VII International Congress on Cattle Diseases

Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington-London, England July 31-August 3, 1972

DR. HAROLD AMSTUTZ ELECTED PRESIDENT, W.A.B.

Four hundred and sixty-eight participants from twenty-nine countries attended the VII International Congress on Cattle Diseases which was held in London on July 31 - August 3, 1972, under the presidency of Professor Charles Grunsell, Bristol University. Dr. Colin W. Maclean, BOCM Silcock Ltd., was the organizing secretary. The Congress was officially opened by the Right Hon. James Prior, Minister of Agriculture, who stressed the importance of meetings between scientists and



Dr. Harold E. Amstutz, Purdue University (left), being greeted by Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer, Austria, the retiring president, on his election as president of the World Association for Buiatrics at the London Congress.

practitioners in the field of animal breeding and livestock. The Minister underlined the role of cattle as a source of human food.

The general theme of the Congress was subdivided into six topics:

- 1. The epidemiology of alimentary and respiratory diseases of young cattle in intensive systems (23 reports);
- 2. Nutritional and parasitic problems of intensive systems/economic aspects (22 reports);
- 3. Animal welfare in intensive systems—behavior, housing and management (seven reports);
- 4. The challenge to veterinary education of intensivism (three reports);
- Surgical and teat affections in intensive systems (nine reports);
- 6. Free themes (12 reports).

All speeches were simultaneously translated into English, German, French and Russian. There were 76 speakers: 20 from Great Britain, eight from the USA, six each from the USSR and Western Germany, four each from Canada, Italy, Sweden and Denmark, the remaining from Yugoslavia, Poland, Netherland, France, Austria, Roumania, South Africa, Australia, Egypt, India and Iran.

Colleagues who are interested may apply for the complete Proceedings which are available for £ 5 or \$12.00 (twelve U.S. dollars) plus \$3.00 postage. Orders should be addressed to C. W. Maclean, BOCM Silcock Ltd., Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants, England.

During the meeting 39 participants joined the World Association for Buiatrics. Furthermore, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners and the Fachgruppe Rinderkrankheiten der Deutschen Veterinärmedizinischen Gesellschaft became associated members. There are now about 3.000 members in 40 countries.

At the general meeting President Prof. Dr. DDr.h.c. Karl Diernhofer retired for reasons of age and the former 1st vice president, Dr. Harold Amstutz was elected president, Prof. Dr. E. Seren, Milan, Italy, became 1st vice president, Prof. Dr. U. Bratanovic, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 2nd vice president. New members of the Committee were elected: Prof. Espinasse, Toulouse, France, and Dr. Mayer, Haifa, Israel. The other members of the Committee: Drs. Andres, Espersen, Grunsell, Shishkov and Rosenberger (secretary) were re-elected.

In appreciation of his merits in the field of Buiatrics and his activities for the World Association for Buiatrics, the retiring President, Dr. Diernhofer, was made an honorary member of the Association.

The newly elected contact persons are: Prof. Dr. Glawischnig for Austria, Prof. Dr. Nikov for Bulgaria and Prof. Kulkarni for India.

The VIII Meeting will take place in 1974 in Stresa or Milan, Italy. It will be held under the presidency of Prof. Dr. Seren. Detailed information will be given in due course.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners was represented by Dr. Harold Amstutz, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Dr. Leo Mac Cropsey, Denver, Colorado, who is the Vice-President of the AABP.



(l. to r.) Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, and Prof. Dr. Gustav Rosenberger.



(l. to r.) Dr. Colin Maclean, Organizing Secretary; Professor G. Arthur, President, British Cattle Veterinary Association; Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer; and Professor Charles Grunsell, Congress President.