

A message from the President Aug. 13, 2007

Dear Senepol Breeders and Friends,

What can I say – it certainly was a pleasure to be at the 30th Annual SCBA Convention and visit with our many friends from the United States, Venezuela, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Brazil.

On behalf of SCBA we want to especially thank Lisa Vorce and Ralph & Ann Rodgers for organizing the activities; and Art Martinez & Sebastiao De Aguiar for being our hosts on their ranches. We enjoyed seeing their excellent Senepol cattle and appreciated their hospitality.

It was a special honor for me to recognize and present the Fritz E. Lawaetz award to Senor Alfonso “Guison” Correa for his 60 years of service to Annaly Farms and working with the Senepol Cattle since 1949, and to have 12 members of his family in attendance.

The Mario Gasperi Award, for breeder of the year, was presented to 4 breeders this year representing different countries.

Mr. Earl King, SCBA Board member for many years but retiring this year, was recognized as the breeder representing the United States. We will miss Earl’s participation in our board meetings but wish him the best in his activities for the future.

Senora Beatriz Guzman de Diaz was recognized as the breeder representing Venezuela. Senora Diaz began representing the Senepol breeders on St. Croix to Venezuelan cattlemen in the late 1990’s. She has been the most influential person in spreading the word about Senepol cattle in Latin America. Beatriz was elected president of the Venezuelan Senepol Association in 2007.

Senor Arquimedes Pitti received the Mario Gasperi award representing Panama. Senor Pitti was the first breeder to import Senepol cattle to Panama in 2001 and has been very influential in promoting Senepol cattle there.

Senor Sebastiao De Aguiar of Brazil and Sacramento 2004, representing the Brazilian Senepol Cattle Association (ABCB/Senepol), also received the Mario Gasperi award. Sebastiao has been a SCBA board member since 2004 and is very aware of the needs of our Latin American breeders.

Senor Pedro Alejandro Restrepo of Colombia was not able to attend at the last minute but will be recognized at the Senepol Symposium in Panama Nov. 16 & 17, 2007. Senor Restrepo has been doing a great deal of research work with different breeds in Colombia and we look forward to his presentation at the Panama Senepol Symposium.

On behalf of SCBA I want to congratulate and welcome Senor Patrick Pitti of Panama as a new SCBA board member representing Region 1 and Dr. John DeGroot & Mr. Carl Parker for their re-election, both representing Region 5.

At the 1st meeting of the SCBA Board the same officers were re-elected and the Executive Committee consists of:

Hans Lawaetz – President – Virgin Islands
Jerry White – Vice President /Treasurer – North Carolina
Carl Parker – Past President – Alabama
Mark Sanders – Executive Committee – Tennessee
Dr. Charles Whitworth – Executive Committee – Alabama

The next scheduled meeting of the SCBA Board of Directors will be Sept. 21 & 22, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. Please e-mail or call any of us with your comments or suggestions and plan to attend or participate in the Senepol Symposium in Panama, Nov. 16 & 17, 2007.

Best regards,
Hans Lawaetz