

1992 XVIIth World Buiatrics Congress 25th AABP Annual Conference St. Paul, Minnesota August 31 – September 4

Challenges of the Bovine Industry in the Twenty-first Century

All of us involved in planning this conference are truly pleased to arrive at the moment we can greet you in St. Paul. For us, and I hope, for you this is truly a "Great Day."

With these opening remarks Dr. Darrel Johnson, Program Chairman and AABP President-Elect, set the mood for an outstanding event. There followed a very spectacular musical production including "A Great Day", "From This Moment On" and "Around the World" during which flag bearers marched on stage with flags from several countries, each being announced as it came on stage. This was followed by a Children's Choir led by Miss Dawn McArthur, a very talented eight-year-old who sang "It's a Small World".

AABP President Gordon Atkins brought greetings from the Association, stating:

"AABP is delighted to have the honor of hosting this historic event which marks our 25th anniversary." (The full text of Dr. Atkins' remarks was published in the Post-Convention Proceedings, p. vi.)

A highlight of the Congress was the presentation of the Dr. Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Award to Dr. Harold Amstutz and the Pfizer Award to Dr. Joe Brownlie, Compton, England.

The most enjoyable evening closed with an entertainment feature produced by the Old Log Theatre Group, directed by Don Stotz, Sr.

Social events opened with a reception at the St. Paul's Civic Center on Tuesday afternoon. It was an unique opportunity to meet WAB colleagues from near and far. On Wednesday evening, the "Dinner and Dancing on the Mississippi River aboard an Authentic Paddle wheeler" (The Jonathan Padleford) recaptured the thrills of a 19th century cruise. The outstanding social event, however, was "An Evening of Entertainment with Tony Sandler and Bob and The Beachcombers", with dinner music provided by pianist Greg Theisen.

For the first time, a golf tournament was included on the AABP Convention schedule. It was held at the Burl Oak Country Club and participants came from several countries. The ladies low gross score winner was Mrs. Coreen Keith while Dr. Luc Des Coteaux, Guelph, Ontario, Canada won the men's trophy.

Tour activities were off to a great start with a visit to the Antique Machinery Show and "Threshing Bee" on Sunday, August 30. Visits to the Minnesota State Fair were arranged on several days, also to the Minnesota Twins - New York Yankees baseball game. There were also tours of the Twin Cities, and a day-long visit to Amish Country at Harmony with a traditional Amish lunch, served family style; a day-long tour to the Cenet/Land o' Lakes and field service teaching dairy herds with Dr. John Anderson, Field Services Clinician, College of Veterinary Medicine as tour director. A scenic deluxe coach trip to Rochester took participants to the Olmstead Historic Museum and Mayowood - the house of the Mayo's built in 1910.

The final tour went to the College of Veterinary Medicine and a tour of the Large Animal and Small Animal Clinics and the Animal Science Dairy Barn.

WAB President J. Espinasse presided over the WAB Board Meeting on Wednesday evening and the General Assembly on Friday morning (same agenda). Dr. Pierre Lekeux, Secretary-Treasurer reported that 160 oral and 60 poster presentations were made on a wide variety of topics, plus 23 specialized seminars on health and production management. He stated that the WAB had a balance of 352.86 Belgian franks on August 1, 1992.

Applications for membership in WAB were received from Slovenia, Egypt, Spain and Maroc builtrics societies and approved. Honorary membership was bestowed on Dr. R. Dubois, Brazil, honorary Vice President, and Drs. S. Cakala, Poland, R. Coubrough, S. Africa, U. Dirksen, Germany and Eric Williams, USA. Note: In accordance with the policy established by the WAB Executive Board, the host country is responsible for supplying funds to the WAB for its financial operation during the next two years. This sum of \$5,000 (U.S. dollars) was presented to WAB at the close of the Congress.

The AABP Annual Business and Awards Luncheon Meeting was held on Friday with President Gordon Atkins in charge. Dr. James Hanson, Local Arrangements Coordinator presided over the presentation of two prints donated by 3-M Animal Care Products. The winners were Dr. David Cupps, Cassville, MO and Mrs. Ruth Radostits, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Treasurer Roland Jeans stated that the ending balance on June 30, 1992 was \$484,145. The budget for 1992-93 was set at \$740,200.

Congress Director Harold Amstutz announced a new record attendance with 1261 veterinarians, 341 accompanying persons, 449 exhibitors, 44 students, 16 Press representatives and 13 guests - a total of 2,097. He also recognized Editor Eric Williams' hard work and service. Due to illness, he (and Mary) were unable to attend the meeting. To celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, all present joined Dr. Amstutz in offering them a "milk toast".

Appreciation plaques for retiring directors were presented to Dr. Duane Rice (District 9) and Dr. Reilly Glore (District 11). Dr. Everett Macomber, AVMA President spoke about the AVMA legislative initiative to amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to allow extra-label drug use by veterinarians under specific conditions.

Honorary Membership in AABP was conferred on Dr. Vernon Tharp, Columbus, Ohio; and Dr. John Noordsy, Manhattan, Kansas, former Presidents of the AABP.

Directors elected or re-elected

District 3 - Dr. Gatz Riddell (re-elected)

District 4 - Dr. Kent Ames

District 6 - Dr. Andy Overby (re-elected)

District 9 - Dr. Del Miles

District 11 - Dr. Mike Anderson

District 12 - Dr. Deborah Stark (re-elected)

Dr. Robert Keith was re-elected AVMA Delegate



Dr. Delbert G.
Miles



Dr. Michael J. Anderson



Dr. N. Kent Ames

Following the presentation of awards, President Gordon Atkins addressed the members and focussed on several issues facing the AABP, such as a replacement for Dr. Amstutz when he retires and the securing of a new permanent AABP office.

Dr. Atkins installed Dr. Darrel Johnson as President for 1992-93 who also addressed the members under the subheading of Veterinary Concerns and Veterinary Interests.

He paid tribute to Dr. Andy Overby and Dr. James Hanson for their outstanding work on local arrangements. (The full texts of President Atkins and new President Darrel Johnson were published in the Post-Convention Proceedings, pgs. xv - xvii.)

Endnotes

The joint meeting of AABP and WAB was held earlier than usual for AABP in order to meet the WAB usual schedule earlier in the year.

Editor Eric Williams completed the 3-volume Proceedings just in time for distribution at the Congress, in accordance with WAB custom. However, owing to ill health, requiring surgery he was not able to attend the Congress. Mr. Rudy Bittle, President, Frontier Printers, brought the Proceedings by van to St. Paul in time for the meeting.

AABP Amstutz-Williams Award



Dr. Matthew Stöber (center) receives the Amstutz-Williams Award from Drs. Harold Amstutz (left) and Leland Allenstein.

The AABP Amstutz-Williams Award reached international dimensions when it was presented to Prof. Dr. Matthew Stober, Hannover, Germany.

Born in Hirschberg, Silesia, from 1949 to 1953 he studied veterinary medicine at Hannover and finished in France where he received the DVM degree in 1954 at L'Ecole Nationale Veterinaire d' Alfort. In 1955 he started his career at the Hannover Cattle Clinic. He succeeded Prof. Dr. Gustav Rosenberger at Head of the Clinic in the early 1970s. He has published over 200 Scientific papers and was the co-author and co-editor of *Diseases of Cattle* and *Clinical Examination of Cattle*. He served as Secretary of WAB from 1977-1988 and has received numerous scholastic honors.

(Further information on the Award and the recipient was published in the Post-Convention Proceedings, p. x)

Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Jenks Britt (right) receives the AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award from Dr. George Hausman of Syntax Animal Health, Inc.

Dr. Jenks Britt, Russellville, Kentucky was named the 1992 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

In presenting the Award, President Atkins paid glowing tribute to Dr. Britt's contributions to AABP and dairy practice. Raised on a farm near Bowling Green, KY, he was a delegate to the 33rd 4-H National Conference in Washington, D.C. in 1963. He received the DVM degree from Auburn University in 1970. In 1972 he became a partner and co-owner of Logan County Animal Clinic where he had been an associate veterinarian for two years. Dr. Britt has served in the AVMA Extra Label Drug Usage Task Force and is a former President of AABP.

(For more information, please refer to the Post-Convention Proceedings, p. xviii & xvix.)

AABP Research Assistantship Award



Dr. Francis Taylor (left) receives the AABP Research Assistantship Award from Dr. Stephen Wadsworth, selection committee chairman.

Dr. Francis Taylor, Department of Medicine and Theriogenology, Western College of Veterinary Medicine University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada received the \$10,000 AABP Research Assistantship Award for his project, "The Association between Virology and Seriological Evidence of BVDV Infection and Disease in a Western Canadian Feedlot."

AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. David McClary (left), AABP past president, presents Dr. Lawrence Hutchinson with the AABP Distinguished Service Award.

The 1992 recipient of the AABP Distinguished Service Award was Dr. Lawrence J. Hutchinson, College Park, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Hutchinson received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1962. Following 14 years in practice he joined the Veterinary Science Department, Penn State University. He has organized and conducted numerous Continuing Education courses for producers and veterinarians and published several papers in referred journals. He was chairman, AABP Continuing Education Committee for 5 years. He has won a number of awards for his C.E. work.

AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Roger Saltman (left) presents the American Cyanamid Award of Excellence to Dr. Jeffrey Reneau.

The 1992 AABP Award of Excellence, sponsored by American Cyanamid was presented to Dr. Jeffrey K. Reneau, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dr. Reneau received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota on 1976. He was in private practice until 1979 when he joined the Animal Science Department at his alma mater. He became an excellent communicator between practice and research and between the Veterinary College and the Animal Science Department. He has been a major leader in the National Mastitis Council for many years and has been a key person in designing the Minnesota DHI Somatic Cell Summary Chart. Dr. Reneau served as chairman, AABP Mastitis Committee. He is a prolific writer of scientific papers and has presented numerous lectures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

(Further information on the above awards and recipients was published in the Post-Convention Proceedings, p. xx & xxiii - xxiv.)

MSD AgVet AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Dairy Program Award



Dr. John Ferry and his wife, receiving the AABP Award for Excellence in Veterinary Preventive Medicine from Dr. Jay Brown.

The 1992 recipient of this Award was Dr. John Ferry, Belleville, New York.

Dr. Ferry is a 1977 graduate of the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University. He is the owner of a four veterinarian mixed practice in Adams, Jefferson County, N.Y. Dr. Ferry is an innovative leader in production medicine and an avid proponent of client education. He has authored a veterinary column in **American Agriculturalist** since 1983 and has covered mastitis control, replacement heifer management, animal welfare, drug residues, quality assurance and other topics. He is a member of the National Mastitis Council.

(Editor's Note: Dr. Ferry is the District One Director, AABP)

Beef Program Award



Dr. Craig Rowan, accompanied by his wife, accepts the Award for Excellence.

The 1992 Beef Program Award was presented to Dr. Craig Rowan, Weiser, Idaho.

Dr. Rowan received the V.M.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1948. He established in Weiser where he is still practicing in a 5 person practice. He was in the forefront of preventive medicine in beef and dairy cattle and has made pregnancy examinations on thousands of cattle in Idaho and Oregon. Dr. Rowan started doing surgical embryo implants in beef cattle in 1973 and continues to do non-surgical embryo collection and implants. Dr. Rowan's wife is also a veterinarian. (More information on the beef and dairy awards and the recipients was published in the Post-Convention Proceedings, p. xxi & xxii.)

"By extending our knowledge of the causes and cures of the diseases of domestic animals, we may add greatly to the certainty and usefulness of the profession of medicine, as far as it relates to the human species."

Benjamin Rush, physician, November 2, 1807























