

1977  
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December 12-15

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*The Veterinarian and Management of Today's Cattle Operation*

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The front cover of the 1977 *Bovine Practitioner* featured the 63-story Gateway Arch which stands as a proud monument to our nation's westward expansion. To bovine practitioners it also symbolizes the span across the globe which our publication now enjoys, as per our motto, "*The sun never sets on the bovine practitioner.*"

Preconvention seminars were more in-depth and in great demand, namely milk quality control (continued), beef and dairy cattle nutrition and breeding soundness (in conjunction with the American Society for Theriogenology).

Dr. James Jarrett, Program Chairman, in a message of appreciation, stated:

*The practicing veterinarian, in my opinion, is one of the best equipped people, through training and experience, to aid the livestock operator in making decisions concerning the management of his operation. It is through programs like the one presented at this meeting that we can increase our value to our clients.*

The Spirit of St. Louis smiled on the ladies as they gathered to resume acquaintance with friends who had become seasoned AABP conventioners and to meet new spouses of the wonderful AABP family.

Ladies tours included ascending the Gateway Arch, St. Louis Cathedral with its Byzantine architecture, shopping spree at Nieman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue, Gucci, etc., and an informal fashion show. They joined their spouses for a gala event, "Dixieland and World's Fair, 1904." Unfortunately, there were more decorations than food!

At the Annual General Meeting, presided by President Robert Harris, the secretary reported a record 1,330 attendance. Exhibits chairman Sam Hutchins III stated that 73 booths had been sold for the current meeting for a gross income of \$27,000.



*Welcome by Dr. John Noordsy, local arrangements director.*



*Mrs. Amstutz*



*Mrs. Lloyd  
Ladies Events Organizers*



*Mrs. Noordsy*

**Dr. David Bechtol, chairman, Food and Drug Committee, reminded veterinarians that drug availability was one of the most critical issues facing them and encouraged them to become acquainted with the issues.**

**Officers for 1978 included:**

President	Dr. James Jarrett, Rome, GA
President-Elect	Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, KS
Vice President	Dr. David Bechtol, Canyon, TX
Exec. Secretary/Treasurer	Dr. Harold Amstutz (re-elected)
AVMA Delegate	Dr. Leland Allenstein, Whitewater, WI



*Dr. David Bechtol*

**Directors**

District III	Dr. Herbert Lloyd, Clewiston, FL
District IV	Dr. James Hanson, St. Paul, MN (re-elected)
District IX	Dr. John Simons, Torrington, WY
District XII	Dr. Neil Anderson, Cheltenham, Ont., CAN

In presenting the gavel to Dr. James Jarrett, retiring President Robert Harris stated:

**If I can say anything at this time that I hope will be remembered, it is that the future of this organization is in the Board of Directors. When your district has an opportunity to elect a director, please continue to give it your considered judgement and cast a vote for a member with judgement, integrity, energy, and one who will give the needed time for the good of bovine medicine.**

Special guests at the Convention were Dr. Jorge Avilia Garcia, President and Dr. Fernando Hidalgo y Teran, Secretary of the forthcoming World Buiatrics Congress in Mexico City in 1978.

Dr. John Noordsy was chairman of the Local Arrangement Committee. Ladies Events were graciously arranged by Mrs. John Noordsy, Mrs. Herb Lloyd and Mrs. Harold Amstutz.

A most enjoyable post-convention tour to the Purina Research Farm, Gray Summit, Missouri was a fitting climax to an outstanding, record breaking Convention. After a tour of the facilities, the group was treated to a sumptuous home-cooked meal followed by the famous Ralston Purina farm show performed entirely by the employees.



*Dr. Jorge Avilia (right) welcoming AABP members to Mexico. Dr. Ben Norman acted as interpreter.*



*Ralston Purina Entertainers*



*Dr. Robert Harris presenting the gavel to Dr. James Jarrett*

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### Dr. Elmer Woelffer Honored

Dr. Elmer Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of AABP during the convention.

According to the AABP by-laws, "*Honorary members shall be those persons who have made noteworthy and outstanding contributions to bovine practice. Unanimous approval of the executive board is required for candidates in this category.*"

Speaking on behalf of the executive board, Dr. Leland Allenstein said it was a unique honor and privilege for him to announce the board's decision at the annual general meeting. Dr. Woelffer is a native of Waterloo, Wisconsin. He received the B.S.A. from the University of Wisconsin in 1922 and the D.V.M. degree from Cornell University in 1931. From 1933-47 he was farms manager and veterinarian for H.P. Hood & Sons, Boston, Mass. He was a member of the faculty at the University of Illinois, 1947-50, and veterinarian and vice president of Pabst Farms in Oconomowoc from 1950 to 1952. For many years Dr. Woelffer has conducted a consultant practice, specializing in bovine infertility. He is well known throughout the dairy cattle world as veterinary editor of *Hoard's Dairyman*.



*Dr. Woelffer with Dr. Allenstein.*

Dr. Woelffer has served on many committees and has received many honors. He has served as president, Certified Milk Producers Association of America; secretary-treasurer, New England Veterinary Association; president and secretary-treasurer, Massachusetts Veterinary Association; served on the State Board of Examiners, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; chairman, AVMA Professional Liability Insurance Trust; member, AVMA Executive Board; past president, Wisconsin VMA; past president, Oconomowoc Rotary Club; member, American College of Theriogenology; Agricultural Advisory Committee, Oconomowoc High School; and member, Waukesha County VMA.

Honors bestowed on Dr. Woelffer include the Champion Herdsman's Award, National Dairy Exposition (3 years), Honorary Chapter Farmer of Oconomowoc FFA, Veterinarian of the Year for Wisconsin VMA in 1966, Distinguished Service Award from the University of Wisconsin College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in 1973, and Man of the Year Award from Tri-State Breeders Coop. in 1976.

*Dr. Woelffer's enormous contributions to the profession and his community are a source of pride to his colleagues everywhere. He joins Dr. James Herriot as the only veterinarians to be elected to honorary membership of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners.*