Dr. Harold Amstutz presided over the Opening Ceremony of the VIII World Association for Buiatrics Congress which was held in Milan, Italy on September 9-13, 1974. The guest speaker was Dr. V. Colombo, Minister of Health, Rome.

Over 300 veterinarians and spouses from 23 countries attended the Congress which was held in conjunction with the VI Congress, Italian Buiatrics Association. Numerous papers were presented on mycoplasmosis, metabolic and reproductive diseases, lameness, several miscellaneous topics and research reports.

At the Annual General Meeting, the British Cattle Veterinary Association, Latin American Buiatrics Association, The French Buiatrics Association and the Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians were admitted to membership of the World Buiatrics Association.

Highlights of an excellent social program were an evening at the ballet in the famous La Scala Theatre, a visit to the Zooprophylactic Institute for Lombardy and Emilia, and the lake at Garda. The Congress banquet was an unforgettable dazzling event.

The Congress was under the direction of Prof. Dr. E. Seren, Milan and Dr. G. Vacirca, local secretary.