

World Galloway Conferences

In 1997, the Canadian Galloway Association hosted a meeting of World Galloway & Belted Galloway breeders in Calgary, Canada to float the idea of establishing a World Galloway Conference event. At this meeting Ole Grubbe, invited Galloway and Belted Galloway breeders from around the world to Germany the following year.



The Delegates from participating World Galloway Association attending the 1997 meeting in Canada

Standing: Merlin Bradley, *Australia*; John McIlwraith, *Canada*;

Robert Ballantyne, *Canada*;

Dieter Bojes, *Germany*; Robert McIntosh, *Scotland*; Ole Grubbe, *Germany*;

Christian Stotter, *DVM, Austria*.

Seated: Laura Lee Billings, *Facilitator*; Joyce Eggleston, *U.S.A.*;

Friedhelm Zehetner, *Austria*;

Barry McAlley, *New Zealand*; John Maxwell, *Scotland*; Steven Silberberg, *U.S.A.*

The following year, in Alsfeld, Germany the 1st World Galloway meeting was held, hosted by the German Galloway Association. At this meeting it was agreed to host a World Galloway meeting every 2 years. 2 delegates from each Member Association voted to appoint the President & Secretary for the next 2 years and to accept invitations from Galloway & Belted Galloway associations to host future conferences.

At the 1998 World Galloway Conference the first Board was elected and comprised of:

Chairman	Mr Alistair Gourlay, Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Northern Ireland
Past Chairman	Mr Ole Grubbe, Bundesverband Deutscher Galloway-Zuchter
Vice Chairman	Mr Merlin Bradley, Australian Galloway Association
Member	Mr Barry McAlley, Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand
Sec/Treasurer	Mrs Jane Faul, USA Belted Galloway Society

Here are the 1998 Founding Delegates from the participating Associations:

Gründungsmitglieder des Welt-Galloway-Verbandes / foundation members of the World-Galloway-Society

**am 04. September 1998 / at the 4th of September 1998
in Alsfeld, Deutschland / in Alsfeld, Germany**

<u>Name / name</u>	<u>Verband / association</u>	<u>Unterschrift / signature</u>
Ballantyne, Robert	Canadian Galloway Association	Robert Ballantyne
Bradley, Merlin	Australian Galloway Association	Merlin Bradley
Dettwiler, Markus	Swiss Galloway Society	Markus Dettwiler
Faul, Jane	Belted Galloway Society of USA	Jane Faul
Fischer, v., Bechtold	Swiss Galloway Society	Bechtold Fischer
Gourlay, Alastair	Galloway Cattle Society (U.K.)	Alastair Gourlay
Grubbe, Ole	Bundesverband Deutscher Galloway-Züchter	Ole Grubbe
Hollen, v., K.H.	Bundesverband Deutscher Galloway-Züchter	K.H. Hollen
Kubíša, Rudolf	Tschechischer Fleischrinderzüchter-Verband	Rudolf Kubíša
McAlley, Barry	Galloway Cattle Society of Newsealand	Barry McAlley
McIlwraith, John	Canadian Galloway Association	John McIlwraith
McIlwraith, John	Belted Galloway Society of USA	John McIlwraith
McIntosh, Robert	Galloway Cattle Society (U.K.)	Robert McIntosh
Rankin, Roger	Australian Galloway Association	Roger Rankin
Reschl, Wolfgang	Österr. Galloway-Züchter	Wolfgang Reschl
Rohde, Thorhild	Danish Galloway Association	Thorhild Rohde
Seidenglanz, Vit	Tschechischer Fleischrinderzüchter-Verband	Vit Seidenglanz
Zehetner, Friedhelm	Österr. Galloway-Züchter	Friedhelm Zehetner



The following Associations have since hosted the World Galloway Conference:

2000 The Belted Galloway Society of UK – held in June at the Royal Highland Show, Edinburgh

2002 Australian Galloway Association – held in February at the Royal Canberra Show

2004 American Galloway Breeders Association – held in September at the World Beef Expo, Milwaukee

2006 Austrian Galloway Association – held in September in Wells, Austria

2008 Galloway Cattle Society of New Zealand – held in March in Auckland

2010 Denmark Galloway Association – held in September in Braedstrup

2012 Canadian Galloway Association – held in September in Guelph,, Ontario

2014 German Galloway Association – held in September in Wildeshauser

2016 Galloway Cattle Society of Great Britain & Northern Ireland - held in August in Gretna

2018 Australian Belted Galloway Association - held in September in Melbourne

2020 Belted Galloway Society of USA, in Louisville, Kentucky during the North American International Livestock Expo which is usually held in November. Due to the Covid Pandemic this event was cancelled. I would like to acknowledge the huge amount of work that Jon Bednarski and his committee did to prepare a wonderful program which unfortunately did not go ahead. Hopefully one day we will get to experience some of these wonderful events.

2023 Swiss Galloway Association – held in Bern Switzerland

2025 New Zealand Galloway Cattle Society – to be held in Invercargill and Queenstown in the South Island of New Zealand

The World Galloway Conferences provide an opportunity for breeders to share information with other breeders, source genetics to be imported/exported and renew or make new friendships. Most conferences include one day of presentations from member Associations and some speakers from the local beef industry. This is then followed by herd visits and/or cattle shows and local places of interest.

In 2018 we celebrated 20 years since the first World Galloway Conference was formed in Alsfeld, Germany. We would like to thank and acknowledge the founding members who met in Canada to discuss the possibility of forming a group of likeminded people to help with the hosting of these conferences and also the founding delegates of the first World Galloway Conference held in Germany. We were fortunate to have several of those founding Delegates with us in Melbourne – John Maxwell (Scotland), Dieter Bojes (Germany), Wolfgang Reschl (Austria), Kalu Von Hollen (Germany), Barry McAuley (New Zealand), John McIlwraith (Canada) and Merlin Bradley (Australia)

Unfortunately we have lost several of our founding members. Ole Grubbe, Robert McIntosh, Jane Faul, Dieter Bojes and Barry McAuley. Their knowledge of and enthusiasm for the breed is greatly missed.



I am the Secretary of the World Galloway Conference, and am originally from Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, Scotland and now live in Australia. Merlin and I have been very fortunate to be able to attend all the World Galloway Conferences, including the first meeting in Canada in 1997 and I look forward to attending many more in the future.