

AABP Officers

President



Dr. Rod Sydenham, Millet, Alberta, Canada

Born in High River, Alberta, Dr. Sydenham was raised on a cow-calf operation in the foothills of Alberta. He received his BSc in biology from the University of Saskatchewan in 1974 and his DVM from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1978. He has been in mixed practice in Alberta since graduation.

Dr. Sydenham served two terms on the AABP Board of Directors and has been very active in fundraising efforts for the AABP-Amstutz Scholarship Fund. He served three years as a Council Member of the Alberta Veterinary Medical Association and serves on the Board of Directors of the Western Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners.

He and his wife, Judith, have three children. When not working at the clinic, he enjoys golf, skiing, computers, motorsports and travel.

President's Message

Dear AABP Members:

The year 2000 represented a banner year for AABP. The annual meeting in Rapid City was one of our most successful ever, and it showed that AABP and bovine practice is thriving. Our membership continues to grow (especially on the international front) and we remain financially sound. That is not to say that there are no issues that will impact our practices, and our clients, that need to be dealt with. Far from it. There are many things that will continue to need the attention of our profession. AABP, and its members, are recognized as a leading source of advice and expertise for many of these issues. Fortunately you, the members, are continuing to see that bovine medicine is being seen in that light.

Perhaps the single biggest issue that will affect us in the near future is the apparent lack of new veterinarians willing to enter, and remain, in food animal veterinary medicine. AABP has recognized this, and over the past few years has initiated programs to help this situation. The newest program is the "Young Leaders Council" that was established at the Rapid City meeting. This is a committee formed by young and enthusiastic recent graduates that will help AABP formulate policies and plans that will meet the needs of the "new generation". AABP must do all it can to expose students and recent graduates to food animal practice and all the opportunities that it entails. The Amstutz Scholarship Fund and AABP's Student Externship Program will continue to be available to those veterinary students that have an interest in our field.

The recent BSE situation in Europe once more brings into focus the impact of the consumer and the media on the food animal industry. AABP and its members must continue to ensure that not only is our food supply safe and wholesome, but we must also continue to do what we can to bring sound science and logic to bear on the issues. This can and does mean our participation, in various forums, at all levels of government but it should also mean that we, as individuals, do all we can to educate and inform those who we come in contact with on a daily basis. I encourage you to not pass up any opportunity to make sure that those you interact with on a daily basis are properly informed as to the realities of situations, be it BSE, antimicrobial resistance, prudent drug use, animal welfare or any other issue needing our attention. Take every opportunity you can, whether it is with your client, neighbor, local school, 4-H club, business club, etc, to put forward the real information on these issues. So much of our society relies on sensational media to formulate their opinions of animal agriculture. We must do all we can to see that they have proper information when they form these opinions.

Membership in AABP, and access to its resources, is an invaluable tool to have at your disposal as we continue into the 21st century. **I strongly encourage you to get involved to whatever degree you want. We are entering a period in our profession where there will be many changes. It is an exciting time and I look forward to and thank you, the members, for the opportunity to represent you as President.**

Best Regards
Rod Sydenham DVM

AABP Vice President



Dr. Patty Scharko received her DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1983, followed by an internship at the Tufts University Ambulatory Clinic. A residency in production medicine was completed at North Carolina State University in conjunction with a Masters in Public Health in Epidemiology in 1989 from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Following her residency, Patty taught at the Atlantic Veterinary College in Prince Edward Island, Canada in the Ambulatory section for six years. She became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine in 1993. In 1995, Patty moved to Lexington, Kentucky and is the extension ruminant veterinarian at the University of Kentucky. She is involved with both dairy and beef cattle.

Patty has been an active member of AABP in many capacities: served on the Information Management Committee for 6 years; coordinated Computer Practice Tips and Computer Technology Sessions for 3 years (1992-94); was the General Sessions chair in 1995 and 1999; served as a list manager on AABP-L for the past 3 years; and was the District 12 Director in 1995. She is currently a member of the AVMA Committee on Veterinary Informatics and was the chair in 1998. For the past two years, Patty has been co-chair of the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association Food Animal Committee.

Patty's husband and 6 year old daughter knew the importance of AABP in her life. They fully support her service as the AABP Vice President.

New Directors



Dr. Darcie J. Stolz from Strasburg, Pennsylvania replaces Dr. Richard Wilkes as the District 2 Director. Darcie received her BS from Penn State University and her VMD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1982. Upon graduation, Darcie began working in a food animal practice in Lancaster County, PA. She purchased the dairy, beef and small ruminant portion of the practice in 1989. She has owned and managed this practice since that time, developing a predominantly dairy practice with an emphasis on herd health and production medicine programs. She works with two associate veterinarians to continue to develop and expand their production services to their clients.

Dr. Stolz has been a member of AABP since veterinary school. She has also completed the Dairy Production Medicine Program offered jointly by Penn State and the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a member of the AVMA and the PVMA. Darcie has been an active member of the Ag Liaison Committee for the PVMA since 1989, and is currently the representative for that organization to the PA State Council of Farm Organizations. Her practice has been actively involved with programs to expose and encourage students to consider a career in food animal veterinary medicine.

Darcie and her husband Bruce have two children, Corinne (13) and Emily (9). In her spare time she enjoys canoeing, hiking and Penn State football.



Dr. Andy Johnson, Seymour, Wisconsin, is the new Director for District 5, replacing Dr. Ken Nordlund, who had served two terms.

Andy was raised in a small town in southwest Minnesota. He received the BS degree in Veterinary Science in 1974, and the DVM degree in 1976, both from the University of Minnesota. Following graduation, he entered private practice in Seymour, Wisconsin. His consulting dairy practice specializes in quality milk and cow comfort. Services are provided across the United States and around the world.

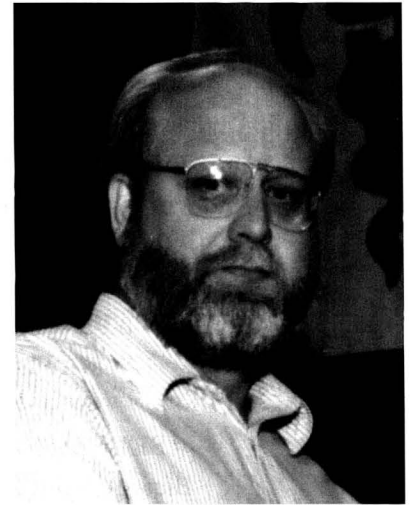
Dr. Johnson has been active in organized veterinary medicine and the dairy industry in several capacities. He has served on various committees from the AABP, AVMA, the NMC, the Wisconsin VMA and local associations. He has served as president of the Wisconsin VMA, and was named the 1998 AABP-Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

Andy and his wife Monica, have three children, Nathan, Megan and Zackary.

Dr. Steve Stewart is the newly elected Director for District 6. He replaces Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick, who moved out of the district to join Pharmacia Animal Health as a Technical Services Veterinarian.

Steve received the DVM degree from the University of Illinois and practiced in Illinois for a short time. He then moved to Casco, Wisconsin and developed a multi-person dairy practice. After 10 years in that practice, he left to pursue graduate training, and joined the faculty at the University of Minnesota five years ago.

He has been active in developing computer technology for on-farm practice use, and has been very involved with the Minnesota DHIA. Dr. Stewart was the recipient of the Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award in 1998.



Dr. Charles (Charlie) E. Deyhle, Jr., is the newly elected District 8 Director, replacing Dr. Steve Lewis, who has completed two terms of service. Charlie was born in Clarendon, Texas and was raised in a veterinary clinic. He earned the BS degree in Animal Science from Texas Tech University in 1974, and the DVM degree from Texas A&M University in 1977.

He practiced with his father, Dr. Charles (Chuck) E. Deyhle, Sr., for several years in Clarendon before moving to Canyon, Texas. Charlie works as a consulting veterinarian specializing in animal health management. He provides services to stocker operations and feedlots in Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. He served as President of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants in 1989-1990, and with his father was the co-recipient of the 1989 AVC Consultant of the Year Award.

He is an accomplished pilot with numerous ratings. He and his wife, Jamie, have two young adult children, Blake and Leia.

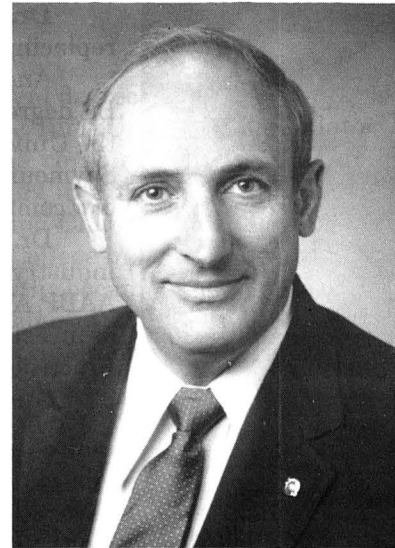


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Bovine "Give-Away"

Winners of the 2000 Bovine Give-Away

The following veterinarians had their business cards drawn from a milk jug at the listed exhibitor's booth:

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| Dr. Jamie Hobson 6 Pilkington St. General Delivery Arris, Ontario Canada NOB 1B0 | Diagnostic Imaging System | Dr. David Horn Brakke Consulting Inc. 4090 County Rte 74 Greenwich, NY 12834 | Alliance Medical USA |
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| Dr. David Calderwood Casselton Vet Srvc Inc. 15556 - 36 St SE Casselton, ND 58012-9750 | Ridley Block Operations | | |

Annual Membership & Business Meeting

Saturday, September 23, 2000

Rapid City Convention Center

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

President Larry Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. Dr. Jim Jarrett gave the invocation. Dr. Hutchinson welcomed and introduced those at the head table, including Dr. James E. Nave, AVMA president, and Dr. Phil Sears, representing the National Mastitis Council.

Following approval of the minutes of the last business meeting, Dr. Jarrett reported on the “state of the AABP.” Total membership exceeds 5600, and several not yet counted had joined in Rapid City. He recognized the vital role JoAnn Patty and Sandra Himes have had in the smooth, efficient operation of the AABP office in Rome.

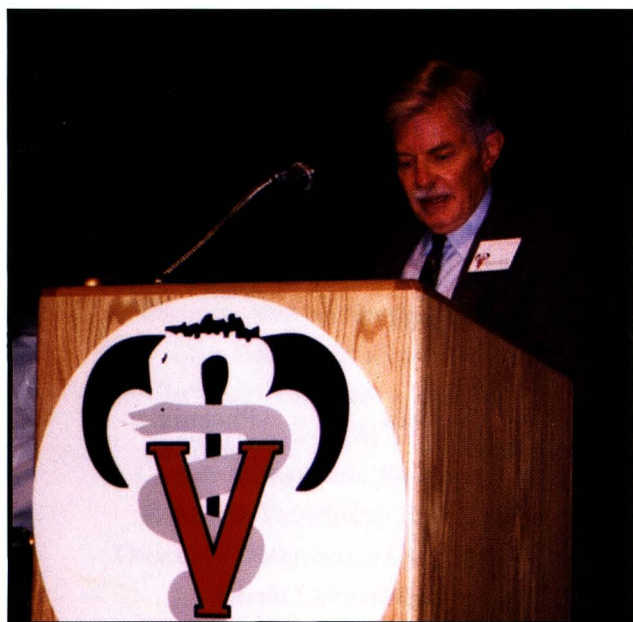
Dr. Roger Saltman, AABP Treasurer, reported that the organization is financially strong and healthy, and now has net assets in excess of \$1.5 million. The Finance Committee continues to oversee the long-term investment accounts. The Amstutz Scholarship Fund is now separated from other AABP funds. A financial audit of the AABP was completed in January of 2000 and an additional audit will be conducted in December 2001 due to the separation of the Amstutz Scholarship Fund from the rest of the budget. The auditors were highly complimentary of the financial management of the AABP.

Dr. Jarrett reported that attendance at the Rapid City conference was excellent, with 1,976 in attendance.

Attendees were offered 61.5 hours of continuing education plus 264 hours available for participation in 27 seminars. Dr. Jim Wasson and his Local Arrangements Committee were recognized for their efforts in making all the arrangements in the local area in preparation for the conference. Dr. Dick Wallace was complimented for his effective coordination and management of the audio-visual equipment used for the meetings.

Parliamentarian Dr. Gatz Riddell presented one proposed by-laws amendment to the membership for approval. The amendment proposed that no member can serve more than two full terms on the Board of Directors. The proposal passed by unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Jim Nave, President of the AVMA, addressed the membership on the working relationship between the AABP and AVMA. He encouraged bovine practitioners to become involved in the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues (NCVEI) working groups, and further explained how AABP input is received. He stressed that a key goal for NCVEI is to raise the economic base for the profession to better position it for the next generation. Dr. Nave further explained his presidential goals of restructuring the Committee System so that the AVMA can serve all facets of the profession more effectively. He hopes to improve representation of bovine practitioners in such areas as animal welfare, environmental issues and regulatory affairs that impact food animal practice. He concluded his remarks by stating “the goal of our leaders in veterinary medicine should be to make the profession better for the next generation.”



Dr. Hutchinson presides at the 2000 Membership and Business Meeting.



Dr. Rod Sydenham presents President's Award to outgoing President, Dr. Larry Hutchinson.

President-Elect Sydenham invited everyone to the next AABP Annual Conference, which will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. Dr. Phil Sears, representing the NMC, explained the structure of the joint AABP-NMC meeting in Vancouver. The NMC expects 300 papers to be presented, with topics ranging from vaccination, immunology, mastitis therapy, milking machine function and case reports. A similar combined meeting was held at the 1990 AABP meeting held in Indianapolis.

President Hutchinson welcomed international veterinarians and the large contingent of student AABP numbers. He outlined the AABP efforts to support the student AABP chapters at the various veterinary colleges, the Amstutz Scholarship Fund and the funding of externships. In addition, the AABP now sponsors case presentations at the annual conference, with cash prizes going to those presenting the top three case reports.

Dr. Rich Meiring chaired the student case report competition in 2000. He announced the 2000 winners. First place went to Adam Jackanicz, from the University of Illinois, for "On-going investigations on a working dairy farm"; second place went to Elizabeth Layne, Colorado State University, for "A case of bovine hydroallantois"; and third place was shared by Sarah Probst and Kelly Ballinger, from the University of Illinois, for "Diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to septic arthritis in a Simmental bull."

The 2000 Genevieve Hines Award for the best-dressed practitioner was presented to Dr. Jim Jarrett. Dr. Hutchinson presented appreciation plaques to outgoing directors Dr. Richard Wilkes (District 2), Dr.

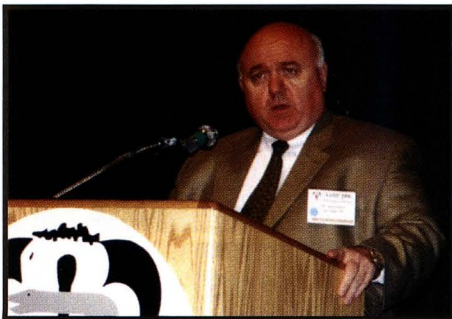
Ken Nordlund (District 5), Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick (District 6) and Dr. Steve Lewis (District 8). Newly elected directors included Dr. Darcie Stolz (District 2), Dr. Andy Johnson (District 5), Dr. Steve Stewart (District 6) and Dr. Charles Deyhle, Jr. (District 8).

Dr. Jarrett announced new officers for 2000-2001. Dr. Patty Scharko, Lexington, Kentucky was elected as Vice-President. Dr. Kent Ames, East Lansing, Michigan, moves to the office of President-Elect, while Dr. Rod Sydenham, Millet, Alberta, Canada, automatically advances to the office of President.

Before handing over the gavel to Dr. Sydenham, Dr. Hutchinson made his farewell remarks to the membership. He reflected on the challenges and the successes that faced the AABP during the previous year, but emphasized that the organization was strong, vibrant, healthy and had strong leadership, and was well prepared to tackle the future. To maintain the cutting edge, the Board of Directors utilized an outside facilitator last spring to energize the momentum of the leadership. As a result, the CE committee has been reactivated, and the leadership is seeking new ways to serve the members that attend the conference regularly, as well as those who don't attend.

He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve AABP as President, and then passed the gavel to incoming President, Dr. Rod Sydenham. Dr. Sydenham presented the President's Award to Dr. Hutchinson in appreciation for his superior leadership during 1999-2000

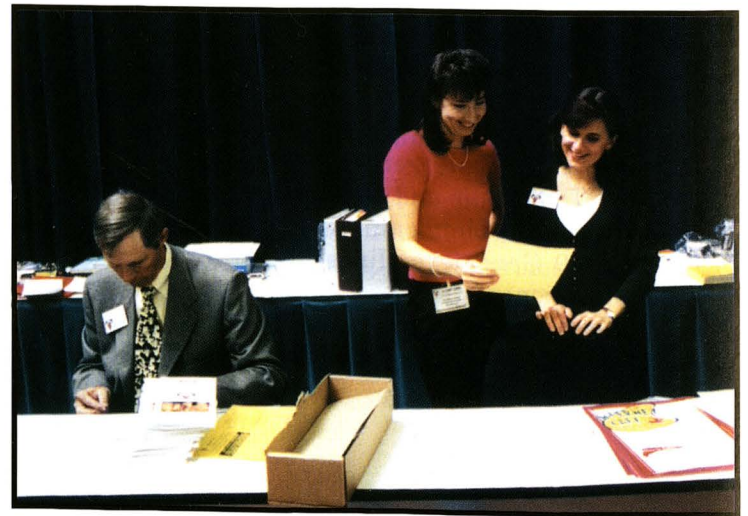
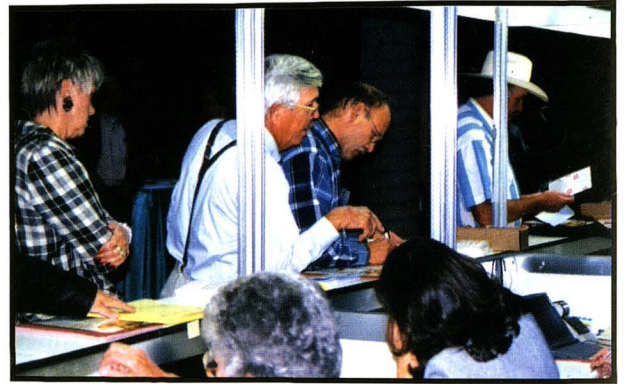
The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Top row, left to right: Dr. Jim Nave, AVMA President; Dr. Phil Sears, representing the NMC; Dr. Chris Watson, British Cattle Veterinarians Association. Bottom left, Dr. Jim Jarrett, AABP Executive Vice-President. Bottom right, Dr. Jake Hines presents "Best Dressed Practitioner Award" to Dr. Jarrett.



Registration



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Opening Reception

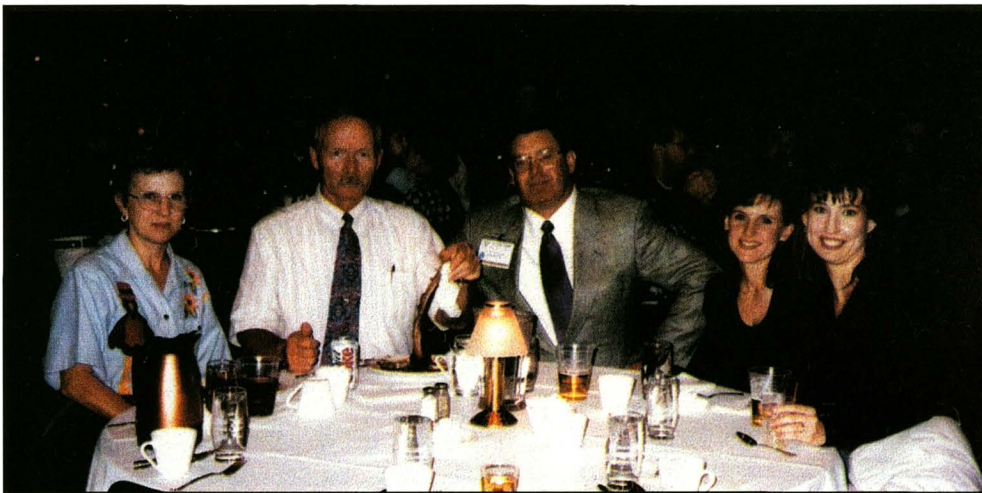
Wednesday September 20, 2000
Convention Center
Rapid City, South Dakota

Sponsored by **Bayer Animal Health**, the welcoming reception for the 33rd Annual AABP Conference was held in the Rapid City Convention Center on Wednesday evening. It provided an opportunity for attendees to learn more about the upcoming program, tours and local attractions.

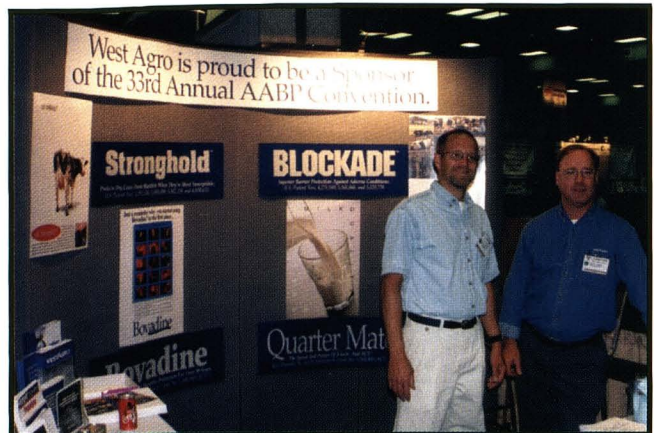
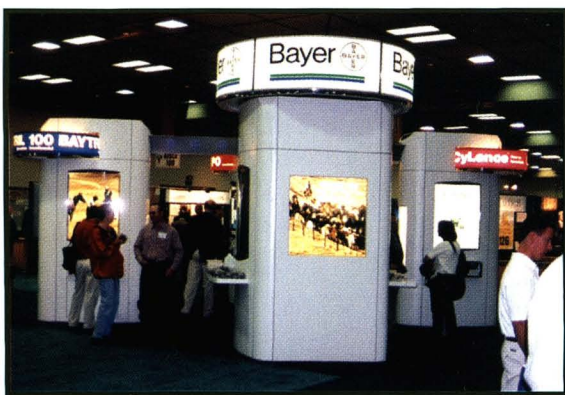
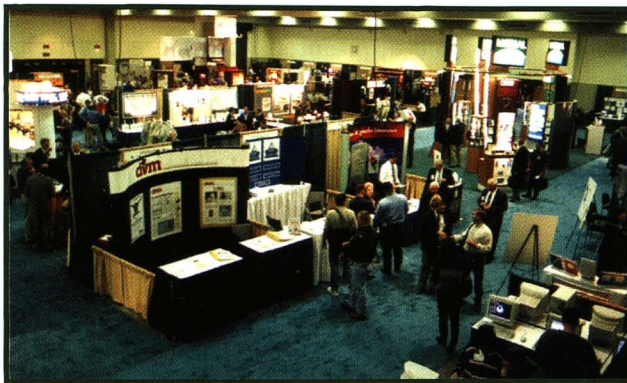
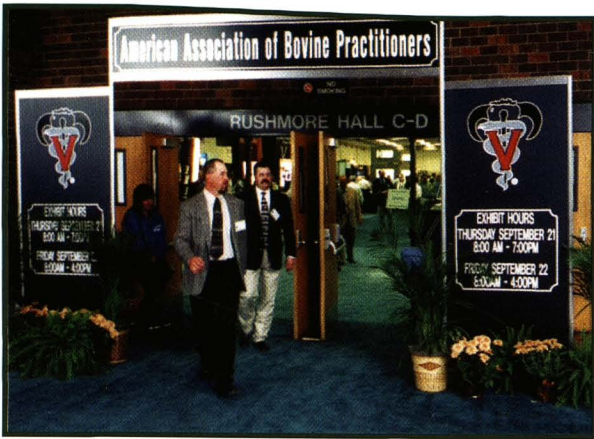
The 2000 program included the Pre-convention Seminars, as well as General Sessions, Dairy Sessions and Beef Sessions. In addition, Practice Tips, Computer

Practice Tips, Research Summaries and AABP Clinical Forums were choices for continuing education. The AABP Software Library was available to those who wanted to see the latest tools available on the information highway.

The AABP has been very active in recruiting veterinary students into bovine practice. Each year more and more student members have been attending the AABP Annual Convention. At the Rapid City meeting, the Student Reception was hosted for students so that they could learn more about opportunities in bovine practice and become acquainted with more practicing veterinarians.



Exhibits



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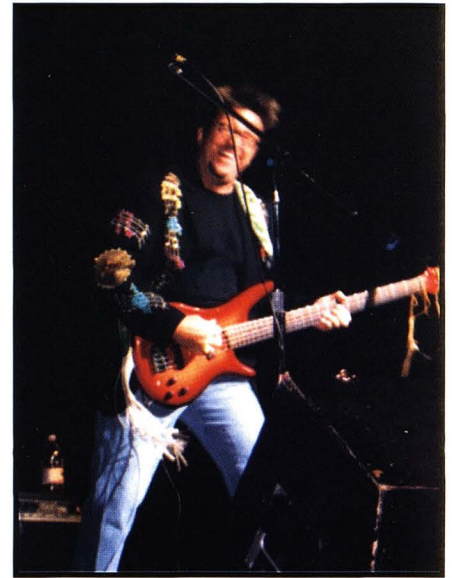
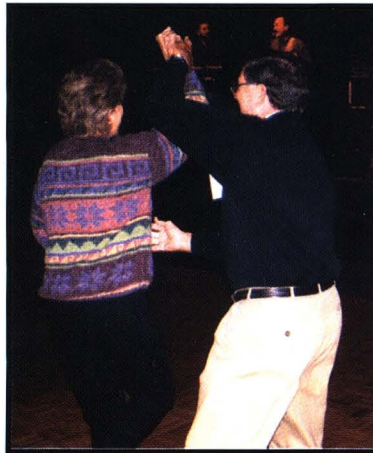
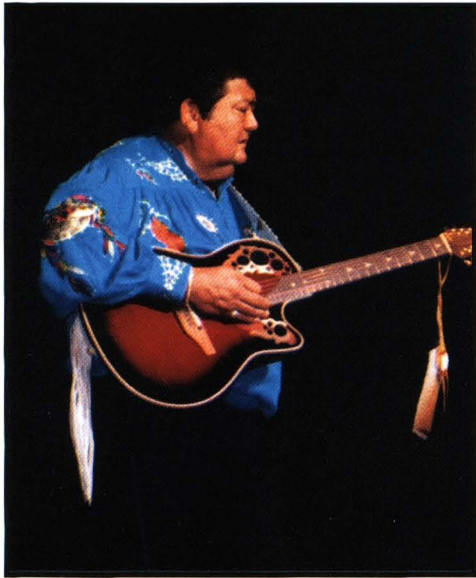


The Indian and the White Guy

During Friday evening, Williams and Ree, also known as the Indian and the White Guy, entertained attendees with a generous helping of political incorrectness, and if you were not offended (all in fun of course), then you simply weren't listening! The evening was packed with music, jokes, satire and lots of fun.

Following Williams and Ree's outstanding show, AABP members enjoyed a big helping of dinner, relaxing conversation with friends...a few took to the dance floor.

Thanks to **Pfizer Animal Health** for making this fun and memorable evening possible.



Board of Directors & Committee Meetings



2000 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Steve Connell, Ft. Dodge Animal Health, right, and Dr. David Kelton, left, presenting Dr. Ewen Ferguson with the award.

Dr. Ewen Ferguson is the 2000 AABP-Ft. Dodge Bovine Practitioner of the Year. The award was initiated by Diamond Laboratories in 1979. The recipient is selected for professional reputation, quality and competence of practice, activities in organized veterinary medicine, contribution to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession. The award was presented by Dr. David Kelton on behalf of the AABP and Ft. Dodge Animal Health:

“Dr Ferguson grew up on a dairy farm in the Ottawa Valley and attended high school in Carleton Place. He graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1977 and quickly established expertise in dairy health management. His practice grew rapidly with an expanding range of services. Ewen would credit his ability to provide these services, in part, to his regular attendance at pre-convention seminars at the AABP annual meeting. Dr. Ferguson developed a personal education schedule including nutritional, reproductive and financial advisory training that clearly provided him with specialized talents to assist the dairy industry.

He was a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College Dairy Health Management Certificate Program in 1991. This was the first offering of an advanced dairy production medicine certificate series, which has subsequently been conducted in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin. Ewen became one of the key participants and discussion leaders of this program. It is as a result of individuals like Ewen Ferguson that these certificate programs have had such a significant impact on dairy practice. With his enhanced dairy health management skills, Dr. Ferguson was selected to become a member of the Ontario Dairy Herd Improvement Team through Ontario DHI. His work in this regard was exemplary.

Ewen has an amazing ability to develop a team approach to making dairy herds more efficient and profitable. He can communicate well with a range of individuals from nutritionists to foot care specialists (and everyone in between).

Dr. Ferguson has become a highly sought speaker for both industry-oriented and veterinary continuing education events. He is an excellent educator that can link basic factual information with his practical experience to deliver a powerful message. The impact of his educational efforts has been broad.

Ewen has been very active in both his profession and service to his community. To mention a few, he is presently a member of the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association Advisory Board and the Ontario Veterinary Teaching College Advisory Council. He is past-president of the Society of Ontario Veterinarians and the Quinte District Veterinary Association.

Within his community, Dr. Ferguson serves on the Board of Directors for several organizations: Campbellford Memorial Hospital; Campbellford Memorial Health Center; Campbellford Memorial Multicare Lodge; and the Western Arts Festival Theatre. He has also served in various leadership roles in the St. John's United Church in Campbellford.

Dr. Ferguson is the owner of Ferguson Veterinary Services in Campbellford, Ontario, and is involved in preventive and nutritional care of food producing animals. He and his wife have a daughter and a son who are university students.

I am proud to introduce to you the 2000 AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year, Dr. Ewen Ferguson.”

Alpharma – AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Robin Faulkner, Alpharma Animal Health, left, and Dr. Del Miles, right, presenting Dr. Mike Apley with the award.

Dr. Del Miles, from Greeley, Colorado, presented this year's award. Following are comments made during presentation of the award:

"It is truly an honor to have the opportunity to present this prestigious award. I have known this year's recipient for approximately 10 years. He has literally been around veterinary medicine all of his life. The son of a veterinarian in Larned, Kansas, he attended Kansas State University and received the DVM degree in 1987. Following a short stint in practice with his father, he returned to Kansas State to study under Dr. Dan Upson and earn a PhD in Clinical Pharmacology in 1992. In 1994, he became a Diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Clinical Pharmacology.

Our recipient once again entered the world of private practice, joining Veterinary Research and Consulting Services in Greeley, Colorado, where he worked for several years as a feedlot consultant. Currently he is a faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University.

As antimicrobial resistance issues have received increasing attention in recent years, he has served as a knowledgeable, articulate, and fair-minded representative of our profession to various organizations, including the Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine (FDA-CVM) and the World Health Organization. He has also helped to provide information for food producers through interviews for publication and participation in continuing education.

Our recipient has also helped to increase awareness and understanding of these issues within our profession through his participation in continuing education for practitioners. He is currently overseeing the development of a comprehensive database to direct rational antimicrobial use by practitioners, the

Veterinary Antimicrobial Use Database System (VADS). In addition, his research on the Bovine Respiratory Disease Complex (shipping fever) has been published and has advanced our knowledge of this common disease and its therapy.

In addition to his involvement with regulatory decision-making and the dissemination of information to practitioners, he is a committed and enthusiastic participant in the education of veterinary and graduate students. This past year, he oversaw a well-received course for first year veterinary students. These students researched and made presentations about various disease syndromes with the assistance and involvement of faculty from throughout the college. The students were given early exposure to clinical topics and increased interaction with a broad range of faculty. He also receives high marks from the more advanced students, despite teaching the traditionally difficult topic of pharmacology. And you can bet they know a few things about AMDUCA! In addition, he teaches senior rotations in Beef Production Medicine and mentors graduate students in Beef Production Medicine and Clinical Pharmacology.

His contributions to our professions are manifold. He represents the bovine practitioner to those outside the profession, teaches us within the profession, and helps to shape our next generation. And he still finds time for his family and tractor pull competitions! As is the case with most of us, his wife Kathryn, and sons Douglas and Kyle, provide much of the motivation for his success.

I am proud to present to you the 2000 Alpharma-AABP Award of Excellence winner, Dr. Mike Apley."

Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Ann Wilkinson, Pfizer Animal Health, right, and Dr. Gordon Atkins, left, with the Distinguished Service Award winner Dr. Mac Cropsy.

The 2000 AABP Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. McCropsy. This award was established by the AABP in 1989. Since 1996, it has been co-sponsored annually by Pfizer Animal Health. It consists of a commemorative plaque, a certificate of appreciation and a \$1000 scholarship.

Candidates for the award are those individuals who, through long and continued service, have promoted the goals of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine.

Dr. Gordon Atkins introduced this year's recipient. "It is an honor for me to present the 2000 Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award. This award was established to recognize those who have served AABP far beyond the normal call of duty, and whose accomplishments have raised the bar of excellence for service.

The qualities of outstanding leadership, peer recognition as an effective spokesman and promoter of AABP, and a commitment to excellence in conscientious involvement in the affairs of the AABP characterize all previous winners of this award. This year's winner is no exception and richly deserves to join the company of this elite group.

He is a 1945 graduate of Michigan State University. Following graduation, he resided in Crystal Lake, Illinois for several years and developed an extensive specialized practice in bovine reproduction. In the 1950's, he devoted his efforts to beef fertility management and traveled throughout the US and Canada.

In 1960, our awardee founded International Beef Breeders at Denver, Colorado, and in the 1970's he joined Premier Corporation, an extensive and integrated beef cattle operation with divisions in many states. He

developed the modern AI Center for Premier at Bennett, Colorado, and in 1973 incorporated his cattle and veterinary interests into the American Dakota Cattle Company in Denver.

This year's recipient has been extensively involved with cattle organizations, serving as the Chairman of the National Association of Animal Breeders, Director of the National Western Stock Show, and a member of many of the beef breed associations.

In community affairs, he was co-founder and president of a non-profit medical center complex for physicians and dentists.

His involvement in AABP has been long and extensive and began soon after the birth of the AABP. He served as the Director of District 9, Local Arrangements Coordinator for the 1971 conference in Denver, Program Chairman for the 1973 conference in Fort Worth, and President of AABP in 1974. His service to AABP did not end here as he continued to serve as the AABP parliamentarian, and later Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. It was in this position that I came to know and respect our award winner for his commitment to promote excellence in the conducting and recording of AABP business. His meticulous attention to detail has served as an inspiration for his committee members, and has resulted in the establishment of a document of Bylaws, Constitution, and Policy and Procedure which has become a vital reference for the effective management of AABP business. His contribution to AABP in sharing his time and talent is even more commendable in view of his devotion to the special medical needs of his family.

Ladies and gentlemen, please join with me in honoring the recipient of the 2000 AABP Distinguished Service Award from Littleton, Colorado, Dr. Mac Cropsy."

Merial – AABP Awards for Excellence In Preventive Medicine

Dr. M.G. Scruggs of Merial Limited, described the awards. “We at Merial are very proud of our past association with the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and look forward to continuing our relationship into the future. We thank you for supporting our merged companies in the past through the use of our product lines and services. It is our intention to maintain and enhance your support by continuing to bring you innovative products and ingenuity to keep you a step ahead.

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Once again, I thank you for allowing Merial Limited to become part of your awards program and to continue the sponsorship of these awards.”

Dairy Award



Dr. M. G. Scroggs, Merial Limited, left, and Dr. Andy Johnson, right, with this year's winner of the Dairy Award, Dr. Mark Hardesty.

Dr. Andy Johnson presented the award. His description of this year's award recipient was as follows:

“It is a special pleasure for me to give this award. This year's recipient hails from a midwestern dairy farm. And like most farm kids this award winner couldn't decide if going to college was worth all the work. But after a few months of farming our recipient enrolled in college. After completing a BS degree in dairy science came the next decision, more school or go home to farm. So back to the farm for one more round. After remembering that there is no Christmas break on a dairy farm, our winner enrolled in a master's degree program. But veterinary medicine was always in the back of his mind. So after completing an MS degree in dairy science it was on to veterinary school. The worst part of this decision was four more years in the city. But during veterinary school this student would

spend weekends riding along on farm calls with his current business partner. It was during this time that our winner learned the importance of preventative medicine. Lessons learned here were very important. Things like never treat a milk fever on the side of a hill in a flash flood, never lasso an overweight bull when you have no where to tie him up except to junked out cars, and never under-estimate the strange home remedies dairy people can come up with. After these experiences and much influence from the practice in Seymour, Wisconsin, this veterinary student decided that prevention was the way to go.

Upon graduation, our recipient told his wife it is here or Wisconsin. They settled in the midwest. He started work the day after graduation and has never stopped. With a great client base, patience and much client education, he has helped his clients improve and grow their dairy operations.

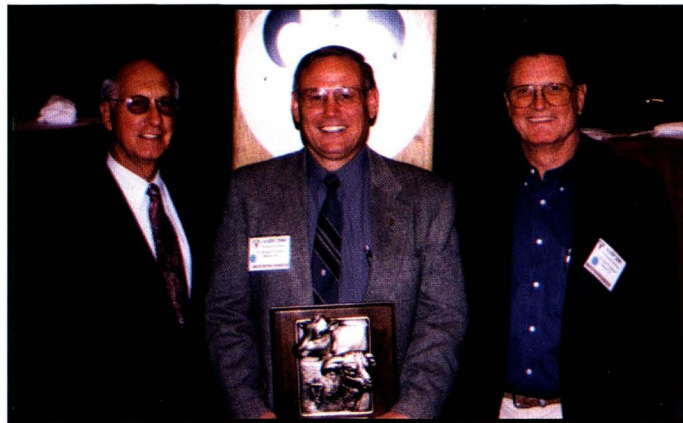
He tells people his part of the practice is limited to black and white female dairy cows. He refers to home as the land of the cross-tipped steeples or the Ohio holyland. The sign outside of town says Maria Stein, Ohio. His practice is a mixed animal practice with four doctors and two hospitals. His business partner is also his life partner and wife.

Our winner is active in local agricultural organizations, serves on the AABP finance committee, the northeast dairy conference planning committee, and also

helps with his daughters' Brownie troop. He is a great husband and partner, a wonderful dad, a gifted veterinarian and a respected member of the community. Many of you may know him best for his common correspondence on AABP-L (Just an FYI—he really isn't all that great at internet stuff).

It is with great pleasure that I present to you this year's recipient of the Merial-AABP Dairy Award, Dr. Mark E. Hardesty."

Beef Award



Dr. M. G. Scroggs, Merial Limited, left, and Dr. David Bechtol, right, with this year's winner of the Beef Award, Dr. Jim Furman.

The beef award was presented by former AABP President, Dr. David T. Bechtol. In describing this year's recipient, he stated:

"This year's winner of this prestigious award is a unique individual who has successfully combined a busy private practice, service to organized veterinary medicine, public speaking, clinical research, publishing articles and dedication to family into one package. He is a native of Nebraska, earned a BS degree in Animal Science at the University of Nebraska in 1970, the MS degree in Reproductive Physiology at Colorado State University in 1972, and the DVM degree from CSU in 1976.

Following employment in a Nebraska practice for three years, he founded his own practice in Alliance, Nebraska in 1979, which he continues to operate today with one associate veterinarian. The majority of his practice time centers around ranch and feedlot practice.

He has been very active in organized veterinary medicine, serving as Vice-President of District VII of the Nebraska VMA from 1985 through 1988; President of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants in 1991-1992; and currently is on the Western Veterinary Conference Board of Directors. He has also served on numerous committees for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the

Nebraska Cattlemen's Association, the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association, and the Western Veterinary Conference. Most recently, he chaired the committee that completed the laborious task of developing a Policy and Procedures Manual for the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

Our awardee has presented numerous papers and seminars focusing on beef preventive medicine programs, always emphasizing that prevention of disease is not only associated with improved performance, but also that disease prevention is a step towards improved animal welfare. He has authored or co-authored numerous papers, many peer-reviewed, focusing on beef preventive medicine programs. Additionally, he has conducted an extensive number of clinical trials to evaluate various animal health products under field conditions.

He has been active in his community, serving on the local school board and participating in various educational programs in an advisory capacity. He and his wife, Penny, are proud parents of three young adult children.

I am pleased to introduce to you the winner of the 2000 Merial-AABP Beef Award for Excellence in Preventive Medicine, Dr. Jim Furman."

AABP-Amstutz Scholarship Program

The year, 2000, marked another grand year for the Amstutz Scholarship Program, with 13 - \$1500 awards given to the following individuals:

Eric Flikkema – Colorado State University
Meredyth Jones – Oklahoma State University
Carrie Lavers – University of Prince Edward Island
Kevin McSweeney – Colorado State University
Ben Newcomer – University of Florida
Karen Petersen – Michigan State University
Amy Plummer – Ohio State University
Joseph Richter – Purdue University
Brent Scarlett – North Carolina State University
Kevin Smith – Auburn University
Clint Walhof – University of Minnesota
Jodi Wallace – Ontario Veterinary College
Chad Wright – Ohio State University

Our congratulations to this year's winners.

This year, **The Eli Lilly & Co. Foundation and Elanco Animal Health** contributed the third installment of \$15,000 as part of a three-year commitment to the funding of the scholarships. Thank you Lilly Foundation and Elanco – your generous funding is greatly appreciated.

If you know of a sophomore (2nd year) veterinary student enrolled in a professional veterinary program in Canada or the United States that would make a good candidate for this prestigious award, please tell them to contact their AABP student chapter advisor, the AABP office or the AABP website for an application. This year's deadline will be May 30, 2001.

Part of what makes this program so special is the fact that we have had the opportunity to raise a major portion of the fund through our own members' contributions. This is your opportunity to help ensure the future supply of graduates with a sincere and demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in bovine veterinary medicine. You can vote with your dollars. Your tax deductible contributions and donations make it possible for the AABP to help influence in a meaningful way the number of graduates that are interested in this career pathway. You can and do make a difference. Thanks for your help.

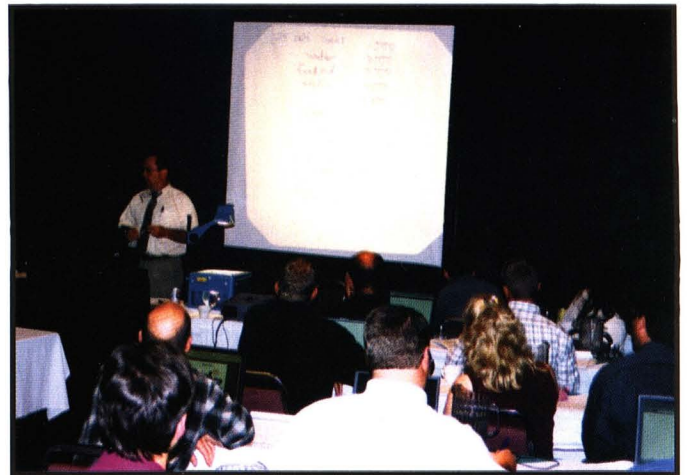
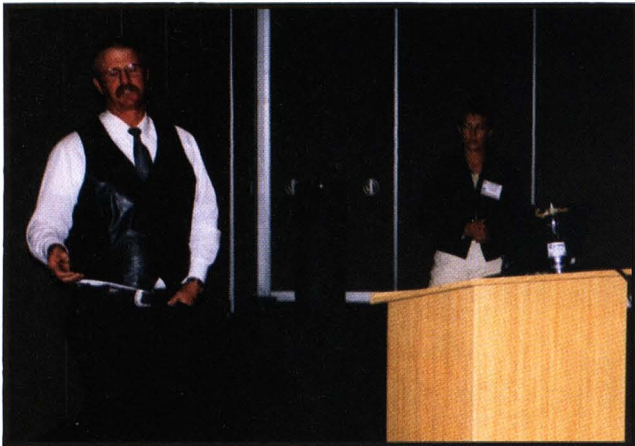
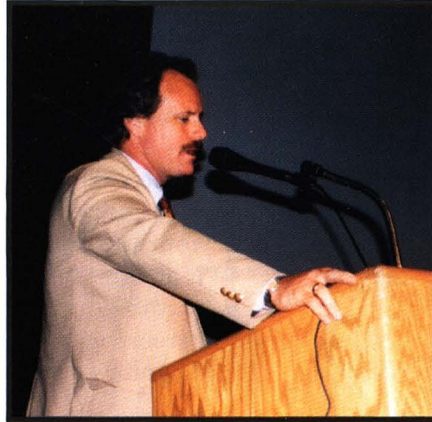
Keith E. Sterner, DVM
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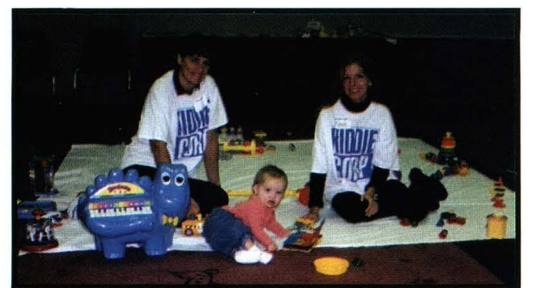
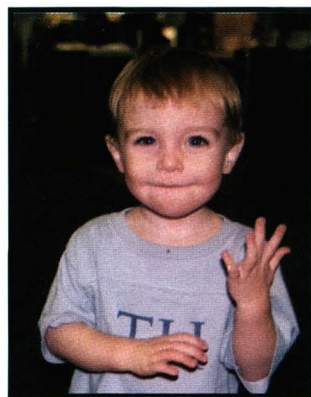
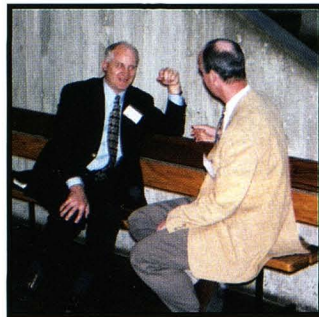
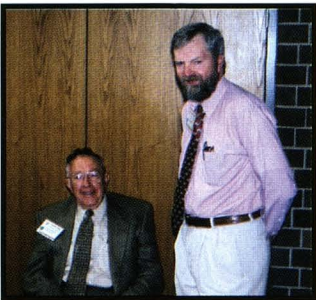
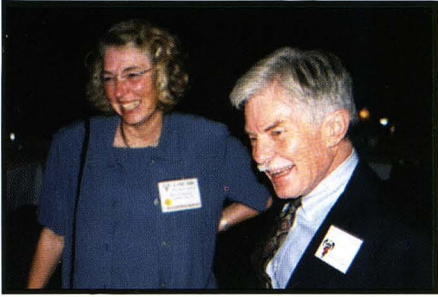
Dr. Keith Sterner with 5 of the 13 winners of the 2000 AABP-Amstutz Scholarship.

Scenes from the Meetings

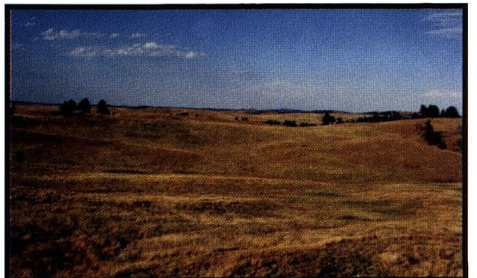
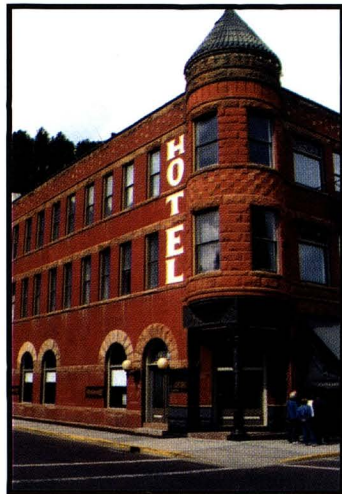
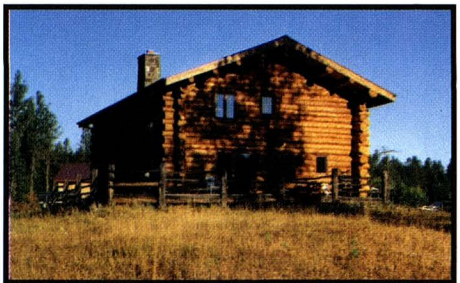
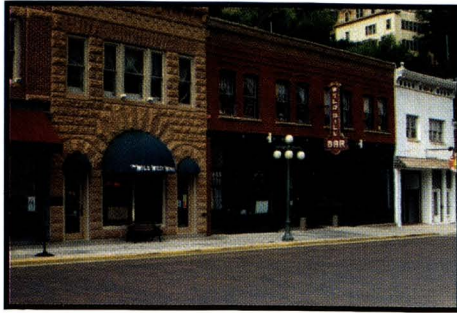
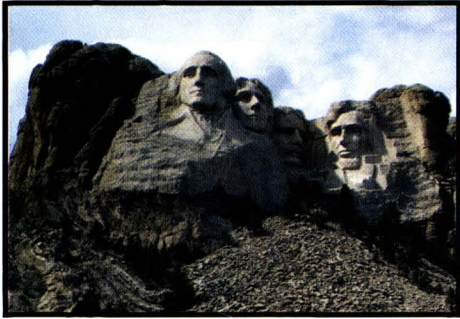
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World Association of Buiatrics Report

by
Dr. Jim Jarrett



During the week of December 4 to 8, many AABP members attended the meeting of the World Association of Buiatrics in Punta del Este, Uruguay. Total registration for the meeting was 1642. There were 50 sponsors for the meeting, the exhibit hall had 64 booths and 56 countries were represented.

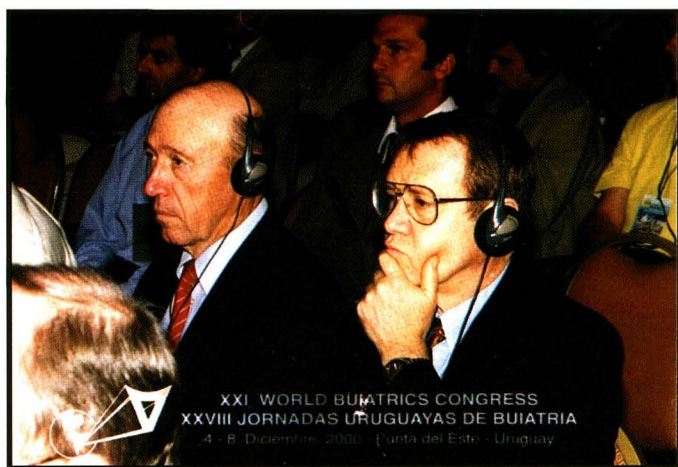
The program contained many papers of the usual subjects (reproduction, scours, mastitis, etc.). This year there seemed to be an increased emphasis on animal welfare, management, and food safety. There were many discussions regarding the role of the veterinarian in food safety and animal management. Also, an increased interest in the education process for food animal veterinarians and the pressure in many colleges to reduce support of food animal programs. I anticipate this will be a subject of even more discussion in two years in Hanover.

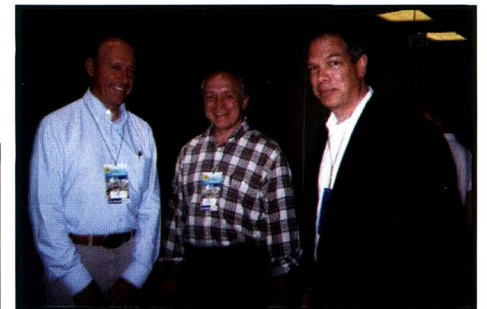
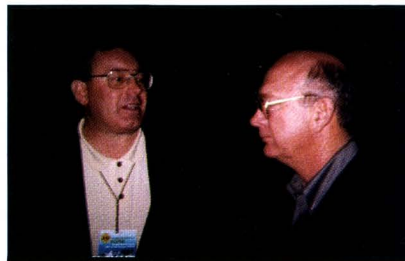
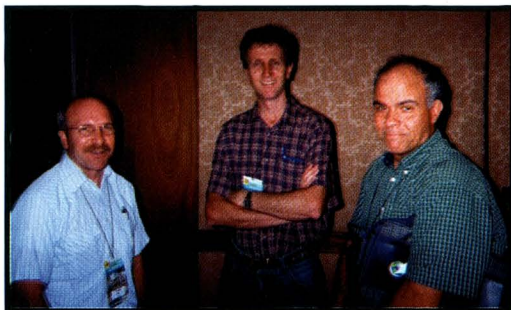
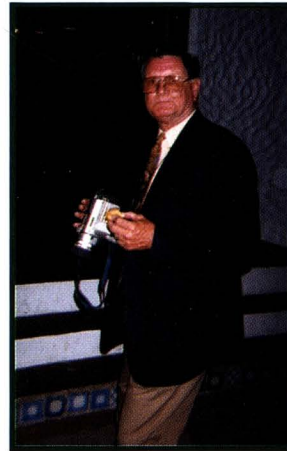
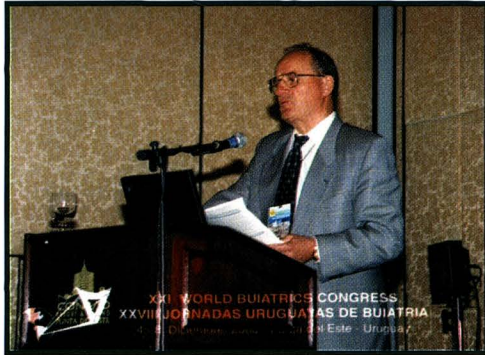
The AABP was well represented both on the program and in the attendees. There were at least 63

presentations made by at least 21 AABP members from the US and Canada. In addition, there were at least 6 international members who gave presentations. In all there was a total of 155 lecturers.

My part on the program was one of the two keynote addresses in the opening session. The title of my presentation was "The Role of the Bovine and the Veterinarian in the Human Food Chain". I was pleased with the response to the presentation.

The WAB meeting is held every two years. Each meeting is essentially a stand alone event. The organization is governed by a board called "the committee" made up, by the by-laws, of 15 persons. We now have at least three active AABP members on the committee, Emile Bouchard (rep. Canada), myself (rep. USA), and Dr. Cannas da Silva from Portugal was elected at this meeting. Also newly elected at this meeting were T. Nakao of Japan, Dr. Theo Lam of the Netherlands, and Dr. Nils Jessen of Denmark. Dr. W.





Baumgartner of Austria was elected President and Drs. Ugarte of Uruguay and Rheinberger of Australia were elected Vice-Presidents. Dr. H. Breukink of the Netherlands completed his term as president and requested not to be re-elected.

The committee decided on Quebec City for the site of the 2004 meeting, after an excellent presentation by Emile Bouchard and the representative of Quebec. Other cities considered were Jerusalem and Saporó.

Currently most of the committee members come from Europe. There was considerable discussion about

the shift in the world cattle population and the need for other areas of the world to be represented. I anticipate further discussion on this in Hanover with the possibility of re-assigning some of the committee members to other areas of the world.

In summary, Uruguay is a beautiful country. The cattle industry, mostly beef, is one of their leading income providers. At the moment they do not have foot and mouth disease or BSE. Their economy is rather stable even though unemployment is reported to be very high.

In Memory

Giuseppe Gentile

Born in Casoli (Abruzzi Mountains/Italy) on May 2, 1927, Giuseppe Gentile graduated in Veterinary Medicine with honors in Bologna/Italy, the eldest European University, in 1950 and made an outstanding academic career; Professor in Special Pathology and Veterinary Clinical Medicine, and Director of the Institute for Special Pathology and Veterinary Clinical Medicine at the University of Bologna since 1967. He was elected Dean of the Bologna Veterinary Faculty for four subsequent triennial periods (1976-88). His high national and international esteem made him a renowned member of several Italian and foreign academies and scientific societies, e.g. corresponding Fellow of the Deutsche Veterinarmedizinische Gesellschaft, and honorary Member of the French and of the Israelian Society for Buiatrics. Furthermore, he was Commendatore Emeritus of the Italian Republic, Ordinary Academician of the Italian Academy of Agriculture, Honorary Academician of the Teatinian Academy of Science, and Vice-President of the Italian Society for Veterinary Science. The Veterinary Faculty of the University of Munich nominated him Doctor honoris causa.

As the scientific and teaching activities of Giuseppe Gentile centered on bovine diseases, he was one of the founder members of the Italian Society for Buiatrics (SB) and became Vice-President and President of this society from 1981-83 and 1984-86, respectively. Representing the ISB within the World Association for Buiatrics (WAB) as a member of the WAB Board from 1976, he was nominated as Vice-President of the latter. All participants of the XVIII WAB-Congress, held in Bologna in 1994 will remember him as a cheering organizer and most sympathetic host of that remarkable event.

Author of more than 100 scientific publications concerning clinical pathology in individual animals and herd problems, Giuseppe Gentile worked on leptospirosis, fluorosis in cattle, bovine digestive disorders,



nutritional and dismetabolic pathology of cattle reared under conditions of intensive farming, and animal leukemias (especially etiology and transmissibility of bovine enzootic leucosis). In recent years, his special interest was directed towards environmental pollution by various substances (including radionuclides) and to the Mediterranean Federation for Production and Pathology in Ruminants, of which he was a founding member.

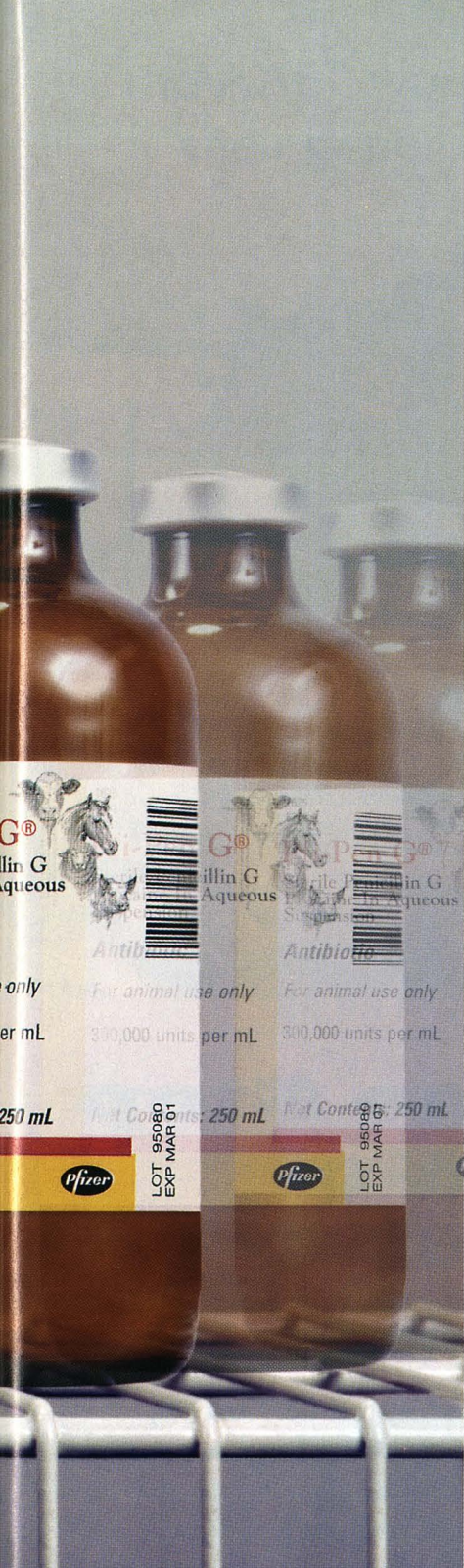
Giuseppe Gentile passed away on June 22, 2000.

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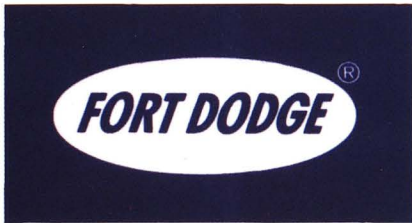
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