



VIIIth World Association for Buiatrics Congress (WAB)

London, England

July 31-August 3, 1972

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The VIIIth World Association for Buiatrics Congress (WAB) was held at the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London, England on July 31-August 3, 1972, organized by the British Cattle Veterinary Association.

The Congress theme was "The Veterinary Problems of Intensified Cattle Production," sub-divided into four sections:

1. The epidemiology of alimentary and respiratory diseases of young cattle in intensive systems.
2. (a) Nutritional and parasitic problems of intensive systems (b) Economic aspects.
3. Animal welfare in intensive systems behavior, housing and management.
4. (a) The challenge to veterinary education of intensivism, (b) Surgical and teat infections in

intensive systems.

Four hundred and sixty-eight participants from 29 countries attended the Congress, Professor Charles Grunsell, Bristol University and Dr. Colin W. Maclean, BOCM-Silcock Ltd. were in charge of the scientific program and local arrangements.

The Congress was officially opened by the Right Honorable James Prior, British Minister of Agriculture who stressed the importance of meetings between scientists and practitioners in the field of animal breeding and livestock. The Minister underlined the role of cattle as a source of human food.

Throughout the meeting simultaneous translations were presented in English, German, French, and Russian. There were 76 speakers.

During the meeting, 39 participants joined the WAB. The AABP and the German Buiatrics Association became associate member bringing the total to 3,000 members in 40 countries.

Dr. A. Gwyn Beynon, Chief Veterinarian Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), Great Britain, presented a plenary session on "International Control of Cattle Diseases."

Dr. Harold Amstutz was elected President, WAB. He succeeded Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer, Austria, who retired for reasons of age. Dr. Diernhofer was made an Honorary member of WAB. Prof. Dr. E. Seren, Milan, Italy became 1st Vice-President and Prof. Dr. U. Bratanovic, Belgrade, Yugoslavia, 2nd Vice-President. New members of the Committee (Board) were Prof. Dr. J. Espinasse, France, and Dr. Eli Mayer, Haifa, Israel.



Dr. Amstutz, left, greeted by Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer.



(l. to r.) Dr. Colin Maclean, Organizing Secretary; Professor G. Arthur, President, British Cattle Veterinary Association; Prof. Dr. Karl Diernhofer; and Professor Charles Grunsell, Congress President.