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President's Message: WCABP Newsletter

Richard Harland



My first duty in this President's message is to thank Dr John Campbell our outgoing President. John provided stewardship during a year of change as we switched our management group, moved our administrative office, and had a change in the Secretary/Treasurer position. As well as overseeing the many changes that have streamlined and saved our Association money, John has provided leadership during a time of great disruption to bovine practice due to reported cases of BSE. John has set a high standard of leadership for our Association and he will be a difficult act to follow. I would also like to thank Dr Bob Ruckman retiring Past-President and Dr Brian Wildman who retires as a Director, for their many contributions to our Association. I know that Bob and Brian continue to have an active interest in our Association and the future of bovine practice. We welcome two new Directors to our Board, Dr Doug Mann from Swift Current and Dr Tye Perrett from Lethbridge. I am grateful for their enthusiasm and their willingness to serve our Association.

We must also express our gratitude to Dr Ray Butler. Ray stepped in and once again served our Association as Secretary/Treasurer, in

addition to coordinating our Conference. Ray is stepping down as Secretary/Treasurer but we hope he will still be involved in some way in organizing future conferences. Thank you Ray! The Secretary/Treasurer's role has been turned over to Dr Murray Jelinski. Murray brings tremendous enthusiasm, new ideas, as well as his experience from practice and business (see the Secretary/Treasurer's report). Welcome, Murray, I look forward to an exciting time working with you over the next year.

Thank you to all who attended the Conference in Calgary. It was very well attended (224 attendees) and acclaimed as providing both excellent and timely information. Thanks again to Dr Ray Butler for his organization and hard work to make this Conference a success. The Otto Radostits Legacy Fund and Dr Stephen Acres played an important role in funding and organizing the speakers for the full day session on BSE. Thank you! This Fund should continue to bring in top-class conference speakers for many years to come. Colleagues, students, clients, friends and family gathered on the last evening of the Conference for a wonderful banquet to honor the many contributions of Dr Eugene Janzen. Thanks to Dr Murray Jelinski for organizing the banquet and to Dr Carl Ribble for acting as Master of Ceremony.

As we turn from the past to the present and look to the future we find our industry in great turmoil. While the shock of the reported BSE outbreaks have worn off, I am sure that the

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ramifications have not yet fully hit us. In this atmosphere we feel that it is important that we represent the interests of bovine practice on issues of disease control. We recently were asked to comment on Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis regulations. I anticipate that further issues will arise. In these times it will be important to speak clearly for bovine practitioners and as a Board we will be pursuing the idea raised by Dr John Campbell of forming a larger national alliance with the other bovine practitioner groups in Canada.

I encourage all members to contact the Board with suggestions and directions.

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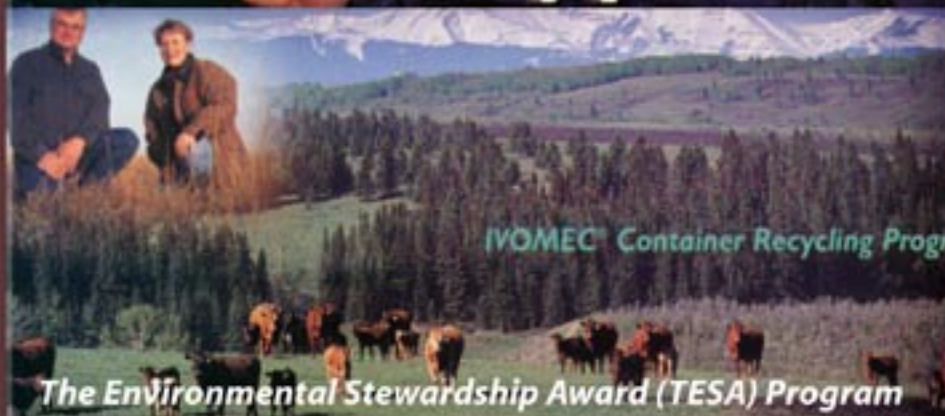
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Secretary-Treasurer's Report /OUTGOING

The BSE debacle continues unabated, making it difficult to foresee what the future holds for animal agriculture. One thing that is certain is that large animal practitioners need a strong association that holds their interests as a primary focus. As we enter our twelfth year the WCABP is in as good a position as any group in Western Canada to fulfill that need. The time may be opportune to take up on Dr John Campbell's thinking and join with our counterpart organizations in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes to gain a national presence. What do you think?



I am happy to report that the staff at K3 Kensingling Inc. and I have survived the 2004 Conference and are still getting along 'just fine'. I am convinced, more than ever, that teaming up with K3 will prove to be one of the most productive arrangements that the Association could have wished for.

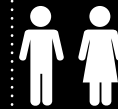
Dr. Murray Jelinski (WCVM '85) took over as WCABP Secretary/Treasurer on February 1, 2004 and was immediately participating in his first Board teleconference, passing with flying colors.

Murray brings to the job a wealth of diversified experience including seven years of mixed animal practice in rural Saskatchewan and ten years as a senior administrator in the pharmaceutical industry, while receiving an MSc degree along the way.

The people are in place that can take our Association into a period of unparalleled growth and productivity that will maximize our value to the cattle industry. We owe them our support. 🐾

Respectfully submitted,
Dr Ray Butler

The calendar year just completed has been an eventful one for the WCABP, starting with the unanticipated need to replace the Secretary/Treasurer last January and the subsequent decision that resulted in a changing of management group, effective November 1, 2003.



PROFILING

During the Sponsor's Dinner, comments were provided on various ways of improving the Association's newsletter. One of the suggestions was to include profiles of WCABP members. We've taken this suggestion to heart and include profiles of current WCABP members. While some of the profiles were determined at random, the fourth was somewhat of a 'put your money where your mouth is' selection. You see Doug Myers was the one who suggested we include profiles, but after interviewing Doug, his story was too interesting not to include. *Although we'll continue to make random selections, if you are aware of a member with an interesting background or profile please let us know.*

Secretary-Treasurer's Report /INCOMING



I find myself caught in the old cliché of having "big shoes to fill". I'm sure we all agree that Dr Ray Butler has been a very active force within the WCABP, ever since its inception twelve years ago. These formative years have set the stage for an Association

that has matured into one of the premier veterinary associations in North America. With an active membership of over 300 members our Association is now poised to build upon its primary strengths of speaking on issues

relevant to bovine practice, and offering quality CE programs to its membership.

It takes many members to build a successful team, but through the years the one constant has been Ray Butler. Ray's stewardship has allowed the Association to grow at a pace that has been sustainable and manageable. As a result, we have an Association that is fiscally sound and one that enjoys strong financial sponsorship from our colleagues and friends in the Canadian pharmaceutical industry.

I look forward to working with our management group, K3 Kensingling Inc., President Harland and his fellow Board members, and with you, the membership at large. As in the

past, the current Board is composed of a dynamic team of individuals who have a common desire to see the WCABP evolve to meet its members' needs. In the coming months we hope to engage in a number of initiatives that will benefit the Association, these include: additional modifications to our website, developing a strategy for increasing membership, development and implementation of a communication strategy, and a review of corporate sponsorships. I look forward to the challenges ahead and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the WCABP. 🐾

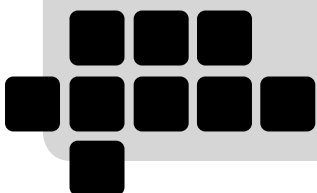
Regards,
Murray Jelinski



Membership

As of February 19, 2004 the WCABP membership stood at 264 (consisting of 204 Regular, 55 Student, and 5 Life).

If you haven't renewed your membership please do so ASAP.



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AABP Board of Directors Meeting

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners will be holding their next Board of Directors meeting on March 12th and 13th. Look for a brief report from Sjoert Zuidhof (our representative on this Board) in the next newsletter.

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Retiring Board Members



Thank you Bob and Brian!

The 2004 AGM saw Bob Ruckman and Brian Wildman complete their terms of service on the WCABP Board of Directors. Bob spent five years on the Board, most recently as Past President, a position he inherited by virtue of being President in 2002. Brian was a three-year Board member who sums up his Board experience as follows:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the time I spent on the Board of WCABP. There were many changes and difficult decisions for the Board to tackle during my three-year term, but I believe the WCABP is better off today as a result of the hard work and foresight of its Board members. I would encourage any member who is at all interested in the practice of bovine medicine to become involved in the WCABP. The WCABP Board always values input from its members, as the members are the reason for the WCABP's continued success. I look forward to my continued involvement with WCABP in the future."



PROFILE #1 RICHARD HARLAND

Richard's deep interest in bovine practice, most likely started because his grandfather was a rancher in Southern Alberta. In fact, Richard's father and one aunt still ranch in the Pincher Creek area. After completing his second year in Animal Science at the University of British Columbia, Richard enrolled at WCVN in Saskatoon and obtained his DVM in 1982. He then spent 3 1/2 years in practice at Animal Management Services in Humboldt, before returning to the WCVN for a residency and Masters of Veterinary Science degree; studying beef cattle herd health and epidemiology with Dr Eugene Janzen. After obtaining his Masters, Richard took up the opportunity to practice as a professional associate in WCVN ambulatory practice and work on bovine research at VIDO. Research at VIDO soon demanded all of his time and Richard has been involved in research and development of vaccines for food-producing animals ever since. He is currently the Head of Vaccine, Research and Development for Novartis Animal Health in North America and spends most of his time in the United States supervising various research programs. Even though he doesn't get to spend much time there anymore, Richard still considers Western Canada "home", since that is where most of his friends and family are. Richard can be reached at his office in Iowa (712) 477-2811 ext. 352, on his cell phone at (905) 601-0870 or by email at richard.harland@ah.novartis.com.

The Organizing Committee is pleased to invite you to the

23rd World Buiatrics Congress

that will be held in
**Québec City from
July 11 to 16**

at the
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The World Buiatrics Congress will be held in Canada for the first time.

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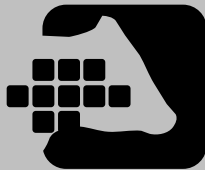
Members Only Section of Website

The MEMBERS ONLY section of the website is now operational. The first information that has been placed in this section is the 2004 Conference Proceedings. If you are a WCABP member you can now view and download 'pdf' files of almost all Conference presentations. The section also contains a directory of current WCABP members.

A Username and Password are required to access the MEMBERS ONLY section of the website. These were emailed, on February 20th, to all members for whom we had email addresses. For those that did not receive an email please contact the WCABP office 1-866-269-8387 to obtain the Username and Password.

Please note that the information contained in the MEMBERS ONLY section is provided to you as a privilege of being a member of WCABP, so please ensure that the Username and Password are held in strict confidence and for your own use only.

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PROFILE #2 MURRAY JELINSKI

Murray Jelinski grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan. He graduated from the WCVI in 1985 and started his own veterinary practice in Moosomin, SK shortly thereafter. After operating his own practice for seven years, he sold his practice and returned to the WCVI to complete a MSc. Upon receiving this degree, Murray moved to Regina to work for Hoechst-Roussel Vet as Manager, Product Development and Regulatory Affairs. After four years with Hoechst-Roussel, Murray moved to Saskatoon and joined BIOSTAR Inc. as Director of Regulatory Affairs. In 2000, he was appointed the General Manager of MetaMorphix Canada Inc. also in Saskatoon.

Murray is Past-President of the SVMA and has served as Chair of the SVMA's Economic Survey Committee.

Murray is married with three teenage daughters, and is actively involved in coaching basketball. 🐾

Member News

Member News is another new feature in the WCABP newsletter. If you've changed practices, changed careers, received any awards, or have any other news about yourself, please let us know and we will include it in the Member News section of the newsletter.

**Jelinski, Murray - appointed Secretary/
Treasurer of the WCABP on February 1,
2004**

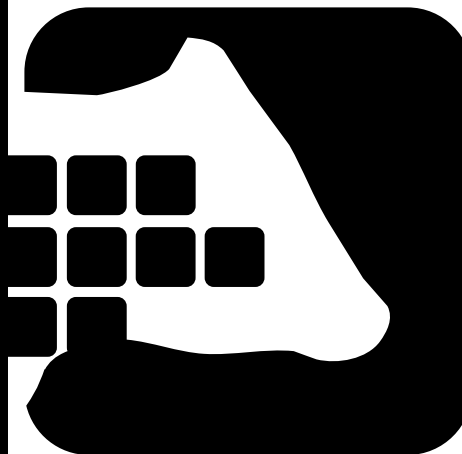
**Radostits, Otto M. - appointed to the Order
of Canada (see press release below)**

January 27, 2004

OTTAWA - Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, today announced 102 new appointments to the Order of Canada, including eight promotions within the Order. The new appointees include five Companions (C.C.), 33 Officers (O.C.) and 64 Members (C.M.). These appointments are in effect as of October 30, 2003. Recipients will be invited to accept their insignia at a ceremony to be held at a later date. On the recommendation of the Order of Canada Advisory Council, the Governor General is pleased to announce the following award:

**Otto M. Radostits, C.M.
Saskatoon, Sask.
Member of the Order of Canada**

Otto Radostits has had a profound influence on the veterinary profession. During a career spanning over four decades, he edited and authored a number of definitive textbooks on large animal medicine and served as a mentor to generations of students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Dedicated to food safety and animal welfare, he has been a prominent advocate of biosecurity practices among livestock owners to prevent the spread of disease. In addition, his wise counsel on the issues facing veterinary medicine has been sought after nationally and internationally.



Report from the Bovine Club



This has been another outstanding year for the Bovine Club. Our membership is over 105 students. There was strong representation at the WCABP Conference in Calgary again, with about 40 students attending. We would like to thank Dr Doug Mann from Swift Current as well as Wyeth Animal Health for generously donating money to help pay for the trip. Feedback was very positive about all the talks attended and the Club looks forward to next year.

We have had great wet labs this year including claw amputation with Dr. Clark and lung pathology with Dr. Schumann and Dr. Pritchard. Industry talks included Merial introducing their new DNA test for the Leptin gene. Pfizer will sponsor two upcoming talks on dairy practice. Dr. Clark continues to do bovine rounds every Thursday with almost full attendance by the Club. Dr. Naylor will be contributing to the rounds with a lab on bovine auscultation.

There has been a request by many students to help them find summer jobs in dairy or beef practice. There are not enough private practices posting positions for summer students to meet the growing demand of students looking for these jobs. Hopefully with the position of Beef Chair soon to be filled here at the College a better placement scheme will be created. I encourage all practitioners to lobby their provincial representatives to help increase the number of preceptorship positions available to students each year. 🐾

**Quinn Gavaga
Class of 2005
Bovine Club President**

Email Addresses

From time-to-time, in addition to the newsletter, we would like to send you relevant updates or news regarding the WCABP. If at all possible, we would like to send these updates via email. As an example, on February 20, 2004 we sent an email to all members (with email addresses in our database), the Username and Password for the MEMBERS ONLY section of the website. If you did not receive this email please contact our office (1-866-269-8387) to obtain the Username and Password.

To ensure that our email database is complete and accurate for future notifications, please confirm the email address that you would like to receive our communications. You can do this by sending a quick note to us at info@wcabp.com

Please be assured that the email address you provide us, as with any other information we have in our member database will be held in strict confidence and will NOT be distributed outside the Association. 🐾

Recapping the 2004 Conference...

The 2004 WCABP Conference is now part of our history. There are only two types of cattle practitioners left in Western Canada: those who were at the Conference and; those who wish they had been there.

The traditional practice of holding two (dairy and beef) concurrent "in-depth" sessions on the opening day followed by single scientific sessions on the Friday and Saturday continues to be well supported.

While final tabulations are still to be completed, there is little doubt that new attendance and financial records have been set. There is some merit to the suggestion that we should identify Calgary as the permanent home for WCABP's annual conference. What are your thoughts?? Please drop us a note to let us know your views on this.

Special thanks are due Dr Stephen Acres who last year spearheaded the group responsible

for establishing the Dr Otto Radostits Legacy Fund and this year was instrumental in designing a full-day session entitled BSE from A to Z that will be hard to equal. This session brought together world-recognized authorities, including speakers from the U.K., and was warmly received by the 180+ in attendance.

Planning for the 2005 Conference is now underway: the dates - Thursday to Saturday, January 20 to 22; the location - the Saskatoon Inn in Saskatoon, a venue quite familiar to WCABP conference goers. *Plan to be there!*

As President-elect, Dr. Craig Dorin assumes the duties of Conference Chairman. Craig can be contacted at vahs@telusplanet.net with any ideas for the Conference. 🐾

Thank you!



Animal Health



2004 Conference Comments

As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, by all accounts, the 2004 Conference was a resounding success. Following is a sample of some of the comments written on the conference evaluation forms.

- Very good relevant disease information presented. A great variety of speakers! The idea of a uniform topic of respiratory disease was an excellent idea because it allowed us to go into the subject in better depth.
- Very comprehensive and applicable. Coherent and well-versed speakers - very informative.
- Industry presentations especially good.
- I really enjoyed the presentation on E. coli O157.
- A great summary of speakers from a wide range of perspective - this was absolutely excellent.

- Information was packaged into an informative day. I felt better prepared to go back to my clients and help them understand what's happening.
- Clarified a lot of BSE issues.
- Range of speakers from various sectors of the industry was appreciated, especially inviting international speakers.
- A well-rounded look from all aspects of the BSE issue. Very informative and I gained a much better understanding of both the national and local impacts of BSE in Canada.
- Great conference - thoroughly informative and well spent three days.

If you missed the Conference and are a WCABP member the Conference Proceedings are now available in the MEMBERS ONLY section of the WCABP website www.wcabp.com. Please contact the WCABP office to learn how to access this information. 🐾

WCABP Hosts Sponsors' Dinner

In a bit of a twist, instead of Conference sponsors out entertaining veterinarians on Thursday evening of the Conference, WCABP were the ones doing the wining and dining. At the suggestion of recently retired Board member, Brian Wildman, WCABP organized a Sponsor's Dinner on Thursday evening. The dinner, attended by 19 sponsor representatives as well as the WCABP Board, proved to be an excellent opportunity for the Association to see how it measured up in the eyes of its sponsors.

The topics of conversation were wide ranging with everyone in the room not shy to offer an

opinion. One of the things we heard during the dinner was that WCABP is still much of a secret and needs to more aggressively expose itself. Our mission statement and goals and objectives should be brought more to the forefront. The take home message - WCABP needs to get out and raise its profile.

En masse, sponsors felt that the CE content of WCABP Conferences is second to none. They also liked the fact that Conference agendas have been technical and not commercially orientated. It was also generally felt that having a trade show in conjunction with the

Conference was not a very good idea. A couple of suggestions for improving the newsletter were noted, as were various ways of keeping sponsors 'in the loop'.


Perhaps the most important message of the evening - communication and maintaining contact with sponsors throughout the year is of utmost importance.

Thank you to all the sponsors who attended the dinner, we truly appreciate your input! 🐾


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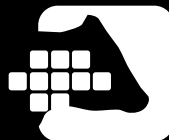
Now is the time to check your inventory of WCABP forms and manuals. Please email/fax/or call the WCABP office to place your order for the following:

- **BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EVALUATION OR BARTH MANUALS** @ \$20.00 per manual
- **BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EVALUATION FORMS** @ \$10.00 for books of 25 and \$20.00 for books of 50. A *small shipping charge will be added to all orders to cover shipping and handling.*

Please note **BULL BREEDING SOUNDNESS EVALUATION FORMS** are also available at Western Drug Distribution Center and Mid West Veterinary Drug Distribution Center. 

Ray Butler 'Seeing Practice' Bursary Program

Have you considered a donation to the Ray Butler 'Seeing Practice' Bursary? Donations are used to provide bursaries to budding veterinarians who have shown an interest in large animal practice. The future of your practice may well depend upon someone who has taken up large animal practice as a result of receiving a Bursary. 



BACK TO SASKATOON! After two years in Calgary, the 2005 WCABP Conference is moving back to Saskatoon. The 2005 Conference will take place at the Saskatoon Inn from **January 20-22, 2005**. Please mark your calendars, plan your winter vacation before or after the Conference, and if you have any suggestions for Conference topics please let us know. Conference Chair, Dr Craig Dorin would be happy to hear from you!

AGM Report

The WCABP 2004 Annual General Meeting was held on Friday, January 16, 2004. President John Campbell provided an overview of the year. The Association provided a round of applause for Ray Butler's contribution as Acting Secretary/Treasurer. The Board will be announcing the new Secretary/Treasurer following the Conference.

Under the leadership of Andy Acton and Joyce Van Donkersgoed the "Think Large" program was completed. Members were encouraged to take advantage of the materials available.

John Campbell proposed the concept of moving towards a Canadian Association of Bovine Practitioners with the other three active bovine practitioner associations (Atlantic, Quebec and Ontario). This would provide practitioners with a national voice.

Ray Butler provided the Secretary-Treasurer's Report, indicating that membership as of December 2003 was 5 life members, 264 active members, and 51 student members. He thanked the sponsors for their support of the three newsletters that were published during the year, and encouraged members to visit the new website.


It was reported that the O.M. Radostits Legacy Fund, established last year, has accumulated in excess of \$100,000, which will be used for conference speakers. Ten applications were received this year for the Seeing Practice Bursary Fund. This year's recipients of \$1,000 bursaries are: Thera Fox, Melissa Hittinger and Justin Noble.

Ray Butler reviewed the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2003, as well as the budget for the years ending June 30, 2004 and 2005. John Riggs, CA of Saskatoon, was appointed as auditor for the year ending June 30, 2004.


Quinn Gavaga provided a report as President of the WCVM Bovine Club, indicating that membership is approximately 110. Over 40 students attended the 2004 Conference. He thanked the Association for providing a special Conference registration rate to the students.

Craig Dorin was elected as President-Elect, and Tye Perrett and Doug Mann as Board members. John Campbell presented awards to retiring Board members Bob Ruckman and Brian Wildman.

Doug Myers of Boehringer-Ingelheim presented the Veterinarian of the Year award to Eugene Janzen. The winner of this award receives a plaque, their name engraved on another plaque displayed at WCVM, and a donation of \$500 made in their name to the Ray Butler Bursary.

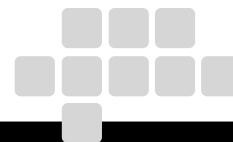
John Campbell thanked the members for their support and advised that he would continue to work on their behalf as Past-President and as Chair of the Forward Planning Committee. Richard Harland was passed the gavel as the new President of the WCABP for 2004. Richard Harland thanked John Campbell and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his work and leadership of the Association. 

2004 Veterinarian of the Year

This year's recipient of the WCABP's "VETERINARIAN OF THE YEAR" award was Dr Eugene Janzen. The award was presented to recognize Dr Janzen's many years of commitment to the Western Canadian veterinary profession, and specifically to his efforts in the area of bovine veterinary medicine. Eugene is no stranger to members of the WCABP, since for many of us he has been a teacher, mentor, and the person to call upon for disease investigations. Eugene's extensive experiences in the areas of bovine medicine and epidemiology, clinical teaching, disease investigations, and research, makes him a worthy recipient for this year's award. 

The previous recipients are:

- 2004 - Dr Eugene Janzen
- 2003 - Dr Ted Clark
- 2002 - Dr Dwayne Elschuk
- 2001 - Dr Wayne Sereda
- 2000 - Dr David Hamilton
- 1999 - Dr Otto Radostits
- 1998 - Dr Rich Vanderwal
- 1997 - Dr Ray Butler
- 1996 - Dr Rod Sydenham
- 1995 - Dr Albert Barth



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Mission Statement

The objectives of the Association are:

1. To elevate standards of bovine veterinary practice,
2. To promote research into bovine diseases, and
3. To establish and maintain liaison with appropriate organizations.

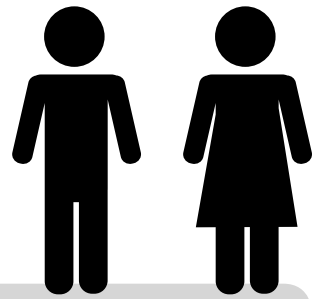
Notice of Membership Renewal

Have you renewed your WCABP membership? By now you should have received the 2nd Notice - **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**. If you have not already sent it in please do so today. Please send the updated form with your payment or payment instructions to:

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PROFILING



PROFILE #3 ANDY STRANG

Andy Strang, originally from Claresholm, AB, is in some ways a veterinary pioneer. "I was part of the WCVM class that had to clear the road for the rest of the world," says Andy. Yes indeed, a quick scan of the pictures of the WCVM graduating classes does find Andy Strang in the class of 69, WCVM's first ever graduating class. Prior to arriving at WCVM in 1965, Andy spent two years at the University of Alberta.

Immediately upon obtaining his DVM, young Dr Strang located a veterinary practice in Cardston, AB that as Dr Strang says "was very considerate to bring a young vet on board." Dr Glen Jones not only brought Andy 'onboard', he made him a partner two years later and together the two have experienced "probably the longest ever large animal veterinary partnership in Alberta" notes Andy.

Dr Strang is very proud of the fact that he has only ever practiced in one vet clinic. He's been at it a long time, in fact, this fall he will be in line to receive the AVMA's prestigious 35-year recognition certificate, an accomplishment that is very satisfying to Dr Strang. "My whole life's focus has been to be a vet. Ever since I was six years old I knew I wanted to be a vet, I still like it, and I still do it," offers Andy.

Dr Strang's clinic, the Foothills Veterinary Clinic is in a great location, in the Rocky Mountain foothills, 35 miles from the next nearest clinic, and in close proximity to both the United States and British Columbia. It is primarily a mixed cow-calf practice with a bit of dairy and a few feedlots thrown in the mix.

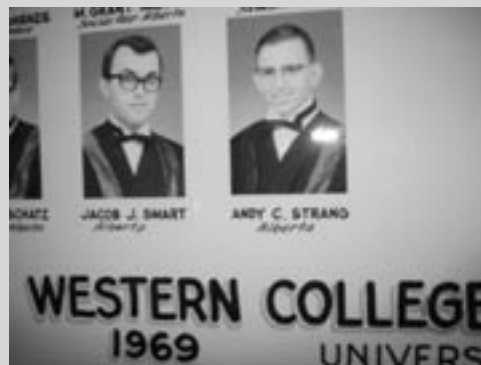
Over the 34+ years Andy has been in practice, he estimates that he has put on just short of 1,200,000 miles. At an average driving speed of 50 miles per hour this would equate to an amazing 2.74 years spent behind the wheel practicing veterinary medicine!

Dr Strang has not only cared for animals all his life, he has also cared for people. He and his wife Joan have raised 7 children. "None of my children are vets, although one of my daughters married a vet," states Andy. The Strang children remain in Western Canada, 1 in Cardston, 4 in Calgary, 1 in Medicine Hat and 1 in Vancouver. Thus far the Strang's have 19 grandchildren.

In addition to the time he spent helping raise

his own family, Andy has "spent a tremendous amount of time with Boy Scouts." It all started by taking one of his sons and 8 other boys to the World Scout Jamboree in Norway in 1975. This was followed by a trip to the Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree in Prince Edward Island in 1977 and the Regional Boy Scouts Jamboree in Alberta in 1978.

Given his dedication, when the 1981 Canadian Boy Scout Jamboree was scheduled to be held in Kananaskis, AB, the Southern Alberta Regional Council asked Andy and others to "invent and implement a program to train Scouts how to hike in the mountains." "I jumped at the chance," recalls Andy "We set



up a program and we trained 200 Scouts under what we dubbed the Hike Master Program. It was a lot of fun!" The Scouts that Andy trained under this program were then responsible for leading about 3,000 of the 21,000 Boy Scouts at the 1981 Jamboree.

No sooner was the 1981 Canadian Jamboree over, it was learned that the 1983 World Jamboree was going to be rescheduled to Kananaskis, AB. When asked to train more hikers Andy took up the challenge and during 1982 trained an additional 600 Scouts under the Hike Master Program. By the time of the World Jamboree there were 800 trained hiking leaders to deal with the 18,000 Scouts that descended upon Kananaskis. "This was an incredibly wonderful experience" explains Andy "to see all the boys that were trained under a program that I had a hand in developing, put in practice what they learned was very gratifying."

Andy's involvement with Boy Scouts continued beyond the highlight year of 1983. He took Scouts to Ontario in 1985, and to Alberta camps during the 1990's, mostly to Sylvain Lake. In 1991 Andy was the Sub-Camp Chief for the Rocky Mountain House Camp at Sylvain Lake and in 1993 "I had another wonderful experience, as my youngest son was on staff with me for the duration of the camp. It was a great experience for both of us."

In more recent years Andy has redirected his extra hours to helping out at the Lions Leadership Camp in Waterton. This is not to say Andy didn't help out in Lions projects before; he's been a member of the local Lions club for almost 30 years. "The Lions around here have always had youth projects, besides the Leadership Camp, one of my favourites has been the Youth Exchange program" notes Andy.

Andy has made his mark on other areas of the community. He has been Chairman of the Lutheran Church Congregation for the past 29 years and Chairman of the Aetna Irrigation District Board since 1985. Andy's involvement on the irrigation board is interesting. In 1979, shortly after he bought his acreage, Andy got a bill from the irrigation board; this even though there was no water being supplied. Naturally Andy was upset about having to pay for something he wasn't getting, so off he went to complain. The response to his complaint was merely, "If you're so damn smart, why don't you come on the Board?" Andy accepted the challenge and has been on it ever since, as well as on the Alberta Irrigation Project Association for the past 12 years.

Dr Strang doesn't appear to be slowing down any, as he still maintains an active practice, "I got 94 people out for a recent producers meeting," Andy proudly offers. Andy has also recognized the benefits of the "On Farm Safety Program" and is a strong advocate.

As for the future, "although it's very difficult, I hope to attract a young vet to work with me for a couple of years and eventually sell him/her the practice so I can sit back and relax a bit." Andy does note that he has been fortunate enough to have had a summer student last summer and "who knows maybe I'll be able to be as considerate as Dr Jones was to me."

Dr Andy Strang has had a rewarding career in more ways than one! 🐾

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PROFILE #4 DOUG MYERS



Doug Myers grew up and has spent almost all of his life in and around the Calgary area. In his early years, he spent a fair bit of time at the family's small 'hobby ranch' near Water Valley just north of Calgary. In addition to 30 or 40 cows Doug's father also kept about a dozen or so horses on the ranch. Doug recalls spending many an hour riding on the ranch. He also recalls being a 'boy' and doing all the mischievous things that boys of his age at the time would do; like trying to ride young steers. The thrill and challenge of trying to "stay on" in these early years must have been deeply imbedded in Doug as he kept at it and soon could be found participating in local rodeos, entering both the bareback and bull-riding events.

Although he wouldn't admit it, Doug must not have been too shabby of a rider as upon graduation from high school, he packed up his bags and headed down to the University of Wyoming in Casper, WY on a "Rodeo Scholarship". After spending two years in Casper, Doug moved to Fort Collins, CO where he took the last two years of his undergraduate degree, a BSc in Zoology at Colorado State University. During these four years Doug continued to ride the rodeo circuit, coming in the top three bareback riders in the Central Rocky Mountain Region of the US both years. "Being around cattle and horses for so many years, it was probably only natural that when I graduated from Colorado State I would look for a profession that allowed me to care for them," offers Doug. So off he went to enroll at the WCVm.

"When I enrolled at WCVm, I was still trying to combine my budding rodeo career with education, heck I'd already done it for four years so why not continue?" Early in his first year in Saskatoon, Doug experienced one of his

worst rodeo injuries, a dislocation fracture of his ankle at a CCA rodeo in Saskatchewan. "It happened at the very worst time school wise, because of the injury I almost didn't have the marks to make it through that first year," recalls Doug. In the long run, although extremely painful at the time, the injury was likely a good thing as it prevented Doug from riding in his 2nd and 3rd year of Vet College, which allowed him to concentrate on his studies.

By the time 4th year rolled along, Doug couldn't stand it any more and, against the recommendation of his doctors, began riding again. Doug continued to ride for a couple of years after obtaining his DVM, finally hanging up the saddle in 1988. "My orthopedic surgeon kept saying it was time for me to find another line of work."


All in all, Doug says his competitive rodeo rides amounted to between 700 and 800. Taking an average ride of 6 seconds, that would be approximately 75 minutes of riding bucking horses and bulls over a 15-year rodeo career!

Upon receiving his DVM in 1986, Doug joined Larry Frischke in a three person mixed veterinary practice in Innisfail, AB. This practice was about 2/3 bovine and 1/3 equine, with Doug looking after much of the feedlot practice and cow calf side of the business. Wanting to increase his equine experience, in 1990 Doug moved to Springbank, AB to work with Wayne Burwash in a primarily equine practice.

Three years later Industry called and Doug joined Boehringer-Ingelheim. Doug is still with Boehringer, currently in the capacity of Western Technical Services Veterinarian. When asked to reflect on the changes he has seen over the years, Doug notes that "industry consolidation,

due to pressure on margins is perhaps the biggest change, but we've seen about a 50% consolidation in the pharmaceutical industry and today's vets are continually looking for more and better information to help them make good decisions for their clients. This has been aided by a large advancement in vaccine technology within the last ten years."

Doug and his family, wife Dedra, daughters Brittany (16) and Kaylee, (14), and son Braden (10) live in Cochrane, AB. "We're close enough to Calgary that Dedra can easily grab a few shifts on the labour and delivery ward at Rockyview Hospital, to keep her abreast of her profession and close enough to the country to allow me to do the other things that I like to do like hunting and fishing. It also allows us the flexibility to make sure our children are able to do the things that they like to do such as playing soccer and hockey, dancing and riding." Thus far none of the Myers' children have shown a real interest in rodeo, other than a "budding barrel racer".

Doug's profile wouldn't be complete without telling you about his latest love, bow hunting. "I've found that I get just about as big an adrenalin rush from bow hunting as I did from bull riding" offers Doug. Although he hasn't been at it too long, Doug has already achieved success with the bow by shooting a 5 x 5 bull elk on one of his more recent hunting trips. We should also tell you that Doug is an avid fly fisherman. "We're very close to the Bow River, so you can often see me there; fly fishing is just a great way for me to relax". 



PROFILE #5 DOUG MANN

Doug Mann graduated from the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in 1984 and went to work at the Swift Current Animal Clinic. He is currently the owner operator of the Animal Health Centre in Swift Current.

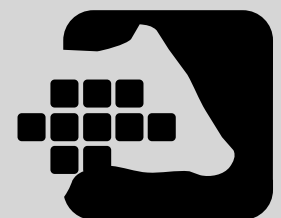
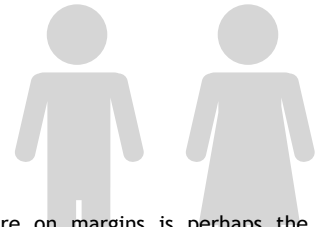
Dr. Mann served the SVMA as a member of the WCVm Student Selection Committee for Students applying from Saskatchewan, elected member of the Governing Council, member of the Practice Standard Committee, as well as President. From 1997 to 2002 Doug was Saskatchewan's representative on the Council of the CVMA.

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PROFILE #6 TYE PERRETT

Tye Perrett grew up on a farm near Evansberg, Alberta. He graduated from the WCVm in 1999. Following graduation Tye moved to Lethbridge and joined the Lethbridge Animal Clinic, and then became one of the partners 2½ years ago. This is a mixed practice with predominantly cow-calf and feedlot clients. Tye is married with 3 boys and currently resides in Raymond, Alberta.



Dr. Eugene Janzen Testimonial Banquet

This year's Conference ended with a testimonial dinner in honour of Dr Eugene Janzen. The banquet was attended by 100 friends, family, former clients, and colleagues. Of particular note was the attendance of Eugene's sister, Lydia, who had flown in from England to attend this very special occasion. The evening's Master of Ceremonies was Dr Carl Ribble who kept everyone entertained with stories from the past. Dr Ole Nielsen paid tribute to Eugene's many years of dedication to the WCVM as well as his scholarly achievements. Dr Cec Ruschkowski spoke on behalf of veterinary practitioners and thanked Eugene for providing support to bovine practitioners, whether by phone or in person. Dr Bruce Hoar, a former graduate student and current professor at UC Davis, provided some insight into life as one of Eugene's graduate students. Drs Ted Clark, Reuben Mapletoft and Ken Bateman, spoke of Eugene's many accomplishments and contributions as a faculty member, researcher, and teacher in the field

of bovine practice. Dr Kee Jim spoke of how Eugene's ideas and philosophies have shaped the delivery of bovine veterinary medicine in Western Canada and affected his own life and practice. The evening ended with a gift presentation by Carolyn Zmud and Sharon Stodler. Carolyn and Sharon worked with Eugene for many years at the WCVM. The gift was a picture of a cow-calf pair painted by Carolyn on planks that came from an outhouse on the farm that Eugene was raised on. Fastened to the planks is one of Eugene's many axes. 🐾



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Administration Report

K3 Kensing Inc. took over the administration of the WCABP on November 1, 2003; and hit the floor running! In addition to sorting through boxes and boxes of information, our first task was to send out Membership Renewal and 2004 Conference notices. This was quickly followed by an up-date of the Association website and on December 1st the mailing of our first WCABP newsletter. From that point on considerable time was spent helping Dr. Butler prepare for the 13th Annual Conference. We truly enjoyed our involvement with the Conference and the pleasure of meeting so many of you. It is nice to match faces to names!

Since our return from the Conference we have posted the Proceedings on the WCABP website (contact us for directions on how to access this Members Only section), cleaned up any loose ends from the Conference, and began preparations for this newsletter.

All in all, the past four months have been most enjoyable and we look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with the WCABP.

Please remember that although the administration of the Association has changed, the TOLL-FREE number has remained the same (1-866-269-8387). If you have occasion to be in Saskatoon please feel free to drop by our office at any time (112G - 116 Research Drive) - *we would be more than happy to see you!*

Phyllis Mierau/Cheryl Pasulyko

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- brochures, which highlight some of the attractive features of a career in bovine practice. Twenty-five copies are available to each member free of charge. Additional copies will be invoiced to you at our cost (approximately 43 cents/copy).
- A 23-slide Power Point presentation that expands on the theme presented in the brochure. The presentation can be downloaded from the WCABP website www.wcabp.com
- A 12½-minute video presentation (VHS) also titled Think Large. In addition to the standard VHS tapes, we have DVDs as well as CDs (suitable for use in exhibits), which may be borrowed for your use.

Please contact the WCABP office for any of the THINK LARGE materials.

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Anaplasmosis & Bluetongue

We were asked by several groups to comment as an organization on the CFIA proposals for changing the regulations and import requirements for US cattle for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis. Although we had little time to respond as a Board we felt it was important to represent our interests and our clients on this issue. American producer organizations have long felt that our import restrictions on cattle for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis were not scientifically reasonable and were a non-tariff trade barrier. Canadian producer organizations have also lobbied for a relaxation of these import restrictions to allow freer movement across the border. Although these issues have not been tied in directly with the opening of the border following the discovery of BSE in Canada, it has been pointed out that all border import and export restrictions should be based on a scientifically rational basis.

New data has been forth coming that indicates that there is limited risk of establishment of these diseases in Canada because of our climate and the distribution of the natural vectors. As well other publications indicate that some of the current control measures are of little benefit. Finally, surveys of cattle on both sides of the border indicate we have little risk of these diseases spreading or establishing in Canada. Bluetongue has only been found to exist naturally in the Okanagan Valley. A Bluetongue free status is useful for exports to some countries; however Anaplasmosis is not an international health issue. Neither of these diseases is considered to be a human health hazard.

The CFIA has solicited responses to 3 proposals for changing these regulations. As a Board we consulted industry and technical experts and we felt that none of the proposals were appropriate. We proposed a fourth alternative:

- a) Deregulate Anaplasmosis; and
- b) Keep Bluetongue reportable in Canada but allowing the year-round importation of U.S. breeding and feeders from all U.S. states regardless of their Bluetongue status anywhere in Canada, except for the Okanagan Valley and without a post-entry import protocol.

We believe that this is justified by the very limited health risk for our cattle herd and provides a rational basis for regulating the importation of cattle into Canada. We believe that these proposed changes would also open up the border to allow the freer movement of cattle as desired by our producer organizations. I urge our members to take an active role in the discussion of these issues. 🐾

Richard Harland

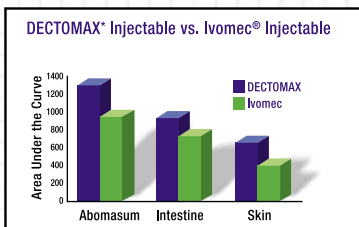


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