

## Local Veterinarian Attends International Conference

HASTINGS, NE — Dr. Bruce Laidig of the Cumberland Valley Veterinary Clinic in Newburg and Scotland attended the fall conference of the Society for Theriogenology held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on September 28-10, 1989.

Thirty-eight internationally recognized authorities in the field of animal reproduction presented papers and technical information on reproductive problems, diagnosis, and treatment. The presentations emphasized equine and bovine reproduction, small animal reproduction, and small ruminant reproduction.

Regular membership in the society is restricted to veterinarians

who have an interest in the field of animal reproduction. The members are updated through publications and newsletters received from the society office in Hastings, Nebraska.

The Society has more than 2,200 members in the United States, Canada, and a number of foreign countries.

Dr. Frank Mongini of Petaluma, California served as president of the society this past year with Dr. Steve Wikse of Texas A&M University serving as chairman of the 1989 Fall Conference assisted by Dr. Shirley Johnston of the University of Minnesota and Dr. Gordon Woods of the University of Idaho.

COLLEGE PARK, MD — Dairy, beef, sheep, goat and horse owners interested in improving their pastures will be able to obtain the latest information on pasture establishment and management at two forage conferences to be held in January. These conferences, co-sponsored by the Maryland-Delaware Forage Council, Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and Delaware Cooperative Extension Service, will be held January 13, 1990, at the Caroline County 4-H Park near Williston, MD, and January 20, 1990, at the Carroll County Agriculture Center in Westminster, MD.

Program topics at both conferences will be similar. Topics to be discussed will include evaluating present pasture stands, selecting proper grass and legume species for reseeding, procedures and

methods for reseeding pastures, and proper management of pastures to maintain stands. Also included in the program topics will be presentations on grazing management in both New Zealand and Ireland.

Both conferences will include commercial displays of products ranging from fencing supplies to seed and fertilizer. A plant identification contest will also be conducted. Livestock owners attending the conference will have an opportunity to observe and identify some of the common pasture

grass and legume species.

Maryland and Delaware residents planning to attend either of the conferences should contact their local county Extension office for reservations and further information. Residents of surrounding states should contact either Lester Vough, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742: 301/454-4695, or Richard Barczewski, Kent County Extension office, 4601 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901: 301/697-4000.

## Bramble Production Guide Offered

A long-awaited bramble production guide publication is available now from Penn State through the county Extension offices or the university.

Presented in a handy three-ring binder, this 188-page guide includes 116 color photos showing various bramble varieties, diseases, pests, and growing techniques. A series of budgeting

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