

## 49th ICoMST – CAMPINAS, BRASIL

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There were eight delegates and four companions from Canada this year. The delegates included Nather Aziz (President, CMSA), Lynn McMullan, Jon Meadus, Serge Pommier, Don Raymond, Phyllis Shand, Howard Swatland, and Ron Osborne.

The congress was attended by over 400 delegates representing 38 countries. We had the opportunity to participate in 11 scientific sessions which addressed a range of topics from animal production and production systems – metabolic modifiers & carcass growth, animal welfare & environment, muscle biology and meat quality, consumer topics, meat safety, meat processing and communicating scientific information. In addition there were 243 posters presented with 13 of the authors of the posters being invited to speak at one of the appropriate scientific sessions. Lynn McMullan and Howard Swatland gave major presentations, and Phyllis Shand gave an oral presentation of her poster at one of the sessions.

Wednesday was tour day where some of us went on scientific and cultural tours while others went on scenic tours. In addition we had several outstanding social events with plenty of excellent food which included a Welcoming Cocktail Party at a beautiful military academy on Sunday night, followed by an authentic Brazilian barbecue on Monday night, Brazilian Night on Tuesday, and the formal Congress Dinner on Thursday night.

While there we had balmy weather with daytime temperatures in the mid to high twenties and lots of sun. The Congress was held at a beautiful hotel on the outskirts of Campinas, a booming city of over one million people. We were within 100 km. of the gigantic metropolis of Sao Paulo with 20 million people. The Brazilian people were extremely kind and hospitable and organizers did a tremendous job despite a few very late nights and early mornings. It was a great experience and if you have never attended one of these congresses, you should plan to do so. Future ones are being planned for Finland in 2004 (the 50th and where it all began), Baltimore, MD, USA in 2005, Ireland in 2006, and China in 2007. An offer by Canada to host the Congress was tentatively accepted for 2012. Please feel free to contact Carla or any of this year's delegates if you would like more information.



**L-R:** Nather Aziz, Lynn McMullen, Phyllis Shand, Howard Swatland, Ron Osborne, Don Raymond, Jon Meadus. Missing: Serge Pommier