

THURSDAY, September 12, 2019

Welcome to Your Gateway to Success!

The 2019 52nd AABP Annual Conference is off to a great start with a very large attendance in St. Louis, Mo. This week started off with 13 Preconference Seminars, a special Food Animal Educators Symposium on Wednesday, and the Welcome Reception Wednesday evening sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim.

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“AABP welcomes our members, guests, students, technicians, sponsors and exhibitors to our 52nd Annual Conference,” says AABP Executive Director Dr. Fred Gingrich. “We are excited to have sessions from the National Mastitis Council and the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners. I am certain our attendees will find great value in not only

the CE sessions, but also the networking and social events we have planned.”

AABP President-Elect and 2019 Program Chairman Dr. Calvin Booker says, “I want to welcome everyone to St. Louis for the 52nd AABP Annual Conference. Our theme this year is “Gateway to Success” - a reference to the Gateway Arch here in St Louis and an emphasis that the educational opportunities and networking experiences here at the annual conference set our members and their clients up for success.”

Food Animal Educators Symposium

Food Animal Educators Symposium 2019
The second annual AABP Food Animal Educators Symposium was held yesterday in St. Louis. There were 26 bovine educators representing 20 different colleges from the U.S. and Canada in attendance.

This year’s symposium allowed bovine educators from across North America to come together to discuss important issues in how veterinary students are currently trained, and how well they will fill the future needs of the profession and the future needs of the bovine industries. “We need to be teaching where veterinary medicine is going to be in the future, not where it has been in the past” says symposium attendee Dr. Brad White, “these students will be practicing in the year 2060!”



The focus this year was to continue the work done by the AABP Task Force on Bovine Education created as a result of last year’s symposium, and to gather feedback from other bovine educators. The 15 members of the Task Force, many of whom were in attendance, volunteered their time and expertise during 2019 to improve the connection between

veterinary students, educators, bovine practitioners, and the AABP organization. This included defining the importance of education outside the classroom by drafting official guidelines on externships, expanding the externship opportunities available to students, and beginning to identify the baseline competencies of veterinary graduates in bovine medicine.

Of course, much more work is needed to make sure we continue to stay relevant and continue to improve, and the symposium ended with action plans, more volunteering, and optimism for the impact of the work into the future.

Submitted by Dr. Emmanuel Rollin

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2019 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Awards

The 2019 AABP Foundation Competitive Research Grant Awards were given to:

- Dr. Alvaro Garcia-Guerra, The Ohio State University
Evaluation of on-animal sensors for early detection of disease and beef bull performance during the breeding season
- Dr. Brian Aldridge, University of Illinois
Randomized field trial examining the economic benefits of targeted treatment of hyperketonemia in transition dairy cows

AABP Welcomes Invited Industry Guests

AABP is affiliated with and/or works with other industry organizations. Representatives from several organizations are present at the conference including:

- Academy of Veterinary Consultants
- American Veterinary Medical Association
- National Cattleman’s Beef Association
- British Cattle Veterinary Association

Welcome Reception Brings Attendees Together

It was a warm evening in St. Louis at the AABP Welcome Reception, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc. Food, drinks and fellowship were a great way to kick off the show!



AASRP Holds Dairy Goat Seminar

The AASRP Dairy Goat Nutrition Preconference Seminar was well-attended yesterday!



Stay tuned for more AABP Conference information to come!