The XVI World Buiatrics Congress was held in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, South America on August 13-17, 1990 in conjunction with the VI Latin American Buiatrics Congress. Dr. Rene Dubois was the Congress Director.

Over 900 participants, including 800 veterinarians from 50 countries attended. The Congress was officially opened by Dr. Nilo Coelho, Governor of the State of Bahia. Dr. Juan Figueroa, President, World Veterinary Congress brought greetings.

In the scientific sessions, 180 papers were presented and 66 posters in 8 major topics with simultaneous translations in English, Portuguese, Spanish and French.

The Congress inaugural keynote address was delivered at the opening scientific session by Dr. Eli Mayer, The Institute of Veterinary Clinical and Epidemiological Research, Haifi, Israel, and Vice President of WAB, entitled, “The role of the veterinary profession and its adaptation to the challenges of ameliorating bovine productivity in the southern hemisphere on the dawn of the third millennium.”

Dr. Mayer maintained that, “herd and environmentally induced management problems must become his major fields of additional activity, nutrition his specialty, herd infertility his expertise.”

Dr. Bennie Osburn, Davis, California presented the keynote address on research discussed, Biotechnology and its Future in Bovine Medicine, and Dr. Keith Sterner, an AABP Past President focussed his keynote address on the future of veterinary practice.

A highlight of the Congress was the presentation of the 1990 Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Award to Dr. Jose Carlos de Souza Filho, Bahia, Brazil. The $5000 Award is presented every two years.

Dr. W. I. Morrison, Senior Scientist, International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Nairobi, Kenya received the $10,000 Pfizer Research Award, who has done research on Theileria parva which showed that cytotoxic T-cell responses play an important role in immunity to the parasite.

At the Annual General Meeting, presided by Prof. Dr. J. Espinasse, the Hungarian Buiatrics Association with 300 members was accepted into WAB membership. The number of WAB Directors was increased to a maximum of 15 members.

(Further information was published in 23rd Annual Proceedings, AABP, 1990, p. 157-160.)
The Pfizer Award was accepted on behalf of the recipient, Dr. W. I. Morrison, by Prof. Dr. J. Espinasse, WAB President, supported by Dr. Pierre Lekeux, Secretary WAB; Mr. R. A. Behrenhausen, Vice President, Marketing & Product Development, Pfizer Animal Health, and Dr. Eli Mayer, Vice President WAB.

Dr. Harold Amstutz discussing the 1992 Congress with Dr. Pierre Lekeux & AABP President Thomas Fuhrmann.

Dr. Keith Sterner presenting his keynote address on the future of veterinary practice.

Dr. Osburn discussing his keynote paper with Dr. P. Lekeux.