



WELCOME
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GALLOWAY – WORLD – CONFERENCE 2014 in Wildeshausen

Diary about an exciting week

By Georg Menke

I would like to express my gratitude for the lovely pictures to Lars Lorenzen, Hans-Dieter Frank, Agnes Jansen, Marie-Luise Menke and Josefine von Hollen, who also has assisted me in the revision of the conceptual design.

It is only Sunday, August 31, 2014 and the visitors show, that they are on their way. Some are in Scotland, others are travelling via Amsterdam, Budapest, Vienna, Prague and Berlin to Wildeshausen. Some have started in Rome and have stayed in France and southern Germany before heading to us in the North of Germany. Many friends are on their way and it can be realised: „The wave is coming, nothing can be stopped“.

A casual, cordial atmosphere existed, when the first five Canadians, Lee, John, John jr., as well as Colleen and Brad Card arrived at our home in Ganderkesee. They enjoyed their reception with plum cake, coffee and aperitifs. Before the first herd inspection started, friends from Australia are picked up at the main railroad station in Bremen. The new brochure helps to find one another, which is acknowledged by Jane and Merley Bradley with loud laughter. While enjoying a typical German Sauerbraten with red cabbage and dumpling, an atmosphere develops which makes the start for us easier.



Monday, September 1, 2015

After a survey of a herd together with Jane and Bradley we meet Canadian friends. We drive to "Altes Land" (Old Country) near Stade und enjoy a typical dinner in a typical restaurant of the region.

The old farmhouses and the fruit-trees full of apples and plums in an autumnal atmosphere show the best side of Germany's largest fruit producing area. The tidal range there, far away from the North Sea, causes surprise.

Our guests are astonished to see sides of beef, which have matured for five weeks in the slaughterhouse of **Wilhelm Brack**. Dry age in the normal case in order to demonstrate



and prove quality. The range of products impresses.

Our guests not only see good Galloways, when surveying mother cow herds and bulls for slaughter, they also learn to know the special kind of grazing land, which is common in that area. Narrow and almost endlessly long, fitted in a ditch system, which is typical and necessary for this part of the country.

When we arrive at Gut Altona we are astonished to learn that more than 20 Galloway breeders have already arrived. A mutual dinner takes place in the best mood.

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

After a last sleep in, breakfast and another look over the fence to our own herd the show begins. When I arrive at Gut Altona I am fascinated by the large photo of 2 x 3 m fixed between two trees, with which we welcome our guests. Josefine von Hollen has invited to a press conference at 11:00 o'clock. After a short introduction of the participants we introduce our concept of the week. Horst Kraft reports about the work as BDG-chairman, the need of establishing an international network and his ideas, how he wants to lead the association in the future. I report about the preparations, the program, with its focuses like the "national reports" and the lecture about the world trade streams on the beef market. A highlight of the program is the newly developed marketing strategy, which has been worked out by Greg Stuart and me. The media is very interested in our event and the response in the press is very satisfactorily.

The guests arrive one after another. The registration starts at 16.00 o'clock in the lobby. My wife, Marie-Luise, and I receive the guests cordially. Annette Haase, Josefine von Hollen and

Imke Schlamann handle the bureaucratic part and distribute tightly filled information bags with Galloway-Journals, timetables and little presents.



The registration has been handled by Annette Haase, Marie-Luise Menke, Josefine von Hollen and Imke Schlamann.

Karl-Ludwig von Hollen and Horst Kraft wait in the conservatory for our guests in order to make them known to each other and to bring about a conversation. Everyone should feel comfortable and the noise level indicates that all are in high spirits. I welcome the guests before the first mutual dinner and say a few words about the countryside and culture of north-western Germany. The Northwest developed within 150 years from inhospitable marsh and moorlands to a highly developed cultivated landscape. News from all over the world spread like wildfire, friends are looking forward to an interesting week. The evening is unproblematic because of the joy over the reunion.

The information that the drinks of the evening from the Happy Hour to midnight are already paid appealed to most of the Galloway breeders obviously very much.



Our visitors come into a conversation with each other very quickly in the lovely and casual atmosphere of the conservatory.

Wednesday, September 3, 2014

The conference begins at 10:00 o'clock and I welcome all guests. Horst Kraft gives an address.



Then Jane Bradley from Australia reads the minutes of 2012. The assembly accept the minutes unanimously.

The national reports follow after that. All national reports, which were available, have been translated for the German visitors.



The national reports are presented by the respective speakers of the countries.



Anne Menrath (left), Bundesverband Deutscher Fleischerzürer e.V. (BDF), gives a lecture on meat production, consumption and trade currents of beef after the lunch break. She raises the question which prospects these markets will have in the future.



I give a short introductory speech about marketing.

Greg Stuart (right), Australia, informs about studies on the nutrition quality of beef in Australia. Our guests note the results of these studies with much attention. 64 % of all results classify Galloway meat into the “king-classes” 1 and 2. The other breeds achieve only 12 % in these classes. The main part of the other breeds is classified with 57 % in the classes 5 to 7.

I introduce the new marketing brochure, which is available in English, Russian and German, in detail.

- History
- Characteristics
- Forms of cattle breeding
- Health aspects
- Economic factors
- Customer profiles
- Marketing measures
- Goals of GWC
- Where did the previous conferences take place?

The brochure was well received by the participants and will be made available for all countries on the website www.gallowayworld.org soon.



Barry McAlley from Newsealand and Wolfgang Reschl from Austria were specially honoured. 11 Galloway-World-Conferences were held and they participated in everyone. Congratulations and “we meet again in Scotland”

During the Happy Hour, again with free drinks for all in the conservatory, we experience lively discussions, until a bag piper attracts the attention of the Galloway breeders.

A few minutes before 19:00 o’clock the Galloway breeders proceed to the hall, where a very fine dinner buffet is waiting for them. Then the nations with their respective flags move in – right behind a bag piper. The conga line moves through the hotel and the hall and raises enthusiastic cheers. Finally the flags are put into a flowerpot, where they represent a “bouquet of the nations”.



Now the buffet is open and the visitors respond without hesitation. Many thanks to the Altona-kitchen for these fine specialities.

The vice-chairman of BDF, Martin Holm, delivers an address with regards of the chairman of BDF, Johannes Fritze, who was not able to attend.

Many times the “battle cry” of the Galloway people can be heard:

GALLO-WAY, GALLO-WAY, GALLO-WAY

The singing of jolly breeders can be heard until deep into the night. The breeders withdraw for a nap.

Thursday, September 9, 2014

The first excursion leads us to Kroge near Lohne.

Jürgen Göttke-Krogmann operates a farm there, which is more than 500 years old and family property.

Jürgen informs us in detail about the development of farming and the farm.

After going into retirement he reconstructed the old pigpen. He kept old elements and has created a guest and seminar house, which fits into the group of buildings of the farm. The green roof draws much attention. A gardener, just working on the roof, shows that such a roof is not neutral in terms of labour. It is a special concern of Jürgen to give children and young people the opportunity to get to know farming in its nativeness. A cooperation with the University of Vechta gives him pleasure. The location near the Jakobsweg to Santiago de

Compostella is the cause that pilgrims, who have news to tell and who are pleased with the hostel, come sometimes.



Pure nature, even the roof of the seminar house matches the habitats in the meadows

Now the presentation of the Galloways on pastures with habitats and swampland which are splitted by a deviated near-natural ditch (creek) follows. Jürgen presents a calm and beautiful mother cow herd with optimally developed calves, which all are descendants of Holsten Officer.

The production of meat for direct marketing is the goal of the firm Göttke-Krogmann. Only animals which have been raised on own pastures are offered. The animals are brought up with grass products only.

Walls, ramparts, hedges and high trees define small pastures, on which a variety of grass grows.

Interesting gates and art on a Galloway pasture, like the “wind rake” indicate Jürgen’s interest in culture and history.



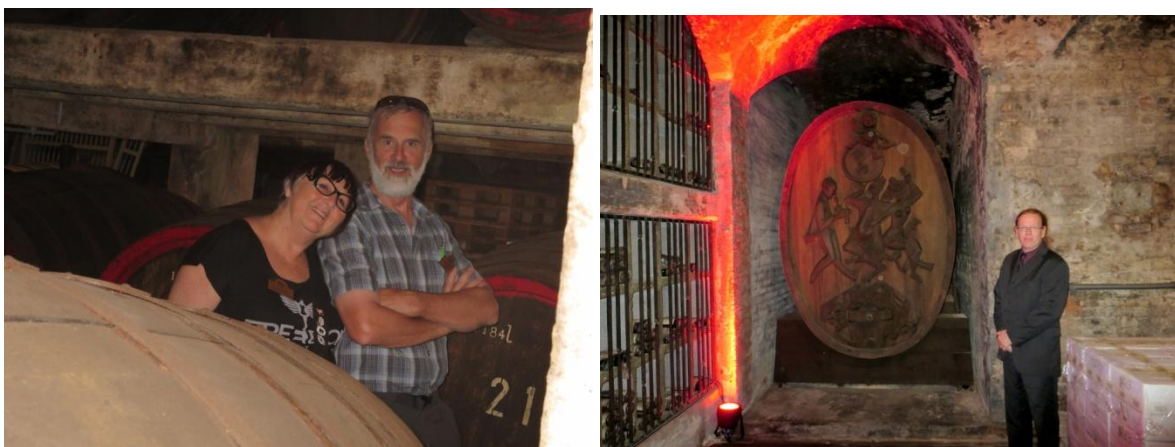
Cow and art it’s possible

He has prepared a Galloway goulash soup, which tastes very good

Bremen

After that we start for Bremen in wonderful weather. We have about an hour free time during which we can shop or enjoy the nice atmosphere in the sun on the historic market place. A special guided tour leads us to environment of the market, the Böttchergasse and to the Schnoor. Performances at the townhall and a medieval barber-surgeon/healer delight our guests. The guests express astonishment at the tooth pliers, the mostly used medical instrument of ancient times.

Moreover the participants of the conference visit the Bremer councillor's wine cellar. While tasting wine they get information about the history of the wine cellar, the culture of wine growing, wine making and storing. Finally we enjoy a most sensitive Riesling in the Apostel-cellar. The sacral atmosphere, candlelight, silence, meditation and concentration on the wine in the glass remain unforgettable.



The atmosphere is the cause of warm hearts once in a while.

All come together to a mutual festive dinner in the historical Bacchus hall. Bacchus – sitting on a cask – smiles at the guests and encourages them to a good drop of wine. The Bremer buffet with the best food inspires our guests.





No wishes remain unfulfilled with such a buffet in such an environment.

The bus drives back to Altona late in the evening and many participants spend the remainder of the day in the conservatory.

Friday, September 5, 2014

The bus to Schleswig-Holstein starts at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Getting up so early is not so easy for everyone. Nevertheless the participants shake off the after-effects of a long night and they take a seat in the bus in time.

The farm of Josefine und Karl-Ludwig von Hollen

We receive a warm welcome in front of the old manor house, where the visit begins with a presentation of the farm concept by KaLu.



Karl-Ludwig von Hollen greets the guests after the reception with a hunting horn group, to which Josefine von Hollen belongs

A group with Josefine makes the tour through the area of the farm where the horses are kept in spotlessly clean stables. Western horses are for many of us “the other race” in comparison to the often seen Hanoverians, Oldenburgers, Holsteiners, which dominate the racecourses of the country. The pastures for the horses are located directly near the courtyard; a riding arena for horse enthusiasts is available. The big indoor riding arena, which is also suited for tournaments, is used for the general training and for western riding. A homely restaurant is affiliated.



Karl-Ludwig von Hollen´s group goes to the Galloways, which have been quartered in the winter stable especially for this visit, where they can be looked on in detail. KaLu informs us about the different categories, their genetics and his ideas about a forward-looking breeding of Galloways.

Bloodlines of certified Canadian, Scottish and Australian bulls are being kept. The cows should have a big frame, be fertile, calve easily and live long. This goal is accepted, as bulls and heifers have been sold to Scotland regularly in the last years. A breeder from Scotland seizes the opportunity and buys a bull during the GWC.



Josefine and KaLu invite to a tasty snack for lunch. The big joints of a cow (7 years of age), which have ripened for 4 weeks are eaten with relish. Here visitors learn how to make guests happy, by treating an old cow the right way before putting it on the table.



Some of the visitors already turn to the interesting western riding presentation, while others are still occupied with the tasty lunch. The high sensibility with which educated western horses drive herds or hinder livestock to break out of the herd is demonstrated in an excellent way. After that a few Galloway breeders get the chance to outwit the horse in its work.

Successful breeders are rewarded with a sample of Scotch whisky. Our Russian guests stand out in this game because of their skill and courage.

On the way to Hagen near Bad Bramstedt the visitors enjoy the beautiful green end moraine landscape of Schleswig-Holstein.

The first stop is at two of Jürgen Greiner's mother cow herds. Jürgen breeds Galloways on a regular basis.

The farm Holsten Galloways breeds long, medium framed, uni coloured animals with good muscles and international genetics for the European market. The herd is influenced mainly by the genetics of the McIlwraith-family from Ontario (Glenfiddich, Solway, Geordawn), Merlin Bradley from Australia (Globex) and Scott McKinnon from Scotland (Klondyke).

The farm keeps more than 150 breeding cows of a total of 31 fathers: Klondyke Oasis, Reiver of Over Barskeoch, Lochdochart Nonu, Blackcraig Quantum, Holsten Edward V103 and Holsten Xaver Y51.

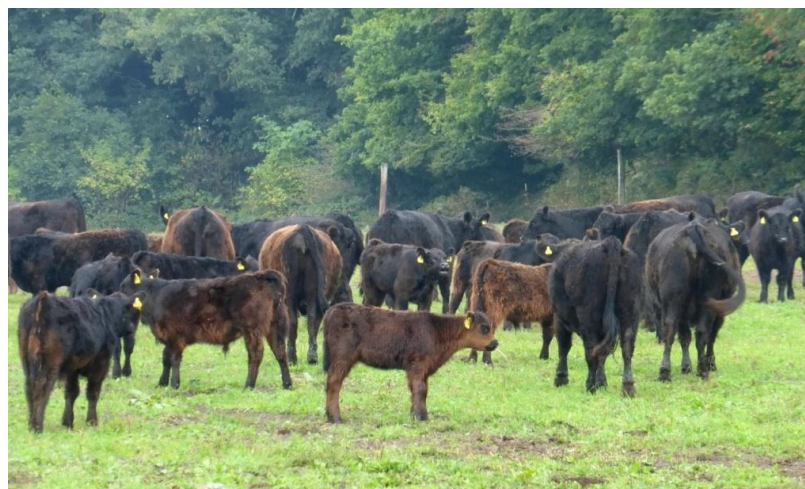
In recent years more than 200 breeding animals were sold to European countries.

The first group, which is visited, consists of 24 mother cows of 11 fathers from Canada, Australia, Scotland and Germany with the bull Klondyke Oasis. The average age of the cows is 7,7 years (4 – 14,5 years) with an average of 6 calves (2 – 12 calves).

The long and very muscular breeding bull Klondyke Oasis (Glenkiln Dynamite-DB Knock Out 1K) has been raised by Skott McKinnon. Oasis is 8,5 years old, weighs approximately 1000 kg and has a frame score of 6 (145 cm). 90 (65 %) of his 140 calves are male.

52 young cows of 10 international fathers are kept in the second group together with Lochdochart Nonu and his calves. The average age of the cows is 3,6 years (3 – 4 years). They have 1 to 3 calves. Lochdochart Nonu (Lochdochart Rambo-DB Boris 1B), who has been raised by John Christie, is a 4,5 years old medium framed heifer bull of a weight of app. 800 kg. His frame score is nearly 6. 50 % of his 100 calves are male.

Mother cows of 3 to 4 years of age with calves of 2014 from the bull Lochdochart Nonu



The third cow group consists of 28 not full-grown cows of 6 fathers from Scotland and Germany with the first calf of Holsten Xaver Y51. The average age of the cows is 2,9 years (2,4 - 3,3 years). The bull Xaver Y51 (Xaver S28-Edward K50) is a very long bull (2,3 Jahre) with a frame score of 6. Half of his 28 calves are male.

The fourth group consists of 38 heifers of 9 fathers. The average age of the heifers is 2,1 years (1,6 - 2,4 years). The bull of the herd is Zinkands Lena (Spessart Legacy-BOA Enterprise), 1,5 years old with a frame score of 6. The bull has been raised by Reinhard Kreß.



The fifth group comprises 20 two-year-old bulls of seven fathers, born in July - November 2012.



The sixth group comprises 57 young bulls of 9 fathers with an average age of 1,3 years, all born in January - September 2013.

I reply to the questions of some guests, how this kind of feeding management corresponds with my lectures of Wednesday by pointing out that there are different kinds of livestock breeding in Germany and that the new brand mark "Galloway-Genussfleisch" naturally is not used by this firm.

Some guests arrive at the farmyard at the end of the visit. Maria Greiner is waiting there, assisted by her children and neighbours, with an incredible cake buffet. The cake on the baking tray with the Galloway image warms every breeder's heart and the delicacies are delivered continuously as if a farm bakery had moved into the kitchen of the farmstead. The firm Burmeister from Viöl lures some guests to buy goods from a small range of Galloway specialities.

Afterwards we return to our hotel Gut Altona, where another fine and delicious dinner buffet and interesting talks are waiting for us.



Three times

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and many thanks to Maria and Jürgen Greiner

Saturday, September 6, 2014

A well chosen program is waiting and all visitors are curious to find out what is waiting for them. We show them a little part of our destinations in the west during our bus ride from Wildeshausen to Hörstel near Rheine. The slogan for Heinz Gerling's farm is "Galloways in their complete colour range". The round tour begins after a cordial welcome and a short introduction of the farm. At first a 14 days old riggit-calf awaits us at the pasture gate.



An animal that works like this must enjoy it

Then the presentation of the whole blaze of colour takes place on small pastures, which are visited on the round tour. White and Black, Red and Dun pointed, Red, Dun etc. Ten different hues are presented to us, which inspire the guests to interesting discussions. The guests are amazed that Karl-Heinz is able to explain every pairing and that he can give reasons, why he started just this experiment.



Three times GALLO-WAY, GALLO-WAY, GALLO-WAY, and also many thanks to Magda and Karl-Heinz Gerling for the successful presentation of their farm.



Our next stop has been planned precisely as we have been granted only very short time frames for arrival and departure between which we are allowed to drive through the core of



the historic district of Osnabruck with three big motor-coaches. In bright sunlight the Galloway breeders at once wander off in the turmoil of the weekend market.

Georg Becker awaits us at the farmers´ market at the dome. He offers Galloway products on three different farmers´ markets for many years. He not only offers all the cuts of meat from Galloways. Georg is a master in the production of sausages and delicacies like

Angle`, which find a good market.

It does not take long until the first Galloway breeders stand with their vouchers in front of the food trailer. They are surprised that Ursel Becker greets them promptly with a plate full of small snacks. A wonderful idea; the guests help themselves properly. A Hamburger is offered for the real hunger. The burger is not stuffed as usual. It is stuffed with a good slice of meat loaf and slaw. Only general mumbling, great acceptance and enthusiasm can be noted. Georg Becker achieves a very good turnover. New business contacts are established, which may help Georg to acquire the missing beef cattle he urgently needs for the Christmas trade.



After the hunger is satisfied the guests use the opportunity to look around in the historic centre of the romantic Westphalian town. Some are interested in the historic town hall, in which - as well as in Munster - the Peace of Westphalia was concluded in 1648. Others are more interested in the dome or in shopping or they enjoy the atmosphere with a coffee in the sun.

Maria and Bernhard Behrens await their guests at the lake Alf between Bramsche and Bersenbrück. We start in time, as we do every day, and we arrive at the time announced. Thank you very much for the punctuality to all guests.

The lake Alf is a dammed lake of 2,2 km² partly with white sand beaches for the tourists and partly with natural banks, where Galloways keep the landscape clear.



As the family Behrens have not attended any cattle-shows recently, nobody knows what kind of Galloways are waiting for us. In the moment,

when the first visitors reach the top of the dyke, I hear a clear “Gosh! Look at these fine animals!” John McIlwraith from Canada is proud that he has exported the ancestors of this outstanding herd to Germany many years ago. It is obvious that these typical heavy beautiful coloured Galloway cows with their good developed calves at their sides are meat producers. Maria Behrens surprises her guests with coffee, cold drinks and butter cake, which is typical for this region.

The afternoon has already passed its point of culmination when we reach the Wietingsmoor. **Annette und Dieter Bojes** have already taken over the guide-service on the way to our destination and they lead us to the end of the paved road. Many of our guests are amazed



when they realize that the surface trembles when somebody steps on it strongly.

Marius Kinkhorst has asked his friends from the rural youth organisation to establish a shuttle-service, which would enable them to reach the

Galloways much faster. The Galloway breeders are amazed when they see seven big tractors with trailers, which invite to sit down on the benches. Others take the covered wagon with a low sill for the elder people. The sun moves to the West, the air becomes hazy and generates a romantic vesper time mood. Sometimes dead birch trees, which stand in the reflecting water, sometimes blooming heath land inspire the visitors. Autumnally green-beige coloured grass, seed tubers and many coloured bushes are a feast for the eyes of every nature lover.



The Belted-Galloways of Annette and Dieter Bojes and the mostly Black Galloways of Marius Kinkhorst demonstrate how Galloways work as conservationist. It can be noted that the animals seem to feel good here, even when the time here for them is limited by nature protection law.



Two completely calm herds inspire our visitors. Especially the big framed black bull, Highland Laddy of Galloway (left) from the breeders collective von Hollen, Mallunat, Kraft and Kinkhorst knows how to inspire the visitors by his presentation.



During the walk over the pasture one or the other breeder certainly remembers the German ballad he once learned in the school „The lad in the moor“ from Annette von Droste Hülshoff with the sentence „O, how ghastful it is to walk through the moor“.

The ground is more solid under our feet when we reach the riding-hall in Rechtern, where a top-class Galloway buffet is waiting for us. When ever have you eaten such a delicious sausage meat from Galloway beef? The frying sausages and the salads inspire the Galloway breeders, who are by now very hungry.



Which of us has already tasted the quaffable bull´s beer? More and more fresh wines are served and also whiskey for the” saddle-fast” guests. Those who like to can taste or buy digestible Galloway liquor. The evening is loosened up by a vaulting group, which demonstrates that zeal, persistence and courage are needed to succeed in performing such elegant figures on a galloping horse. The atmosphere improves every hour, and as always,

you have to carry on when the mood is at its best. Those who still have energy meet in the conservatory of Gut Altona in order to let the evening pass by.





Sunday, September 7, 2014

The last day of our conference begins. The weather forecast for this day is not promising, but a glance outside raises hope that our run of good luck will not abandon us. Away we go to Quakenbrück, where the family **Annette und Carsten Haase** keep their Galloways in a landscape protection area. Stefanie and Christina Haase accompany their guests in the bus, in order to inform them about the general objectives of their stock breeding.

They do not forget to point to the beautiful romantic homesteads of the Artland.



The Galloway herds are introduced in two groups. The Dun herd stands in the rear of the pasture. Well known bulls like Silver Sun Komet, Robin and Xaver V123d Holsten were here in recent years in action. The pedigrees of these bulls contain names like Globex, Legacy N7 Holsten and Glenfiddich from Canada.



Karl T121 Holsten, state winner of 2011, presents himself in paddock 1 in splendid condition. He is the bull, who according to Carsten Haase made a great improvement in the breeding of Blacks possible. The young bull Karlo vom Kronenhof is shown in paddock 2 and the visitors are convinced that he has been a worthy reserve state winner.



Annette Haase presents her Dun-herd

The 38 animals of the Black herd present themselves on the front pasture, the so-called pond pasture. The bull Nordlicht dominates the herd here. He is lead by Marion and Friedrich Wiegmann from Sulingen. He has been state winner, national winner and achieved the national champion title in 2012. All this contributes to his high profile. Dalinka and Dea vom Kronenhof are presented amongst other well know winner cows.



Carsten Hase in front of the Black herd at the pond pasture

Tina und Axel Mallunat receive us with their two girls on Sunday at noon. They present



their cattle with three different colours on their farm. After having introduced his sideline farming he presents on a walk his Black, Dun and White Galloways of the Sonnenhof. It is obvious, that he is pleased to see good friends, he has made during his many Scotland visits, again. He has succeeded in presenting a fine selection of his animals on his farm, in spite of his job-related suffering from lack of time. The guests can get proper information about the animals very quickly.



Where are they going to?A lot more are coming

Mrs. Witte of the farm café Witten`s Deel waits for us on Sunday at noon with a flavourful "Moorschnucken" soup. After the tasty, well organized lunch we hit the road again.

It is always fascinating for every Galloway breeder to view Marion and Friedrich Wiegmann's bulls. In the vicinity of the farm they present us bulls, two years of age, which are presently deployed in the breeding business. Some of them have already been sold. Our guests are curious to see the offsprings of the bull Palue, whose image can be seen on poster signs very often. This bull, which has been raised by Dr. Hans-Joachim Fritze from Driftsethe, was lead on a halter by Friedrich Wiegmann, when he became state and national winner. He is now in the possession of the Count zu Königsegg-Aulendorf.



Promoter from the Sue valley with the already 18 years old Konstanze and her 16th calf together with other cows, that have been successful on many fairs, are presented on the



second pasture. Piet, a Paradiso-offspring and in 2014 a state winner bull and winner of the prize Mr. Tarmstedt, appeared on the next pasture amongst a large mother cow herd. It is grand to view from the street the scattered herd on the mellow pasture.



The young ladies aged between 11 and 18 month reveal promising qualities on the heifer pasture.

The bull Niclas, lead by Theo Dwertmann, a son of Nicos, grandson of the successful Nils, inspires the visitors of Wiegmann's farm. This is the last presentation of German Galloways. This herd will help to achieve, that German Galloways will be kept in good memory by the visitors of the world conference.

In our last mutual hour the guests are invited to a "German Sunday Coffee" with wonderful homemade cakes of the very finest. Not only the tables set in white linen under pavilions that have been erected in a circle, but also the farmyard atmosphere under high oak trees remains unforgettable.



Marion and Fritz Wiegmann cut the cake, which was made for the "25 years Galloways" anniversary, in a genuine outing atmosphere.

In my closing-speech I express my thanks to our guests for their participation. We all have closed ranks and many of us will maintain or intensify contacts made here. Special thanks go to the host breeder families. They have set up something extraordinary and they have given wonderful days to the breeders of the worldwide Galloway family. Special thanks to Jane Bradley for her support.



Now I transfer the responsibility for the organisation of the Galloway-World-Conference 2016 to the Scottish breeders Elizabeth Wilkinson and Scott McKinnon. The Scottish breeders invite Galloway friends from all over the world to visit the conference in 2016.



Our BDG-chairman Horst Kraft follows with some closing words; he ends the Galloway-World-Conference 2014 with our battle-cry, three times

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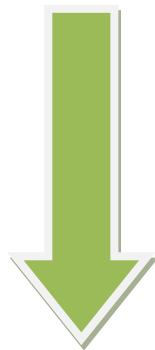
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Thank you very much to all of you!

It was a pleasure for us that you were here.

The German Galloway breeders



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Thank you very much

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