

1981
14th Annual Convention
Seattle, Washington
December 8-11

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Diagnosis: Challenge and Opportunity

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Seattle — Queen City of the Pacific Northwest, which enjoys the reputation as one of America's "most livable cities," was the venue of the 11th Annual Convention on December 8-11, 1981 in the Park Hilton Hotel.

Dr. Robert Keith was the Program chairman and Dr. Al Wesselius was in charge of the Local Arrangements while members of District XI hosted the meeting. Lynne Glore was the delightful hostess of Spouse Activities while Dr. Reilly Glore spearheaded Special Activities and the Post Convention Seminar.

President Jack Cote welcomed over 500 people to the Annual General Meeting and Luncheon. He introduced Dr. Douglas Blood from Australia and Dr. Jorge Avila and Dr. Octavio Campuzano from Mexico.

Dr. Amstutz reported that as of December 1, the checking account balance was \$64,485.13 and certificates of deposits totaled \$75,721.65. He stated that the AABP membership was 4,500 veterinarians and 1,500 students. Over 1,500 registered for the meeting. Moving the Convention to various parts of the country had encouraged membership and participation although attendance in the far corners of the country had decreased attendance in some cases. Interest in the general scientific sessions was high and in the seminars it was phenomenal.

Dr. Keith remarked, "**No one has complained about not getting his money's worth from the AABP since we have the lowest dues of the veterinary specialty organizations. It is almost unbelievable that we have not had to raise dues (\$15.00) during the past nine years when one considers the severe inflation that has occurred during this period and the increased services the organization has provided.**" (There was a recommendation from the Forward Planning Committee that the dues should be increased, to be discussed at the 1982 summer meeting.)

Editor Eric Williams thanked the Board and members for their support in being awarded the AVMA's XII International Veterinary Congress Prize for 1981.

Plaques were presented to outgoing directors, Drs. Robert Love, Dist. III; Jenks Britt, Dist. IV; Paul Winsor, Dist. VII; and Leon Weaver, Dist. X.

Officers for 1982:

- President: Dr. Robert "Bob" Keith
- President-Elect: Dr. Glen Hoffsis
- Vice-President: Dr. Jenks Britt
- Exec. Sec.-Treas.: Dr. Harold Amstutz (re-elected)

Dr. Lavon Koger gave a brief history of the AABP and named the following pioneers who had founded the organization and contributed so much during the early years of its operation:

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| Dr. Lyle Baker | Dr. Ray Ivie |
| Dr. William Harris | Dr. Charles Ozanian |
| Dr. Ray Bradbury | Dr. George Duby |

Dr. Robert Keith contributed most of this section.

Dr. R.L. Collinson
Dr. Don Master
Brig. Gen. Wayne Kester
Dr. Tom Holland
Dr. Harry Furgeson
Dr. A. W. Krause
Dr. Andy Crawford
Dr. Maurice Weldy
Dr. Don Williams
Dr. Burr Nussdorfer
Dr. A. W. Clower

Dr. Phil Hinze
Dr. Don Spangler
Dr. Francis Fox
Dr. Art Bartenslager
Dr. Vernon Tharp
Dr. Herbert Marsh
Dr. Don Mackey
Dr. Lamb
Dr. George Drewry
Dr. Leach
Dr. Irwin Collinge

Dr. Leo Bustad, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine was the featured speaker at the luncheon and gave an exhilarating address.

Dr. Cote installed Dr. Robert Keith as President for 1982.

Post Convention tours included Carnation Farms and the Snohomish Valley, Cascade Mountains, Snoqualmie Falls and a 3 day Skiing Seminar at Crystal Mountain.

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Endnotes

Dr. Darrel Johnson informed AABP members that Wisconsin dairy farmers were being paid a premium for milk, based on its quality.

The Board approved \$2,500 for the purchase of AABP logo pins, to be sold to the members.

1981 Bovine Practitioner of the Year



L. to R.: Mr. Dobbertin, President J. Cote, Dr. and Mrs. Bechtol and Dr. Allenstein.

Dr. David T. Bechtol, Canyon, Texas was named the 1981 Bovine Practitioner of the Year. The Award was sponsored by Diamond Laboratories, Inc. with selection based on professional reputation, quality and competence of practice, activities in organized Veterinary medicine, contributions to the livestock industry and to continuing education within the profession.

Mr. Warren Dobbertin, President, Diamond Laboratories presented Dr. Bechtol with a commemorative plaque and a diamond ring.

Dr. Allenstein, chairman of the Awards Committee read a citation which stated that the recipient was born in Amarillo, Texas. He received a B S. degree in 1964 and the D.V.M. degree in 1965 from Texas A & M University. During Dr. Bechtol's 16 years of practice, he has made remarkable contributions to organized veteri-

nary medicine, the practice of food animal medicine, education, research, the national livestock industry and civic affairs in his home community.

Dr. Bechtol was engaged in practice at Amarillo, Texas for a year and then established a practice in Dimmitt, Texas with emphasis on cattle and swine consultation. In 1975 he sold his practice and then organized a feedlot consulting practice in Canyon, Texas. In 1979, Dr. Bechtol founded the Palo Duro Veterinary Services, Agri-research Division to pursue his interests in food animal medicine research. He is a past-president of AABP, past-president and chairman of the Food and Drug Committee, Texas VMA and a member of the AVMA Drug Availability Committee. He is a member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the National Cattlemen's Association.

Further information on the Award and Dr. Bechtol was published in the Proceedings, p. viii.

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New Award

AABP Awards for Excellence



L to R: President Jack Cote, Thomas McClintock, Ms. Francine Witkowsky, Dr. Lee Allenstein.

AABP Awards for excellence in preventive veterinary medicine, sponsored by MSD-AGVET Division of Merck & Co., Inc. Rahway, NJ, were announced during the recent convention in Seattle.

Purpose

The AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine will recognize member practitioners who have developed outstanding preventive medicine programs for their clients in beef or dairy production.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners and MSD-AGVET, through creating of these awards, can formally recognize the value of preventive medicine and the outstanding efforts of AABP members.

The information gathered on management techniques will provide a continuing wealth of new ideas about planning, program design and implementation of preventive programs. Sharing this information can benefit all AABP members in the years ahead.

The Awards

Because of differences in management goals and needs AABP and MSD AGVET will present *two* awards each year: one award will be given to recognize an outstanding program for beef production. The second award will honor a program designed for dairy production.

Each award consists of: A \$1,500 general scholarship contribution to be made by MSD-AGVET in the name of the award recipient to his/her veterinary college of choice; and, a specially designed bronze plaque in bas-relief. The plaque will feature a limited edition casting symbolizing the concept of preventive veterinary medicine.

The awards will be presented to the winners each year at the AABP Annual Meeting.

Entry Criteria

All entrants must be practicing veterinarians and AABP members in good standing.

All entries will be judged solely on the description, accounts and merit of the programs, and based on the information contained in, and/or accompanying, the final entry form. An anonymous judging panel, to be selected by the AABP Board of Directors, will receive all entries. Decision of the judges will be final.

Nomination Procedure

Any AABP member may nominate a practicing veterinarian or group practice. Nominators should submit a preliminary entry form to the District Representative of the AABP Board of Directors.

For more detailed information, the District Representative will then send a final entry form to the nominated veterinarian or practice. The completed final entry form and any other supporting material should then be mailed to: Harold E. Amstutz, DVM, AABP Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Box 2319, West Lafayette, Indiana 47906.

Entry Deadline

All final entries must be received by the Executive Secretary's office by September 1.



President and Mrs. Jack Cote



*Dr. and Mrs.
John Winkler*



