Kansas City, “the Heart of America” is centrally located on the banks of the Kansas and Missouri rivers. The opening of the West by explorers and pioneer wagon trains led to the development of the City. Its central location and friendly demeanor provided an ideal setting for a great Convention.

Pre-Convention seminars continued to grow. A new addition was a Computer Software Demonstration Laboratory available for a 3 day period where participants could test drive and compare programs from various vendors. A pre-convention tour focused on the pharmaceutical industry with visits to Pfizer, Inc; and Mobay Corporation Animal Health Division.

The Opening Ceremony was preceded by a typical AABP reunion of friends and meeting new ones at a sumptuous “happy hour” buffet in true Kansas City style at the Convention Center. Dr. Sam Strahm, President, brought greetings from the AVMA.

The Research Assistantship Award and two new awards were presented (see p. 87). A large audience was well entertained and motivated by Mr. Joe Griffith, a Dallas, Texas humorist.

Spouse programs were now well established - while the veterinarians enjoyed their favorite Practice Tips - Research Summaries Session, the ladies enjoyed “A Century of Fashion and all that Jazz Show” - a wonderful evening arranged by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Smith. There were tours to the Nelson Gallery of Art, historic Kansas City and the multimillion dollar Hallmark Visitors Center, Liberty Memorial, the Truman Library and Museum, and Vaile Mansion.

Thursday evening was devoted to Jazz and Magic. Following a roast sirloin of Kansas beef dinner, with Jazz music presented by Sam Johnson & Company, Mr. Steve Payton, magician, entertained the audience with his illusionary feats.

The Board of Directors continued the annual Press Breakfast. There was also a Guest Luncheon.

The Annual Membership Luncheon Meeting was presided over by Dr. Keith Sterner.

Dr. Harold Amstutz expressed thanks to the organization for the honor of being the first full-time Executive Vice President. (He was elected to this position at the Board meeting in Orlando, Florida on Monday July 17) Dr. Amstutz retired from Purdue University on June 30, 1989.

Dr. Roland Jeans, who was elected Treasurer at the same meeting in Orlando, presented a proposed dues increase and a change in the period of dues coverage from a calendar year to the AABP financial year (June30-July1) as approved by the Board of Directors. Dues in the amount of $50.00 would be payable on January 1, 1990. On July 1, 1990 the membership would be billed for $50.00 to cover the period from July 1, 1990 to June 30, 1991 (there after dues would be billed on July 1 each year.) Both resolutions were passed unanimously.

President Sterner informed the membership of four significant issues that he believed bovine practitioners would have to deal with in the immediate future:
1. Quality assurance of food of animal origin
2. Biotechnology
3. Animal Welfare
4. Shortage of veterinary graduates interested in food animal practice
The Second Annual AABP Research Assistantship Award ($9,720.00) was presented at the Opening Ceremony to Dr. William S. Sischo, Department of Veterinary Preventive Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University for his project “Economics and Efficacy of Day Period Intramammary Antibiotic Therapy for Dairy Cows in Ohio.”

**Two new awards were presented at the Opening Ceremony, namely:**
- American Cyanamid AABP Award of Excellence: Dr. Glen Hoffsis
- AABP Distinguished Service Award: Dr. John Fetrow

**New Directors elected during the year were:**
- District 3: Dr. M. Gatz Riddell, Jr., Auburn, AL
- District 6: Dr. A. Andrew Overby, Harmony, MN
- District 9: Dr. Duane Rice, Garden Valley, NE
- District 12: Dr. Deborah Stark, Fergus Falls, Ontario, Canada (first female elected to the Board)

**Officers for 1990**
- President: Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann
- President-Elect: Dr. David McClary
- Vice President: Dr. Gordon Atkins

President Sterner installed Dr. Thomas Fuhrmann as President for 1990. President Fuhrmann paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Sterner for his personal time commitment, leadership and enthusiasm for the AABP. He addressed the Membership on his aspirations for the future of the Association.

*(For a full account of Dr. Sterner and Dr. Fuhrmann’s remarks, please refer to p. xix and xx of the Proceedings)*

On Saturday morning, buses left for an all-day tour of Farmland Industries’ research farms where there was much emphasis on how to properly feed dairy cows receiving Bovine Somatotropin (BST). The tour continued to the Ag Hall of Fame at Bonner Springs, KS.

**AABP Amstutz-Williams Award**

![Dr. Leland C. Allenstein and Mrs. Leland C. Allenstein with Dr. Erie Williams, left, and Dr. Harold Amstutz.](image)

**Dr. Leland C. Allenstein, Whitewater, Wisconsin was the recipient of the AABP Amstutz-Williams Award.**

Dr. Allenstein is a native of Lamont, Iowa. He received the D.V.M. degree from Iowa State University in 1950 and established a predominantly dairy practice in Whitewater. For many years he has written a monthly Cowside Practice Column for Hoard’s Dairyman. He is a Past President of AABP and served on the AVMA House of Delegates for 4 years. He is the Advertising Manager for the AABP. *(Further information on the Award and Dr. Allenstein was published in the Proceedings p. xiv.)*
Dr. Robert H. Keith, Monroe, Wisconsin was named the Bovine Practitioner of the Year.

Dr. Keith grew up on a dairy farm near Dalton, Wisconsin. He received the D.V.M. degree from Iowa State University in 1959. He is the President of a 7-person, mainly dairy practice in Monroe, Wisconsin. Dr. Keith is a past board member and President of AABP, our delegate to the AVMA House of Delegates and chairman, Nutrition Committee. His practice has been the host to countless students from U.S. Veterinary Colleges and from five European Colleges. (Further information on the award and Dr. Keith is published in the Proceedings, p. xiii.)

AABP Award of Excellence

Dr. Glen Hoffsis, Columbus, Ohio was the recipient of the first AABP Award for Excellence.

Dr. Keith Sterner introduced the award as follows: “This year marks the initiation of several new award categories and this one solves a great dilemma in recognizing some of the outstanding members of our organization. We thank American Cyanamid for their generous support of this award.”

Dr. Hoffsis was born in north central Ohio. He received the B. S. degree in 1962, the D.V.M. degree in 1966 and the M.S. degree in 1969 from the Ohio State University. He is a Diplomate, food animal specialty, in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine. An outstanding teacher at the O.S.U. he has delivered lectures and seminars at the state and national levels. He has served as District 4 Director AABP and on several committees, becoming AABP President in 1983. (Further information on Dr. Hoffsis’ biography was published in the Proceedings, p. ix-x.)
AABP Awards for Excellence in Preventive Veterinary Medicine

Beef Program Award

The MSD AGVET Beef Program Award was presented to Dr. G. K. (Kee) Jim, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Jim graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1983. He has designed and set up a “chute-side” computer system to monitor animal health. His feedlot practice has coordinated a feedlot rotation for senior veterinary students from Canadian Colleges and New York State Veterinary College.

Dairy Program Award

Dr. Andrew Johnson, Seymour, Wisconsin received the Dairy Program Award.

He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1976. He is a partner in a 4-person practice and in 1986 he established a “Total Herd Management Service,” a consulting practice in dairy herd management. Dr. Johnson has presented numerous seminars in the U.S., Canada and several foreign countries, emphasizing his major specialties of milk quality and mastitis. He has conducted a variety of research and field testing projects for pharmaceutical and milking equipment companies. (Further information on the Award recipients was published in the Proceedings, p. xi and xii.)
“Fast Eddie” gives AVMA President Sam Strahm a complete shine (from head to toe!)