



**XIIIth World Association for Buiatrics Congress**  
**Durban, South Africa**  
**September 17-21, 1984**

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Over 1000 veterinarians, spouses, exhibitors and guests from 23 countries attended the XIII World Association for Buiatrics Congress in Durban, South Africa on September 17-21, 1984.

The Congress was held in collaboration with the South Africa Veterinary Association and the South Africa Rural Practitioner Group. Professor R. I. Coubrough was the Scientific Program Chairman and Dr. Issy Bacher was Chairman of the Organizing Committee. A South African Small Animal Satellite Symposium was also held.

Dr. Harold Amstutz retired as President, WAB having served for 12 years. He was made Honorary President. He was succeeded by Dr. Jacques Espinasse, Toulouse, France who presented Dr. Amstutz with a Medal of Honor.

Dr. Eli Mayer, WAB Vice President presented the Keynote Address which was a masterly review of the role of the bovine practitioner. (See pgs. xxiv-xxx for the full text of his presentation.)

The Congress Program focussed on the problem of the individual animal being seen in the context of the whole herd with veterinary involvement being integrated into a planned management program aimed at efficiency of production within acceptable economic bounds. Over 190 papers were presented with simultaneous translation in four languages.

A Post-Convention tour was arranged by Mrs. Judy Samuelson, International Tours, Manhattan, Kansas. They included a visit to a Zulu village (with a witch doctor), Sabi Sabi game reserve, golf at Swaziland. The tour then traveled cross country to Johannesburg and visited a gold mine and a veterinary clinic.

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**Endnotes**

Since the Irish delegation had to leave before the closing ceremony, Dr. Eric Williams invited everyone to the XIV World Buiatrics Congress in Dublin, Ireland on August 26-30, 1986. He remarked, "Mr. President, Dr. Coubrough and my noble colleagues from across the globe. Our friends from Ireland ran out of whisky so they left early to go home to prepare a lot more for the party they are planning for us in two years' time. I invite you to Dublin fair city, where the girls are so pretty—and the men are not so bad, either! The streets, broad and narrow will echo with a thousand welcomes for you, or as they say in Ireland, *céad míle fáilte*."

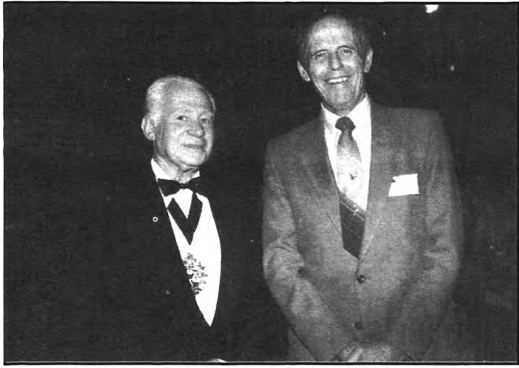


*Dr. Issy Bacher*



*Prof. R. I. Coubrough*





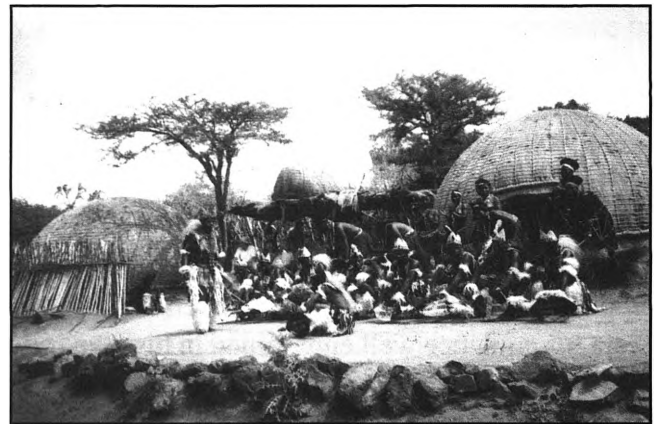
*The Mayor of Durban with Dr. Robert Phillips, first veterinarian astronaut.*



*Hostesses*



*Zulus with witch doctor*



*Zulu village*



*Safari*



*Golf at Swaziland*