The XVIIIth World Buiatrics Congress was held in conjunction with the 26th Italian Buiatrics Congress on August 29-September 2, 1994 in Bologna, Italy. 1050 delegates and 130 accompanying persons from 72 countries participated in the scientific and social programs.

Many topics related to cattle diseases were presented in 168 oral and 171 poster communications. There were also 4 Satellite Symposia.

A highlight of the opening ceremony, under the presidency of Professor Jacques Espinasse, Toulouse, France was the presentation of the 1994 Pfizer Award for "Outstanding Contribution to the Advancement of Knowledge in the Origin and Treatment of Bovine Diseases Caused by Microorganisms." The recipient of the $10,000 award was Dr. Paul-Pierre Pastoret, Liege, Belgium.

The Award was established in 1990 by Pfizer, Inc. in cooperation with the World Association for Buiatrics (WAB). Another highlight was the presentation of the Gustav Rosenberger Memorial Award to Dr. S. Bolte, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Timisoara, Romania. He is also Head, Department of Veterinary Surgery. The $7,500 award, now sponsored by SmithKline Beecham was established in 1982 in memory of Professor Doctor Gustav Rosenberger, Hannover, Germany, a founding member of WAB who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization for many years.

At the annual General Meeting on Friday, September 2, applications for membership in WAB from the following countries were approved: Austria, Denmark, India, New Zealand Society of Dairy Cattle Veterinarians; New Zealand Society of Sheep and Beef Cattle Veterinarians; Norway, Poland, Slovakia and Turkey.