

1998
31st Annual Convention
Spokane, Washington
September 24-27

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Spokane has all the amenities and excitement of a big city but has retained a small town friendliness. It was named one of the top U.S. Convention destination centers for the last two years.

The pre-convention programs including the ever increasing seminars and a new venture, namely AABP Clinical Forums. They had an enrollment limit of 20 and a fee of \$20 per participant. They met from 10:00-noon on Thursday, with forums covering a wide range of material.

The Convention opened on a sad note. Dr. Ben Harrington, a Past-President of AABP, died at his home in Raleigh, NC on December 2, 1997 after a long illness.

The January issue of our Journal contained the report of the 1997 Annual Meeting.

The May issue featured several articles with the caption PEER REVIEWED.

After 29 years as Editor of *The Bovine Practitioner* and 27 years of the Proceedings, Dr. Eric Williams announced his retirement, effective after the Annual Convention in September. Dr. Williams reflected on his term of service in this issue of the journal (p. x & xi and part in the Endnotes).

Dr. Robert Smith, who had previously been appointed Assistant Editor took over as Editor.

The Proceedings of the Spokane Convention was published in September as usual—but with a notable difference. Where as the Editor had planned to have a beautiful picture of a Washington farm on the front cover, he was ‘tricked by his loyal friends at Frontier Printers and the Assistant Editor! They substituted a colored photo of Eric and Mary Williams taken in the backyard of their home by photographer Ken Helt under the guise that it was for something else! (The other picture was on the first page.)

The 31st Annual Convention featured an Opening Reception on the Roof Deck Patio at the Spokane Convention Center, hosted by Schering-Plough Animal Health and the Program Committee.

The Practice Tips Session opened with a tribute to Dr. Eric and Mrs. Mary Williams. Dr. Lee Allenstein, retiring Advertising Manager and Dr. Harold Amstutz reflected on the early years of the AABP and the contributions that Eric and Mary had made to the growing organization. New Editor Robert Smith added some humorous stories about the Williams family that he had collected from their friends and neighbors. President Jim Sears expressed his appreciation for their service and presented Mary with a gorgeous bouquet of roses and to them a substantial check for a cruise through the Panama Canal (which they took in February, 1999). Dr. Williams emotionally recalled the wonderful times as Editor and stated that he planned to write the history of AABP ending with his famous quote: *“The sun never sets on the bovine practitioner.”* (Dr. and Mrs. Williams went home early because of his ill health.)

The highlight of the social events was Casino Night. As guests entered the Ballroom at the Double Tree Hotel they were handed “Baytril 100 Bucks” to play casino games. Magician David Harris entertained them. Dr. James Jarrett was the auctioneer for the hotly contested bidding for a Del computer, a digital camera or a “Passin’ the Brand bronze sculpture by artist Rick Jackson. The event was sponsored by Bayer Animal Health who also donated \$200 to the AABP Amstutz Scholarship Fund and also sponsored the Internet Browsing Room.

A very vigorous week of seminars and meetings ended with the Saturday evening social: Kings, Rings and Swings, supported by a generous contribution from Pfizer Animal Health Inc. A total of \$46,000 was raised for the AABP Amstutz Scholarships during the Convention.

The 1998 AABP Research Assistantships were awarded to Dr. Dawn (Bush) Capucille for her research proposal of “Evaluating Salmonella Shedding in Backgrounded Calves Fed Broiler Litter” and to Dr. John R. Wenz for his project “Characterization of Naturally Occurring Coliform Mastitis.”

There was a continuation of the annual Veterinary Faculty Representative Breakfast.

The Annual Membership and Business Meeting reverted to a noon luncheon sponsored in part by grants from Alpharma, Pioneer Hi-bred and West Agro, with Dr. Jim Sears presiding.

Guests at the head table included Dr. Leonard Seda, AVMA Executive Board and AASP President Dr. Rick Tubbs.

The Genevieve Hines Award for the best dressed practitioner was presented to Dr. Cary Christensen by JoAnn Patty, AABP Administrative Assistant, Dr. Paul Johnson (District 3) and Dr. Del Miles (District 9) were presented appreciation plaques upon completing their terms of service. Certificates of appreciation were presented to outgoing committee members Dr. Dave Wilson and Dr. Frank Welcome, Mastitis Committee Dr. Brad De Groot and Dr. Tim Lesch, Information Management Committee, Dr. Richard Card, Dr. Paul Johnson, Dr. Brian Gerloff and Dr. Rodney Sydenham, Nutrition Committee; Dr. Kenton Morgan, Animal Welfare Committee.

Dr. L. Mac Cropsey, Parliamentarian introduced three proposed amendments to the Bylaws - changing the fiscal year to calendar year; new graduates who are active AABP members to attend one of the next three AABP Annual Conferences after graduation with complimentary registration, and to establish a Membership Committee as a standing committee - all passed unanimously.

Dr. Roger Saltman, treasurer reported that the AABP's total assets now had reached \$1,239,685.

New Directors recently elected:

District 3: Dr. Charlie Hatcher, College Grove, TN

District 9: Dr. Jim Wasson, Armour, SD

Officers for 1998-99:

President: Dr. Walt Guterbock

President-Elect: Dr. Lawrence Hutchinson

Vice President: Dr. Rodney Sydenham

Treasurer: Dr. Roger Saltman

Exec. Vice President: Dr. James Jarrett

Before installing Dr. Guterbock, President Sears gave his farewell remarks and expressed his pleasure for the honor of the Presidency.

The AABP Amstutz Scholarship Program awarded ten \$1,500 awards this year (1998) and next year there will be 25 x \$1,500 scholarships. The deadline for applications is April 30.

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In Memoriam



Dr. Ben Harrington, Raleigh, North Carolina, died on Tuesday, December 2, 1997 after a long illness, aged 66.

Dr. Harrington was a native of Raleigh, North Carolina. He received the B. S. degree in animal science in 1953 from North Carolina State University and the DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1957. Dr. Harrington was engaged in large animal practice at Boulevard Animal Hospital for 25 years. He soon established a national and international reputation in herd health management and animal nutrition. Dr. Harrington was President, AABP in 1973 and served in the AVMA House of Delegates and the AVMA Council on Education. He had the joy of teaching the first class on the first day the College of Veterinary Medicine opened at North Carolina State University in 1981. In 1996 he received the Amstutz-Williams Award.

AABP Amstutz-Williams Award



Dr. Harold Amstutz, right, presenting the Amstutz-Williams Award to Dr. Otto M. Radostits.

The AABP Amstutz-Williams Award was presented to Dr. Otto M. Radostits, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The highest award that can be bestowed by the AABP and only presented when a highly qualified individual is nominated and selected for outstanding service to the veterinary profession.

Dr. Radostits received the D.V.M. Degree from Ontario Veterinary College in 1959 and the M.S. Degree in Animal Science from the University of Saskatchewan in 1967. He is a Diplomate in Large Animal Medicine, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

Dr. Radostits has authored and co-authored over 50 articles in peer reviewed journals. He is best known as a co-author of the textbook, *Veterinary Medicine*. He has presented lectures and seminars all over the world.

Further information on the Award and Dr. Radostits was published in the 1999, January issue of the Bovine Practitioner, p. xix.

Bovine Practitioner of the Year



Dr. Jim Hall, Ft. Dodge, right, and Dr. Dave Reid, left, presenting Dr. Andy Johnson with the award.

Dr. Andrew P. Johnson, Seymour, Wisconsin received the 1998 Veterinarian of the Year Award.

Dr. Johnson grew up in a small town in southwest Minnesota. He received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota in 1976 and entered practice in Seymour. He studied and worked to bring dairy production medicine programs to the practice. He was chairman of an NMC committee that developed the protocol for airflow evaluation of milking systems. In 1988, he began full time consulting. He has served on several committees in the AABP, AVMA, NMC, State and local veterinary medicine organizations.

Further information of the Award and Dr. Johnson was published in the 1999, January issue of the Bovine Practitioner, p. xv.

Hoffman La-Roche AABP Award of Excellence



Dr. Lee Allenstein, left, and Dr. Denny Hausmann, right, of Hoffman LaRoche, presenting the award to Dr. Sheila M. McGuirk.

Dr. Sheila M. McGuirk, Madison, Wisconsin is the recipient of the 1998 Hoffman La-Roche AABP Award of Excellence.

Dr. McGuirk received the DVM degree from the University of Georgia in 1977. Communicating new knowledge has been the hallmark of Dr. McGuirk's career. She has published 29 reference manuscripts, 24 non-referred publications, 16 book chapters and 23 abstracts.

(For more information please refer to the 1999 January issue of the Bovine Practitioner, p. xvi.)

Pfizer Animal Health - AABP Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Jenks Britt, left, and Dr. Vic Cortese, Pfizer Animal Health, right, presenting Dr. Steve Stewart with the award.

Dr. Steve Stewart, St. Paul, Minnesota received the 1999 Pfizer Animal Health - AABP Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Stewart received the DVM degree from the University of Illinois in 1980. After 10 years in practice he left to pursue graduate training. He joined the University of Minnesota dairy staff three years ago. His work with Minnesota DHIA created a state-wide base cow file for all DHIA herds, specifically geared to the needs of veterinarians in the state. He has served as the consulting nutritionist for many in our profession.

(The 1999, January issue, p. xvii, B.P. has further information on Dr. Stewart and the award.)

Merial - AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Beef Program Award

Dr. David T. Bechtol, Canyon, Texas received the 1998 Award for Excellence in Beef Preventive Medicine.

A native Texan, he received the DVM degree from Texas A&M University in 1965. He is a pioneer in feedlot consultation practice with emphasis on preventive medicine. He is President of Palo Duro Consultation, a feedlot consultation practice and owner of Agri-Research Center near Canyon. The latter performs pharmaceutical, biological and feed-additive trials in a scientifically controlled environment. Dr. Bechtol is an Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Large Animal Medicine at his alma mater.



Dr. Bruce Wren, Merial Limited, center, with Dr. Mark Wustenberg, left, and Dr. David Bechtol.

Dairy Herd Service, a practice limited to dairy cattle. Dr. Wustenberg is a frequent contributor to Dairy Management Magazine and has lectured extensively on various dairy production topics. He contributed considerable time and service during the floods that had recently devastated his local area.

Further information on the recipients and the awards was published in the January, 1999 Bovine Practitioner.

Dairy Program Award

Dr. Mark Wustenberg, Bay City, Oregon is the recipient of the Dairy Program Award.

He received the DVM degree from Washington State University in 1981. He and his wife, Judy, are the co-owners of Kilchis

Quality Veterinarian of the Year



Dr. Bruce Wren, Merial Limited, presenting the award to Dr. David J. Wright (left).

Dr. David J. Wright, Buffalo, Minnesota was recognized with the 1998 Milk and Dairy Beef Quality Assurance "Quality Veterinarian of the Year." A new award, it recognizes efforts to improve the quality of milk and dairy beef Quality Assurance Center: Stratford Iowa. Dr. Wright received \$1,000 to attend the AABP meeting.

Between 1995 and 1997, Dr. Wright certified approximately 75 farms through the Quality Pays Residue Prevention Protocol. Dr. Wright has held several meetings and on farm conferences in the past two years, discussing management topics. He received the DVM degree from the University of Minnesota in 1977.

(Further information on the Award and Dr. Wright was published in the 1999, January issue of the Bovine Practitioner p. xx).

Endnotes

The reinvigorated Finance Committee was the catalyst for the following initiatives:

1. Changing the fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year
2. Establishment of a draft Investment Policy to guide the organization in managing its financial assets.
3. Overseeing an independent audit of the AABP's financial records and practices, which was completed in August, 1998.

On page x of the 1998 January issue of *The Bovine Practitioner* retiring Editor Eric Williams reflected on his 29 years of service, "When I was asked by Dr. Don Williams and Dr. Ray Ivie to 'help out' in 1969, I had no idea that I would be the Editor for so many years." He expressed pleasure that our Journal had become officially the communication link between the various buiatrics organizations world wide and noted with pleasure that for many years we had mailed over 400 copies to the Dutch Buiiatrics Association and several to Japan. Individual copies are mailed to AABP members in over 20 countries overseas.

Referring to the AABP Board of Directors, he stated, "I cannot recall even one instance of discord with them throughout the years." He paid tribute to Dr. Lee Allenstein, advertising manager, Dr. Sam Hutchins III, Exhibits Manager and Dr. Harold Amstutz. He praised Dr. James Jarrett, Executive Vice President for "lining us up" with Veterinary Learning Systems resulting in a big increase in advertising revenue. He also expressed deep appreciation to Frontier Printers for their excellent work and being such a wonderful group to work with for many years.

Finally, Dr. Williams applauded the selection of Dr. Robert Smith as Assistant Editor and soon to be the Editor.

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The World of James Herriot Centre was scheduled to open Easter 1999. Housed in his former surgery in Thirsk, Yorkshire, it will re-create the life of the famous Yorkshire veterinarian, James Alfred Wight - also an Honorary Life Member of AABP.

