



American Association of Bovine Practitioners

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"The Sun Never Sets on the Bovine Practitioner"



**HISTORY
OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BOVINE PRACTITIONERS
(AABP)
1964-1998**

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THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF BOVINE PRACTITIONERS IS AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARIANS ORGANIZED TO ENHANCE THE PROFESSIONAL LIVES OF ITS MEMBERS THROUGH RELEVANT CONTINUING EDUCATION THAT WILL IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF CATTLE AND THE ECONOMIC SUCCESS OF THEIR OWNERS, INCREASE AWARENESS AND PROMOTE LEADERSHIP FOR ISSUES CRITICAL TO CATTLE INDUSTRIES, AND IMPROVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREERS IN BOVINE MEDICINE.

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- top right: Calgary Holsteins (cover of Calgary Convention Proceedings)
- bottom left: Kansas City (cover of Kansas City Convention Proceedings)
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Foreword



The American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) was founded approximately 35 years ago and has rapidly become one of the strongest veterinary specialty organizations in North America. Current veterinary membership is 5000 and veterinary student membership is 1000. An annual conference with attendance averaging approximately 1600 participants is rotated among United States cities and three conferences have been held in Canada. The organization has hosted two world cattle conferences, with the most recent one in 1992 registering 2100 participants from 33 countries. It is therefore completely appropriate that the AABP should be universally accepted as the organization that represents bovine practitioners in North America.

It is also fitting that an organization of this magnitude should have a history recorded for present and future generations. A well known and respected adage states "*Those who ignore history are condemned to relive it*". So, recognizing that the time had arrived for preparing a history of the organization, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners Board of Directors appointed a History Committee with Dr. Eric Williams, our editor of nearly 30 years to serve as chair of the Committee and editor of the publication. He comes well prepared since he has already served as editor of three other organizations' highly acclaimed histories.

Present and future American Association of Bovine Practitioners leaders and members should find the history very interesting and valuable as they guide the organization into the twenty first century.

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