

1988  
21st Annual Convention  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada  
September 28 - October 1

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*Preparing and selling yourself in a time of changing bovine practice-working smarter not harder.*

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**Calgary - A City on the Move, home of the Calgary Stampede, Winter Olympics and adjacent to the beautiful Canadian Rockies was a delightful setting for our Convention - and the ladies were particularly happy that it had been moved away from December which was much too close to Christmas!**

The Theme for this year's Convention reflected the charge that the Program Committee gave the speakers - in that the continuing education needs were being addressed in a direct and forthright manner with sessions and seminars designed to meet not only the scientific and technical requirements of practice but the business aspects as well. There were 20 pre-convention seminars. There was also a Hands-on demonstration of the Rumen Injector - a new concept in anthelmintic administration.

Pre-convention tours included Western Breeders, a large A. I. Centre active in the export of semen and frozen embryos; Ultra Holsteins owned by the Chalack family (*tour sponsored by Alberta Agriculture*). Thiessan Farms and Western Feedlots at Strathmore, Alberta with 30-40,000 feedlot calves and yearlings a year, with an integrated computer health record system (*tour sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim (Canada) Ltd. Coopers Agropharm (Canada) Ltd., MSD AGVET*).

The Convention was launched in style with a Calgary Welcome Round-up. Following a get-acquainted or re-acquainted reception, Local Arrangements Director Gordon Atkins welcomed everyone, with AABP President Don Hudson and Dr. Bruce Grahm, President, Alberta V.M.A. also extending their greetings.

**AABP's first research assistantship award was presented to Dr. Terry Bowersock, a former dairy practitioner from Wisconsin.** Dr. Bowersock, who received the \$9750.00 scholarship, was currently at the University of Tennessee, working on "the production of antibodies to specific antigens of *P. haemolytica* and evaluation of their ability to enhance phagocytosis by bovine macrophages and prevent leukocyte death when exposed to *P. haemolytica*."

Calgary Alderman Don Hardman provided the crowning touch by performing the traditional White Hat Ceremony - to the officers and the editors.

Following a 'round up' after a mock gun fight, the guest speaker, Dr. James Blakely, a famous humorist from Wharton, Texas provided an evening of laughter with his humor, wit and down-to-earth intellect under his theme "you should take your job seriously but not yourself."

The Social highlight was provided at a Round-up Centre, Stampede Park with a meal including premium Alberta beef. Entertainment was provided by Corelie Keller, winner of the 1986 Canadian Amateur Country Music Entertainment Award and her band, "One Horse Town." Several AABP Directors participated in mini chuckwagon races.

Tours included sight-seeing in Calgary, including the 1988 Winter Olympics Stadium, Fort Calgary; Stampede Park and Heritage Park on Glenmore Lake, with lunch at the Olympic Saddledome; the Tyrell Museum of Paleontology which includes a 50 million dollar world class dinosaur museum.

A tour to Banff on Friday and to Banff and Lake Louise on Sunday captured the majesty of the Canadian Rockies.

Dr. Don Hudson, President called the Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting to order on Saturday, October 1. Greetings from the Canadian VMA were brought by Dr. Edward Shacklady, President and former AABP District Director.

Dr. Amstutz stated, "our financial status is great and membership increased 300 to 5000 on the present rolls."

Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, Chairman, presented the proposed revised bylaws. They were approved with "Audit" being replaced by "Compiled financial report."

Dr. Robert Keith, Monroe, WI was elected to a 3 year term as AABP Delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates.

**Officers for 1989**

- President: Dr. Keith Sterner
- President-Elect: Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann
- Vice President: Dr. David McClary
- Exec. Sec. Treas: Dr. Harold Amstutz

**Directors elected or re-elected**

- District 2: Dr. Jerome Harness, Greencastle, PA
- District 5: Dr. Jacob Hines, Oxford, WI
- District 8: Dr. David Morris, College Station, TX
- District 11: Dr. Reilly Glore, Montesano, WA

**Appreciation plaques were presented to outgoing Directors**

- District 5: Dr. Roland Jeans
- District 8: Dr. Joseph Wright
- District 11 : Dr. Erich Studer
- President Hudson installed Dr. Keith Sterner as President for 1988-89

**Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award**



*Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Atkins receiving the award from President Don Hudson. Also present were Dr. Ted Shacklady, President Canadian VMA (left) and Dr. George Hausman, (Syntex Animal Health).*

**Dr. Gordon Atkins became the first Canadian to receive the Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award.** Initiated by Diamond Laboratories, and now sponsored by Syntex Animal Health, the award was presented by Dr. Donald Hudson and Syntex representative, Dr. George Hausman.

Dr. Atkins grew up on a farm west of Calgary. He received the D.V.M. degree from Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan in 1972. He joined the staff of the Moore and Co. Veterinary Clinic which has grown to a 7 veterinarian group.

Dr. Atkins has shared in the writing of a monthly veterinary column for a dairy publication for several years. He is an internationally known judge of Holstein cattle. He represented District 13 on the AABP Board of Directors and was chairman of the Nutrition Committee. Active in 4-H work he has served as judge for Achievement Days and Judging Schools for many Albert 4-H Clubs. He was a Senior Associate Director of the Calgary Exhibition Stampede Board.

Dr. Atkins and his wife Jo Ann have 3 children.

*For further information on the award and recipient, please refer to the Proceedings, p. xvi-xvii.*

## AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

### Dairy Program Award



*Dr. Keith Sterner presenting the Award for Excellence, Dairy Program, to Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann and his wife, Joanne. Also present Dr. John Malcolm (MSD-AGVET).*

**Dr. Thomas J. Fuhrmann, Tempe, AZ, received the Dairy Award.**

Born on a dairy farm in Wisconsin he received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota in 1974. His practice in Tempe provides service for only 14 clients with a very large number of animals, with preventive medicine based on the application of sound production, management and programs tailored to individual client needs, targeted to reproductive, quality milk, replacement heifer and vaccination programs. He is current Chairman of the USAHA Mastitis Committee and an Executive Board member of the National Mastitis Council.

### Beef Program Award



*The Award for Excellence, Beef cattle program presented to Dr. Delbert Miles, center, by Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann and Dr. John Malcolm (MSD-AGVET).*

**Dr. Delbert G. Miles, Greeley, CO, was the recipient of the Beef Program Award.**

A native of Marshall, Missouri, Dr. Miles received the DVM degree in 1966 from the University of Missouri and the MS degree from Kansas State University in 1970. He conducted a feedlot consulting practice. Later, he served as National Sales Manager for a large pharmaceutical company. Since 1984 he has been a consultant for large commercial feedlots and pharmaceutical companies.

*Further information on the Awards and the recipients was published in the Proceedings, pgs. xviii and xix.*



*Harold Case, manager, Frontier Printers with Editor Eric Williams. (Mr. Case died in 1988 and the company was purchased by Mr. Rudy Bittle.)*

