

Distinguished Service Award



Dr. John Dahl and his wife, Dorothy, receiving the AABP Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, 1989-90 AABP President.

The 1991 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was Dr. John C. Dahl, Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Dahl received the D.V.M. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1956. His long professional career

has had a major impact on the profession and the dairy industry. He spent fifteen years in a dairy practice in Clintonville, Wisconsin where he was a pioneer in mastitis control work and perceiving the importance of milking machine function in mastitis. He was also a co-owner of a dairy farm during this time.

Dr. Dahl left practice and joined the corporate staff of DEC International. He rose from Sales and Product Manager to President and General Manager of the company in 1971-74. He implemented new technology and expanded the contributions that industry made to the science of harvesting milk from cows. He also developed the concept of industry sponsored "schools" on milking machine function for veterinarians. He was a national and international emissary for the veterinary profession in the global dairy industry in which he became deeply engaged. He is renowned as a dynamic speaker.

The third chapter of his distinguished career unfolded as he became Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He assembled a notable faculty and built the basis for a sound program which included a network involving veterinary practitioners throughout the state of Wisconsin. The program has gained the financial and political support of Wisconsin agriculture.

Pre-Convention Tour

Walt Disney did not include meat and milk production, Florida-style, in his plans so on Wednesday, at the crack of dawn, several registrants left Orlando and traveled by bus to Okeechobee to visit two dairies and a cow-calf operation.

Davie Dairy has 2,000 cows in a free-stall operation — while Larson Dairies have 12,000 cows in six operations in loafing type barns. They are housed in open lots with access to the feeding barns.

Williamson Cattle Company is an ultra progressive cow-calf operation of Angus X Lassiter Beefmaster cattle. There are two breeding seasons. The calves have in the region of 650 lbs average weaning weight. The cows that are culled from this herd are in great demand by other breeders. The cattle is now operated by the third generation of the Williamson family.

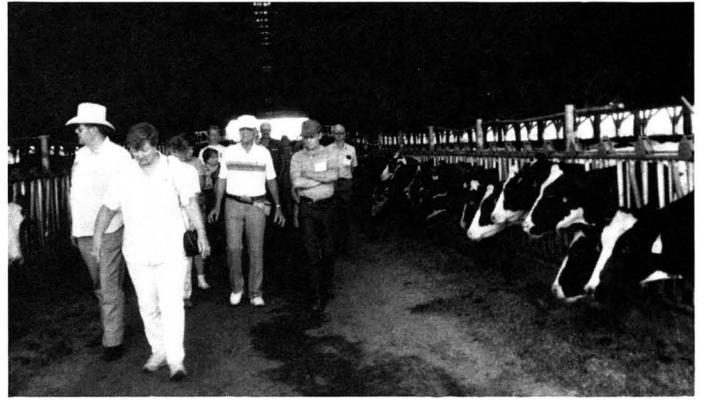
Transportation and lunch were provided by Lextron, Inc/Life Sciences.

LARSON DAIRY BARN 8 RULES

- 1 FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR DIRECT SUPERVISORS.
- 2 BE ON TIME.
- 3 MILK CLEAN DRY SANITIZED COWS.
- 4 PICK UP AFTER YOURSELF.
- 5 THINK SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.
- 6 REPORT ANY ACCIDENT.
- 7 DRUG & ALCOHOL TEST MAY BE REQUIRED IF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT IS NEEDED.
- 8 NO VISITORS WITHOUT DIRECT SUPERVISION.

The Management





Award of Excellence



Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leslie receiving the award from Dr. Noel Laing, American Cyanamid representative and AABP President David McClary.

Dr. Kenneth E. Leslie, Guelph, Ontario, Canada was presented with the 1991 Award of Excellence.

Dr. Leslie grew up on a dairy farm in Ontario and received the D.V.M. degree from Ontario Veterinary Col-

lege in 1974. He was engaged in bovine practice in Brampton, Ontario until 1977 when he returned to his alma mater and received the Master in Theriogenology degree in 1981. He has served on the faculty in the farm services ambulatory practice at the College ever since. Dr. Leslie is internationally known for his work on dairy reproduction and mastitis and has published numerous papers. He was Director for AABP District 12 from 1983 to 1989 and served as chairman of the environment and housing committee. He is a past president of the Ontario Association of Bovine Practitioners, and an executive member and director of the National Mastitis Council.

Dr. Leslie has served on the Dairy Farmers of Canada Mastitis Control and Prevention Committee and the Agriculture Canada Dairy Research Program Review Committee. He is currently the Program Director of Guelph's ground breaking Dairy Health Management Certificate Program – an intense, innovative program of continuing education for bovine practitioners to develop their skills in production medicine. The course lasts over two years and leads to a certificate of expertise in dairy production medicine.

Dr. Leslie was recently awarded the Schering Food Animal Veterinary of the Year in Canada.

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine, sponsored by MSD-AGVET division of Merck & Co. Inc. were presented during the annual business awards luncheon meeting on Saturday, September 21.

The Awards recognize member practitioners who have developed outstanding preventive veterinary medicine programs for their clients in beef or dairy practice. Each award consists of a \$1500 scholarship contribution by MSD-AGVET in the name of the recipient of his/her veterinary college of choice and a specially designed bronze plaque in bas-relief.

Beef Program Award



Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Ferreira receiving the award from AABP Vice President Darrel Johnson, left, and Dr. Jay Brown, MSD-AgVet representative.

The 1991 Beef Program Award was presented to Dr. Conrad Ferreira, Cottonwood, California.

Dr. Ferreira received the D.V.M. degree from Washington State University in 1945. He has been engaged in bovine practice in California ever since. In 1967 he established a mixed practice at Cottonwood, California which is located in the largest livestock auction market in the state in the heart of beef cattle country. Known affectionately to his friends and clients as Connie, he has run preventive medicine programs in several western states in over 40 ranches ranging from 300 to over 8000 cows. Last year his male fertility preventive medicine programs encompassed examinations of over 2,600 bulls and he has developed an effective preventive program for reducing seminal vesiculitis in these herds.

Dr. Ferreira assisted in the development and validation of PREGCK, a microcomputer program for the recording and analysis of palpation data at chute-side by practitioners. He is a guest lecturer on preventive medicine herd programs at the University of California center at Chico, using the university's records and animals as examples.

Dairy Program Award



Dr. and Mrs. David Reid receiving the award from Dr. Jay Brown, MSD-AgVet representative, right, and AABP President-Elect Gordon Atkins.

The 1991 Dairy Program Award was presented to Dr. David A. Reid, Hazel Green, Wisconsin.

Dr. Reid was born in Harrisville, Rhode Island. He received the D.V.M. degree from Kansas State University in 1973 and joined a 5 person practice, mainly dairy, in Hazel Green. He became interested in mastitis control and eventually began some consulting for neighboring practices and for milking machine companies. In 1987 he sold his interest in the practice and established his own in Hazel Green where he has a group of nine herds on complete herd health programs. He spends about 70% of his time on farm visits in a wide area of the Upper Midwest mainly, working on milk quality. Dr Reid sends recall letters to these farms at six month intervals. He is also actively engaged in building design including dairy production facilities and young stock housing.

Dr. Reid enjoys opportunities to speak to veterinary practice client education meetings to help these practices develop the most demand for their services. His keen interest and expertise in mastitis control and milking equipment evaluation led him to an association with Dr. Andy Johnson in the establishment of a specialty seminar presentation entitled *The Professional Approach to Quality Milk Production*.

1991 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Keith Sterner receiving the award from Dr. George Hausman, left, Syntex Animal Health representative and President David McClary.

Dr. Keith Sterner, Ionia, Michigan is the 1991 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

The award, presented by Syntex Animal Health, Inc. was initiated by Diamond Laboratories in 1979 – the first recipient being Keith’s father, Dr. Edward Sterner.

Dr. Keith Sterner received the D.V.M. degree from Michigan State University in 1969. He served in the military for 2 years as a Captain and saw active duty in Korea. He is now co-owner of an 8 person mixed veterinary practice.

This year Dr. Sterner received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Michigan State University. He is a former Director (District 4) and Past President of AABP. During his tenure in office he lead AABP through major organizational changes which have improved the efficiency of AABP and made the organization more responsive to membership needs. Planning for these changes required many late night sessions in hotel rooms across the country.

Also during his presidency he led a delegation of AABP members to Washington and met with numerous

government and industry officials. Those liaisons continue to pay dividends to AABP daily.

During the last 2 years he has represented AVMA and AABP with testimony before a House subcommittee on the Veal Protection Act and represented AVMA at a national press conference on Milk Safety. Recently he has worked diligently with FDA and the drug industry to develop a drug application plan for expanded label claims on old, commonly used drugs which were not specifically labeled for use in certain classes of food animals. This plan, which he labeled with the acronym AARDVARK, is an attempt to reduce the practitioner’s legal dilemma faced under current Extra-label Drug Use Policy.

This campaign required numerous trips around the country, most of which he did at his own expense yet he was championing a cause on behalf of all involved in animal agriculture.

Dr. Sterner was described by a nominator for the award as an outstanding role model for young people.

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