

Opening Ceremony

Thursday, September 14
South Banquet Hall, Convention Center
San Antonio, Texas



Members of the local and social arrangements committee.

The Opening Ceremony of the 28th Annual AABP Convention was held at the Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas on Thursday evening, September 14. It was preceded by the traditional hospitality hour where newcomers were greeted and old friendships were renewed over sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

Dr. Gatz Riddell, AABP President-Elect and program chairman, presided. He paid a warm tribute to everyone who had served so diligently on the Program Committee, Local and Social Arrangements Committees.

Dr. John Hurtgen, President, Society for Theriogenology, brought greetings from his colleagues who held their annual conference in conjunction with the AABP.



Baltic States veterinarians with complimentary copies of the 1995 Bovine Practitioner.

Dr. Colin Whitaker, President, British Cattle Veterinary Association, invited everyone to the XIX World Buiatrics Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland on July 8-12, 1996 (see page xxi).

Dr. Willis Parker, Clayton, IN introduced two veterinarians each from the Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Dr. Timothy E. Lesch, Belleville, IL was presented the AABP Distinguished Service Award by Dr. Jenks Britt, former AABP President (see page 16).

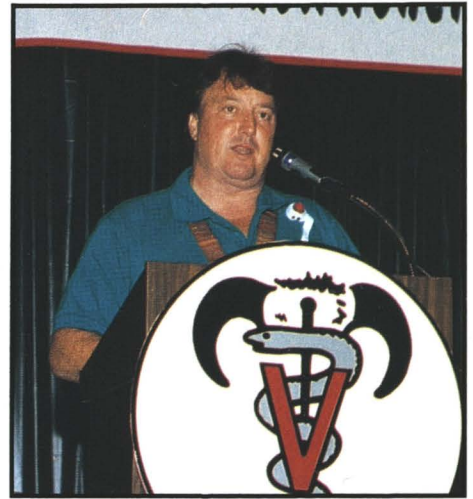
The \$10,000 AABP Research Assistantship was divided between two recipients - Dr. Steven Grubbs, University of Tennessee, who will study "Induction of BHV-1 and BVDV specific cell-mediated immunity in young calves" with a portion of the funds and Dr. David



President-Elect Gatz Riddell, presiding.



Dr. John Hurtgen



Dr. Colin Whitaker



Dr. Gary Smith, Keynote Speaker

Van Metre, Purdue University, will focus on "Cellular immune responses to new *Salmonella dublin* vaccines."

Dr. James Jarrett presented appreciation plaques to representatives of companies which had given substantial financial support for the annual meeting.

Dr. Gary Smith, Fort Collins, Colorado was the featured speaker. Dr. Smith currently occupies the Monfort Endowment Chair in Meat and Animal Sciences at Colorado State University. He addressed "The Role of Bovine Practitioners in Assuring the Safety of Beef" (see page 3).

The Keynote Lecture was sponsored by Roche Animal Health.



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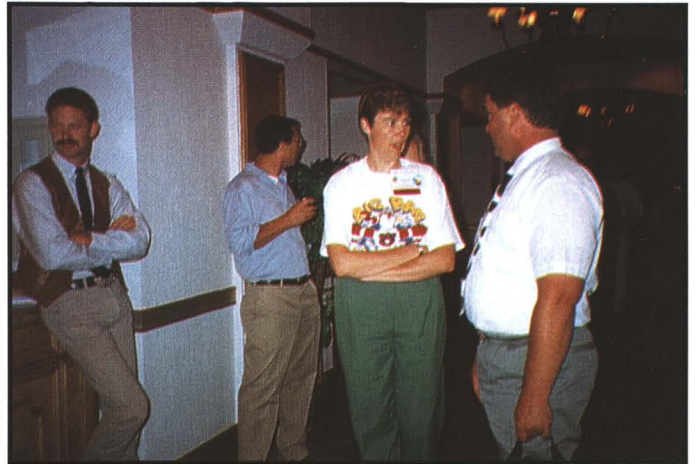
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Student Reception

The AABP sponsored a reception for over 100 students who attended the meeting, immediately after the Opening Ceremony, at the Hilton Palacio del Rio.



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Social Events

Tours

Several tours were arranged by the hard working social and local arrangements committee in collaboration with CIRCA TEXAS RESERVATIONS, San Antonio.

On Wednesday, September 13 the tour included a visit to **Mission Trail**, one of the country's few National Parks within an urban setting, which tells the early story of San Antonio. The tour included Mission San Jose with its famous "Rose Window," a drive by Mission Concepcion followed by a visit to Lone Star Brewery with its Buckhorn Saloon and the Buckhorn Hall of Horns, Fins and Feather. This tour was repeated on Friday, September 15.

The **Heartbeat of San Antonio** tour was taken on Thursday morning, September 14 along the famed Riverwalk on board a river barge, a visit to the Alamo and then a drive through the King William Historical District followed by a trip to Market Square.

On Thursday afternoon, **San Antonio's Green Spots** tour included favorite spots such as Brackenridge Park with its Japanese Tea Garden, the San Antonio

Botanical Center which is a \$6.5 million award winning complex, Fort Sam Houston which has the Quadrangle (one of San Antonio's most historic sites) and ending up at McNay Art Museum.

The **Hill Country's Famed Fredricksburg** tour on Friday, September 15 was a visit to the beautiful Texas Hill Country and the Fredricksburg Herb Farm, for sightseeing and shopping.

Texas Hill Country, north of San Antonio was also the home of President Lyndon Johnson. The tour on Saturday, September 16 included Johnson City, with President Johnson's boyhood home and the Johnson Settlement. There was also a visit to the Lyndon B. Johnson Historical Park, across the Pedernales River from the "Texas White House." It ended with a visit to the Sauer-Beckmann Farmstead, a living History farm which is operated as if it were the year 1918 with park interpreters in period clothing.

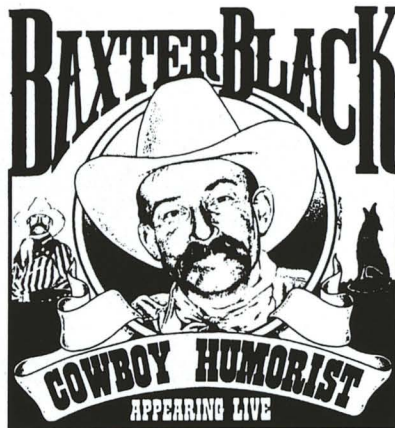
An Evening With BAXTER BLACK

Cowboy Humorist

Friday evening, September 15

After dining on sumptuous Tex Mex food, a large number of Convention registrants enjoyed the wit and humor of America's classic cowboy entertainer - Baxter Black. He has taken the art of rhyme one step further, using his lunatic wit and animated delivery to create a whole new field of entertainment. Baxter's talents have been enjoyed by millions - from banquet and concert appearances to network television, as a commentator on National Public Radio, nationally syndicated columnist and regular guest on The Tonight Show.

Baxter's off-center cowboy poetry has been preserved (without any chemical additives) in eleven books, seven cassette tapes and two full-length video features. In addition, Baxter has recently turned novelist with the release of "*Hey, Cowboy, Wanna Get Lucky?*" (Crown Pub-



lishing) in August '94.

Raised near Las Cruces, New Mexico, Baxter grew up in and around the livestock business. He became a veterinarian, dispensing his medicine and practicing his hu-

morous songs and poems on countless cowboys who worked with him on ranches and feedlots around the mountain West. Before long, Baxter was spending as much time entertaining as he was doctoring livestock. Choosing the cleaner of the two options, Baxter hung up his plastic sleeve and jumped head-first into show business. He hasn't treated a case of foot rot since.

Baxter Black's appearance was supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health.