

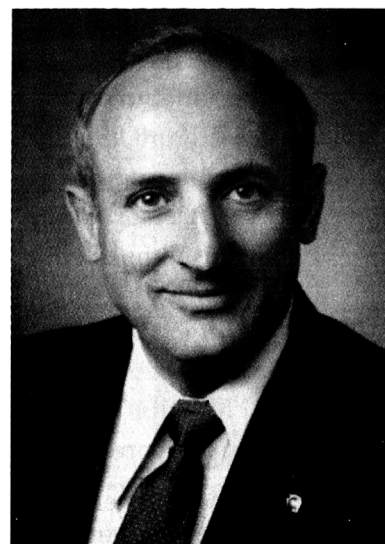
American Association of Bovine Practitioners

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

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Executive Vice President's Report

James A. Jarrett, DVM
Executive Vice President, AABP



Dr. Jim Jarrett gives the "State of the AABP" address.

The detailed financial report will come from Dr. Wustenberg. Briefly, it appears that the AABP is well on the way to "financial recovery" following September 11, 2001. Commercial support for the Annual Conference is at an all time high with 13 companies qualifying as "major supporters", contributing at least \$6,000.00 toward the program. Some of these monies will not appear in the financial numbers as they are paid directly by the company to one or more vendors.

Advertising income is at an all time high. By the end of the year we are on track to receive over \$45,000.00 from this source. John O'Brien is doing a commendable job for us in this area.

The only negative note lies in our long term investments and even there we are not as far behind as the national average.

Membership continues to hover around the 6,000 number. I have discussed this with the chairperson of the Membership Committee. I expect some action suggestions will come from their meeting in Madison.

The most dramatic difference is in the student member numbers. I anticipate more student members as classes begin at the colleges. The faculty representatives continue to play a key roll in student recruitment. Of concern is the fact that total regular members as of 9/15/02 totals 82 less than a year ago. It may well be time for the Board to consider another "challenge membership campaign".

Approximately 1,000 "second notices" were mailed about the first of September. I expect a response to them in the next few weeks. In the past, about two-thirds of

these have responded with renewals. The November Newsletter will have the "we are sorry to lose you" stickers on them and people not renewing will be dropped from the rolls. At that time, we will supply to each director a list of members in their district who have not renewed. In the past, contact from the director with these persons has resulted in many of them renewing. Also, it gives us some idea why some are not renewing membership.

The most notable office activity since the March meeting is the steep learning curve being experienced by our new Administrative Assistant, Ms Lauren Reece. To date, I am extremely pleased with her progress. Her job is of many different and varied activities and she is handling them very well. We continue to be fortunate with the persons in this position.

Registration activities for the Madison meeting have gone well. The entire staff was more "caught up" at any time than I can remember in recent years. This as the conference continues to grow in volume and complexity.

It is the responsibility of the Executive Vice President to nominate the official accountant, bank, and attorney for the organization. For these positions I nominate the following:

Accountant: the firm of Reed, Martin & Slickman in Rome, GA

Bank: the Rome, GA branch of Sun Trust Bank

Attorney: Mr. Joe Seiglar, Rome, GA

We have no new applicants for Honor Roll membership. Notification to the membership of this category and qualifications are published in the Newsletter periodically.

Elections were held for members of the Board of Directors in the following districts.

In District 1, Dr. Ehrlich was re-elected to a second three-year term.

In District 4, Dr. Meiring was re-elected to a second three-year term. Dr. Meiring was also elected Vice President. He will officially take that position following the close of the annual meeting. At that time, a special election will be held in that district for a new director.

In District 7, Dr. Taylor was re-elected to a second three-year term.

In District 12, Dr. Fairles resigned shortly after the March Board meeting as he was moving out of the country. A special election was held in that district resulting in the selection of Dr. Rene Lothrop as director. Officially, Dr. Lothrop assumed that position upon election.

In District 13, Dr. Hamilton will complete his second three-year term at the Madison meeting. The election in that district resulted in the selection of Dr. Sjoert Zuidhof as director. Dr. Zuidhof has been invited to attend any board meetings in Madison and will take the position at the close of the meeting.

All newly elected/appointed persons (e.g. Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs and members, etc.) take office at the close of the annual meeting.

In summary, it is my continued opinion that the AABP is a healthy, viable organization that serves its members well. This is a result, in a great part, of the efforts of the MANY volunteers that donate their time to the organization. Without them, we would not be nearly so effective in representing Bovine Practitioners around the world. This volunteer activity also continues to make my job very enjoyable. I thank you for the continued opportunity to be a part of this exciting group.

Hey AABP Members...



Join us in Columbus in September 2003!!

Annual Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, September 28, 2002

Madison Monono Terrace Convention Center

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

President Kent Ames called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and opened the meeting with the invocation. He welcomed those in attendance, and introduced District Directors and recognized members by District.

Following approval of the minutes, Dr. Jim Jarratt reported on the "state of the AABP." Total membership remains over 6,000. He recognized the vital role that Lauren Reece and Sandra Himes have had in the daily operation of the AABP office in Rome.

The financial report was given by Dr. Mark Wustenberg, AABP Treasurer. He reported on the outcome of an interim audit, which showed that the organization is very strong financially. Dr. Wustenberg reported that the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001, did impact our finances related to the Vancouver meeting, but not as bad as feared. He also thanked Dr. Roger Saltman for his help during the transition from one treasurer to another.

Two proposed by-law changes were presented to the membership by Dr. Gatz Riddell, AABP Parliamentarian. One proposed change codified the conduct of business by the Board and Executive Committee by e-mail, and the other would change the way districts are structured. Both passed without dissent.

Dr. Emile Bouchard invited bovine veterinarians to the World Association of Buiatrics Conference that will be held in Quebec in July of 2004. (More informa-

tion is available at www.wbc2004.ca). Likewise, Dr. Rich Meiring invited everyone to the 2003 AABP Conference which will be held in Columbus, Ohio next September.

Dr. Ames introduced Dr. Tom Burkgren representing the American Association of Swine Veterinarians. Dr. Burkgren applauded the spirit of cooperation between AASV and the AABP. He commented on the things the organizations have in common: many members hold dual memberships; both are involved in production medicine; and they share a lot of issues, such as welfare, food safety, the environment and antibiotic availability. He concluded with "The AASV's most important alliance has been with the AABP. The relationship is a good example of how cooperation between organizations can leverage strengths and important assets."

The 2002 Student Case Presentation Award winners were announced by Chair Dianne Hellwig. Tied for first place were Molita Birchen from the University of Illinois and Brian Whitlock from Auburn University. Third place was won by Kristen Bloink from Michigan State University. Dr. Hellwig also thanked the judges for the 2002 contest; Dr. Larry Hawkins, Dr. Larry Hutchins, Dr. Laurie Day and Dr. Shaun Sweiger.

Dr. Roger Mahr, representing the AVMA, was introduced by President Ames. Dr. Mahr addressed the AABP membership and expressed his appreciation for



Dr. Kent Ames, AABP President 2001-2002.



Retiring Information Management Committee chair Dr. Dick Wallace is congratulated by President Ames.

their involvement in professional activities. He went on to say "last year's events invoked a unity of purpose among veterinarians, especially the AABP, which was meeting in Canada on September 11. Homeland Security is now a focus of Congress, and the AVMA Legislative Committee has been very involved in the process." He updated AABP members on the NCVEI, and briefly discussed the potential of the initiative if expanded to other practice interests. He concluded by discussing many of the activities AVMA was involved with during the previous year.

Following presentation of awards, Dr. Ames gave a brief overview of his year as the AABP President, and expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve the organization. Following a standing ovation, he passed the gavel to incoming President Patty Scharko. Dr. Scharko presented the President's Award to Dr. Ames in appreciation for his superior leadership during 2001-2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



Outgoing AABP Director from western Canada, Dr. David Hamilton, left, with Dr. Kent Ames.



Dr. Ames giving his farewell address.



Dr. Kent Ames, Center, accepts the President's Award from Dr. Patty Scharko, right. Pictured on the left is Mrs. Barb Ames.



Incoming AABP President, Dr. Patty Scharko, Lexington, Kentucky.



Outgoing Food Safety Committee chair Dr. Don Hansen receiving an appreciation plaque from President Kent Ames.



President Ames thanks outgoing Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues Committee chair, Dr. Shawn Blood, for his service.



Dr. Ames congratulates outgoing Reproduction Committee chair, Dr. Owen Rae.



Dr. Rich Meiring, AABP Vice-President and faculty member at Ohio State, invites everyone to Columbus for the 2003 AABP Conference.



Dr. Emile Bouchard details the 2004 WAB Conference to be held in Quebec.



Dr. Tom Burkgren, AASV, addresses the AABP membership.



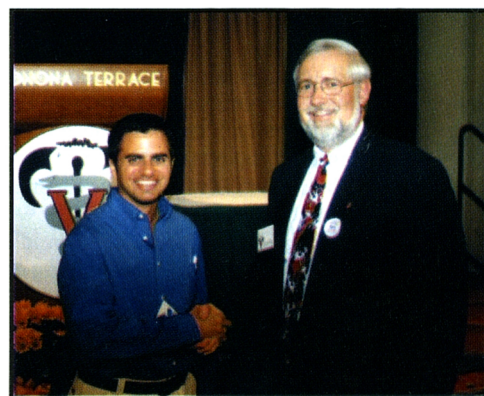
Dr. Roger Mahr, AVMA Executive Committee.



Dr. Mark Wustenberg presents the AABP Treasurer's report.



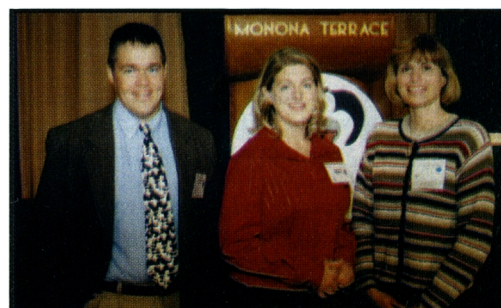
Dr. Kent Ames congratulates AABP Assistantship co-winner Dr. Pedro Melendez, University of Florida.



Dr. Rich Meiring congratulates AABP Assistantship co-winner Dr. Jose Urdaz, University of California-Davis.



Dr. Kent Ames recognizes Dr. Jim Ehrlich, one of several previous AABP Software Librarians recognized.



Dr. Dianne Hellwig, right, with two of the Student Case Presentation winners, Brian Whitlock and Molita Birchen.

2002 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Sam Strahm, center, receives the Ft. Dodge – AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award from Dr. Tom Overbay, left, and Dr. Bob Smith.

Dr. Tom Overbay, Fort Dodge Animal Health, described the Fort Dodge – AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award. "The Bovine Practitioner of the Year award has been awarded annually since its establishment in 1978. The award consists of a diamond ring and a commemorative plaque. The award winner exhibits those qualities that exemplify the AABP and its members. Candidates are evaluated on the following criteria:

- Must be bovine practitioners in active practice
- The quality of veterinary service provided as judged by his or her peers
- Participation in organized veterinary medicine such as AABP as well as activity on veterinary boards such as licensing, specialty, etc.
- Contribution to the knowledge of the profession through case reports, scientific reports, and continuing education
- Achievements and activities which have an impact on the cattle industry and bovine practice.

On behalf of Fort Dodge Animal Health, I would like to express our appreciation in participating in recognizing one of your outstanding members.

To present the winner of the 2002 Fort Dodge Animal Health Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award, please welcome Dr. Bob Smith of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Dr. Smith's description of this year's award recipient was as follows:

"It is indeed an honor to introduce this year's AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year. His early years were spent in a small town in Kansas, where his interest in veterinary medicine was spawned. He pursued his dream and attended Kansas State University where he earned the DVM degree in 1959.

In 1959 he took his newly earned professional skills to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where he became an associate at the Osage Animal Clinic. The veterinarians in the practice were legendary throughout the region—Drs. Walker, Savage and Burnett and our award winner were recognized as hard-working, progressive practitioners who had a deep passion for the needs of their clients and their animals. Today, Osage Animal Clinic remains a thriving practice where he and his associate, Dr. Jan Johnston, continue to serve their clients.

In addition to his busy practice, our honoree has dedicated himself to life-long service to veterinary medicine and his community. Few have served the profession with more distinction.

He has served the AVMA in numerous capacities. He was a member of the House of Delegates from 1967-1988 and has chaired the AVMA House Advisory Committee, the AVMA Continuing Education Advisory Committee, the AVMA Governmental Affairs Council, the AHI-FDA-AVMA Professional Labeling Committee, and the AVMA Foundation. He has also served as a member of numerous AVMA committees; AVMA Long Range Planning Committee, AVMA Legislative Planning Committee, Food Safety ad hoc Policy Statement Committee and Drug Compounding Committee. He capped his AVMA service as President in 1989-1990.

His service did not stop with the AVMA. He was a member of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for 20 years, and served a term as President, chaired the National Board Examining Committee for two terms during his 15 years of service, and was on the Professional Examination Service Advisory Committee in 1999-2000.

His adopted state of Oklahoma also benefited from his leadership and service. He was President of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association in 1980-81 and was a member of the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for 23 years, including a term as chairman. At the Oklahoma State University College of Veterinary Medicine, he has been a member of the Admission Committee, the AVMA Accreditation Committee and the Centennial Advisory Committee.

Locally, our award winner served as President of the Tulsa County Veterinary Medical Association, a member of the Osage County Extension Council, a member of the Osage County Cattlemen's Association, and has served on the local school board for 30 years, including a term as president.

As you can see, this year's Bovine Practitioner of the Year has a long history of service and leadership. He has been honored many times, including the Oklahoma Veterinarian of the Year, the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association Distinguished Service Award, the National School Boards Association Distinguished Board Member, the Kansas State University Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award and the AVMA Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Advancement of Veterinary Medical Organizations.

Ladies and gentlemen, as they say in Oklahoma, our award winner has "done us proud". I am pleased to introduce to you the 2002 Fort Dodge – AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year, Dr. Sam Strahm from Pawhuska, Oklahoma."

Alpharma—AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Kent Ames, AABP President (right), presenting the award to Dr. Dee Griffin.

This award, established in 1989, consists of a ring and a plaque. Candidates for the award 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. Eligibility also includes a degree in Veterinary Medicine and AABP membership. The 2002 winner was announced by Dr. Grant Dewell.

"This year's honoree is a native of Oklahoma, and received the DVM degree from Oklahoma State University in 1975. At Oklahoma State, he was one of the late Dr. Eric Williams' prized students. Following graduation, he moved his young family to West Lafayette, Indiana to do a residency in food animal medicine and surgery under the legendary Dr. Harold Amstutz. He completed his residency and the Master of Science degree in 1978, and returned to his alma mater as an assistant professor and clinician in the food animal clinic.

He was well known during his three years in Stillwater as a man who set the standard for his peers, who continually challenged students to do their very best, who had more energy than a truckload of Energizer bunnies, and was always looking for new, practical ways to solve a problem. He was science-based and very practical in his approach to bovine medicine. He had a deep passion for bovine lameness and foot trimming, no doubt inherited from Dr. Amstutz, and was so enthralled with the subject that one senior student described him as a "bovine podomaniac".

One of our award winner's life-long heroes is Dr. Don Williams, who received the Amstutz-Williams Award in 2001. During Dee's youth, Dr. Williams was "his dad's vet" and he was instrumental in inspiring this bright young lad to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. Dr. Williams later left Ada, Oklahoma and become the veterinarian, and later a manager, for Hitch Feeders which is headquartered in Guymon, Oklahoma. In 1981, he hired our award winner to become the staff veterinarian for Hitch Feeders. There Dee was responsible for the health care of cattle in the three company feedyards, which had a one time capacity of 175, 000 head.

At Hitch Feeders, his limitless energy and passion for the cattle industry served as the stimulus for development of the most modern, progressive beef safety and quality programs in the history of beef production. Suddenly, largely because of his overwhelming zeal, the consumer became a focus of the beef industry. With that decision, tonight's award winner became the "father of beef quality and safety programs". This started with breaking down the

barriers and establishing dialogue between feedlot veterinarians, managers, cattle owners, packers and FSIS. His initial efforts centered around residue avoidance programs. In addition, he developed innovative, cost-effective feedlot health programs that were data based, production oriented and focused on the cowboys and cowgirls who were responsible for executing the program. He has a love for diagnostics; in fact when he sees an animal and it doesn't move, he necropsies it....not just a quick look but a thorough examination and a detailed explanation for anyone willing to listen. When his son, Steve, was five years old, his kindergarten teacher asked the students what their dad's did for a living. Steve proudly replied "My dad doctors dead cows"...obviously too much time at the necropsy area.

In the mid 1980's, he moved to the corporate world. He served as a technical services veterinarian for Pioneer Hybrid. There he was able to package his love of beef cattle, his passion for ruminant nutrition and keen interest in forage and silage production into a more holistic approach to beef production. While with Pioneer, he continued to share his expertise with practicing veterinarians and beef producers. As ever, he was very active in organized veterinary medicine and continuing education programs.

When a position was offered to him at the University of Nebraska – Clay Center in the very early 1990's, he jumped at the opportunity. There he has advanced to the rank of professor, which he has earned many times over. At Clay Center, he has been involved in a wide array of programs. He heads the very popular feedlot rotation, which has received veterinary medicine students from across North America. In this extremely intensive course, students are immersed in feedlot production medicine, diagnostics, nutrition, beef quality assurance and food safety. He is unselfish with his time, and students report that the course is jam packed and challenging.

He was a founder of the popular Beef Certification Course for graduate veterinarians taught at Clay Center for nearly 10 years. There he is responsible for mentoring students in a wide array of topics, ranging from epidemiology, computer usage, conducting research, agricultural economics, and quality assurance to name a few. It is a demanding course for both the students and faculty, and he has always been rated very highly for his performance in the course.

He is also very active in service to veterinary medicine and the beef industry outside the walls of the university. He was a key player in helping the Nebraska Cattlemen's Association develop a beef quality and safety program that is recognized as the model for all other programs in the United States. He has served for many years as a member of the NCBA BQA Advisory Board, and is a regular and popular speaker at NCBA Cattlemen's Colleges. He is a past president of the AVC and continues to be active with committee service. At AABP he has been honored previously for his contribution to beef production medicine, and continues to serve the AABP as a committee member, speaker and one of their biggest cheerleaders.

Whether in Washington, DC, working on issues facing the beef industry, in the classroom, on the lecture circuit, or in a feedyard helping to diagnose a problem or training cowboys, he always stands out as a leader....one who has truly made a difference!

He has been married for over 30 years to his wonderful (and patient) wife Joan and they have three outstanding children who themselves are making a significant mark on society. After all, they are following their parent's example!

Help me congratulate the 2002 Alpharma—AABP Award of Excellence winner Dr. Dee Griffin."

Pfizer Animal Health – AABP Distinguished Service Award – Merit Award Series



Dr. Lloyd Knight, center, receives the Pfizer Animal Health – AABP Distinguished Service Award from Dr. Mike Apley, left, and Dr. Vic Cortese, Pfizer Animal Health.

Dr. Vic Cortese, Pfizer Animal Health, described the award.

“This award was established in 1989. It consists of a commemorative plaque and a certificate of appreciation. It also includes a \$1,000 donation to either the school of the recipient’s choice or the Amstutz Scholarship Fund. Candidates for the award are those individuals who, through long and continued service, has promoted the goals of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP), and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine.

Selection criteria include the following:

- A career of self-effacing commitment to excellence in bovine medicine as evidenced by conscientious involvement in the affairs of the AABP.
- Demonstrated leadership in keeping organized veterinary medicine abreast of the times.
- Peer recognition as an effective spokesman for the bovine practitioner.

Dr. Mike Apley will introduce the 2002 award winner.”

“This year’s recipient has spent his entire life in southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon. He spends the majority of his practice time working with ranchers, and is the managing partner of a four-veterinarian mixed practice that has evolved from solo large animal practice.

He is a 1972 graduate of Washington State University and has been in practice in the same area of

Idaho ever since. Anyone who knows him will attest that he is very dedicated to excellence and professionalism, and provides superior service to his clients. To better serve his clients, he enrolled in the Beef Cattle Management Series at the Great Plains Veterinary Educational Center in Clay Center, Nebraska, and completed the course in 1994.

Our award winner has been a model of leadership. He served the Idaho Veterinary Medical Association as President in 1987, was a delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates from 1996 to 1999, has represented fellow veterinarian as both a Trustee and Chair of the AVMA Group Health and Life Insurance Trust, and has been both a member and chair of the AABP Pharmaceutical and Biological Issues Committee. He was a member of the AVC Program Committee in 1997 and 1998, and was a member of the AVMA Steering Committee on Judicious Therapeutic Antimicrobial Use Committee from 1998 to 2001.

Locally, he has contributed to his community by serving on the hospital board for over 20 years and in other local and regional activities.

In addition to all of these things, our award winner is also a very nice person, a man with a gentle personality and an ever-present smile. The profession is a better place because of him.

I am proud to introduce to you the 2002 Pfizer Animal Health-AABP Distinguished Service Award winner, from Glenns Ferry, Idaho, Dr. Lloyd Knight.”

Merial—AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Don Briksey, Merial Limited, described the awards. "The awards were established in 1982, and consist of a \$1500 general scholarship contribution made in the name of the recipient to his/her veterinary college of choice and a specially designed plaque given to the recipient. The awards recognize individual member practitioners or practices that have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs. One award is given to

recognize an outstanding program for beef production and another is given to an outstanding program in dairy production. We, at Merial, are proud to have been the sponsor of this award for the last 20 years and wish to congratulate the 2002 winner."

Dr. Barry Sutherland introduced the 2002 dairy award recipient.

Dairy Award



Dr. Barry Sutherland (left), with award winner Dr. Paul Baillargeon and Lucie Baillargeon.

"Bonjour tout le monde, et merci pour l'honneur de vous présenter le gagnant du prix Merial/AABP Prix d'Excellence en Médecine Préventive – Bovin Laitier.

Thank you Ladies and Gentlemen for the honor of presenting this distinguished award to such a deserving individual. As some of you may have recognized from my introduction, the recipient of the Merial/AABP Award for Preventive Medicine in Dairy hails from the French Canadian province of Quebec. This individual is well known in Quebec and Eastern Ontario for his commitment to the many aspects of Preventive Medicine and monitoring in dairy herds. The individual was raised on a mixed farm in the region of La Beauce. Always having to clean the pig barn as a child was enough

for him to convince him of a career in bovine veterinary medicine from St. Hyacinthe. After graduating in 1974 and working in a mixed practice for 4 years he was co-founder of La Clinique Veterinaire St. Louis. The clinic evolved to become a 9 person exclusive bovine practice offering regular medicine, complete embryo transfer services, along with the preventive medicine services for which he is recognized today.

The recipient was involved from the beginning in the realization of a research and development project in preventive medicine conducted at the Université de Montréal, called ASTLQ. He was the obvious choice to lead the ASTLQ program at its inception. The program led to a coordinated approach for continuing edu-

cation for bovine practitioners and the development of a monitoring tool that was integrated into Quebec's dairy industry.

The recipient can be considered as a beacon, not only for the ideas that he expresses but also for his actions. He is the recipient the 1993 Canadian Schering Award for Advancement in Large Animal Medicine and was an invited speaker at the 1997 AABP Conference. His continuing commitment to constantly push the envelope of what bovine veterinary practice can be were only further evidenced in his completion of a Masters degree in the area of Neospora and calf/colostrum management while still practicing after 25 years. His work has lead to published articles in The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association and the Canadian Veterinary Journal.

He has always been very focused on the delivery of practical, effective and reliable monitoring tools where it counts – on-farm. Much of his time is devoted to routine herd visits, at which he is either developing management protocols or monitoring the outcomes of established standard operating procedures, allowing him to take advantage of those teachable moments he thrives on. He was among the first veterinarians in Quebec to perform routine herd visits with a computer. His ability to convince clients of the critical importance of recording relevant herd and cow events daily has permitted him to accumulate accurate records of some herds over more than 15 years.

The recipient consistently demonstrates the kind of sustained enthusiasm for preventive medicine and clients' improvement that most practitioners dream of and he spreads his enthusiasm in agriculture to all – including his family. Two of his four children continue to share in this passion: Julie is completing her Masters degree at the veterinary faculty and Serge is work-

ing toward a degree in agricultural engineering.

The awardee's intellectual curiosity and passion for debate within our profession are profound. He holds himself and his colleagues to a high standard of science-based practice. He is energized by the success of his clients' herds and in particular assisting young dairy producers succeed. He continues to inspire veterinarians, young and old, to witness all of the opportunities that bovine practice and preventive medicine can offer. I know, I am one of them.

As a veterinary student in my second year, I can still vividly recall those exciting early days of computerizing the JMR system with Dr. Roger Martineau, along with herd group somatic cell analysis. During my 6 years at the clinic he was always the inspiration to keep pursuing our dreams of changing our producers' perceptions of what veterinarians could do for their operations. His constant humour, humility and candor only added to the contagious excitement and respect you feel when working with him.

Evidement, ses accomplissement, jumeler avec la tache d'élever quatre enfants exceptionnel: Julie, Serge, Anne and Francois n'aurais jamais etait possible sans le support et devouement de sa femme de 25 ans, Lucie.

His wife of 25 years, Lucie, as well as his four children, are here from Quebec to share this moment today.

I can think of a no more deserving candidate who has done as much in driving the development, application and critical evaluation of preventive medicine concepts and practices in dairy herds. I am extremely honored to introduce Paul Baillargeon as the winner of the 2002 Meriel-AABP Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine – Dairy, and prouder still to share the impact that Paul has had on me and so many others in pushing the envelope of the role of veterinarians in agriculture into the future. Viens-ten Mobile 2!"

Beef Award

Dr. Del Miles, Greeley, Colorado, introduced the 2002 recipient The Meriel-AABP Beef Award for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine.

"This year's award winner is a native of Colorado and earned the Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science in 1978. Following that, he pursued his lifelong dream of becoming a veterinarian and graduated from The Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine with the DVM degree in 1983.

From 1983 to 1985, he was engaged in large animal ambulatory practice in Brush, Colorado. In 1985, he joined ConAgra Beef Company (now named Swift)

as the Director of Herd Health. At ConAgra Beef Company, our award winner directs and implements procedures and policies relating to health and husbandry of all associated livestock for five company feedlots located in Colorado, Texas and Idaho. He directs the day-to-day animal health activities; purchases and regulates all animal health products and supplies; evaluates, monitors and reports all herd health data; and serves on the company Biosecurity Team and Food Safety Committee. In addition, he serves as the technical advisor to the administration of USDA, EPA and FDA regulations for the company.

Our award winner has been very active in veterinary and livestock organizations. He has served on the AVMA Animal Agriculture Liaison Committee, the AABP Food Safety Committee, chaired the NCBA Quality Assurance Sub-committee, and was both a Director and President of the Academy of Veterinary Consultants. He has been active in the Northeastern Colorado Veterinary Medical Association, the Colorado Livestock Association, and served on advisory boards for several animal health companies.

One of his colleagues who nominated him for this award described him as "a modest, humble veterinarian

who looks for little in the way of recognition. Most people are not aware of all he has done in his position at ConAgra, but I know that his health numbers rank among the top nationally."

He has been honored previously for his expertise and contribution to bovine practice. He received the Colorado Veterinary Consultants Service Award in 1989, and more recently was honored by the Academy of Veterinary Consultants as the 2002 AVC Consultant of the Year.

I am pleased to introduce to you the winner of the 2002 Meriel-AABP Beef Award for Excellent in Preventive Medicine, Dr. Bob Kerschen."

FUTURE MEETINGS

American Association of Bovine Practitioners

2003 Columbus	September 18-20
2004 Ft. Worth	September 23-25
2005 Salt Lake City	September 24-26

World Association for Buiatrics

2004 Quebec City	July 11-16
2006 Monaco	