

Opening Session

“Welcome to the XVII World Buiatrics Congress”

Hosted by the XXV Annual Conference of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.

Monday evening, August 31, 1992

The opening afternoon and evening reception has become a traditional way to begin AABP Annual Conferences. This popular event enables registrants to link up with old friends and form new acquaintances. It is an opportunity also to relax and enjoy an informal meal or browse among the exhibits, become familiar with the Civic Center Arena and to introduce international guests attending the Congress to AABP hospitality and trade exhibits.

Following the reception, the Opening Session was held in the Wilkins Auditorium. Dr. Darrel Johnson, Program Chairman and AABP President-Elect welcomed everyone, stating: “All of us involved in planning this conference are truly pleased to arrive at the moment we can greet you in Saint Paul. For us and, we hope, for you this is truly a “Great Day”.

There followed a very spectacular musical production including “A Great Day”, “From This Moment On” and “Around The World”, during which flag bearers marched on stage with flags from several countries, each being announced, as it came on stage. This was followed by a Childrens Choir led by Miss Dawn McArthur, a very talented 8 year old who sang “It’s a Small World”.

AABP President Gordon Atkins brought greetings from the Association stating:

“Mr. Chairman, Local and International Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen: This is the evening we have been anticipating, the beginning of this, the largest ever bovine conference and an opportunity to unite bovine practitioners from around the world.

AABP is delighted to have the honor of hosting this historic event which marks our 25th Annual Conference and to join with the World Association for Buiatrics for their 17th Annual Conference.

As President of AABP, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to St. Paul and I hope that you find this joint meeting both informative and enjoyable and that it will remain one of the most memorable ever. And now, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is a

great honor for me to introduce to you the President of the World Association for Buiatrics, from Toulouse, France - Professor Dr. Jacques Espinasse, the Secretary of the World Association for Buiatrics, from Liège, Belgium - Professor Dr. Pierre Lekeux and the Vice President of the World Veterinary Association, from Oslo, Norway - Dr. Svein Kvaloy.

I am also honored this evening to welcome to our conference the President of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Dr. Everett Macomber.

It is our hope that this meeting will provide us with an unequalled opportunity in continuing education, a chance to develop both national and international friendships and above all an opportunity to reflect on our profession and to sense a true feeling of pride in being a Bovine Practitioner.

I challenge each one of you to take advantage of this opportunity, to take back with you a part of the pride and enthusiasm this meeting generates and to instill that same spirit of rejuvenation in your practices at home.

My final introduction is a gentleman who needs no introduction to either the AABP or the World Association of Buiatrics. His expertise in conference planning is in an elite class of its own, and we are truly grateful for his mammoth contribution. Ladies and Gentlemen, our Congress Secretariat, Convention Manager, and Executive Vice President of AABP, Dr. Harold Amstutz.”

Dr. Harold Amstutz, AABP Executive Vice President and Conference Director brought everyone up to date on registration, translation service, social events, etc.

Dr. David Thawley, Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota introduced several distinguished guests.

Dr. Darrel Johnson introduced each member of the Program Committee as he came on stage. (See p. iii).

The international aspect of the Congress was highlighted by the presentation of the Pfizer Award to Dr. Joe Brownlie, Compton, England and the Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Award to Dr. Harold Amstutz (See pages viii, ix).

The evening concluded with an entertainment feature produced by the Old Log Theatre group, directed by Don Stotz Sr.



Attention Please: *The Bovine Practitioner* was **NOT** published this year because of the need to have *The Proceedings* available at the Congress.

Social Events

The opening afternoon and evening reception at the St. Paul Civic Center set the tone for a super convention of social events and academic enrichment.

Spouses took the unique opportunity to meet AABP colleagues from near and far at the International Hospitality Get-Together on Tuesday morning, September 1.

On Wednesday evening, the "Dinner and Dancing on the Mississippi River aboard an Authentic Paddlewheeler" (The Jonathan Padelford) recaptured the thrills of a 19th century cruise.

The highlight of the social scene was "An Evening of Entertainment with Tony Sandler and Bob and The Beachcombers" on Thursday evening. Dinner entertainment was provided by pianist Greg Theisen, covering a wide range of familiar popular tunes. The evening progressed with a fast-paced half-hour musical tour starring international singer, Tony Sadler. Being multilingual, Tony made international guests feel welcome by singing in their native language — then came one of the hottest '50's and '60's dance bands around — Bob and The Beachcombers! This band keeps Rock and Roll alive!

Tours

Tour activities were off to a great start with a visit to the Antique Power Machinery Show and "Threshing Bee" on Sunday, August 30. This family day event was much appreciated by those who love farm machinery dating back to the early 1900's and a Sawmill built in 1890. The displays included 200-plus antique tractors. Gas Engine Alley with 250-plus engines and related equipment, 6-8 full size steam engines and all kinds of horse drawn equipment.

Visits to the Minnesota State Fair were arranged on several days, also to the Minnesota Twins — New York Yankees baseball game.

On Monday, a comprehensive Twin Cities' tour by deluxe motorcoach highlighted major points of interest and beautiful sights in Minneapolis and St. Paul. There was a day-long visit to Amish Country in Harmony, Minnesota on Tuesday which included a traditional Amish lunch served family style.

Other tours visited the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Historic and Scenic Stillwater with lunch at the famous Lowell Inn, named one of the country's 10 best inns, Science Museum of

Minnesota and Omni Theater with a production of "Tropical Rainforest", a day-long tour to the Cenet/Land O' Lakes and field services teaching dairy herds. Dr. John F. Anderson, Field Services Clinician, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota was the tour director.

Cooking enthusiasts enjoyed a visit to Byerlys in St. Louis Park, offering 92,000 sq. ft. filled with the largest selection of foods in the Midwest. An hour-long private cooking class, "Quick and Tasty Appetizers" was presented by Mary Evans, director of the cooking school.

A scenic deluxe motor coach trip to Rochester took participants to the Olmsted Historical Museum and Mayowood — the rambling home of the Mayo's, built in 1910 by Dr. C. H. Mayo.

The highlight Thursday tour was to the College of Veterinary Medicine, with reports on major curriculum changes, current bovine research, a tour of the Large Animal Clinic and Hospital, Small Animal Clinic, Raptor Center and the Department of Animal Science Dairy Barn. Another tour was arranged to the Mall of America in Bloomington.

Golf Tournament

For the first time, a golf tournament was included on the AABP Convention schedule. It was held at the Burl Oak Country Club, Long Lake, Minnesota and participants came from several countries.

Ladies Low Gross Score winner was Mrs. Coreen Keith, Monroe, Wisconsin and in the men's section, Dr. Luc Des Coteaux, Guelph, Ontario, Canada.



Back Row-left to right: Bill Olson, St. Paul; Rick Sibbel, Ankeny, IA; Brad Sequin, St. Paul; Alain Schmitt, LaJuhel, France; Jean-Yves Perreault, Quebec, Canada; Emile Bouchard, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; Jerry Rains, Kansas City, MO. Middle Row-left to right: Mike Wedam, Grandview, WA; Alvin R. Weber, St. Paul; Jack Mau, Minneapolis; Joyce Mailer, Stettler, Alberta, Canada; Bob Keith, Monroe, WI; Dale Sorensen, St. Paul. Seated-left to right: Jim Parker, Spring Valley, MN; Careen Keith, Monroe, WI; Luc Descoteaux, Guelph, Ontario, Canada; Morgan Scott, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Olaf Jorgensen, Denmark - not in picture.