

AABP Officers

President



James E. Sears,
DVM, Bridgeport,
Nebraska

Dr. James E. Sears is the new President.

Dr. Sears was born in Bridgeport, Nebraska and was raised on a large cattle ranch near Lisco, Nebraska which his father managed. He received a BS degree in Animal Science from the University of Nebraska in 1972

and the DVM degree from the University of Missouri in 1976.

Dr. Sears was engaged in a mixed 90% cow/calf practice in Hyannis, Nebraska from 1976 until 1979 and in Bridgeport, Nebraska from 1979 - 1987 in a practice with 45% cow/calf and 45% feedlot operation. Since 1987 he conducted a feedlot private consulting practice until 1996 when he became a technical service veterinarian for Bayer Animal Health.

President's Message

Dear Colleagues;

We recently completed a very successful and enjoyable annual conference. It seems only last week that we were enjoying Montreal. My thanks to everyone who helped make it possible, of which there were many, and of course you, the membership, for attending in record numbers. Walt Guterbock and his Program Committee are hard at work making plans to deliver a strong meeting in Spokane, with some good fun as well.

As I write this message (November) it is still very early in my year as President. It is of course impossible to predict exactly what issues may unfold over the next few months, but it would appear that there will be no shortage of challenges and opportunities. The general issues of food safety, drug availability and bacterial resistance are likely to dominate the agenda. These are not

Dr. Sears has served on the AABP Committee on Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues since 1990 and was program chairman for Feedlot Sessions in 1989 and 1995. He is a member of the AVMA Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents (COBTA) and is the Academy of Veterinary Consultants (AVC) and AABP liaison to the National Cattlemen's Association's (NCA) Beef Safety Assurance Task Force Animal Health Committee. He was Program Chairman for the 1997 Convention.

Dr. Sears served on the Board of Directors AVC from 1987 - 1991, President Elect and Program Chairman, 1991 - 1992 and President, 1992 - 1993. He is a former District Vice-President of the Nebraska VMA having served on numerous committees, including Public Relations and Food Animal Safety. He was chairman of the Nebraska Cattlemen Animal Health and Nutrition Committee, 1993 - 1994.

Dr. Sears and his wife Jan, have two daughters; Laynette, 26 and Heather, 24 and a son, Kelly, 17. He has three sisters and one brother who is a veterinarian with a cow/calf practice in Hyannis, Nebraska. His hobbies include golf and photography, mostly! He describes himself as an ex-softball and basketball "nut". He also enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and riding though "there isn't much time for these and most team sports (especially football)". He is interested in music, cards, writing and Scrabble.

new issues, but it certainly appears that they will continue to be extremely important. We are working to stay involved in the various debates within these areas, and we have many members that are doing an outstanding job. I am continually impressed not only by the talent and expertise which various AABP members provide, but also by the unselfish volunteer service from which AABP, and really the entire profession, benefits.

Regarding certain aspects of the issues mentioned above, especially food safety and bacterial resistance, it is safe to say that we desire science-based decisions. But we face the possibility that political or ideology-based arguments will prevail, rather than science, unless we: 1) are properly involved in the debates; 2) develop and present good credible data; 3) maintain our credibility with gov-

ernment as well as professional and consumer groups, and; 4) provide convincing, reasonable arguments.

Maintaining our credibility will be crucial to maintaining any influence we may have regarding these issues. A major part of that credibility will be how, as a profession, we use drugs in food animals and maintain the interests of the consumer as the top priority. In other words, can we handle the responsibility of maintaining prudent drug use practices? The AABP, working with other practitioner and producer groups, has made tremendous progress over the last several years in the area of prudent and judicious drug usage. This of course includes the many and various quality assurance programs and a number of position statements on various drug or product usage. However, I believe we must continue to stay proactive in this area, and not become complacent with whatever progress we have accomplished. No matter how much we may have improved — and I believe progress has been significant — we can always do better, and can always reach more practitioners and producers with our message. And of course, we must remember that we constantly have new practitioners entering the profession, so continuing to emphasize the importance of prudent drug usage will be very important.

I believe we will also increasingly face an argument over what constitutes “good science.” This gets to a question of what risks are acceptable or reasonable, and what constitutes a legitimate risk assessment on any given issue. If we allow the no-

tion of zero risk to prevail, for example, then a truly scientific outcome will be lost, because we all know that there is no such thing as zero risk. It has been said that good science is just an extension of common sense. Maybe what it comes down to is finding a way to bring common sense to the table and having it prevail.

I do not have the answers on how to accomplish the above, but I think it is important that we continue to work hard, along with other practitioner and producer groups, to strive to accomplish reasonable, “common-sense” outcomes. The AABP officers, directors and committee chairs, along with many other involved members, are working toward these ends. Any of you that have suggestions for ways we can improve, please let us know.

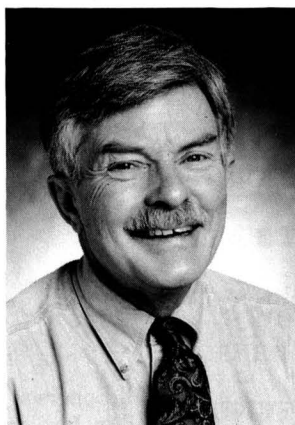
Dealing with the challenges discussed above, while likely to be very important, will not be the only areas of attention by the officers, directors and committees. We remain first and foremost committed to providing timely, useful continuing education for our membership, so we will continue to emphasize that function. We are also making steady progress in a much-improved accounting capability while AABP remains fiscally strong.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President. I will try to live up to the high standard set by my predecessors.

Best regards,

Dr. James Sears

AABP Vice President



Dr. Larry Hutchinson, University Park, Pennsylvania, is the new Vice President.

Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, he received the BS degree from Penn State University and in 1959 he

received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1962.

Dr. Hutchinson was engaged in private practice for 14 years in Vermont, New York and Pennsylvania. For the past 21 years he has been an Extension Veterinarian at Penn State University where he is presently a Professor of Veterinary Science.

Dr. Hutchinson served five years as continuing education coordinator for the AABP and several planning committees for annual meetings. He is currently serving on the food safety committee. Dr. Hutchinson is also a member of AVMA, AASP, Penna. VMA, ADSA and American Association of Extension Veterinarians.

Dr. Hutchinson is active in Boy Scouts of America and Prison Ministry. He and his wife, Bonnie, have five children: Steven, Ben, Laura, Lee, and Nathan. They enjoy hiking, biking, and sailing.

New Director



Dr. Gregory A. Ledbetter, Jerome, Idaho is the new Director for AABP District II.

Dr. Ledbetter was raised on a cattle ranch in central California. He received his DVM degree from the University of California at Davis in 1977, and a Masters of Preventive Veterinary Medicine degree in 1979. From 1979 to 1985, he was a partner in the Chino Valley Veterinary Group in southern California where

he worked with large dairies throughout the west and in Mexico. In 1983 he moved to Jerome, Idaho and began Mastitis Prevention Services of Idaho.

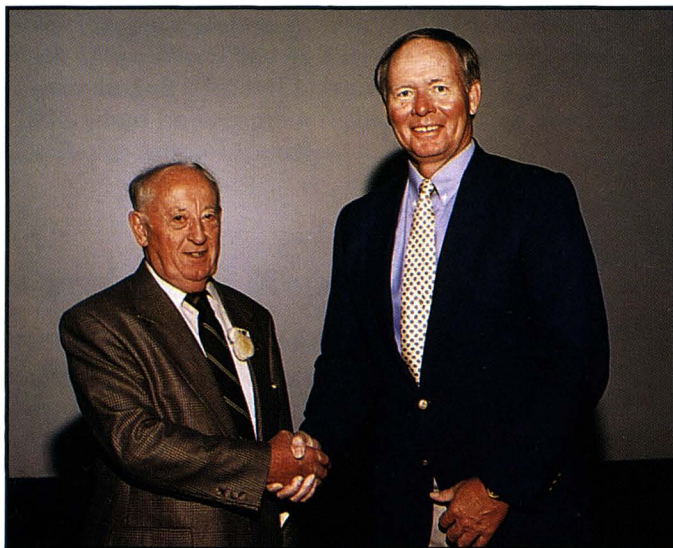
Since 1988, he has operated C bar M Dairy with his wife Jane and their 3 children; Nico 20, Francesca 17, and Will 9. Currently they milk 960 cows and farm 260 acres. They have 15 full time employees and raise all their calves. C bar M is one of the top herds in Idaho and was recently featured in the Progressive Dairyman, a northwest dairy magazine. Both Greg and Jane are

active in church and school affairs and both have served on the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission. Dr. Ledbetter is a 1991 graduate of the Leadership Idaho Agriculture program.

Dr. Ledbetter served on the Milk Quality Committee of the American Veterinary Medical Association and on the board of directors of the National Mastitis Council. In 1989 he authored the chapter on Personnel Management in Dairy Practice in Veterinary Clinics of North America. In addition, he is a member of the California Vet. Med. Assoc., the Idaho VMA, and a past president of the Academy of Dairy Veterinary Consultants.

For the last five years as head of the Waste Management Committee of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, he has represented Idaho's dairymen in negotiating a new NPDES permit with the EPA and formulating a nutrient management plan for the Middle Snake River. Recently he received an Environmental Excellence Award from the EPA for his role developing a totally new program for inspecting dairy waste systems in Idaho.

In his spare time Greg enjoys flying, skiing, and hunting.



Dr. Eric Williams, left, congratulating Dr. Smith.

Assistant Editor

Dr. Robert A. Smith, Stillwater Oklahoma was elected Assistant Editor of AABP Publications by the Board of Directors on the unanimous recommendation of the Search Committee. He is a Past President of AABP. He holds the McCaslin Chair for Beef Cattle Production at Oklahoma State University and is in private practice as a feedlot consultant.

Dr. Smith will assume his duties on January 1, 1998 and become the Editor when Dr. Eric Williams retires after the Spokane meeting next September. *(See more on Dr. Smith on page xv.)*

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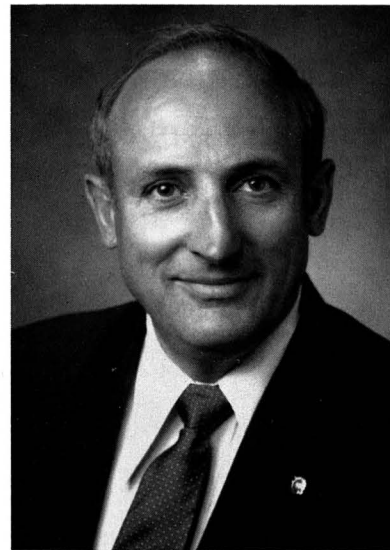
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Winners of the 1997 Bovine Give-Away

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Opening Ceremony

Thursday, September 18
Congress Hall 407C
Montreal, Quebec, Canada



Dr. Jim Sears presiding



Program Committee (see page iii)

The 30th Annual AABP Convention Opening Ceremony was held at Congress Hall on Thursday evening, September 18 at 4:45 p.m.

Dr. Jim Sears, President-Elect and Program Chairman, presided. He introduced members of the Local Arrangements and Program Committee and thanked them for an outstanding program.

AABP President Deborah Stark welcomed everyone to the Convention and to Canada, while Dr. Emile Bouchard, Chairman of the Local Arrangements and Social Committee gave an enthusiastic report on social events and urged everyone to attend the Saturday night "AABP on Ice". Dr. Ed Hall, President, Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, brought greetings from the host country. Dr. Jerry Rains, Past President, brought greetings from the Society for Theriogenology members who were holding their convention in conjunction with the AABP.

Recipients of the AABP Research Assistantships were announced by Dr. Richard Wilkes, the committee chairman:

Dr. Paul Waltz, Michigan State University for "Type II bovine viral diarrhoea virus (BVDV): the role of bone marrow infection in thrombocytopenia," and

Melinda Poole-Mercer, Mississippi State University for "Reduction of Fertility and Alteration of Uterine pH in Beef Heifers Consuming Excess Ruminally Degradable Protein from Ryegrass Pasture."

This year, \$1,000 Amstutz Scholarships were awarded to three applicants, namely:

John Laukant, Evansville, WI

David Nebzydoski, Kennett Square, PA

William Walker, Blacksburg, VA

Monies were raised for the Scholarship Fund by member donations and by auctions of various art work. Bayer Ani-

mal Health contributed a limited edition print of an original painting entitled, *Caring for the Future* which was sold through a silent auction. It was purchased for \$675 for Dr. Victor Cortese by his parents, Wally and Doris Cortese as a congratulatory gift for receiving the Hoffman-LaRoche Award of Excellence (see page xiii).

Bonnie Mohr, the well known dairy artist contributed 2 prints for auction. They were sold by voice auction during the practice tips session and purchased by Dr. Frederick Hess for \$520 and by Dr. Gord McDonald for \$550.

Dr. David Gardiner, on behalf of the Australian Cattle Veterinary Association, invited everyone to the XXth World Buiatrics Congress in Sydney, Australia on July 6-10, 1998 (see page xvii).

Dr. James Jarrett, Executive Vice President, presented appreciation plaques to representatives of companies for their generous support of the Convention (see page xxi).

The meeting closed at 5:30 p.m. so that the Convention participants could visit the exhibits and enjoy hors d'oeuvres before attending the Practice Tips session.

Later in the evening, a student reception was hosted by the AABP Board of Directors.



Dr. Jerry Rains

Social Events

Several excellent tours were planned for Convention participants.

Tour 1 Montreal, C'est Magnifique

This was a comprehensive overview of the city including Montreal's dynamic and multi-faceted downtown; Old Montreal's rich architectural and historical legacy dating back to 17th century New France. It also included a panoramic view of Montreal and the surrounding region and a guided visit to Old Montreal's 3000 seat Notre Dame Basilica.

Tour 2

Visitors discovered Old Montreal's history and charm as they explored its maze of cobblestone lanes and the largest concentration of the 17th 18th and 19th century buildings in North America, including the Pointe-a-Calieres Archeology Museum.

Tour 3

This trip included an excursion to the Laurentian Mountains, Montreal's summer and winter playground, which are North America's oldest mountain chain featuring wilderness filled with immense forests, country villages, rolling hills and freshwater lakes. The tour included a trip to the Musee Village Seraphin, a recon-

struction of the early days of the Laurentian Colony of the mid 19th century.

Tour 4

Montreal's Botanical Garden, the second most important collection in the world after London's Kew Gardens comprising 180 acres, the Gardens feature 26,000 species and variety of flora. The Montreal Biodome is an avant-garde "living" museum of environmental science, a botanical garden, zoo and aquarium rolled into one.

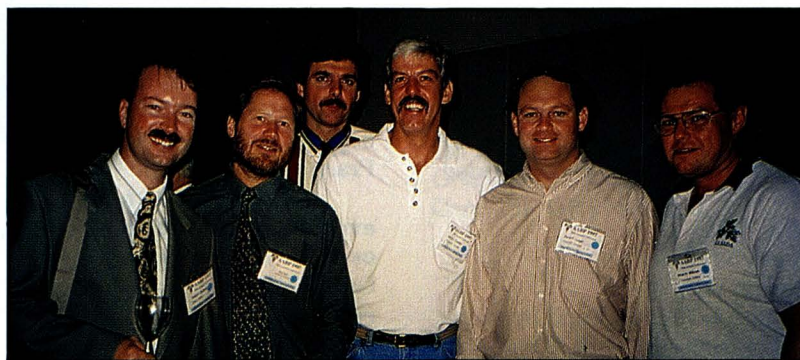
Two other social events were a Gourmet French Cuisines Cooking Lesson and a Folk Quebec Luncheon.

AABP On Ice

To close a full week of meetings and seminars, AABP members and guests spent an enjoyable evening at the Bell Amphitheatre which houses a 10,000 sq. ft. indoor skating rink located in the Edifice 1000 de la Gauchetiere, an ultra-modern and architecturally stunning office tower. Enchanting waterfalls, miniature trees and striking skylights are all enclosed in a magnificent glass atrium.

This event was supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health, Inc.

Students

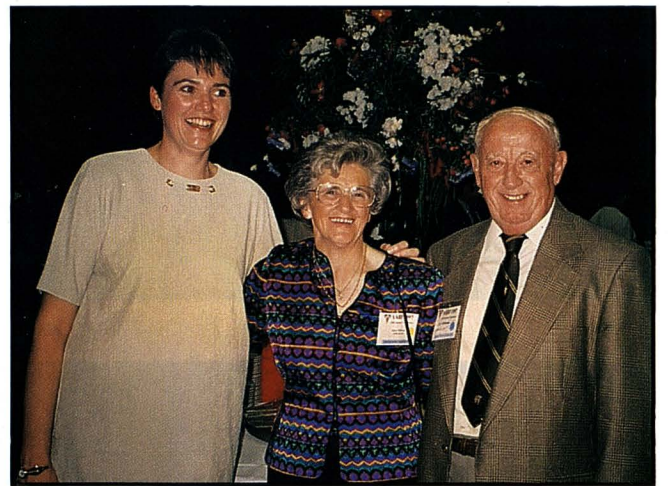


Public Relations Breakfast



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President's Reception



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AABP Officers and Directors



front row, L to R: Drs. Michael Anderson, District 11; Eric Williams, Editor; Gatz Riddell, Past President; Darrell Payne, District 7; Paul Johnson, District 3; Jim Sears, President-Elect; David Hamilton, District 13; Richard Wilkes, District 2.
back row: Drs. Mark Kirkpatrick, District 6; Kent Ames, District 4; Deborah Stark, President; Walter Guterbock, Vice President; Emile Bouchard, District 12; Gary Daley, District 10; Delbert Miles, District 9; Dr. James Jarrett, Executive Vice President (*not pictured*); Drs. Roger Saltman, Treasurer; John Ferry, District 1; and Kenneth Nordlund, District 5.)

Annual Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 1997

Congress Hall 407C

7:00 - 9:00 a.m.



Supported by a grant from Rhone Poulenc and West Agro, Inc., a continental breakfast preceded the Annual Membership and Business Meeting on Saturday morning, September 20.

President Deborah Stark called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Dr. Roland Jeans gave the Invocation.

Dr. James Jarrett, AABP Executive Vice President, reported a record attendance at the Convention with over 1900 registrants, including 1066 veterinarians, 236 accompanying persons, 154 students, and 78 exhibitors. Over 420 hours of continuing education were presented during the meeting. Veterinarians from 14 countries attended.

The Dr. Jacob Hines Award for the best dressed practitioner was won by Dr. Brenda Moslock, Geneva, NY.

Dr. Michael Anderson, District 11 received an appreciation plaque on the completion of his term of service on the Board of Directors. Plaques were also presented to Dr. Jacob Hines, District 5 whose term had expired earlier and to Dr. David McLary, retiring chairman of the Long Planning Committee.

Dr. Gregory Ledbetter, Jerome, Idaho is the new director for District 11. The following Directors were re-elected: Drs. Richard L. Wilkes, Rocky Mount, VA District 2; Kenneth Nordlund, Madison, WI, District 5; and Steve Lewis, Hereford, TX, District 8.

Dr. Mac Cropsey, Parliamentarian, introduced changes in the Bylaws which were approved.

The AABP officers for 1997-98 are:

President: Dr. James Sears, Bridgeport, Nebraska

President-Elect: Dr. Walter Guterbock, Visalia, California

Vice President: Dr. Larry Hutchinson, University Park, Pennsylvania

Executive Vice-President: Dr. James Jarrett, Rome, Georgia

Treasurer: Dr. Roger Saltman, Cazenovia, New York

Parliamentarian: Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, Golden, Colorado

Before handing over the gavel to Dr. James Sears, President Deborah Stark remarked:

"There is an old Chinese saying "may you live in interesting times". No one is quite sure if this saying is a blessing or a curse.

We do live in interesting times if we're involved in agriculture these days. Our clients are restructuring, forming strategic alliances and becoming more and more market-driven. As food animals veterinarians, we're watching, assisting whenever we can, and asking ourselves what we should be doing differently to serve the clients of tomorrow.

The AABP Board sees this, and wonders what the AABP should do to stay relevant to our members. We spent some time brainstorming on this topic at our March meeting and came up with three new initiatives to develop further. I'd like to talk about them briefly today.

One initiative is the establishment of a membership committee. This was a recommendation of the SLRP committee and something the Board immediately accepted. We recognize that our target market is level or even declining in North America. For the AABP to be strong, we need to keep the members we have, and look for new recruits.

A related initiative is our plan to place more effort on serving new graduates. We've put considerable emphasis on recruitment of students and I believe it has paid off. But we all know that our interests often change in the first few years of practice. Being a new grad is sometimes a very traumatic experience. We think the AABP can help break down the isolation and help reinforce the message that there are plenty of good people in bovine practice and practicing good veterinary medicine.

Also -- if these people do decide to leave practice, the AABP has plenty of role models to follow. You *can* have a veterinary career serving the dairy and beef industry and not be in practice. WE need to tell people that.

Finally, the AABP is exploring ways to help you better understand what your clients need. We aren't sure what this is going to look like yet -- it's a new idea for us. But practitioners have got to stay close to their clients to maintain the respect and appreciation producers have for their veterinarians. That trust is an unique advantage and we can't afford to lose it.

Now comes the most difficult part of this speech...when I try to find the words to express how honored I am to have served as your President. I have struggled with this for several days, have yet to figure

out what to say, and now, I am out of time. I give up.

I thank the members of the committees, the AABP Board, the executive and our Executive Vice President for doing all the work and making me look good.

I thank my friends and colleagues in District 12 for electing me to the Board and supporting me throughout this effort.

And I thank all of you for your encouragement and you enthusiasm. You make the AABP what it is. You make this job fun.

Now I ask all of you to extend that energy and support to our incoming President, Dr. Jim Sears. He is going to do a great job and I wish him all the best.

Dr. Sears accepted the leadership role with humility, pride and much confidence in the future of AABP.



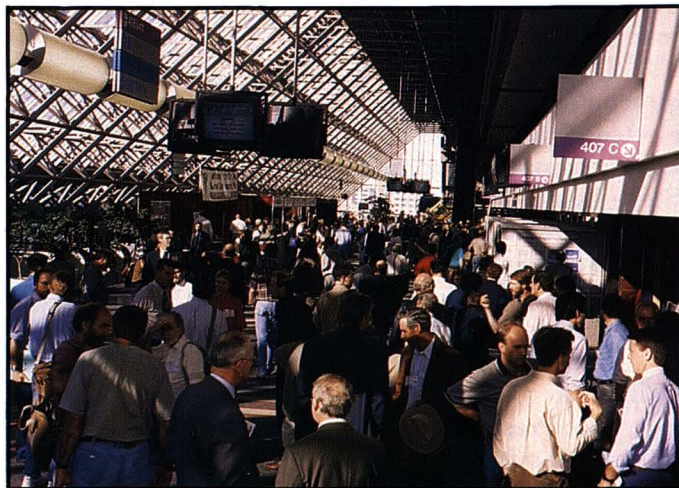
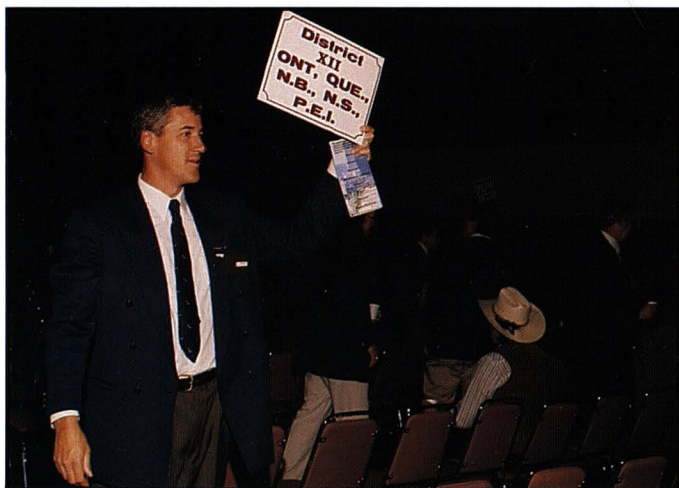
Dr. Stark presenting Dr. Anderson.



Dr. McClary receiving the Appreciation Plaque from President Stark.



Dr. Jarrett presenting Dr. Hines.



1997 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. James Hall, Fort Dodge, left, and Dr. Duane Flack presenting Dr. Del Miles with the Award.

Dr. Delbert G. Miles, Greeley, Colorado is the 1997 AABP Fort 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, contributions to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession.

Dr. Duane Flack stated that he was honored to present the Award to such a deserving and distinguished colleague. His commitment to the field of bovine veterinary medicine, the AABP and the livestock industry are well respected by all of us, including his peers who nominated him for this year's award.

Del owns and operates Veterinary Research and Consulting Services in Greeley, Colorado. He and his wife, Carollee, started the veterinary feedlot consulting business in 1984.

In the early days of the practice, Del was the sole practitioner working with feedlot managers and ranchers to build the business, while Carollee managed the home office. Over time, with a lot of hard work, patience and commitments to providing the best technical exper-

tise possible, Veterinary Research and Consulting has grown and thrived. Today, it includes four veterinarians and two office assistants with clients throughout several Midwestern states.

If I were to take time to list all of Del's accomplishments in the bovine industry since he received his DVM degree from the University of Missouri in 1966, we would be here well into the lunch hour! In 1988, Del received another prestigious award from the AABP, namely the Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Veterinary Medicine. Earlier this year, Del was named Veterinary Consultant of the Year by the Academy of Veterinary Consultants.

Del is active in veterinary medical and trade organizations, having served as President of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants. He served two terms as a director of the Colorado Cattle Feeders Association and one term representing District 9 on the AABP Board of Directors. He is also actively involved in the NCBA, AVMA, and the Colorado, Missouri and Kansas VMAs.

Dr. Flack referred to Dr. Miles as, "a man I respect for his integrity, his virtues of manhood and what he presents to this profession."

AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Cortese receiving the Award from Dr. Roger Saltman and Dr. Tom Fuhrmann.

Dr. Victor Cortese, Glenmoore, PA is the 1997 Hoffman LaRoche/AABP Award of Excellence.

Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann presented the Award, stating:
"Let me first describe the award.

Candidates must be nominated from teaching, research, industry or government areas. The nominees professional activities must have had a consistent and direct influence on daily activities of veterinarians in bovine practice. Selection criteria include the following:

1. Contributions to continuing education of bovine practitioners.
2. Active participation in organized veterinary medicine and/or specialty boards.
3. Relationship with and contributions to the bovine industry.
4. Publications that have had a significant impact on the practice of bovine medicine in the past two years.

Let me now describe the award winner:

Our awardee contributes to the continuing education of bovine practitioners on EVERY level. Employed in the pharmaceutical industry, our award winner has spoken to veterinary audiences at international and national meetings as well as at state and local veterinary association levels. I've seen him pull out his slides and talk to as few as five of us together in Arizona, and just know he has done that hundreds of times in hundreds of small and large groups all over this country. He is enthusiastic, personable, communicative and dedicated as he talks about his favorite topic, and as he has done with others over the past 5 years in a 2-day AABP seminar he has coordinated and presented. He is tireless in his one-on-one conversations with hundreds of practitioners he knows on a first name basis...and whom he has helped through the complexities of bovine immunology.

Regarding involvement in organized veterinary medicine, this year's Award of Excellence winner attends and participates in the organization he loves best, the AABP. He is a member of AVMA, The Association of Industrial Veterinarians and The Academy of Veterinary Consultants. He not only holds diplomate status of the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, he also served on the organizing committee for the dairy practice specialty of that board.

Candidates have to demonstrate a relationship with, and contributions to the cattle industry...an area in which our



Dr. and Mrs. Cortese with his parents and Dr. Saltman.

award winner clearly excels. He was asked to speak to an audience of over 1500 dairymen at the recent Western States Large Herd Management Conference to discuss vaccination programs for dairy herds. He has been sought out by veal operators and calf ranch managers to put on programs that few others have the unique combination of expertise and communicative style that these operators want and need. The lay press as well as the scientific press have come to him asking for simple clarification of complex issues like the virulence of BVD type II virus disease risk, or like simplified explanations of complicated Salmonella herd outbreaks that he has evaluated in his role as technical service veterinarian for his company.

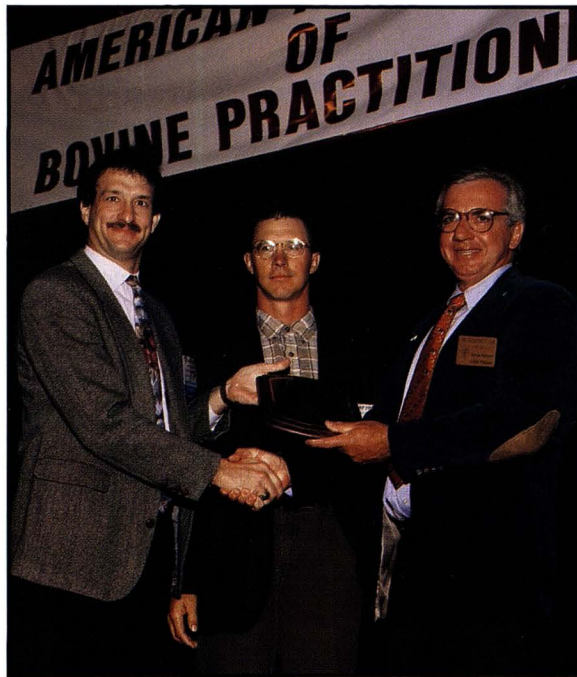
I examined our awardee's CV and find no less than 10 refereed articles, 5 non-refereed articles and over 35 lay publications. This does not include the most recent publications generated through his current PhD work.

Perhaps this is the point at which to stop for a moment, as practitioners, to thank the entire pharmaceutical industry for the service you offer us when you provide competent technical service veterinarians to assist us to understand far more than just your products...when you go that extra mile to educate veterinary practitioners. But still, the pharmaceutical industry is comprised of companies, and companies of people, and it is people that make the difference. This year's Award of Excellence winner is one of those people who "makes a difference," not only for the Pfizer company but for all cattle practitioners.

Excellence requires determination and self-discipline. Let me site two examples.

1. Our award winner and his family, Joey and Cassandra, regularly take Taikwando lessons...in fact, he and his wife Debbie have achieved the "black belt" level.
2. In addition to fulfilling his commitments as international technical services veterinarian for his company, which includes conducting investigations and inquiries regarding products or cattle management, lecturing sales force, customers and veterinarians on cattle diseases, and immunology, and performing research involving products and product development, our award winner is just completing, on a totally voluntary basis, his PhD in veterinary microbiology from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan on "The Assessment of Vaccine Efficacy for BVD as an Acute Disease of Young Animals."

AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Guterbock receiving the Award from Dr. Cortese and Dr. Wavrin.

The 1997 AABP Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Walter Guterbock, Visalia, California.

This Award was established by the AABP in 1989. Since 1976 it has been co-sponsored annually by Pfizer Animal Health. It consists of a commemorative plaque, a certificate of appreciation and a \$1,000 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. William J. Wavrin, Sunnyside, Washington, introduced the award presentation:

“Dr. Guterbock is a 1966 Yale undergraduate (BA English). He received the DVM degree in 1978 and the MS in Parasitology in 1979 from the University of Illinois. In the meantime, he served in the Peace Corps.

Walt began his career of practice and service to the profession in Chino, California in 1979. In 1991 he went to work for the University of Davis at the VMTRC in Tulare as an educator and researcher. It takes people like Walt who contribute profusely of their time, energy,

and information to organizations such as the AABP to provide the rest of us with the services which we often take for granted.

Walt now serves as staff consultant and veterinarian for a producer operating throughout the West and Midwest. Throughout his career he has served as a mentor and example to young veterinarians of what a practicing veterinarian can contribute to the progress of food animal industries through service and consultation. He has provided research and review articles in numerous publications in both lay and professional journals. He has served in committee and executive positions in organized veterinary medicine on the local, state and now national level and has represented the interests of food animal professionals and industries in the public sector at all these levels.

It is with great pride that I present Dr. Walt Guterbock to you as the recipient of this award and as a representative of this organization and this profession.”

Dr. Guterbock is President-Elect of AABP and the Program Chairman for the 1998 AABP Spokane Convention. He was the coordinator of the seminar presentation at the Montreal meeting.

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine are being presented for the 16th time but it will also be a first version. As many of you are aware, on August 1, 1997 Merial Limited was officially formed as a stand alone company, merging Merck AgVet and Rhone Merieux, which were the animal health divisions of Merck & Co., Inc. and Rhone Poulenc. Merial is a fully-integrated global company focusing on animal health and poultry genetics and will have the industry's highest investment in Research & Development, the lifeblood of any animal health company.

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The Merial/AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine are given to two AABP members or practices, one Dairy and one Beef, who have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs. Nominations for this award are submitted to the Executive Board/Awards Committee of the AABP where the winners are selected. This award consists of an individual plaque bearing the winners name and a \$1500.00 general scholarship contribution to the veterinary school of his or her choice.

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

Dr. Jay Brown

Beef Award



Dr. Robert Smith receiving the Award from Dr. Alvin Edwards, left, and Dr. Jay Brown.

Dr. Robert A. Smith, Stillwater, Oklahoma, is the recipient of the 1997 Merial Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Edwards, in presenting the award stated: "This year's recipient attended two midwestern state colleges and then entered Kansas State University where he re-

ceived the MS degree in ruminant nutrition. He served as an army officer for two years before returning to the University and received the DVM degree in 1976. He practiced briefly and then entered Oklahoma State University as a Resident and later an Instructor in large animal medicine and surgery. He advanced to a distinguished chaired professor.

The recipient has been a very prominent figure in promoting preventive medicine teaching and developing stocker and feeder health programs that have been widely accepted by producers and colleagues. In addition to his university duties he has worked in veterinary extension and research, a sale barn veterinarian and as a feedlot consultant. He has published numerous papers and is recognized as a leading authority on receiving and starting stressed calves.

An accomplished public speaker, the recipient exemplifies a highly ethical professional, a clear thinker who has done an outstanding job of representing not

only veterinary medicine but indeed all of the livestock industry in such important areas as FDA concerns, food safety and quality assurance.

The recipient has received several honors including the Norden Distinguished Teacher Award, Outstanding Service Award by the American Board of Veterinary Practitioners, Consultant of the Year - Academy of Veterinary Consultants and Oklahoma Food Animal Practitioner of the Year.

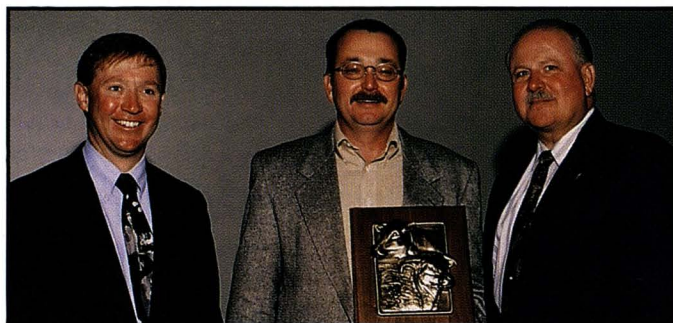
He served as Director of AABP District 7 and eventually climbed the ladder to AABP President. He was appointed Assistant Editor, AABP in Montreal.

Through his tireless efforts in NCA, NCBA, AABP and AVC this gentleman has become the recognized leader within the cattle industry.

He also has authority to "pull rank" on most of us since he is a Lieutenant Colonel, - retired U.S. Army!

It is with great pride that I present this award to Dr. Robert A. Smith."

Dairy Award



Dr. Lynn Upham with Dr. Philip Jardon, left, and Dr. Brown.

Dr. G. Lynn Upham, Tulare, California, is the 1997 recipient of the Merial/AABP Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Upham is a 1978 graduate of Texas A&M University. He practiced in Texas for a while and then entered a Residency program in dairy production at the University of California Teaching and Research Center in Tulare. He received the MPVM in 1989.

Dr. Upham is board-certified in theriogenology and has been a member of the AABP reproduction committee for six years, serving as chairman for three years.

In 1989 Dr. Upham established a veterinarian's outlet in Tulare, with Dr. Paul Blackmer. The practice emphasizes milker schools, a milk quality laboratory

and equipment evaluation.

Dr. Upham has pioneered a fresh cow monitoring program which emphasizes the evaluation of cows less than 10 days after calving, using daily temperatures and assessment of general appearance. His program is designed for the early detection of symptoms in newly-calved cows, thus preventing more serious health problems later.

He presented his program at last year's AABP Convention in San Diego. (See *Proceedings, 29th Annual AABP Convention*, p. 19-21.)

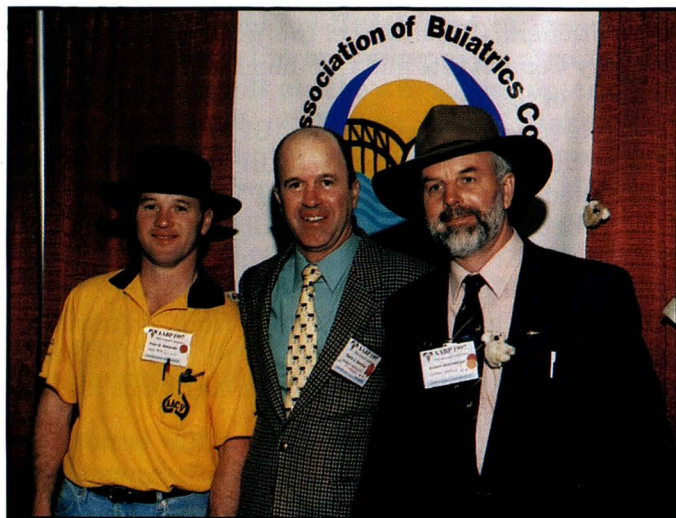
Dr. Upham has also developed and patented an improved calf nipple.



XX World Buiatrics Congress

Sydney, Australia

July 6 - 10, 1998



ACVA members Peter Alexander, David Gardiner and Bob Rheinberger at the Montreal Convention.

The XX World Buiatrics Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia on July 6-10, 1998, organized by the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians (AACV).

Mr. David Gardiner wrote the following message on behalf of the AACV XXth WAB organizing committee:

"The sun is shining brightly on Sydney Harbour, beckoning delegates to the XXth World Buiatrics Congress next July. 400 abstracts have been submitted up to the deadline date and 10 keynote speakers selected. The Aussie dollar is at an attractive price for tourism and Australian cattle veterinarians are looking forward to meeting and hosting colleagues from around the world.

Greg Adams and Milo Wiltbank from North America will be speaking on ovarian wave follicular dynamics and improving reproductive performance in high producing cows. Brian McKay from New Zealand is booked to unlock the secrets of milk production from pasture; Katsumi Hamana, Japan, arboviruses and congenital defects; Otto Scenci, Hungary, buiatrics specialization in Western Europe; Carole Bolin, Iowa USA, new prospects for the control of Leptospirosis; Dick Holroyd, Old Australia, bull fertility & DNA fingerprinting; Dr. Navetat, France, prevention and management of diarrhoea in calves; Yenti Schuken, Netherlands, mastitis control; Mark Rweyemamu, FAO Rome, will review important global cattle diseases.

Keynote speakers from the UK and Germany will also be included in the program plus industry sponsored



David Gardiner presenting AACV representatives with Congress t-shirts.

sessions. Pre-conference seminars and workshops plus a dairy conference in Rotarura, New Zealand provide delegates with additional opportunities for formal learning.

Or, you can relax and learn the easy way. 900 AACV members will be pleased to give visitors a taste of Aussie cattle medicine. Arrange to visit our veterinary schools and clinics, our government laboratories, our cooperative research center at Armidale, our rural veterinary practices or our beef and dairy farms. Aussie cattle medicine frequently includes a beef bar-b-que and beer.

Australian and New Zealand beef and dairy industries are major exporters with growing demand from our Asian neighbors. Prime beef is exported to Japan, Korea and other countries. Manufacturing beef is exported to North America (and once upon a time included Kangaroo!), and live cattle are exported to our northern neighbors.

Sadly, due to oversupply, a lack of demand or market manipulation, our current market is very weak. Our dairy market is in better shape with whole milk selling around 50 cents and manufacturing milk for 20 to 30 cents per litre.

The Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians through the Australian Veterinary Association are proud participants in promoting cattle medicine to industry. Thanks to cattle veterinarians and industry people, Australia is provisionally free of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis with rare breakdowns to date. Bovine pleuropneumonia was eradicated in 1967 and thanks to our isolation and quarantine policies we remain free of the major world cattle diseases of rinderpest and foot and mouth disease among others.

The Australian Animal Health Laboratory at Geelong is among the 3 best laboratories in the world for the diagnosis and control of exotic diseases. It is part of our commitment to maintain our privileged cattle health status. National market assurance programs for the control and the eventual elimination of enzootic bovine leucosis and bovine paratuberculosis are in place and meeting industry expectations.

The AACV has developed and regulates a National Cattle Pregnancy Diagnosis Scheme to standardize the market description of the pregnancy status of cows and heifers. Bull examination guidelines have been developed and are used by AACV members with industry endorsement.

So, if you wonder whether Aussie cattle vets do rectals standing on their heads, come down

under and have a "Captain Cook"! The sun shines almost every day, all year round. It's a great place to visit, and the currency exchange rate is right. Don't worry about the trip. You may need to allow a day or two getting here, but we'll give them back to you when you go, with a guarantee to get you home anywhere in the world, the same day you leave.

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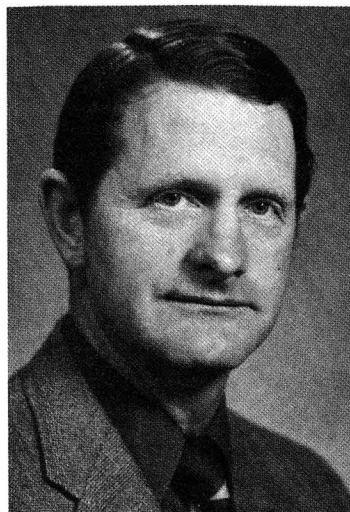
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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ben D. Harrington
Raleigh, North Carolina
March 22, 1931 - December 2, 1997



Dr. Ben Harrington, Raleigh, North Carolina died after a long illness on Tuesday, December 2, 1997, aged 66. He served as President of AABP in 1973.

Dr. Harrington was a native of Raleigh, NC where he entered practice in 1958. He received the BS degree in animal science from North Carolina State University in 1953 and the DVM degree from the University of Georgia (magna cum laude) in 1957.

For 25 years he was engaged in large animal practice at Boulevard Animal Hospital and later as owner of Apex. He soon established a national and international reputation in herd health and animal nutrition. Dr. Harrington was a long time member of the North Carolina VMA and the AVMA. He served in the AVMA House of Delegates and was elected to the AVMA Council on Education.

Because of the esteem in which he was held in the veterinary community, Dr. Harrington was appointed a member of the committee to determine the development of a College of Veterinary Medicine at North Carolina State University. In 1981, he joined the faculty as a Professor of Food Animal and Equine Medicine and served as department chair in 1988-1990. **He had the joy of teaching the first class on the first day.**

Dr. Harrington worked with the mastitis research team on a project for USDA studying problem herds with high, or low leucocyte

counts. He conducted several field trials on new drugs for pharmaceutical companies. He also owned and operated two dairy herds. **Dr. Harrington was named AABP Practitioner of the Year in 1979 and in 1996 he was presented the coveted Amstutz-Williams Award at his home because of his illness.**

Dr. Harrington is survived by his wife, Mable, and their son, Davis Harrington, daughter, Kathy Harrington Gliff and their children, his brother Ralph, and sister Hope Sears and families.

Funeral services were held at Highland United Methodist Church where he was a member and served on the Administrative Board, Staff-Parish Committee and Missions, on Friday, December 5, 1997.

Memorials may be made to the Harrington Scholarship, NCVMA, 4700 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27605; Highland United Methodist Church, 1901 Ridge Rd., Raleigh, NC 27607; or the Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina, Lake Waccamaw, NC 28450.

In his Presidential Message to AABP members in 1973, he stated, "*A profession cannot be created by resolutions alone or become such overnight. It requires many years for its development, and they must be years of self-denial, years when no results bring honor, except those free from the taint of unworthy methods.*"

IN MEMORIAM

Prof. Dr. Habil Stanislaw Cakala
Pulawy, Poland
April 11, 1920 - October 29, 1997



Prof. Dr. Habil Stanislaw Cakala, Pulawy, Poland died on October 29, 1997.

Prof. Dr. Cakala was an active member of the World Association for Buiatrics having served on the Board since 1984. He was elected an Honorary Member in 1992.

A farmer's son, Stanislaw Cakala graduated at the Veterinary Faculty of Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin/Poland, in 1948 and then worked for 2 years as an assistant in the faculty's Clinic of Internal Diseases. Afterwards, he served for 5 years in the Military Research Centre where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and another 5 years as the Director of the Veterinary Hospital in the Gdansk Veterinary Hospital. During 1960/61, he pursued research training in the Veterinary Clinics of Cornell University/USA. In 1961, he started his activities as the Head of the Laboratory for Physiopathology at the National Veterinary Research Institute in Pulawy/Poland where he obtained the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Sciences in 1966. In 1973, he was nominated Professor in Veterinary Sciences. For 18 years, Professor Cakala was Director for Research and Editor-in-Chief of the Bulletin of the Veterinary Institute in Pulawy.

His main interests concentrated around animal physiopathology and pathology of non-infectious diseases in ruminants, e.g. the effects of breeding technology on animal health, and

the metabolic profile of cattle and sheep under various conditions. Professor Cakala's achievements in veterinary science are contained in about 300 publications, including the handbook on 'Diseases of Sheep' (two editions). He was an esteemed member of several scientific societies and represented Poland in the Congresses of the World Association for Buiatrics since 1974 as a regular participant and active contributor to the scientific program. Consequently, he was elected member of the WAB Board in 1984, and Honorary Member in 1992.

All who knew Stan Cakala personally not only felt respect but also enjoyed his frank and openhearted friendship, his 'contagious' optimism and his unlimited helpfulness. His exactitude, correctness and reliability were expressed by the calligraphy of his handwriting. Our sincere sympathy is with his wife, Professor Dr. Ana Cakala, who inspired his life.

Eulogy prepared by Dr. M. Trusczynski (Director, National Veterinary Institute, Pulawy/Poland) and Prof. Dr. M. Stöber (Honorary WAB-Secretary, Hannover/Germany).

AABP Editor's note: It was my pleasure to have known Dr. Cakala for many years. He was indeed a gentleman and a scholar who always enjoyed reading our AABP publications. On behalf of AABP members, I extend deep sympathy to his wife, Professor Dr. Ana Cakala and his colleagues.

For their generous financial support of the Convention, special appreciation plaques were presented by Dr. James Jarrett to:



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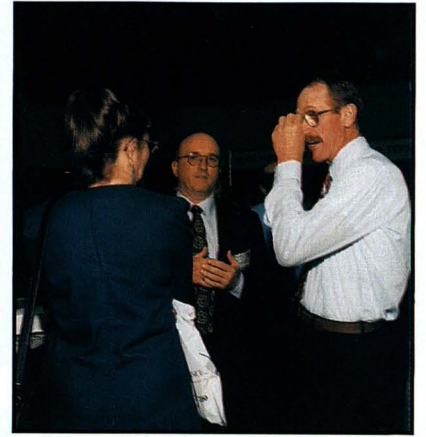


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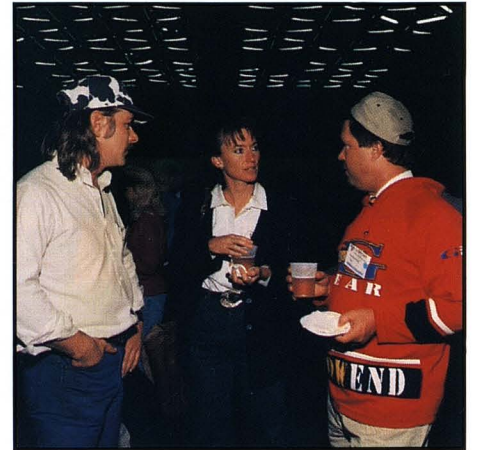
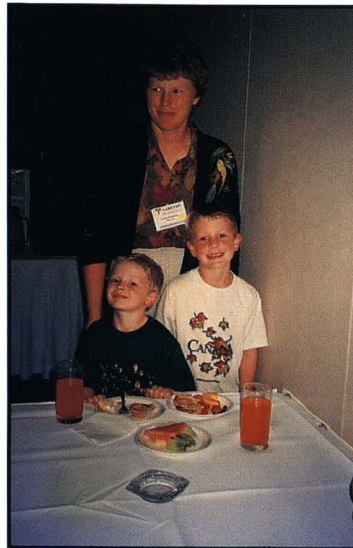
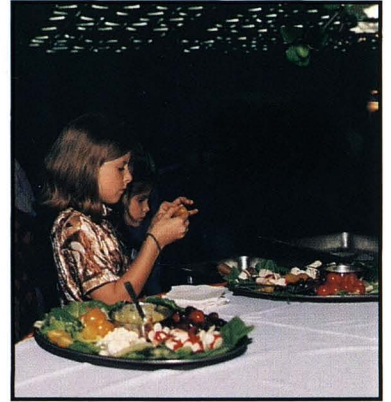


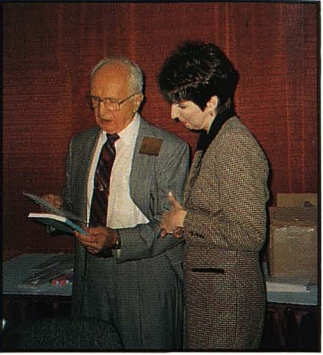
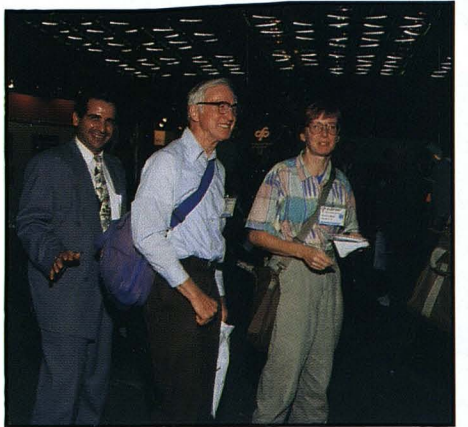
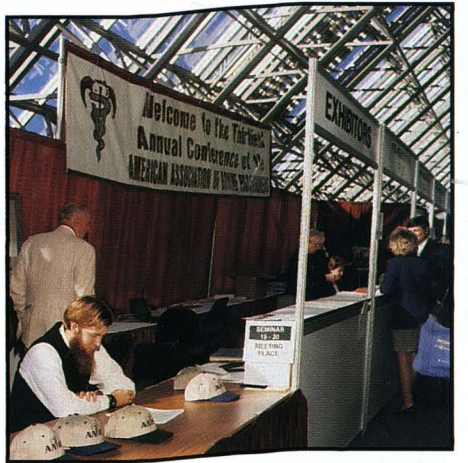
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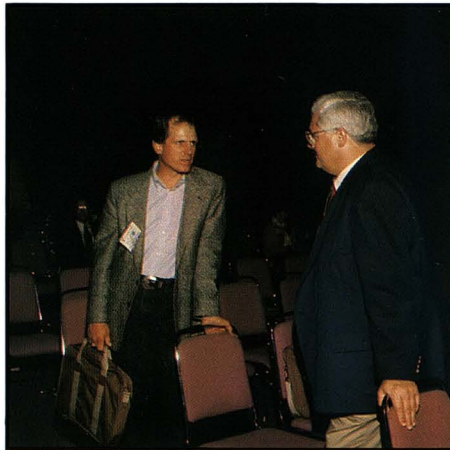
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