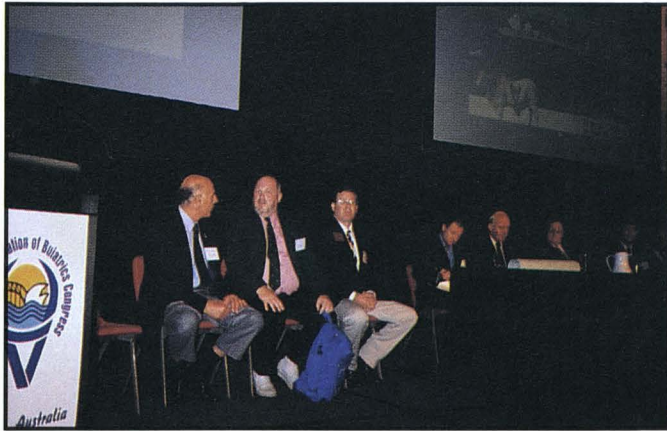


20th World Buiatrics Congress

Sydney, Australia

July 3-10, 1998



Upon invitation of the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians (AACV), the 20th World Buiatrics Congress was held in Sydney, Australia, from July 3 to 10, 1998. More than 1200 delegates from 41 countries participated in the scientific and social programmes.

Ten keynote, 233 oral and 159 poster communications were presented on most topics related to buiatrics sciences. Several workshops, seminars and visits were also organized.

The Proceedings (2 volumes with a total of 1167 pages) and the CD-ROM can be ordered from the AACV (fax: +61-2-62853913; e-mail: <avacos@ava_com.au>).

During the WAB Committee Meeting and the WAB General Assembly, the following developments were discussed and approved:

Statement of accounts from July 2, 1996 to July 1, 1998 (in Belgian Franks)

Balance on July 2, 1996	471. 512
Receipts:	553. 240
Expenses:	519. 037
Balance on July 1, 1998	505. 715

Merial was acknowledged for financial support to the WAB Secretariat.

Dr. E. Bouchard from Canada (e-mail: <bouchae@medvet.umontreal.ca>) was proposed to replace Dr. K. Leslie who has resigned.

Venue of the 22nd World Buiatrics Congress (WAB) in 2002

Hannover, Germany was proposed by the Committee as the official venue of the 22nd World Buiatrics Congress in 2002. Further information can be obtained from Prof. H. Scholz or Miss G. Klapper (phone: +49-511-8567243; fax: +49-511-8567693; e-mail: <rikli@rikli.tiho-hannover.de>).



Venue of the 23rd World Buiatrics Congress in 2004

The candidatures and candidacy files must be sent in 15 copies to the WAB Secretariat before April 1, 2000. The candidacy files must contain detailed information on:

- organizing committee, scientific committee, potential major sponsors
- geographical location
- local infrastructure for conferences, accommodations and social activities
- scientific programme (invited and free presentations, satellite symposia, joint meetings, professional visits and other potential proposals)
- social programme
- marketing for the promotion of the congress
- proceedings and simultaneous translation
- balance of the finances and any other topic of potential interest for the selection of this venue.

The final decision will be made by the WAB Committee in December 2000 in Punta Del Este, Uruguay.

Amendments of the WAB statutes

The WAB general assembly agreed to amend paragraphs 1 and 8 of the WAB statutes.

In paragraph 1, the last sentence, i.e. meetings of the WAB shall not be held during the year of a World Veterinary Congress, has been cancelled.

The former paragraph 8 has been replaced by: The official organ of the WAB is the WAB website. Information on the WAB should also be published in veterinary journals like *The Bovine Practitioner* and other national bovine veterinary journals.

1998 Pfizer Award

The winner of the 1998 Pfizer Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Knowledge in the Origin and Treatment of Bovine Diseases Caused by Microorganisms (10,000 U.S. \$) is Dr. Lorne Babiuk (e-mail: <babiuk@sask.usask.ca>).

Dr. Lorne Babiuk obtained his B.Sc., M.Sc. and D.Sc. degrees at the University of Saskatchewan and Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. A Saskatchewan native, he became Professor of Veterinary Microbiology at the Western College of Veterinary medicine in 1973, Associate Director of the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organisation in 1984 and Director in 1993.

Throughout his career he has studied the interactions between infectious agents and their hosts and has made pivotal discoveries on mechanisms of viral and bacterial pathogenesis as well as the host response to infection. These discoveries have resulted in his recognition as an international authority in veterinary virology and immunology. During the past 15 years, Dr. Babiuk has focused his efforts on the rational design of vaccines and vaccination strategies, based on sound principles of viral and bacterial pathogenesis in cattle. Dr. Babiuk's vision of the future of animal health technology is now in fact a reality, due to his perseverance and dedication. For example, in the early 1980's, he assembled a team which developed the world's first genetically engineered vaccine for any animal species when they developed a leukotoxin vaccine against *Pasteurella haemolytica*, a major respiratory pathogen in cattle. This has been followed up by other novel approaches to vaccine development and design, using live vectored vaccines, subunit vaccines and DNA vaccines.

His research achievements have been published in over 300 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 63 book chapters or review articles. He is the holder of 11 awarded patents, 8 patents pending and numerous scientific awards.

Dr. Babiuk has had very great concern for the training of future researchers (over 60 in total) and has instilled this concern in many of his former students who occupy prestigious positions nationally and internationally.

1998 Merial Gustave Rosenberger Memorial Award

The winner of the 1998 Merial Gustave Rosenberger Memorial Award (U.S. \$10,000) is Dr. Tanu Piyopumminur, Director of the Nong Pho Large Animal Hospital, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kasetsart



University, Kamphangsae, Nakom Phatom, Thailand 73140. (e-mail: <fvettnp@nontri.ku.ac.th>; fax: +66-34-351405).

Dr. Tanu received his DVM degree from the Kasetsart University and his MSc and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.

Since 1996, he is a lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Kasetsart University.

Dr. Tanu is the author of 8 scientific papers published in international journals and has received two scientific awards.

The grant will be used to organise continuing education for local bovine practitioners and to introduce some advanced technologies regarding dairy production.

20th World Buiatrics Congress

Organization: Uruguayan Buiatrics Association

Site: Punta Del Este, Uruguay

Date: December 4-8, 2000

Information: Dr. R. Ugarte or Mrs. Rohr de Shaw

(phone: +598-2-9161118; fax: +598-2-9160220;

e-mail: <rjsu@adinet_com_uy>)

Specialization in Buiatrics

Prof. W. Klee from Munich has been nominated for chairing a working group on specialization in Buiatrics in Europe. (fax: +49-89-3151923; e-mail: <wolfgang.klee@med.vetmed.uni-muenchen.de>).

Further information may be obtained from the WAB Secretariat, c/o P. Lekeux, University of Liege, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Bar. B42, Sart Tilman, B-4000 Liege, Belgium.

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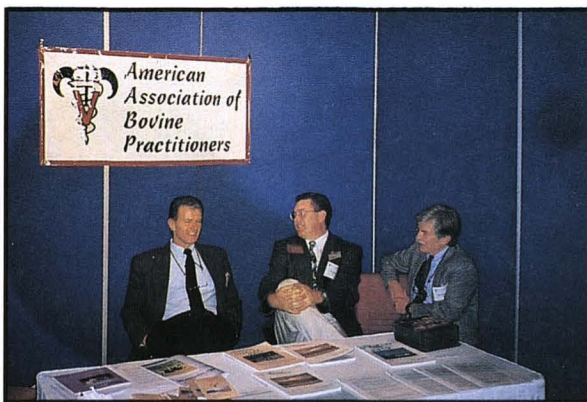
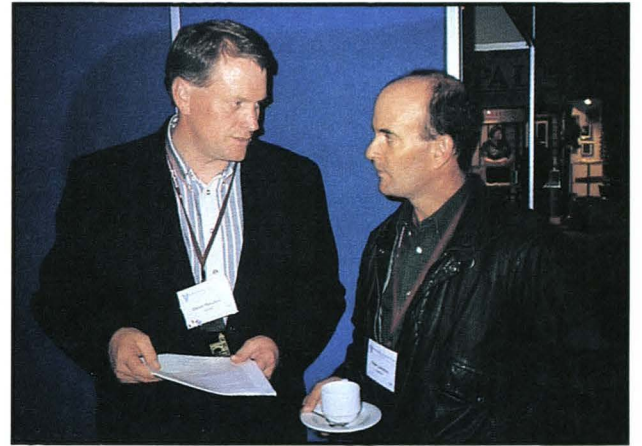
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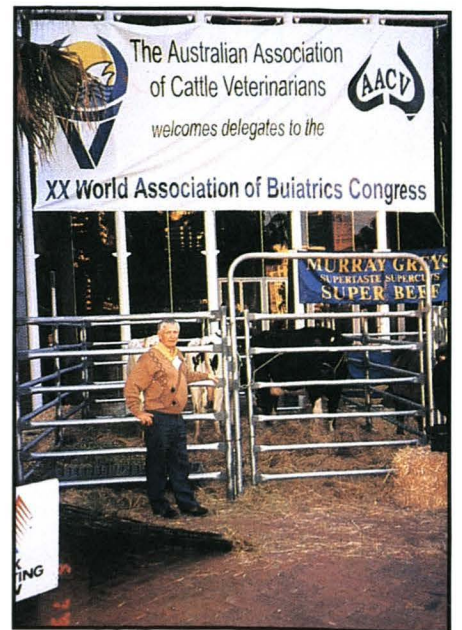
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*Thanks to all AABP & Buiatrics members for your loyal support and encouragement during the past 29 years.
The sun never sets on the bovine practitioner.*

Eric I. Williams, Editor

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