

1994
27th Annual Convention
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Information for Today—and Tomorrow

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Pittsburgh's skyline combines traditional and modern architecture at the confluence of three rivers. It developed into a giant industrial complex but now a clean, safe, modern city.

The Opening Ceremony had the usual hospitality hour in the Exhibits Hall where old friendships were renewed and newcomers greeted with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The Ceremony featured a tribute to Dr. Eric Williams for 25 years' service as Editor of *The Bovine Practitioner* and the *Proceedings* in the form of a 15 minute video tape entitled, "The Sun Never Sets on the Bovine Practitioner." It was prepared and narrated by Dr. Harold Amstutz. Dr. Edward Sterner contributed several photographs which were incorporated in the tape. Dr. Williams and his wife, Mary were presented a copy of the tape and an appreciation plaque.

A \$10,000 AABP Research Assistantship was awarded to Dr. Brian Aldridge, University of Wisconsin to support his research project, "*Is functional cellular immunity transferred to calves by colostrum*".

The keynote speaker was Dale Minnick, CSP, Guymon, Oklahoma, a humorist and motivator. He had his audience on edge during his presentation of "Stick, Pick, Hook, Look, Laugh and Pray".

The local arrangements committee organized several attractive tours, including Introduction to Pittsburgh, a visit to Falling Water, Frank Lloyd Wrights' architectural masterpiece, Pittsburgh Zoo and Pittsburgh Aviary, an evening at the Carnegie Science Center, featured by "Yellowstone" shown on a giant screen. Other tours included Tara, a stately mansion, shopping in Amish country and an early morning departure on a special journey into "yesterday" along the enchanted steam and diesel railroad in Kane, PA. Another tour visited America's first Christmas Store which serves as "Santa's Workshop".

The Annual Membership and Business Meeting was preceded by coffee and doughnuts, starting at 7:00 a.m. President Reilly Glore called the meeting to order. Treasurer Roland Jeans stated that the budget for 1994-95 would be \$771,000. There were 1514 registered for the meeting. Dr. Jarrett expressed appreciation to several companies for their support of the Convention (see p. of the *Proceedings* for the list of names). He stated that the headquarters move to Rome had been completed successfully, with the office fully computerized and on electronic mail (Email).

AVMA President Dr. David Barnett brought greetings and stated that allied organizations, such as AABP, are vitally important to the AVMA.

Dr. David Gardiner, Past President, Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians welcomed everyone to the 1998 World Association for Buiatrics Congress in Sydney, Australia.

District Directors Elections

- District 2: Dr. Richard Wilkes, Rocky Mt, VA
- District 3: Dr. Paul Johnson (re-elected)
- District 5: Dr. Ken Nordlund, Madison, WI
- District 8: Dr. Steve Lewis, Hereford, TX
- District 11: Dr. Michael Anderson (re-elected)

Appreciation plaques were presented to retiring Directors Dr. Jacob Hines (5), Dr. Robert Corbett (8) and Dr. Jerome Harness (2).

Officers for 1995-96:

- President: Dr. Robert A. Smith, Stillwater, OK
- President-Elect: Dr. M. Gatz Riddell, Auburn, AL
- Vice President: Dr. Deborah Stark, Guelph Ontario, Canada
- Treasurer: Dr. Roland Jeans.

President Reilly Glore presented the gavel to incoming President Robert Smith. Addressing the membership, Dr. Glore reminded them that we now have a Strategic Long Range Planning Committee which is working on a Mission Statement. “Bovine practitioners have been brought into the 21st century with the advent of the MCI E-mail program and the establishment of AABP-L. Members can now pay by credit card and register for the annual meetings by FAX. Dr. Glore concluded by saying, “The job of a leader is to look around the corner, and that is what I have tried to do on your behalf this year”. *(The full text of Dr. Glore’s address was published in the Proceedings; p.xi, xii)*

The grand finale to a great Convention was the Saturday Night Extravaganza featuring, “Having Fun Riverboat Style”. A large number of members and their spouses celebrated a special evening with a “Night Out On the Water” aboard the Captain’s Dinner Dance Cruise. They feasted on a delightful dinner buffet as they navigated the Monongahela, the Allegheny and the Ohio rivers; with entertainment by the Gateway Clipper Fleet Band.

Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Arden Nelson (right), with his wife, Eileen, receiving the award from Dr. Brett L. Herhaar of Syntex Animal Health.

Dr. Arden J. Nelson, Cortland, New York was the 1994 Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

A native of Moline, Illinois, he received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976. Dr. Nelson joined a mixed practice in Cortland, NY. After ten years, he took the dairy portion of the practice and started a complete production medicine practice with his wife, Eileen as CEO and manager, daughter Carin as computer specialist and daughter Britt as laboratory technician doing all the mastitis cultures.

Dr. Nelson has presented many papers nation-wide and has served as chairman of the nutrition committee and others.

(Further information on the Award and Dr. Nelson is available in p. xiv of the Proceedings.)

Amstutz-Williams Award



Dr. Harold Amstutz presenting the award to Dr. and Mrs. Elmer Woelffer.

The Amstutz–Williams Award was presented to Dr. Elmer Woelffer, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Dr. Woelffer is a native of Wisconsin, born in 1898. He received the DVM degree from Cornell University in 1931 and became a leader in dairy cattle artificial insemination (AI). In 1950 he joined a predominantly dairy practice in Oconomowoc in 1950 and became a reproduction and milk management specialist. He has written a column in *Hoard's Dairyman* for many years.

(Further information on the Award and Dr. Woelffer is available in the Proceedings, p. xviii.)

AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Bushnell receiving the award from Dr. Greg Ledbetter.

Dr. Robert E. Bushnell, Roseville, California received the 1994 AABP Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Bushnell has had a long career of distinguished service to AABP and the livestock industry. While extension veterinarian in California he was responsible for much of the work done in the epidemiology and control of coliform, staph and mycoplasma mastitis in large dairy herds. For 12 years he was on the faculty of the AABP quality milk seminar. Probably his greatest service has been recruitment and mentoring future bovine practitioners.

AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Dan Upson receiving the award from Dr. Bill Burdett.

Dr. Dan W. Upson, Manhattan, Kansas was the recipient of the AABP Award of Excellence.

A native Kansan, Dr. Upson received the DVM degree from Kansas State University in 1952. After a few years in private practice he returned to KSU's Department of Physiology where he received the MS degree in 1962 and the Ph D degree in 1969. He is best known as the teacher who set the standard within the University. He is also known for his book, *Upson's Handbook of Clinical Veterinary Pharmacology*. Dr. Upson is a Fellow, Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics and has served as consultant to numerous companies. For many years, he was a Big 8 Football official.

(Further information of the Awards and the recipients was published in the Proceedings, p. xvi).

AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Beef Program Award



Dr. Weikel receiving the award from Dr. Jay Brown, Merck-AgVet representative.

The 1994 recipient of the Beef Program Award was Dr. Julie M. Weikel, Boardman, Oregon.

A native of Winnemucca, Nevada, Dr. Weikel received the DVM degree with distinction from Washington State University in 1972 and joined the Faculty of her alma mater with teaching responsibilities mainly in radiology and large animal medicine and surgery. She is in great demand as a speaker on beef production medicine topics. In 1975, she received the MS degree in Veterinary Science from WSU. Dr. Weikel is a columnist for *Beef Today*.

Dairy Program Award



Dr. Byers and his wife, Linda, receiving the award from Dr. Brown and Dr. Gatz Riddell, AABP Vice President.

The 1994 Dairy Program Award was presented to Dr. David L. Byers, Galax, Virginia.

Dr. Byers received the DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1972 and was engaged in dairy practice in Virginia until 1982, when he became a dairy production consultant. He recognized the value of nutritional service in preventive medicine and is regarded as the founding father of dairy production preventive medicine. Dr. Byers has served on the AABP Nutrition Committee and is active in the American Dairy Science Association.

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