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Every five years the Multi-State Bovine Respiratory Disease (BRD) Committee of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) takes the opportunity to host the Bovine Respiratory Disease Symposium. The 2019 meeting theme was ‘Challenges and Opportunities for Reducing the Incidence of Bovine Respiratory Disease’ and was held in Denver, Colorado, USA on 7 and 8 August 2019. The aim of this symposium was to provide the latest information and opportunities for discussion on current concepts and approaches to improve understanding of BRD risk factors, economic impacts, animal genomics and BRD, the microbiome and BRD, novel diagnostic approaches, and antimicrobial stewardship. This special issue of *Animal Health Research Reviews* includes most of the papers from the 2019 BRD Symposium. We hope these articles will provide additional insight and food for thought on the best practices to implement for management of animals, people and microbes to lessen the impact of BRD.