

Opening Ceremony

Thursday, September 22, 1994
Allegheny Ballroom, Vista Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA



Dr. Harold Amstutz presenting Dr. Eric Williams and his wife, Mary with a plaque and tape.



Dr. Robert Smith and Dale Minnick sharing an anecdote.

The 27th Annual AABP Convention opened with the usual AABP hospitality at the Exhibits Hall, Lawrence Convention Center where old friendships were renewed and newcomers greeted with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

The Opening Ceremony was held at the Allegheny Ballroom, Vista Hotel with President-Elect Robert Smith presiding in the presence of a large audience. The ceremony featured a tribute to Dr. Eric Williams, Stillwater, Oklahoma for 25 years of service as editor of the *Bovine Practitioner* and the *AABP Proceedings* in the form of a 15 minute video tape entitled, "The Sun Never Sets on the Bovine Practitioner." It was written and narrated by Dr. Harold Amstutz, retired AABP Executive Vice President. Dr. Edward Sterner, Ionia, Michigan contributed several photos which were incorporated in the tape. Dr. Amstutz presented Dr. Williams and his wife, Mary, a plaque and a copy of the tape.

Dr. Reilly Glore, AABP President, welcomed the audience and paid a warm tribute to everyone who had served on the Program Committee, Local and Social Arrangements Committees.

The \$10,000 AABP Research Assistantship was awarded to Dr. Brian Aldridge, University of Wisconsin to support his research project, "Is functional cellular immunity transferred to calves by colostrum?"

Dr. Robert Bushnell was presented the Distinguished Service Award and Dr. Dan Upson received the American Cyanamid Award for Excellence (p 15,16).

The keynote speaker was Dale Minnick, CSP, Guymon, Oklahoma, a humorist and motivator. He has been described as a cross between Will Rogers and Zig Ziglar. Dale was born and raised on the land his great-grandfather homesteaded near the Panhandle of Oklahoma. Along the way he has been a university teacher, corporate economist, a savings and loan executive and an international grain promoter.

Dale had his audience on edge during his presentation entitled, "Stick, Pick, Hook, Look, Laugh and Pray."

He is the author of the new humor book, "*How to Get Up in Front Without Getting Down.*"



Dr. Sheila McGuirk accepting the Research Award on behalf of Dr. Brian Aldridge from Dr. Kent Ames, Scholarship Committee Chairman.



AABP members "on stage" at the Opening Ceremony

Saturday Night Extravaganza

"Having Fun Riverboat Style"

One of Pittsburgh's favorite getaways is with the Gateway Clipper Fleet. On Saturday evening, a large number of AABP members and their spouses celebrated a special evening with a "Night Out On the Water" aboard the Captain's Dinner Dance Cruise. They feasted on a sumptuous dinner buffet as they navigated the Monongahela, the Allegheny and the Ohio rivers. They were entertained by the Gateway Clipper Fleet Band.



National Reproduction Symposium

An added educational feature at the annual conference was the two-day National Reproduction Symposium. It was co-sponsored by the AABP and the USDA Cooperative Extension Service. The four sections included: New Technology in Reproduction, Reproduction Economics, Nutrition/Reproduction Interactions and New Answers to Old Questions.

The 1995 AABP Convention in San Antonio, Texas will be a joint meeting with the Society for Theriogenology.

Tours

The local arrangements committee arranged several tours that attracted a wide variety of interests.

On Thursday, September 22 there was an "Introduction to Pittsburgh" tour which began with a ride on the Duquense Incline, one of the few remaining inclines in the United States. It offered a glimpse of Pittsburgh as it was in 1877 coupled with a spectacular view of the modern city. The tour covered the downtown area, featuring Pittsburgh's "Crown Jewel" PPG Place and the National Classrooms at the University of Pittsburgh in Oakland.

Another tour visited Falling Water. Nestled in the serene beauty of Mill Run, it is a Frank Lloyd Wright architectural masterpiece, designed to make the outdoors part of the living space.

Other tours visited Pittsburgh Zoo and the Pittsburgh Aviary. While their spouses attended the practice

tips and research sessions on Friday evening accompanying persons went to the Carnegie Science Center. The giant screen showed "Yellowstone", a recent release.

On Saturday, a tour visited Clayton, built by industrialist Henry Clay Frick as a family mansion in the 1860's. Later the tour continued to Phipps Conservatory, a renowned botanical garden designed in Victorian glasshouse style by Lord and Burnham Co.

On Sunday, a tour visited Tara, a stately mansion located in Clark, PA, followed by shopping stops in the Amish country. Another tour commenced at 6:30 a.m. on a special journey into "yesterday" along the enchanting steam and diesel railroad located in Kane, PA — traveling 96 miles of peaks and valleys in the Allegheny National Forest and across the 301 foot high Kinzua Bridge. There was also a visit to America's first Christmas Store which serves as "Santa's Workshop".

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President-Elect Dr. Robert Smith presenting an appreciation plaque to Dr. Kelly Lechtenberg, General Sessions Coordinator.



Dr. Jerome Harness, Local Arrangements Coordinator, receiving an appreciation plaque from Dr. Robert Smith.