

# Committee Reports

## Pharmaceuticals and Biologicals Issues (CPBI)

**Dr. Arnold F. Hentschl, *Chairman***

### **Mission Statement**

To monitor and review those pharmaceutical and biological issues of interest and significance to the AABP membership as identified by the AABP Board of Directors as well as the Committee's membership shall have opportunity to provide input to the Board as to issues worthy of consideration and study;

To assure that liaison and cooperation shall exist with the American Veterinary Medical Association's (AVMA), Governmental Relations Division, the Division of Scientific Affairs, particularly the Council on Biologics and Therapeutic Agents (CoBTA) and its Drug Availability Advisory Committee (DAAC) and such other AVMA committees, (i.g., the Food Animal Task Force, (FAVOR) which impact on issues of a pharmaceutical and/or biological nature; and to provide that activities of the CPBI will not duplicate, but rather reinforce efforts by organized veterinary medicine which are ongoing in this area. Such liaison should also assure that the AABP Executive Office and Board is fully conversant with AVMA activities and initiatives as they relate to issues of a pharmacological and biological nature which impact on bovine practice. Such liaison and cooperation should assure that AABP is afforded the opportunity to provide its views to AVMA on issues of importance to bovine practitioners;

To assure that appropriate liaison exists with those agencies of the Federal Government (i.g., F.D.A. Center for Veterinary Medicine and the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Milk Safety Branch, and the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) which interact with such issues;

To provide an identifiable and responsible body with which the pharmaceutical and biological industries and related representative organizations can interact;

To formulate and provide recommendations to the AABP Board of Governors from which AABP policy on issues of a pharmaceutical and biological nature may be established.

Activities for the coming year will be those on which the CPBI is asked to respond. Such requests are initiated by the AABP Board, Committee members or others (AVMA, NCIMS).

### **On going matters**

Updated version of AVMA Prescription Animal Drug Guidelines is currently being reviewed by Committee members for a consensus input to AVMA's CoBTA for its' consideration prior to the document becoming official AVMA policy.

The Academy of Veterinary Consultants Policy Statement on Aminoglycosides is being reviewed and a recommendation on which the AABP Board will react is being formulated.

## Finance and Budget

**Dr. Roland S. Jeans, *Treasurer***

In this monumental year of change for the AABP the challenge to our committee will be to maintain financial stability. We had a very good annual conference in Albuquerque and the transition to our new office in Rome, Georgia, is well underway.

The audit of the financial affairs has been completed and no errors or problems were found. Now we will be adopting a new computer program for our budget, changing the CPA firm and installing the dues increase to \$95.00 for the year beginning July 1, 1994.

This committee and the Board will strive to maintain and improve services to each member of the AABP while continuing our long history of financial stability and growth.

## AABP Nutrition

**Dr. Arden J. Nelson, *Chairman***

Your AABP Committee Members have been active on four fronts:

1. AABP representation to AFIA Nutrition Council
2. Newsletter Nutrition Articles
3. AABP 1993 Membership Survey
4. BAMN: Bovine Alliance on Management and Nutrition

## AABP Representative to AFIA

Our current AFIA liaison is Dr. Richard Card of Frederick, Maryland. He replaced Dr. Arden Nelson in 1991. Dr. Card's duties include attending two Nutrition Council Meetings each year, carrying our AABP message of sincere veterinary involvement in nutrition, health, and production interactions. This association of the feed suppliers and feed manufactures provides ample opportunity for interaction on a Committee and one-on-one basis, strengthening the relationships between the feed industry and bovine practitioners. It is our belief that this association has allowed the quick formation of the BAMN group introduced below.

## AABP Newsletter Nutrition Articles

Articles on nutrition topics are authored by Nutrition Committee members and placed in the AABP Newsletter. They are intended to bring you information that is **Accurate, Brief, and Clear** (ABC's). Examples of such include *Whole Cottonseed is not Whole Cottonseed*, *Special Considerations for Successful Feeding of Fat*, *Clotting Ability of Milk Replacer Not Related to Quality*, *Dietary Cation Anion Calculations Made Simple*, and *Gossypol Toxicity Review*.

Planned articles for the coming year: *NPN Terminology in Dairy Rations*, *The TMR Test Mix*, *Calves Should Not Get Hay*, *Dry Matter Determinations Compared*, *Selenium Supplementation and Toxicosis*, *TMR: Single or Multiple Milking Groups?*, *Cornell Net Carbohydrate and Protein Model*, *Receiving Rations and Intake*, *Vitamin E Adequacy Assessment*, and *Feed Sample Submission*.

## 1993 AABP Membership Survey

An overwhelming response from each of you (33% participation, 1675 responses of 5000 mailed), gave us a resounding wealth of information for use by Committees in planning future meetings and member services. This effort, spearheaded by your Nutrition Committee, was a joint effort in time and money by your AABP Committees: Nutrition, Reproduction, Mastitis, Continuing Education, and Information Management.

Our AABP demographics: 86% of us are in private practice. 99% of us reside in the US and Canada. Bovine service time is > 50% of our practice time. We do 55% dairy, 31% feedlot, and 14% cow-calf practice.

An example of your responses: You rate the AABP Newsletter as your top source of information. You rank the AABP as the top information source in organized veterinary medicine.

## BAMN - Bovine Alliance on Management and Nutrition

Formed in 1991 as a means of accurately attacking the problem of our outdated understanding of milk replacer quality, this inter-association committee has served as a review committee for much of the released information from the National Animal Health Monitoring System's National Dairy Heifer Evaluation Project. The gathering together of the expertise from American Dairy Sciences Association, the milk replacer industry, and the AABP has resulted in the near completion of a Milk Replacer Quality Evaluation Paper, which you will see in the near future. Currently, Dr. David Byers and Dr. Arden Nelson from your Nutrition Committee serve with Dr. Scott Wells of NAHMS, Dr. Jim Quigley and Dr. Jim Drackley from ADSA, and with Dr. Trevor Tomkins and Mr. Mike Fowler from the milk replacer industry.

## Information Management

**Dr. Will Hueston, Chairman**

### Getting information to you faster and better in '94

Prompt, accurate, scientifically-sound and statistically accurate information is an asset for bovine practitioners. A lofty goal, however, we are overwhelmed with information every day. The key is the right time to support our practice discussions.

The AABP Information Management Committee has a broad charge. . . but what does this mean to you for the next year? Here are our plans:

- 1) Augment the Technology Transfer session, Software practice tips, and the ever-expanding Shareware Library at the annual meeting.
- 2) Provide more offerings at the annual meeting including additional information technology seminars in a hands-on format.
- 3) Expand access to the Shareware Library by making it available at District meetings in the US and Canada.
- 4) Support increased dissemination of meeting proceedings through electronic and video formats.
- 5) Enhance AABP office functions through increased computerization and improvement of the membership database by adding FAX numbers and e-mail addresses.
- 6) Disseminate results of the AABP Survey through a Current Topic insert in the newsletter.
- 7) Increase responsiveness of the Executive Vice President and the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs through electronic communications (including hands-on training at the mid-winter meeting).

## AABP Statement of Principles

*The AABP believes that:*

1. Humane care and handling of all animals is a key commitment made by the veterinary profession. This includes both treating animals humanely and ensuring that others do so also.
2. Determining what is humane and appropriate animal care is based on science. However, there are philosophical and ethical considerations.
3. The AABP supports the meaningful use of animals for the benefit of society through food, fiber, recreation, research, and teaching.
4. The essence of animal welfare lies with the animal handler.

*AABP Individual Members Role:*

1. Perform all procedures humanely.
2. Provide the advice, information and technology required by the livestock owner to incorporate animal welfare concerns into all management decisions.
3. Recognize, correct and prevent cruelty, abuse or neglect of animals.
4. Provide information and correct misinformation about animal agriculture.
5. Improve understanding between those with conflicting views and values regarding the use of animals.

*AABP Organization Role:*

1. Provide members with opportunities to become informed about animal welfare issues.
2. Represent bovine practitioners in co-operation with national, regional and local veterinary organizations.
3. Identify areas requiring more research and support such research.
4. Seek opportunities to work with agricultural groups educating the public about modern agriculture.
5. Contribute to the development and implementation of codes of practice by the cattle industries.
6. Support the position statements of the AVMA and CVMA on this issue. Work with these organizations to review and improve the positions.

*Approved by the AABP Board of Directors, February 1992.*

### **AABP Position Statement on the care down / disabled animals**

The AABP acknowledges that the humane care and transport of nonambulatory animals is a complex issue involving several aspects of the agricultural industry.

As bovine practitioners, we have a special role on the farm in preventing conditions leading to ambulatory problems, in providing an early and accurate prognosis, and in recommending appropriate disposition alternatives.

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- 8) Arrange through MCI to provide electronic communications to all interested AABP members at a reasonable price, with the added advantage of a portion of the usage revenue credited to AABP for internal communications.
- 9) Develop a long term AABP electronic communications plan to include an AABP list server and other methods to get information out to you!
- 10) Encourage the development of the AVMA's Network of Animal Health (NOAH).
- 11) Continue to develop and disseminate *Current Topics* inserts on key issues through the newsletter.
- 12) Re-examine the format and content of the AABP Newsletter. . . how can we make it even better?
- 13) Increase collaboration among Committee Chairs.

A long list? YES! The Information Management Committee has an aggressive agenda to which YOU have contributed. We aim to bring new approaches to AABP to help all of us, whether private or public practitioners, to manage information more efficiently. Please note that the committee is NOT just a bunch of computer jocks brainstorming new electronic wizardry . . . we're looking at office functions, communication, the newsletter, and collaboration among committee chairs.

We welcome your ideas! Please contact Dr. Jim Jarrett at 1-800-COW-AABP with ideas and feedback on information management. Jim will then forward your ideas to all the members of the Information Management Committee.

## AABP Animal Welfare

**Deborah Stark, Chair, Mike Anderson, Vice  
Bonnie Buntain, Jan Gawthrop, Don Garner  
Duane Miksch, Low Perino**

### **Committee Activities**

The AABP Animal Welfare Committee is involved in:

- providing reference material for practitioners interested in animal welfare or animal rights issues.
- contributing to the development and implementation of "Codes of Practice" including national Dairy Animal Care Guidelines.
- contributing to the development of educational materials such as the NCA's ocular neoplasia kit.
- participating in provincial and state committees reviewing the issue of "downers"
- representing the AABP at animal welfare meetings, symposiums etc.

The Committee also developed the following principles: