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

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

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

The following Associations will host the World Galloway Conferences in the future:

2020 Belted Galloway Society of USA, in Louisville, Kentucky during the North American International Livestock Expo which is usually held in November.

2022 Swiss Galloway Association

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.

Today we celebrate 20 years since the first World Galloway Conference was formed in Alsfeld, Germany. I would like to thank 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 are fortunate to have several of those founding Delegates here with us today – Dieter Bojes (Germany), Kalu Von Hollen (Germany), John Maxwell (Scotland), Barry McAuley (New Zealand), Wolfgang Reschl (Austria), John McIlwraith (Canada) and Merlin Bradley (Australia)

I am the Secretary of the World Galloway Conference, and am originally from Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas, Scotland and now live here in Australia. 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.