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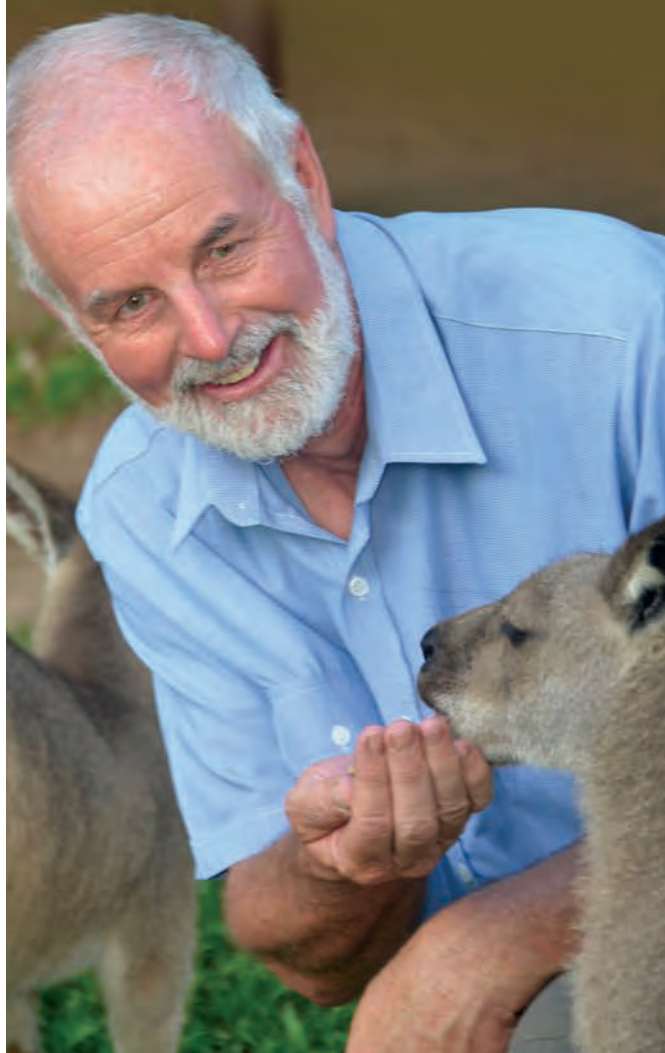
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# Welcome from WBC Committee



Welcome to all of the participants of this, the XXVIII World Buiatrics congress. Cairns is the nominal capital of Far North Queensland and represents the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef and the tropical rainforest. It is a wonderland of natural beauty built on a heritage world listing.

Cairns has played host to many international congresses over the years. It has the feel of a large country town that makes both national and international guests appreciate the unique combination of natural wonder that has not been overrun by commercialism. The compact nature of the central business area, make the Cairns Convention Centre easily accessible from any of the high quality hotels. The walk to the congress centre allows the delegates to wander along the boardwalk to the scientific sessions while soaking up the tropical winter sun. It is difficult to leave the marina and the tropical atmosphere of far north Queensland to enter the purpose built conference centre and have to readjust to the atmosphere of learning within.

The scientific programme will be presented in five lecture halls. Halls A and B will be translated into the international Buiatrics languages from English to Spanish, German and French. There are 350 oral presentations plus 69 keynote lectures supplemented with 250 poster presentations. This programme includes topics on using artificial insemination programmes to utilise the best genetics available on either extensive beef grazing properties, or the more intensive small and large dairy farms so that they can benefit from the best genetics available in their own enterprise. We naturally address the main concerns for the bovine practitioner of transition cow management, the ruminal environment, respiratory diseases both in calf rearing systems, and its impact on the feedlot industry. The programme also includes scenarios of lameness and mastitis diagnosis and treatment. There is in depth discussion on Pestivirus, Neospora, Salmonella, Parasitism, Paratuberculosis, Theileria, Ketosis, Leptospirosis, and genetic diseases. There are both workshops and lectures on veterinary bull breeding soundness examinations.

The Buiatrics congresses have, in the last few years, included sessions on the small ruminants. This programme includes sessions on sheep, goats, camelids, and buffaloes. The world Buiatrician also needs knowledge on animal welfare and especially pain management which is now high on the agenda of our recent graduates. This is along with antibiotic usage and veterinary education, all of which are presented here in Cairns.

Local, national and international congresses would not be possible without the continued fantastic support of our sponsors and especially the pharmaceutical companies. It is their research and development that provide us with the treatment options we employ on a day to day basis. We ask you too, in turn, to support them within your practices.

All of the members of the organising committee wish that you enjoy this excellent congress, meet new colleagues, learn new things, have a pleasant stay in Cairns, North Queensland and perhaps have the opportunity to visit other areas of Australia.

**Dr Robert J Rheinberger**

Chairman WBC2014