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Top Honors Awarded to AABP Beef and Dairy Veterinarians

Prestigious awards were given to several bovine veterinarians at the American Association of Bovine Practitioners 2024 57th Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio

(ASHLAND, Ohio) September 18, 2024 – The top honor that an American Association of Bovine Practitioners (AABP) member can obtain in his or her career is the **AABP Bovine Practitioner of the Year Award sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim**. At the 2024 57th AABP Annual Conference which was held Sept. 12-14 in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Calvin Booker, Okotoks, Alberta, received this prestigious honor. This award honors a veterinarian in active practice who is active in organized veterinary medicine and has made significant contributions to bovine medicine.

Several other bovine veterinarians were also honored at the Annual Business Meeting and Awards Luncheon on September 14. They are:

AABP Award of Excellence

Sponsored by AABP, recipients must be involved in teaching, research, industry or government areas. The recipient's professional activities must have had a consistent and direct influence on daily activities of veterinarians in bovine practice. The 2024 recipient is:

Dr. Dan Grooms, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Merck Animal Health Mentor-of-the-Year Award

The recipient of this award is an AABP member who has been engaged in the field of veterinary medicine for at least 25 years and has served as both advisor and role model to pre-veterinary and/or veterinary students. This award is given to a member who embodies this spirit whether in practice, the clinic, or the classroom. The 2024 recipient is:

Dr. Robert Cherenon, Turlock, Calif.

Zoetis Distinguished Service Award

The recipient of this award is an individual who, through long and continued service, has promoted the goals of the AABP and whose accomplishments have served as a model for service to bovine agriculture through organized veterinary medicine. The 2024 recipient is:

Dr. David Welch, Berlin, Pa.

Dr. James A. Jarrett Award for Young Leaders

Recipients of this award have graduated veterinary school within 10 years, have given extraordinary service to the AABP in a manner that significantly enhances the mission of the organization, and whose contributions will help ensure the current and future success of the AABP. The 2024 recipient is:

Dr. Elizabeth Brock, North Berwick, Maine

Other awards given at the 2024 56th AABP Annual Conference include:

2024 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Award

- *Impact of oral administration of di-tri-octahedral smectite (Biosponge®) on the duration of clinical signs and need for antimicrobial drug use in diarrheic dairy calves*
Dr. Ailbhe King
North Carolina State University
- *Comparing the use of lidocaine-loaded bands to reduce pain and discomfort in dairy and beef-dairy calves*
Dr. Eduarda Bortoluzzi
Kansas State University

2024 AABP Research Summaries Graduate Student Awards

- First Place – Dr. Tyler Jumper – Mississippi University
T. foetus RT-qPCR Media Comparison
- Second Place – Dr. Conrad Schelkopf – Kansas State University
eNose Differentiates Pre- and Post-Challenge BRD
- Third Place – Rebecca Bigelow – Kansas State University
Mortality Diagnoses at a Calf Ranch

2024 Student Case Presentation Competition Winners

- Overall Winner
 - Emma Sells – Washington State University
Evaluation of Topical Flunixin Meglumine Compared to Antimicrobial Treatment on BRD Re-Treatment and Mortality in Pre-Weaned Dairy Calves
- Research Report
 - First Place – Emma Sells – Washington State University
 - Second Place – Alyssa Gathje – University of Minnesota
Investigating the Impact of Propylene Glycol Administration on Hyperketonemia, Considering Metabolite Concentrations
- Clinical Case Report
 - First Place – Chris Box – Texas A&M University
Mesothelioma in a Mature Beef Cow

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Next up will be the 8th Annual AABP Recent Graduate Conference Feb. 14-15, 2025 in Norman, Okla.

The 2025 58th AABP Annual Conference will be held Sept. 11-13, 2025, in Omaha, Neb.

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