



1970  
VIth International Congress on Cattle Diseases  
Philadelphia, PA  
August 16-20

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The AABP was now “coming of age” and ready to host the VIth International Congress on Cattle Diseases which was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 16-20, 1970 in conjunction with the World Association for Buiatrics. It was also the third Annual AABP Convention.

### History

At the 1st International Congress on Cattle Diseases in Hannover, Germany in 1960, the participants expressed their interest in further regular meetings on the same lines. Thus followed the 2nd Congress in Vienna, Austria in 1962 where the International Association for Buiatrics was founded. A committee of four members was elected and charged to devise the statutes, to establish relationship with the World Veterinary Association and to make arrangements for the next Congress.

During the next Congress which was held in Copenhagen, Denmark in August, 1964 the assembled members adopted a resolution that the name of the Association be changed to **World Association for Buiatrics\*** (WAB) in accordance with the principles of the World Veterinary Association (*see Endnotes for a copy of the statutes*).



*Opening Session with translation booths in the balcony*

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\*Buiatrics means the study of cattle diseases and herd health management.



*Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer,  
President*



*Prof. Dr. Gustav Rosenberger,  
Secretary*

The Congress has been held every two years ever since.

Dr. Amstutz and Dr. Ray Ivie had traveled to the Opatjia meeting to officially invite the organization to hold the 1970 Congress in Philadelphia. (It was originally intended for the Congress to commence on the last day of the AVMA Annual Convention in Las Vegas in July. However, it was discovered that visitors from overseas would have problems getting to Las Vegas so the time and venue were changed).

The officers of the WAB at the Philadelphia meeting were:

President: Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer, Vienna, Austria

Past President: Prof. Dr. H. C. Bendixen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Vice Presidents: Dr. H. E. Amstutz, W. Lafayette, Indiana, U.S.A.; Prof. Dr. E. Seren, Milan, Italy.

Secretary: Prof. Dr. G. Rosenberger, Hannover, Germany

Committee (the assigned name for the Board of Directors): Prof. Dr. J. Andres, Zurich, Switzerland; Prof. Dr. U. Bratanovic, Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Prof. Dr. A. Charton, Alfort, France; Prof. Dr. G. Espersen, Copenhagen, Denmark; and Prof. C. S. Grunsell, Bristol, England.

Prof. Dr. Bendixen sent a message to his colleagues in the AABP;

*“It was on one of the bright September days during the 5th meeting of The World Association of Buiatrics held in Opatjia, Yugoslavia, 1968, that Vice-President, Professor, Dr. H. E. Amstutz announced to the members of the organization the invitation to hold the VI meeting, 1970, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a joint meeting with The American Association of Bovine Practitioners. The invitation was received with enthusiasm. In the meetings hitherto held, we always found, among colleagues from many countries, a strong interest in the now prevailing development concerning the problems of health and diseases of cattle. We found the hospitable invitation to meet with the colleagues of the corresponding organization of U.S.A. highly interesting and generous. Among several other reasons, we have a strong feeling for your country as one with outstanding experiences in the cattle industry and the various aspects of health problems, including prevention and curative treatment of diseases pertaining to the bovine and related animal species.*

*As at earlier occasions, selected topics will be discussed. The organizing committee has decided to put two very important themes on the agenda, namely: Diseases of the Udder and Diseases of the Reproductive Tract. Further, a limited number of free papers dealing with other cattle diseases will be accepted for the agenda.*

*The layout for this meeting is very promising. I feel convinced that every WAB member here is given the strongest stimulus to make up his mind to show up at the booking center in order to enjoy the days, August 17-20, which I hope will be pleasant, informative, professional meetings and useful rendezvous!"*

*May 1, 1970  
Copenhagen*

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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**VI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CATTLE DISEASES**

August 16-20, 1970  
Bellevue Stratford Hotel  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Registration .....	\$25.00	_____
Pre-registration before July 15th .....	\$23.00	_____
Tours August 16th — Transportation .....	\$ 2.50	_____
<p style="text-align: center;">University of Pennsylvania Dormitory Housing:</p>		
Noon Luncheon fee of \$2.50 will be collected at New Bolton Center	Single occupancy	\$6.00 _____
	Double occupancy	\$4.50 _____
	Banquet	\$9.50 each _____
	Ladies Registration:	No Charge _____
	Total	_____

*Please make Bellevue Stratford Hotel Reservations directly with the Hotel.*

**Please mail registration to Meeting Organizer: H. E. Amstutz, Box 2319, West Lafayette, Indiana**

**The Congress was co-hosted by The National Mastitis Council, and partially supported by Research Grant FD00249-01, Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Public Health Service.**

**Opening Ceremony**

Dr. Harold Amstutz, Congress Director, declared the Congress officially in Session and extended a warm welcome to the delegates. He called on Dr. Herb Marsh, President, to bring greetings from the AABP; Dr. J. W. Smith, President, National Mastitis Council, and Dr. H. C. Rosenberger, Secretary-Treasurer of WAB who also stated that he was sorry to announce that WAB President K. Diernhofer was unable to attend.

Dr. E. W. Tucker, President, brought greetings from the AVMA.

The scientific program was devoted mainly to diseases of the udder and reproductive system, with a few short papers on miscellaneous subjects. The official languages were English, German and French with instant translation provided in the three languages.

Six hundred and eight participants from twenty countries attended the Congress. Prof. Dr. V. P. Shiskov, President of the Veterinary Academy, Moscow, U.S.S.R. was elected a member of the WAB committee.

Following the banquet, presided by Dr. Herb Marsh, AABP President, delightful entertainment was provided by the swinging music of Captain Venckus and his Philadelphia Mummies Aqua String Band. Prof. Dr. A. N. Golikov, Moscow Veterinary Academy presented a brilliant impromptu piano recital. Dr. Sam Scheidy was the program chairman.



*Dr. Sam Scheidy,  
Chairman, Organizing  
Committee*



Committee (Board of Directors)

Dr. Harold Amstutz, AABP Secretary-Treasurer was the Congress Director.

At the Annual General Meeting, it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation from the British Cattle Veterinary Association to hold the VII WAB Congress in London, England in 1972.

Following the Congress, *The Proceedings* were edited by Dr. Richard McFeely and Dr. Guy Morse, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania and AABP Editor Eric Williams. They included summaries of the manuscripts in German, French and English.

*Editor's note: The 1970 Bovine Practitioner was published in June in time for the Congress.*

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#### Endnotes

#### Objectives of WAB

1. The objectives of the World Association for Buiatrics are to organize meetings on cattle diseases in order to report the results of research work and practical experiences in this field, to discuss the topics on an international basis and thus promote buiatrics in science and practice. As a rule the meetings shall take place regularly in an average interval of two years, if possible in different countries. The preceding meeting shall determine the place of the next one and elect the coming local leader and organizer. Meetings of the World Association for Buiatrics shall not be held during the year of a World Veterinary Congress.

2. Veterinarians of all countries of the world, practitioners as well as scientists, may become members of the World Association for Buiatrics: that means not only specialists for cattle diseases but also everyone who cares for or is interested in general or special problems concerning health disturbances of cattle, their prophylaxis and treatment, e.g. Veterinary Surgeons, Internal Specialists, Gynecologists, Obstetricians and Andrologists, Pathologists, Microbiologists, Parasitologists, Hygienists, Nutritional Physiologists or other Veterinarians working in laboratories, administrations or practice. Besides, up to 10% of the



members may be non-veterinarians. Veterinarians who are not members of the World Association for Buiatrics may take part in the meetings too. National associations for buiatrics may become associated members of the World Association for Buiatrics; however, only individual members present at the General Meeting have voting right.

3. Individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Buiatrics or to the World Association for Buiatrics may be proposed for honorary membership. Proposals will be made by the Committee and require the approval of the General Meeting.

4. The World Association for Buiatrics is affiliated to the World Veterinary Association as associate member. At the latest, one year before the next meeting, the World Association for Buiatrics shall report the place and date of that meeting to the World Veterinary Association. The statutes and rules of the World Veterinary Association are to be observed.

5. The World Association for Buiatrics is presided by the Committee consisting of five to ten deputies of different nations. The presidium is elected for four years by the general meeting, which is convoked on the occasion of a scientific meeting. Re-election is possible. A further member of the Committee is the coming local leader and organizer of the next meeting. Following the election the Committee will be constituted with one president, two vice-presidents and one secretary; all others will be "members of the committee." Moreover, each country may choose one representative to maintain liaison with the Committee.

6. Membership subscriptions may be required for special expenses. The expenses of a meeting shall be covered by the participants' fees and if necessary by special allowances. The congress fee will be fixed by the local organizer and leader of the meeting who alone is responsible for the organization and for a duly financial course. Lecturers get no fee for their papers but are free of charge. Persons who are not members of the World Association for Buiatrics may have to pay a higher charge.

7. The informations of the Association shall be published in the veterinary journals.

8. Changes of the statutes need a 2/3 majority of the members present at the general meetings of the Association.

Reference: Buiatrics: Origin and Evolution, Prof. Dr. M. Stöber, Bovine Practitioner, 1995, p. 9-12.

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At a Buiatrics Congress, two registrants, one very tall and one short soon found out that they did not know the local language when they were chased out of the wrong toilet by a heavy woman brandishing a broom!

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Conference hostesses