Welcome to Spokane!

On behalf of the Program Committee and the Board of Directors of the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, we'd like to invite you to join us at the 31st annual conference of the AABP.

The Program Committee has prepared an exciting and innovative program. This year we have departed somewhat from the traditional format of the AABP meetings. The new AABP Clinical Forums on Thursday morning offer the opportunity to discuss subjects of interest to you with an expert and colleagues in a relaxed small group setting. The General Session on the impact of antibiotics on human health will introduce you to a very important issue that may have a tremendous impact on veterinary practice and the availability of antimicrobials for animals. On Saturday morning we will offer a symposium on the food and water issues that may impact your clients' businesses in the coming year. We are also offering a provocative session on practice management issues that can affect your practice. We will have a very interesting lineup of general and split sessions, research topics, and of course the ever-popular practice tips.

Our practice tips this year will lead off with a tribute to Eric and Mary Williams, who have served AABP devotedly for 29 years as our Editor and assistant. They will be retiring from their AABP service after this meeting. Be sure to attend and help us pay tribute to one of our most devoted members and founders!

This year we have planned a social event that we hope all registrants will attend. It will feature a delicious King Salmon barbecue, carnival games, dancing, and auctions to benefit the Amstutz scholarship fund. It will be lots of fun for the whole family, and the ticket price is unbeatable. Be sure to join us!

Spokane is a wonderful convention site. The convention facilities are first-rate and beautiful, on the banks of the Spokane River, across from the rolling hills of Riverside Park. The main hotels and downtown are located within an easy walk from the Convention Center. Spokane is served by many major airlines and is an easy drive for most Western practitioners. Mike Anderson and Greg Ledbetter, the local arrangements chairs, have done a super job of arranging the social events and tours for our group.

Be sure to join us for a lot of fun and great continuing education! See you in Spokane!

Jim Sears
AABP President

Walt Guterbock
Program Chair

Mike Anderson and Greg Ledbetter
Local Arrangements Coordinators

Exhibits

Hours
Thursday, September 24 10:00 AM - 6:45 PM
Friday, September 25 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: Convention Center Exhibit Hall

The exhibit area will provide the veterinarian with an excellent opportunity to meet with providers of biologics, pharmaceuticals, equipment and services applicable to cattle practice. The "Guide to the Exhibits" will feature the telephone and fax numbers of exhibitors for your convenience after the convention.

Exhibits are adjacent to the lecture halls and will have food service areas open during milk/refreshment breaks and luncheons.

A Mixer/Buffer Reception will be held in the exhibit area from 5:15 PM until 6:45 PM on Thursday, September 24. The activity brings veterinarians, sponsors, guests and exhibitors together for a light meal and camaraderie. The ever-popular practice tips will follow the reception.

Bovine Bucks worth $2.00 towards the price of a beverage and sandwich will be given to each registered veterinarian or use during the Thursday and Friday luncheon breaks in the exhibit hall.

Bovine Giveaway

Five practitioners can win $100.00 each by visiting the exhibit area. Bring business cards to deposit in milk cartons at each exhibit booth. Winners will be announced at the AABP registration area on Friday afternoon, September 25. All veterinarians registered at the meeting are eligible to add their cards to the drawing.

Welcoming Reception

Location: Spokane Convention Center Roof Deck Patio
Hosted by the Program Committee

Get oriented with the Convention facility and city, plan your Convention activities and relax and visit at your leisure with friends and colleagues. Members of the Program Committee will be in attendance to answer your questions about the program, as will the tour group, convention bureau, event planner, and local veterinarians. People familiar with Spokane will be there to answer your questions about the city. A cash bar will be open featuring Northwestern wines and local microbrews; soft drinks will be...
New! AABP Clinical Forums

Tired of slide lectures in dark rooms? Got questions you're afraid to ask in front of a crowd? Join your colleagues and an expert moderator in an extended discussion of a topic that really interests you! AABP Clinical Forums allow small groups of members to discuss topics of mutual interest with experts and colleagues. The moderator will bring some material to get the discussion going, but after that the floor is open for you and your colleagues to share questions, advice, experiences, practice tips and war stories! All clinical forums will meet from 10 AM - 12 Noon on Thursday, September 24. All forums have an enrollment limit of 20 and a fee of $20 per participant.

"Attracting and Retaining Associate Veterinarians in Your Practice." Leader: Dr. John Simms, Shippensburg, PA.

"Rational Use of Antimicrobials in Cattle." Leader: Dr. Mike Apley, Iowa State University.

"Surgery in Bovine Practice." Leader: Dr. David Anderson, Ohio State University.

"Obstetrical Problem Solving." Leader: Dr. Grant Frazer, Ohio State University.

"Designing a Vaccination Program." Leader: Dr. Ron Schultz, University of Wisconsin.

"Using Dairycomp 305 to Measure Herd Performance." Leaders: Dr. Connor Jameson, Dr. Steve Eicker, Valley Agricultural Software.

"Using DHIPlus to Measure Herd Performance." Leader: Dr. Stephen Smith, DHI Computing Services.

"Controlling Johne's Disease." Leader: Dr. Michael Collins, University of Wisconsin.

Software Library

Coordinator: Dr. Gale DeJong

The AABP Software Library is composed of freely-copyable software programs. It will be available to members all day, Thursday, September 24. Some of the programs are in the public domain, some are marketed as shareware, and others are demonstration versions of commercially-available software.

Software is chosen to serve a variety of interests: practice management, beef and dairy applications, word processing, statistics, Internet access, and fun subjects. Each program is checked for viruses, compressed, and loaded onto the hard disks of dispensing computers. "Shopping Lists" are provided listing all software available. All software programs are listed alphabetically and by category with a description of their use and application to allow browsing for programs of interest. All browsing is free. To copy programs, diskettes which are pre-formatted and pre-loaded with decompression data must be purchased from a software librarian at a nominal fee. All proceeds from the sale of these diskettes are devoted to the maintenance and growth of the library. Software contributions are continually sought to build library usefulness.

Kings, Rings, and Swing in Spokane

Saturday Evening Social

The Saturday evening social opens at 5:30 PM with a cash bar and silent auction on the Ag Center terrace overlooking Riverfront Park and the Spokane River. At 7:00 PM we will feast on King Salmon under the Big Tent inside the Ag Center. At 8:00 PM we will have a short live auction and then it's time to check out the Midway with its ten exciting games including: test your accuracy at the Ring Toss, test your strength with the sledgehammer and ring the bell or, enjoy the other fun games. Musical accompaniment for the evening will be the Big Band sound of The Don Lawrence Orchestra, an 18-piece band from the Flathead Valley of Montana, devoted to keeping the art of big band music alive. A lifetime of experimentation, hard work, and an overriding obsession with blending modern jazz, swing and orchestral elements has given some of the world's most distinctive and best known melodies a new personality. The band travels with two vocalists and is not supported by grants or corporate gifts, just the hard work, determination, and talent of its members. Simply, great music by a great band. Proceeds from the evening will go to the AABP's favorite charity: the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Fund.

Cost: $30 per adult, $15 for ages 12-18, 11 and under free

Extra tickets for the games will be sold on site

Time: Opens at 5:30 PM on the Terrace

Buffet style food service begins at 7:00 PM

Where: The Ag Center Bays in the Convention Center

This event is supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health, Inc.

Annual AABP Business Meeting and Awards Lunch

12:00 Noon - 2:00 PM, Saturday, September 26

Location: Convention Center Bays 2, 3, & 4

Membership business will be conducted. Highlights are presentation of Bovine Practitioner of the Year and Preventive Medicine Awards. Results of officer elections will be announced.

Student Reception

9:30 PM - 12:30 AM, Thursday, September 24

Location: Bayou Brewery

For the fifth year, the Board of Directors will host a reception for all student AABP members present at the annual convention. Following the Practice Tips Session there will be a student reception at the Bayou Brewery. A buss will provide transportation to and from the reception from 9:30 PM to 12:30 AM; the bus will leave from the front of the Convention Center. We have an area
reserved in this facility for our reception along with hors d'oeuvres and nonalcoholic beverages; the area provides a wide assortment of food, beverage and entertainment venues that will be available on a cash basis.

Veterinary College Faculty
Representative Breakfast
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM, Saturday, September 26, Location: Doubletree Hotel, Suite A

Tours

Tour 1
Fly Fishing Trip

Tour 2
Shopping, Antiques and Social Cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene

Tour 3
Orientation Tour: Featuring Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance," the Cheney Cowles Museum and Lunch at the Patsy Clark Mansion

Tour 4
Jet Boating up the Snake River to Hell's Canyon Tour

Tour 5
Orientation Tour: Featuring Historic Spokane's "Age of Elegance"

Tour 6
Glass Blowing and Wine Tasting Tour

Tour 7
Western Dinner and Spectacular Laser Show on Grand Coulee Dam

Tour 8
Growing Attractions, Green Bluff Orchards Apple Festival, and Latah Creek Winery

Tour 9
The Silver Valley Tour

Seminars

Sem.#  Title
1  Quality Milk Production
2  Dairy Herd Evaluation A Computer Aided Approach
3  Providing a Financial Analysis Service as Part of a Production Medicine Program
4  Decision Aids for Veterinarians to Use with Clientele to Improve Profitability of a Beef Cow-Calf Enterprise
5  Beef Enterprise Analysis
6  Applied Cow-Calf Nutrition
7  Applied Feedlot Nutrition
8  Cattle Markets
9  Embryo Transfer Techniques
10  Embryo Freezing and Thawing with Ethylene Glycol
11  Advanced Embryo Transfer
12  Making Your Practice Work for You!
13  Young Dairy Calf Management
14  Applied Dairy Nutrition and Problem Solving
15  Advanced Nutrition
16  Dry Cow Nutrition
17  Management of Obestetics
18  Marriage Enrichment for Bovine Practitioners
19A Introductory Internet: E-Mail and World Wide Web
19B Introductory Internet: E-Mail and World Wide Web
20  Harnessing Full Power of the Internet and World Wide Web
21  Bovine Lameness
22  Dairy Facilities: Cow Comfort, Expansion and Profitability
23  Johne's Disease: Current Concepts
24  Examination of the Bovine Respiratory System
25  Looking Forward to Practice
26  Using the Numbers to Manage Your Practice Profitability

Date  Sept.  Coordinator
21-23  Dahl
21-23  Fetrow
22-23  Saltman
22  Kasari
23  Hamilton
22-23  Rupp
22-23  Griffin
22  Blach
23  Rowe
23  Wright
22  Robertson
23  Gardner
22-23  Cortese
20-22  Hutjens
21-22  Graham
23  Jordon
23  Drost
22-23  Wetzel
23  Ehrlich
24  Ehrlich
23  Ehrlich
22-23  Shearer
22-23  Bickert
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