



LUIS OSVALDO BARCOS

VETERINARIAN

Mr. Luis Osvaldo Barcos, son of Juan Carlos Barcos and Angela Matilde Bianchimano Senatore, has worked since he was 12 years of age to help his family.

He discovered his passion for veterinary medicine when he was 13 years old as he was working in an Agricultural Cooperative, in his hometown, where he joined the town's Rural Veterinarian during his visits throughout the countryside. From that moment, he made the decision to become a veterinarian.

He left the city of Colon to go to the City of Buenos Aires, where he finished his secondary school studies in a night school while working in factories to pay for his studies.

He continued to work in factories from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. so that he could continue his studies at night at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Buenos Aires,

He has broad experience in the Private Sector as a Veterinarian, in the Federal Public Sector as President of the National Service of Agri-Food Health and Quality (SENASA), and also in the International Sector as he negotiated on behalf of Argentina with over 70 countries to gain market access in connection with sanitary and phytosanitary matters. He has been Regional Representative for the Americas of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) for 20 years.

RESUME

Veterinarian, graduated in 1983 from the University of Buenos Aires, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Languages:

Spanish (native); English (speaking and writing skills)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Private Sector - between 1984 and 1996

Immediately after getting his degree as Veterinarian, he began working and gained significant experience in cattle round-up management and health.

Between 1984 and 1996, he carried out different activities relating to genetics, management, reproduction and health in round-ups of various cattle breeds and in different farming zones of the provinces of Buenos Aires, Corrientes, Entre Ríos, La Pampa, San Luis, Santa Cruz and Tierra del Fuego.

Listed below are some of the farms in which he worked as a professional. He quit all private sector activities before taking office as President of SENASA in 1996:

- Tapi Aike Farm- Owner: Erique Viel Temperley-Santa Cruz –Argentine Patagonia– 100,000 hectares – 1000 cows
- Los Mestizos Farm- Owner: Domingo Arroyo-Perdices -Gualeguaychu – Entre Rios- 5000 hectares- 2500 cows
- El Centinela Farm- Owner: Luis Manzano Small-Bolivar-Province of Buenos Aires- 5000 hectares - 3000 cows
- La Esperanza Farm and Tuyuti Farm – Owner: Stefano Di’Campello – Lujan, Province of Buenos Aires and Rufino, Province of Santa Fe- 15,000 hectares – 10,000 cows
- General Avalos Farm- Monte Caseros – Owner: Remonta y Veterinaria- Corrientes- 44,000 hectares – 30,000 cows
- Triunfo San Jose Farm-Santo Tome-Corrientes – Owner: Remonta y Veterinaria- 14,000 hectares – 10,000 cows
- Pulmari Farm- Neuquen – Owner: Remonta y Veterinaria- Patagonia – 60,000 hectares – 2000 cows –
- General Paz Farm- Ordoñez- Province of Cordoba- Owner: Remonta y Veterinaria- 12,000 hectares – 5000 cows
- La Moderna Farm – Gonzalez Chaves- Owner: Gregorio Numo y Noel Werthein SA, Province of Buenos Aires – Werthein SA. 5000 hectares- 4000 cows
- Los Robles Farm– Owner: Gregorio Numo y Noel Werthein SA, Lonquimay – La Pampa- Werthein SA- 10,000 hectares – 7000 cows
- Santa Teresa y La Carolina Farm- Sante SA- Owner: Oscar Gold- Goya, Province of Corrientes – 12,000 hectares and 8,000 heads of Braford and Brahaman livestock
- El Carmen, La Juanita, Punta Caballos, Los Rosales Farm - Nueva Vida SA-Enrique Klein- Gualeguay and Gualeguaychu- Province of Entre Rios- 12,000 hectares and 8,000 heads of Hereford livestock
- Genex SA. Artificial Insemination Centre – Owners: Hector F Pereda SA- Julio Llorente SA and Guido Di Tella – Technical Director & Manager. Collection of bovine semen– 40 bulls in production.
- El Toro Muerto S.A. Farm; Bagual, Gobernador Dupuy Department, San Luis. Owner: J. Llorente y CIA SA. 11,000 hectares with 7,000 cows and 1000 breeders, plus artificial insemination, embryo transfer, full cycle, winter pasture and breeding activities. 2500 hectares for crops.
- El Yunque Farm; - Laboulaye, Córdoba. Ana María Duahu de Taylor. 7000 hectares with 5000 cows, out of which 2500 were used for breeding and full cycle activities, breeding and winter pasture and breeder production.

- San Sebastián S.A. Farm; Zelaya, Pilar, Buenos Aires. Alfredo Gurmendi- 2500 hectares with 1000 cows, breeding and breeder production activities, artificial insemination activities, and 500 hectares for crops per year.

- Rhone Merieux Argentina S.A. Laboratories.

Development of new products for Argentina, with a primary focus on providing assistance in reproduction and reproductive management of round-ups to professionals and stockbreeders.

- C.A.B.I.A. Argentine Chamber of Artificial Insemination.

Chamber that gathers all insemination and embryo transfer centres in Argentina. Responsible for disseminating technology and fostering relations with national and international organizations.

Position: Executive Secretary

- Executive Secretary at the Argentine Chamber of Insemination and Embryo Transfer.

- Reproduction advisor at SANOFI – Rhone Merieux.

- He designed and launched the first mobile bovine semen collection and freezing centre in Argentina.

- He was responsible for the first import of live cattle from Australia to Argentina for the genetic improvement of the Braford breed.

- 20 years of experience as a small cattle farmer of the Wagyu breed.

- Recipient of the award for the top 200 graduates from the University of Buenos Aires in the Veterinary category, on the occasion of the University's 200th anniversary.

- Honorary professor at the School of Veterinary, University of Buenos Aires.

- 2001 – He introduced the Wagyu breed to Argentina, and currently serves as the President of the Argentine Association of Wagyu Breeders.

- Active member of the French Academy of Meat since 2018. First foreigner and Argentine national to be part of that prestigious body.

- 2002 – Member of the Technical Subcommittee on Identification and Traceability of AACREA.

National public sector

- 1994-1996 – Pro-bono advisor to the Argentine Congress at the Agriculture Committee.

- 1996-1999 – President of the National Service of Agri-Food Health and Safety (SENASA) of Argentina, overseeing 4000 employees, 360 regional offices, and a budget of USD 100,000,000. As President of SENASA, he was responsible for Animal Health, Plant Health, Food Safety and Quality, and the access to international markets. In this role, he directly participated in negotiations to gain market access to over 70 countries.

International sector

- 1996-1999 - Argentine Delegate to the WOAHA.
- 1998 - Secretary General of the WOAHA Regional Commission for the Americas.
- 1998 - Chair of the WOAHA Ad Hoc Group on Identification and Traceability.
- 1998 - He created the WOAHA Regional Representation for the Americas and subsequently organized the creation of the WOAHA Sub-Regional Representation for Central America in Panama.
- 1999 - Member of the Ad Hoc Group on the Quality of Veterinary Services and the Quality of Laboratories.
- 1999 - International Embryo Transfer - Member of the Import/Export Committee.
- 1998 - He organized the first International Conference on Animal Identification and Traceability “From Farm to Fork” in Argentina, in 1998.
- 2004-2005 - Acting Head of the WOAHA Regional Activities Department.
- 2004-2015 - Member of the Editorial Board of the WOAHA Scientific Review. He has reviewed numerous scientific papers proposed for publication and promoted the publication of the issue of the WOAHA Scientific Review on the contribution of animals to human health.
- Mission in Egypt to cooperate with the Avian Influenza issue.
- Mission in Sri Lanka to cooperate with the development of the National Identification and Traceability Plan.
- Currently, he continues to participate in multiple scientific conferences and global congresses as main speaker.
- Since 2004, he has been serving as Regional Representative for the Americas of the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAHA).

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