

# General Scientific Session

## *“The Veterinarian and Management of Today’s Cattle Operation”*

Dr. James Jarrett, Chairman

### Welcome

**Robert J. Harris, D.V.M.**  
*Turlock, California*



Thank you, Jim. Well it’s a great pleasure to be up here to start off another annual meeting. When our Association was formed some 12-13 years ago, this meeting and the education that goes with it and the getting together and meeting of all the practitioners from other parts of the country was one of the main purposes of starting this organization. I think as an organization we have done very well over the past 10 years. This is our 10th annual meeting where we are presenting an educational program. I know that many of you, gentlemen and ladies, have met many other practitioners in other parts of the country, you have had many bull sessions in the corridors, you have listened to practice tips and various other phases of it, and you have taken home many things that you would not have been able to do in the AVMA meeting. It is very difficult under the auspices of an AVMA meeting to meet and get into general dis-

cussions with other practitioners. Here we have an atmosphere where the fellow on your right, the fellow on your left, and the fellow behind you and the fellow in front of you all have the same general interest. You are cow practitioners, or at least cow-oriented. So, this meeting has developed into something that is very important to us. We never want to lose sight of the fact that one of the principal purposes of this organization is to continually bring up to date our education and the ways that we do our business; the little tips that help us in our practice. We are now a nationally recognized organization and as such many of our people are being asked for input into other committees and other organizations around the world, and the United States, of course. But one of the things that we do is to get to meet people that are in the agricultural world that we work for and are associated with and we get to meet the top men of those. So at this time I would like to present the president of the National Cattle Association, Mr. Wray Finney, and we will have some remarks from him a few minutes later. I think this is one of the important things that we as an organization are capable of doing—meeting these people who are representatives and presidents of our associate or allied fields. We also get to meet people that are from foreign lands and we are very fortunate today to have two persons here from Mexico, our neighboring country to the south. I would like to introduce to you at this time the president of the Mexican Association for Buiatrics, Dr. Avilia. He is going to make a few remarks and we are going to have Dr. Ben Norman interpret for him. Dr. Avilia.

#### **Address by Dr. Jorge Avilia**

Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, colleagues. I want to thank the American Association of Bovine Practitioners for giving me this opportunity to speak to you today. I am very happy to be here. The Mexican Association of Bovine Practitioners, jointly with the World Association of Buiatrics, which is the study of cattle diseases, has organized the 10th Congress for the study of cattle diseases. The themes for this Congress this coming summer have been selected as those subjects which are most pertinent to the practice of bovine medicine all over the world. The charge of the veterinarians all over the world is to stimulate

the production of these products and it is a very noble profession for us to be in. The themes that have been selected are: reproduction, mastitis, nutrition, problems affecting milk production, and problems affecting meat production and a miscellaneous section. We are inviting papers from the audience in the form of small abstracts of 200 words to be submitted for presentation this summer. Besides the Congress, we have a terrific program of tours before, during and after the Congress of the better and best tourism parts of Mexico.

**Mexico waits you with open arms for the 10th World Congress for the study of cattle diseases in Mexico City, August 16-19th, 1978. Thank you very much for this opportunity to speak to you. By the registration desk you will find folders and information on the Congress. We urge you and ask you**



*Dr. Jorge Avilia (right) welcoming AABP members to Mexico. Dr. Ben Norman acted as interpreter.*

**to pick up information there. Again, thank you for the opportunity to be here.**

**Dr. Harris**

Thank you, President Avilia. Every good president travels with a good associate and Dr. Avilia brought his secretary of the Mexico Buiatric Association and I would like to introduce Dr. Fernando Hidalgo y Teran at this time. Please say hello to these men and get acquainted with them and we hope that many of you will be in Mexico City next summer.

It has been a pleasure for me to make a very few remarks here. We have a good program for this meeting and I would like to thank Dr. Jim Jarrett and his committees for having put it together.

**Dr. James Jarrett**

Thank you, Bob. My only problem with Spanish is that I never have been able to pronounce "grits" or "you all" in Spanish! You know, Dr. Ben Norman-I didn't realize he had that kind of a talent either. It has been hidden all this time.

Having been in Dr. John Noordsy's shoes before in Atlanta, I know the job that he has had in putting local arrangements together. I personally thank him for the tremendous time that has gone into all the preparation and all the local arrangements in preparing for this meeting, because I know what he has been through and so do Lee Allenstein and Bob Harris and a few others around the country. I can't thank you personally enough.

# Welcome to St. Louis

**John Noordsy, D.V.M.**  
*Manhattan, Kansas*



You know they always tell you these things after you get into it, how much work it was. So whoever gets this next year, I can warn him also. Welcome to St. Louis. We like to have you here. This is a "show me" state, the spirit of St. Louis-I am sure you are going to see this throughout the days that you are here. Now, we spent about four years in planning this event and what convinced us to come to St. Louis were these large rooms plus the exhibition area. I hope it really works out for you. I hope you have an excellent time. This organization has really grown. Dr. Harris referred to it slightly when he said this is the 10th annual meeting. You know, in the position I'm in, you sort of see these budding veterinarians and you have to go back and research this. As I look back on the 1967 Bovine Practitioner Congress, I become aware of the phenomenal growth of this organization. They had a tremendous number of veterinarians-438-in 1967! Now we have over 2500, so I think we could use that same expression today to describe this particular organization. Jim Jarrett has done an excellent job of putting this program together. I might also say that we hope that you will really cooperate with us and come out and have a good time tomorrow night. It's from 7:00-7:30 until midnight and they tell us that at midnight they have to push the people out of the door.