



# XXth World Buiatrics Congress Sydney, Australia July 3-10, 1998

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## *Cattle Medicine Heads Down Under in 1998*

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Sydney—a spectacular city situated on a magnificent harbor, regarded as one of the most magnificent in the world, was the venue for the XXth World Buiatrics Congress on July 6-10. The Congress was organized by the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians.

More than 1200 delegates from 41 countries participated in the scientific and social programs. Ten keynote, 233 oral and 159 poster presentations were presented. Several workshops, seminars and visits were also organized.

The 1988 Pfizer Award (U.S. \$10,000) was presented to Dr. Lorne Babiuk. He is the Director of the Veterinary Infectious Disease Organization in 1993. A native of Saskatchewan, Canada, Dr. Babiuk, in the early 80s, assembled a team which developed the world's first genetically engineered vaccine for any animal species when they developed a leukotoxin vaccine against *Pasteurella haemolytica*.

The 1998 Merial Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Award (U.S. \$10,000) was presented to Dr. Tanu Piyopumminur, Director of the Nong Pho Large Animal Hospital, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Kaselsart University, Kamphangsaen, Nakom, Phatom, Thailand. The grant will be applied to organize continuing education for local bovine practitioners and to introduce some advanced technologies regarding dairy production.

Prof. Dr. H. Breukink, WAB President, was in charge of the Annual General Meeting. Dr. E. Bouchard, Montreal was elected to the WAB Committee (Board) to replace Dr. K. Leslie, Ontario, Canada who had resigned.

Paragraphs 1 and 8 of the WAB statutes were amended, viz:

para. 1: "Meetings of the WAB shall not be held during the year of the World Veterinary Congress," *has been cancelled.*

para 8: Replaced by:

The official organ of the WAB is the WAB website. Information of the WAB should also be published in veterinary journals like *The Bovine Practitioner* and other national bovine veterinary journals.

Pre-convention tours were taken to Northern Territory including Darwin and the wetlands of Kakadu National Park, followed by a visit to Uluru at Ayers Rock in Central Australia, the tropical paradise of Cairus and the barrier reef. There were also some post-convention tours.

Carefully timed to precede the WAB Congress, the 1998 New Zealand Veterinary Association Conference was held at Rotorua, N.Z. on June 29-July 3, hosted by the Society of Dairy Cattle Veterinarians of the NZVA, entitled, "The Grass Safari".

The XXIst WAB Congress will be held at Punta Del Este, Uruguay, S. America on December 4-8, 2000.





*The photo that got away—to the cover!*



*Dr. and Mrs. Woelffer with their Amstutz-Williams Award*



*Dr. Mary Beth Leininger, first female AVMA President and Dr. Deborah Stark, first female AABP President*



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