

1991  
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September 18-21

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*Go for the Magic in Orlando*

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**Browsing through the exhibits, meeting old friends and many new ones including Mickey and Minnie Mouse—such was the scene at the sumptuous reception before the Opening Ceremony.**

Pre-convention Seminars were in even greater demand including ration formulation on the microcomputer, “Channel 6 wants to talk to you” on how to deal with the media. Co-sponsored by the Monsanto Company, a spouse’s role in wealth accumulation and management and the magic of Ming (Chinese) cooking.

At the crack of dawn on Wednesday, several registrants left by bus for Okeechobee to visit two dairies and a cow-calf operation. Davie Dairy had 2000 cows in a free-stall operation while Larson Dairies had 12,000 cows in 6 operations in loafing-type barns. The Williamson Cattle Company is an ultra progressive cow-calf operation of Angus X Lassiter Beefmaster cattle.

At the Opening Ceremony, our honorary hosts, Mickey and Minnie Mouse were introduced who invited everyone to a meeting of fun and academic enrichment. Dr. J. W. Fawcett, Miami, President, brought greetings from the Florida VMA. Mr. Larry Lynch, Executive Director, was also present.

**The AABP Research Assistantship was awarded to Dr. Linda Baker, University of Pennsylvania for her project, “Milk urea nitrogen as a metabolic indicator of protein feeding efficiency in lactating dairy cattle.”**

Believing that people can laugh and learn at the same time, humorist Charley Willey entertained the large audience with wit, wisdom and many delightful anecdotes.

The spouse hospitality reception on Thursday evening, arranged by Gatz and Kay Riddell featured Bob Morris in “Welcome to Florida—How soon will you be leaving?” A columnist for *The Orlando Sentinel* from Miami he shared a humorous and irreverent look at the melting pot that is becoming the Sunshine State and some of the visitors that besiege it from all over the world. Spouse tours visited Universal Studios, Tiffany at Winter Park, Cypress Gardens and behind the scenes at the Walt Disney World Resort, plus group trips to the world famous, breath-taking Epcot Center.

Over 600 registrants were bussed to Sea World of Orlando on Friday evening, which was specially opened for the occasion, arranged by Dr. Deke Buesse, staff veterinarian, which included a delicious barbecued beef and chicken meal. They enjoyed a good laugh as sea lions Clyde and Seamore took a slightly off-center look at life, followed by the one and only Shamu in the Shamu Night Magic Show.

President David McClary presided over the Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting. Lunch tickets were included in the registration packet and members were requested to sit at the tables marked for their districts.

**Greetings were brought by AVMA President-Elect L. Everett Macomber, Centralia, Washington. Dr. Pierre Lekeux, Liege, Belgium, Secretary of the World Association for Buiatrics also spoke and referred with enthusiasm to the joint AABP-WAB Congress in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1992.**

Editor Eric Williams informed the members that *The Bovine Practitioner* was now being mailed to 50 countries. Treasurer Roland Jeans presented a budget totaling \$632,500 for 1991-92.

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Dr. Lawrence Heider, District 4 Director had resigned because of his appointment as Dean of the Atlantic Veterinary College, Prince Edward Island, Canada.

**District election results were:**

- District 2: Dr. Jerome Harness, re-elected
- District 5: Dr. Jacob Hines, re-elected
- District 8: Dr. Robert Corbett, re-elected
- District 11: Dr. Reilly Glore, re-elected

**Officers for 1991-92**

- President: Dr. Gordon A. Atkins
  - President-Elect: Dr. Darrel E. Johnson
  - Vice President: Dr. Reilly Glore
- Dr. McClary passed the gavel to Incoming President Gordon Atkins.

**Bovine Practitioner of the Year**



*Dr. Keith Sterner receiving the award from Dr. George Hausman, left, Syntex Animal Health representative and President David McClary.*

**Dr. Keith Sterner, Ionia, Michigan was named the 1991 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.**

Dr. Sterner received the DVM degree from Michigan State University (MSU) in 1969. He served in the military for two years. He returned to Ionia and became the co-owner, along with his father, Dr. Edward Sterner of an eight-person practice. (Dr. Sterner, Sr. was the first recipient of the Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award in 1979.)

Dr. Sterner is a former Director (District 4) and a Past President of AABP. During his presidency he led a delegation of AABP members to Washington and met with numerous government and industry officials. He has represented the AVMA and AABP with testimony before a House subcommittee on the Veal Protection Act. Dr. Sterner was very active in the attempt to reduce the practitioner's legal dilemma faced under Extra-label Drug Use Policy. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from MSU this year.

*Further information on the Award and Dr. Sterner was published in the Convention Proceedings, p. xiv.*

## Distinguished Service Award



*Dr. John Dahl and his wife, Dorothy, receiving the award from Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann, 1989-90 AABP President.*

### **The 1991 Recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was Dr. John C. Dahl, Madison, Wisconsin.**

Dr. Dahl received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota in 1956. His long professional career has had a major impact on the profession and the dairy industry. During his fifteen years in a dairy practice in Clintonville, WI he was a pioneer in mastitis control and perceived the importance of milking machine function in mastitis. He left practice and rose to President and General Manager of DEC International. More recently, he became Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Dahl is well known as a dynamic speaker.

## Award of Excellence



*Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Leslie receiving the award from Dr. Noel Laing, American Cyanamid representative and AABP President David McClary.*

### **Dr. Kenneth E. Leslie, Guelph, Ontario, Canada was presented the 1991 Award of Excellence.**

Dr. Leslie received the DVM degree from Ontario Veterinary College in 1974. He was engaged in bovine practice in Brampton, Ontario until 1977 when he returned to his alma mater and received the Master of Theriogenology degree in 1981 and has served in the farm service ambulatory practice at the College ever since. Dr. Leslie represented District 12 on the AABP Board from 1983 to 1989. He has served on numerous committees and is a Past President of Ontario VMA and as a director of the National Mastitis Council. He is currently the Program Director of Guelph's ground-breaking Dairy Health Management Certificate Program—a two year course in dairy production medicine.

*Further information on the recipients and the Awards was published in the Proceedings, p. x and p. xii.*

## AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

### Beef Program Award



*Dr. and Mrs. Conrad Ferreira receiving the award from AABP Vice President Darrel Johnson, left, and Dr. Jay Brown, MSD-AGVET representative.*

**The 1991 Beef Program Award was presented to Dr. Conrad Ferreira, Cottonwood, California.**

Dr. Ferreira received the DVM degree from Washington State University in 1945 and has been engaged in bovine practice in California ever since. In 1967 he established a mixed practice in Cottonwood, CA, located in the largest livestock auction market in the heart of beef cattle country. He has run preventive medicine programs in several western states in over 40 ranches, ranging from 300 to over 8,000 cows. Recently his male fertility preventive program encompassed examinations of over 2000 bulls.

### Dairy Program Award



*Dr. and Mrs. David Reed receiving the award from Dr. Jay Brown, MSD-AGVET representative, right, and AABP President-Elect Gordon Atkins.*

**Dr. David A. Reed, Hazel Green, Wisconsin received the 1991 Dairy Program Award.**

A native of Harrisville, Rhode Island, he received the DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1973. He joined a 5 person practice, mainly dairy, in Hazel Green. He became interested in mastitis control and began some consulting for neighboring practices and for milking machine companies. In 1987 he sold his interest in the practice and established his own in Hazel Green where he had a group of nine herds on complete herd health programs. Dr. Reed and Dr. Andy Johnson have established a speciality seminar entitled *The Professional Approach to Quality Milk Production*.

*For more information on the Awards and recipients, please refer to the Convention Proceedings, p. xiii.*

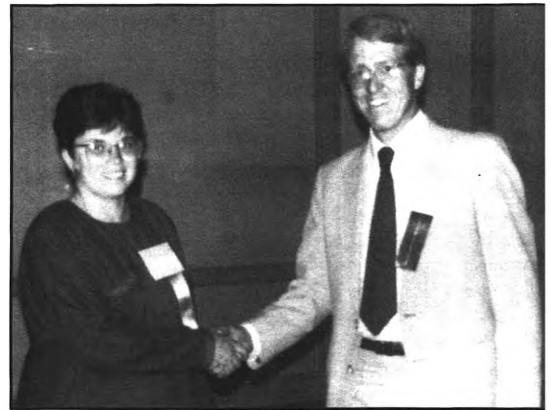


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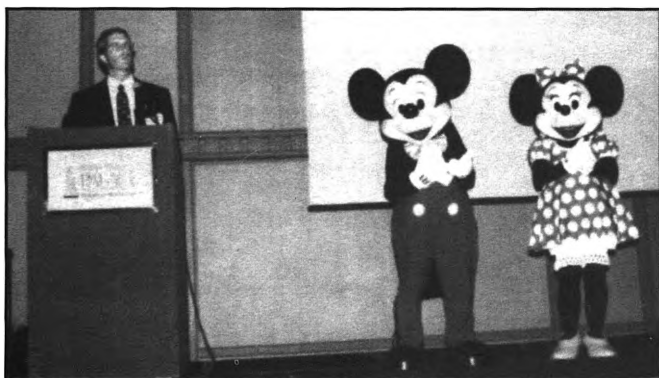
*Dr. Harold Amstutz, Dr. Pierre Lekeux, Secretary WAB  
President David McClary*



*AABP Research Assistant recipient Dr. Linda Baker  
receiving her award from Dr. Wadsworth.*



*Planning Session for the 1992 Congress*



*Dr. Gatz Riddell, Jr., local arrangements chairman,  
introducing Mickey and Minnie Mouse.*



*See you in St. Paul!*