

Pan American Brown Swiss Breeders Conference Set

BELOIT, Wis.—Brown Swiss Association leaders from North, Central and South America met during World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. to lay the groundwork for the first Pan American Conference of Brown Swiss Associations.

Accepting the invitation from the Brown Swiss Association of Brazil, the countries voted to stage the first conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil in October, 1996 in conjunction with the Expomilk, the

Brazilian national dairy show.

Conference chairman is to be Virgilio Eustaquio Da Silva, president of the association in Brazil.

The organization committee accepted the following goals as guidelines for the new organization: A. Establish and enhance communication between Brown Swiss cattle breeders and herdbook associations. B. Showcase genetic progress and breed association programs by member countries. C. Provide assistance and

information to growing herdbook associations and breeder groups wanting to organize. D. Share protocols for genetic exchange between member countries (semen, embryos, cattle). E. Provide interpretation for genetic evaluations and herdbook records. F. Work toward unified type evaluations and production proofs. G. Establish publications exchange between countries. H. Share data beneficial to management of and marketing of Brown Swiss gene-

tics to new markets. I. Consider joint concerns and unified positions of "Americas" for future sessions of "World Federation of Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders."

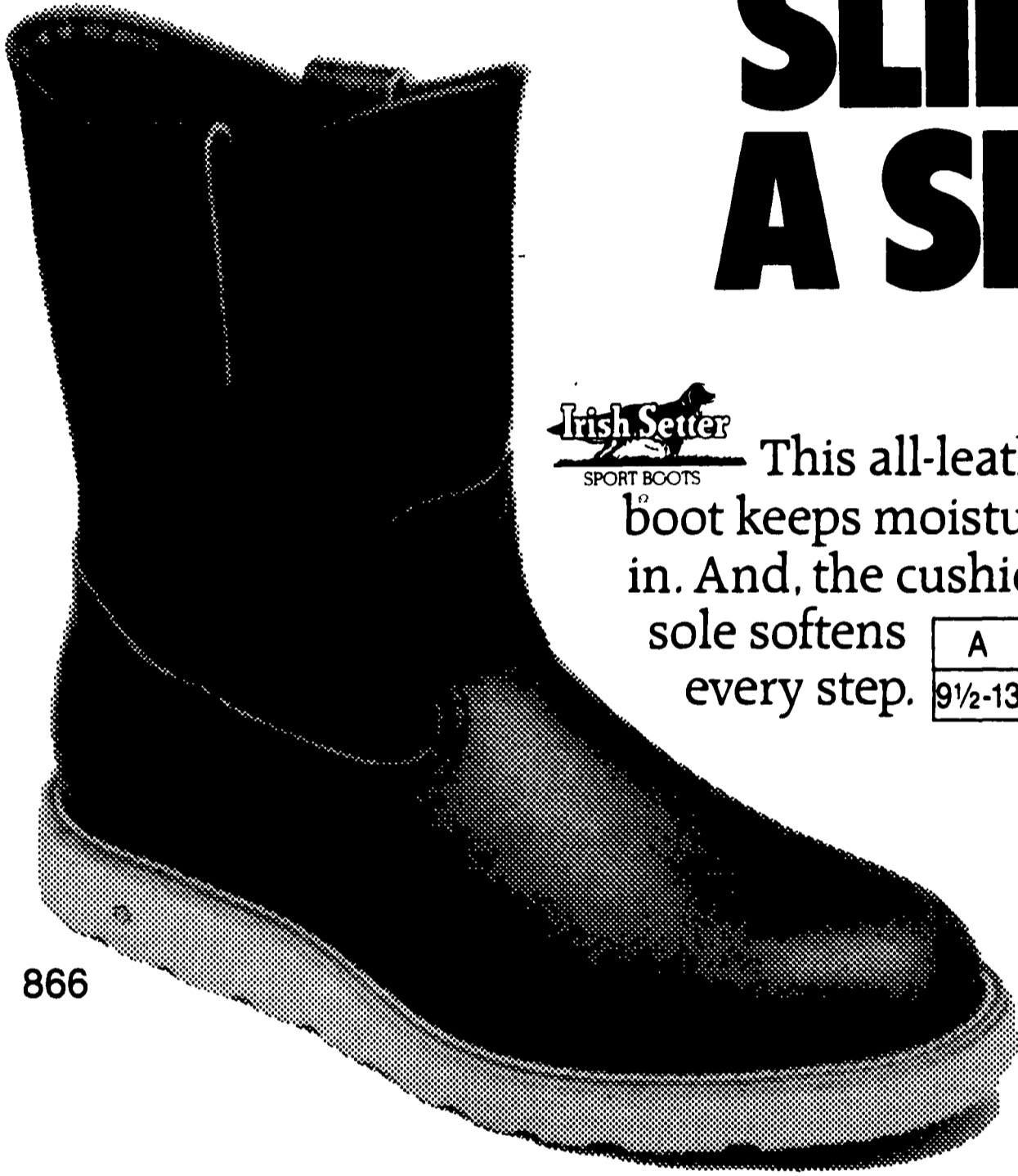
Seventeen countries are known to have organized Brown Swiss associations in the Americas and Caribbean. Each country has been asked to assist in the organizational effort with an initial \$200 membership fee followed by a \$100 annual membership fee.

The Brown Swiss Cattle Breed-

er's Association of the U.S.A. will serve as the secretary/treasurer for the organization. Members of the advisory council include Virgilio Eustaquio da Silva, Wellington Canabrava, Brazil; Alfredo Volio, Costa Rica; Fernando Rosero, Ecuador; and Michael Young, U.S.A.



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