Ag Center terrace overlooking Riverfront Park and the Spokane River. At 7:00 PM we will feast on King Salmon under the Big Tent inside the Ag Center. At 8:00 PM we will have a short live auction and then it's time to check out the Midway with its ten exciting games including: test your accuracy at the Ring Toss, test your strength with the sledgehammer and ring the bell or, enjoy the other fun games. Musical accompaniment for the evening will be the Big Band sound of The Don Lawrence Orchestra, an 18-piece band from the Flathead Valley of Montana, devoted to keeping the art of big-band music alive. A lifetime of experimentation, hard work, and an overriding obsession with blending modern jazz, swing and orchestral elements has given some of the world's most distinctive and best known melodies a new personality. The band travels with two vocalists and is not supported by grants or corporate gifts, just the hard work, determination, and talent of its members. Simply, great music by a great band. Proceeds from the evening will go to the AABP's favorite charity: the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Fund.

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$15 for ages 12-18, 11 and under free  
Extra tickets for the games will be sold on site

Time: Opens at 5:30 PM on the Terrace

Buffet style food service begins at 7:00 PM

Where: The Ag Center Bays in the Convention Center  
*This event is supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health, Inc.*

### **Annual AABP Business Meeting and Awards Lunch 12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 26 Location: Convention Center Bays 2, 3, & 4**

Membership business will be conducted. Highlights are presentation of Bovine Practitioner of the Year and Preventive Medicine Awards. Results of officer elections will be announced.

### **Student Reception 9:30 PM - 12:30 AM, Thursday, September 24 Location: Bayou Brewery**

For the fifth year, the Board of Directors will host a reception for all student AABP members present at the annual convention. Following the Practice Tips Session there will be a student reception at the Bayou Brewery. A buss will provide transportation to and from the reception from 9:30 PM to 12:30 AM; the bus will leave from the front of the Convention Center. We have an area

reserved in this facility for our reception along with hors d'oeuvres and nonalcoholic beverages; the area provides a wide assortment of food, beverage and entertainment venues that will be available on a cash basis.

**Veterinary College Faculty  
Representative Breakfast**

**7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Saturday, September 26, Location: Doubletree Hotel, Suite A**

**Tours**

**Tour 1**

Fly Fishing Trip

**Tour 2**

Shopping, Antiques and Social Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene

**Tour 3**

Orientation Tour: Featuring Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance," the Cheney Cowles Museum and Lunch at the Patsy Clark Mansion

**Tour 4**

Jet Boating up the Snake River to Hell's Canyon Tour

**Tour 5**

Orientation Tour: Featuring Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance"

**Tour 6**

Glass Blowing and Wine Tasting Tour

**Tour 7**

Western Dinner and Spectacular Laser Show on Grand Coulee Dam

**Tour 8**

Growing Attractions, Green Bluff Orchards Apple Festival, and Latah Creek Winery

**Tour 9**

The Silver Valley Tour

**Seminars**

Sem.#	Title	Date	Sept.	Coordinator
1	Quality Milk Production	21-23		Dahl
2	Dairy Herd Evaluation A Computer Aided Approach	21-23		Fetrow
3	Providing a Financial Analysis Service as Part of a Production Medicine Program	22-23		Saltman
4	Decision Aids for Veterinarians to Use with Clientele to Improve Profitability of a Beef Cow-Calf Enterprise	22		Kasari
5	Beef Enterprise Analysis	23		Hamilton
6	Applied Cow-Calf Nutrition	22-23		Rupp
7	Applied Feedlot Nutrition	22-23		Griffin
8	Cattle Markets	22		Blach
9	Embryo Transfer Techniques	22		Rowe
10	Embryo Freezing and Thawing with Ethylene Glycol	23		Wright
11	Advanced Embryo Transfer	22		Robertson
12	Making Your Practice Work for You!	23		Gardner
13	Young Dairy Calf Management	22-23		Cortese
14	Applied Dairy Nutrition and Problem Solving	20-22		Hutjens
15	Advanced Nutrition	21-22		Graham
16	Dry Cow Nutrition	23		Jardon
17	Management of Obstetrics	23		Drost
18	Marriage Enrichment for Bovine Practitioners	22-23		Wetzel
19A	Introductory Internet: E-Mail and World Wide Web	23		Ehrlich
19B	Introductory Internet: E-Mail and World Wide Web	24		Ehrlich
20	Harnessing Full Power of the Internet and World Wide Web	23		Ehrlich
21	Bovine Lameness	22-23		Shearer
22	Dairy Facilities: Cow Comfort, Expension and Profitability	22-23		Bickert
23	Johne's Disease: Current Concepts	23		Whitlock
24	Examination of the Bovine Respiratory System	23		C. Gay
25	Looking Forward to Practice	23		J. Gay
26	Using the Numbers to Manage Your Practice Profitability	22		Kearley

**MILK / REFRESHMENT BREAKS**

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## AABP FUTURE MEETINGS

1999	Nashville	September	23-26
2000	Rapid City	September	21-24
2001	Vancouver	September	13-16

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2000 Punta Del Este, Uruguay

2002 Hannover, Germany