

1996
29th Annual Conference
San Diego, California
September 12-15

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San Diego – A City with a Mission is reputed to have a perfect climate – and this was so true when we gathered for our annual meeting.

For the first time (except for the AABP-WAB Congress) the Proceedings were available at the meeting. Also the numbers of pre-convention seminars had grown so much that they were only listed in the Proceedings (no supporting information).

The annual report on the Convention was published in the 1997 January issue of *The Bovine Practitioner*.

This was the year of a major change in the publications schedule. The Board of Directors had decided that the Journal would be published twice a year, namely January and May, with the Proceedings in September. (There was no further attempt to have the Proceedings available for the annual meeting because of the delay it would cause in mailing to the members who did not attend the meeting.)

Therefore, the *Bovine Practitioner* was published in May, 1996 – there was not enough time to have it published in January and it would have caused problems for book agencies and libraries, etc.

In his President's message in the May issue of the Journal, President Gatz Riddell, Jr. stated that the Board of Directors continued to focus on the Mission Statement of the AABP. He also emphasized that the unapproved use of a feed additive is illegal and could not be condoned.

The Opening Ceremony, according to tradition, followed the hospitality hour. President-Elect Jim Sears who was also the Program chairman, presented appreciation plaques to members of the Program Committee and certificates to retiring committee chairpersons.

Four students received \$500 scholarships from the Harold Amstutz Student Scholarships Fund. Committee Chairman Keith Sterner announced that the scholarships would be increased to \$1,000 next year.

Dr. Tracey Lynn, Washington State University, received a \$3,500 AABP Research Assistantship Scholarship, while Dr. Sarah Lathrop, Columbus, OH received \$5,000 and Dr. Dave Hoffman, Manhattan, KS received \$1,500 from the same fund.

Several company representatives received appreciation plaques for their generous financial support of the annual meeting.

The keynote speaker was Dennis Avery, Hudson Institute whose presentation was entitled, *The Brightest Prospect in the U.S. Livestock History*. The lecture was sponsored by a grant from Roche Animal Nutrition and Health.

(The full text of his address was published in the *Bovine Practitioner*, January, 1997, p. 1-8).

The Board of Directors again hosted the annual reception for students after the Opening Ceremony.

Dr. and Mrs. Gary Daley and their colleagues on the local and social entertainments committee had arranged several tours which included a walk through the Gaslamp District with tea at the Horton Grand Hotel, a boat tour of the natural harbors, California Mission (where San Diego began 200 years ago, Balboa park). A highlight was a trip to Tijuana, Mexico. The final event was a visit to the San Diego Zoo, supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health.

The Public Relations Breakfast hosted by the President, Officers and Directors annually was again well attended (this event in later years was changed to a luncheon).

The Annual Business and Awards meeting was held after breakfast, partly sponsored by West Agro and Rhone Poulenc, President Gatz Riddell presided.

Dr. Rodney Sydenham was recognized for his service as District 12 Director, Dr. Arden Nelson as Nutrition Committee Chairman, Dr. Arnold Hentschl, Chairman of the Pharmaceutical and Biological Committee and Dr. Robert Keith for two terms as the AVMA Delegate.

Dr. Mary Beth Leininger, first woman to serve as AVMA President, emphasized the importance of teamwork, especially in areas of food safety and remarked, "Never before has it been more important to emphasize our commonality".

Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws included an amendment for automatic ascension of the vice-president to president-elect. (See updated copy in the Appendix.)

The best dressed bovine practitioner award was presented to Dr. Heather Bessoff.

Before passing the gavel, President Riddell addressed the members (*a full report was published in the January 1997 issue of The Bovine Practitioner, p. xii*).

President Riddell installed Dr. Deborah Stark, Guelph, Ontario, Canada as President for 1996-97. Dr. Stark became the first woman to hold our highest office.

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Amstutz-Williams Award



President Riddell, accompanied by Dr. Johnson presenting the Award to Dr. and Mrs. Harrington at their home in Raleigh, N.C.

Dr. Ben D. Harrington, Raleigh, North Carolina was the recipient of the Amstutz-Williams Award.

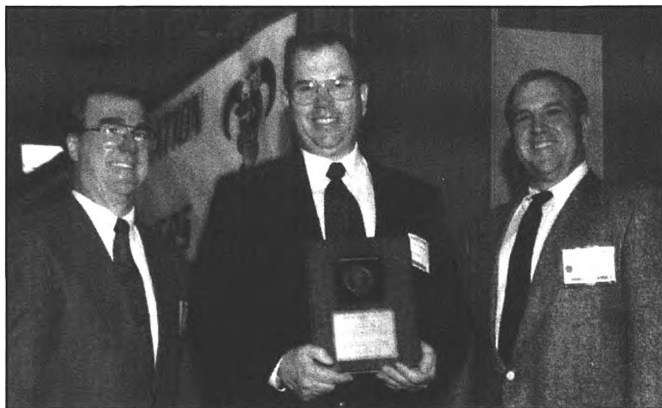
President Gatz Riddell stated: Because of circumstances beyond anyone's control, Dr. Harrington cannot be with us physically this year, even though he's always with us in spirit, I have asked our District 3 Director, Dr. Paul Johnson to accept this award on Dr. Harrington's behalf.

Dr. Harrington served as President of AABP, and on several committees and two terms as AVMA Delegate. He was the 1979 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

The Award was presented to Dr. Harrington at his home in Raleigh by Dr. Gatz Riddell accompanied by several AABP members.

(Further information on the Award and Dr. Harrington was published in the 1997 January issue of The Bovine Practitioner p. xvii-xviii. See also the 1979 Proceedings.)

Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Paul Blackmer receiving the Award from Dr. Leon Weaver, right and Dr. John Schnakel, Fort Dodge representative.

Dr. Paul Blackmer, Chino, California was named the 1996 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

Dr. Blackmer's selection was based on more than two decades of commitment to defining new frontiers and standards of excellence in dairy veterinary practice with the delivery of quality continuing education to producers, dairy employees, veterinary associates and professional colleagues. A native of a New England dairy farm, Dr. Blackmer received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1970. He was the recipient of the Excellence in Preventive Medicine (Dairy) Award in 1983 and has been a long-time faculty member of the AABP Quality Milk Seminar.

(Further information on the award and Dr. Blackmer was published in the 1997 January issue of The Bovine Practitioner.)

AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Hentschl

Dr. Arnold F. Hentschl, Harbor Beach, Michigan received the 1996 Pfizer-AABP Distinguished Service Award.

After graduating from Michigan State University in 1955, he established a mixed practice, with emphasis on dairy and feedlot cattle, at Harbor Beach. He has served as President, Michigan VMA, chairman, AVMA Council on Education and the AVMA Executive Board and a member of the FDA Veterinary Medical Advisory Committee.

P. xx, January, 1997 Bovine Practitioner has more information on the award and Dr. Hentschl. He was unable to receive the award due to a family commitment.

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Medicine

Dairy Program Award



Dr. and Mrs. Brian Gerloff (right) receiving the Award from Dr. Doug Carithers and Dr. Pam Ruegg.

Dr. Brian Gerloff, Marengo, Illinois was the recipient of the 1996 MSD-AgVet Award for Excellence in Dairy Preventive Medicine.

Dr. Gerloff received the DVM degree from Michigan State University in 1978. After a residency at his alma mater, he returned to Marengo and opened a dairy practice, but remained active in research and continuing education. He has served as a module coordinator for the applied nutrition module for the MSU dairy health management certificate program.

Beef Program Award



Dr. Carithers and Dr. Del Miles presenting the Award to Dr. James Sears and Mrs. Sears.

Dr. James Sears, Bridgeport, Nebraska received the 1996 MSD-AgVet Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Medicine.

A 1976 graduate of the University of Missouri, Dr. Sears spent 10 years in a mixed practice in the Sandhills of Nebraska and during the past 10 years he has focused on preventive veterinary medicine for feed-lots. He is a Past-President, Academy of Veterinary Consultants. He served two terms on the AVMA Council for Biologic and Therapeutic Agents and is currently AABP President-Elect.

(Please refer to p. xxi, 1997 January issue of The Bovine Practitioner for further information on the Awards and the recipients.)

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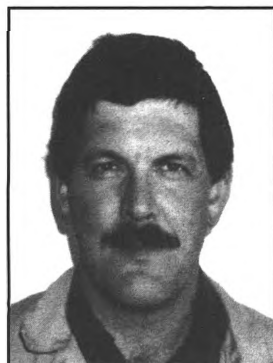
Endnotes

Advertising revenue had become a very important part of our annual income. This year, the Board agreed to appoint Veterinary Learning Systems, Trenton, NJ as our advertising agency. This turned out to be a very profitable move with the price per page increased considerably. Since we were now publishing more papers in color, this brought in many more ads from national and international companies. In addition, the Editor now welcomed papers supported by color photographs, also papers to be peer-reviewed.

The 1996 Proceedings were delivered to San Diego by Mr. Bittle, Frontier Printers.



*Dr. Emile Bouchard,
new director, District 12*



*Dr. Mark Kirkpatrick,
new director, District 6*



Dr. Lesch, Dr. Harrington and Dr. Jarrett

