

Remembering

Geheimrat, Professor, Doctor of Philosophy, Friedrich Wilhelm August Karl Falke

7 July, 1871 to 10 March, 1948

On 7 July, 2021, the family of Friedrich Falke and their guests gathered to celebrate his 150th Birthday Anniversary. Falke had global impact on stimulating awareness of the importance of our grasslands for food security for an ever-increasing population. He created an international forum where results of scientific study, observations and experiences could be exchanged and ideas and solutions to commonly recognized but unsolved problems could be generated.

With his leadership, the I. Tagung der Weide- und Wiesenwirte aus den nord- und mitteleuropäischen Ländern in Deutschland vom 21. bis 31. Mai 1927 (I. Meeting of the Pasture and Meadow Agriculturists from the North and Central European Countries on May 21-31, 1927) took place in Leipzig, Germany. This multinational meeting was to stimulate interest in and the sharing of information about our grasslands. This was the first meeting in what became the International Grassland Congress. The Congress celebrated its 50th Anniversary by meeting again in Leipzig in 1977 and plans are being made for the 100th Anniversary Congress to also be held in Leipzig in 2027.

The following is a collection of photographs provided by the Falke Family to be preserved along with the knowledge that has flowed around the world from this first meeting in Leipzig, Germany in 1927.

**Herzlich willkommen
zum
Falke-Symposium**

mit Besichtigung der Falke Wirkungsstätte in Schwarzholz

Anlässlich des 150. Geburtstags von Prof. Friedrich
Falke am 07. Juli 2021 als Begründer der
Weideforschung



Dienstag, 13. Juli 2021
Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Gartenbau, Iden



The 150th Birthday Falke-Symposium was held at Iden Research Station, located about 10 km from Schwarzholz, in Honor of Professor Friedrich Falke. The Symposium was opened by the President of the German Agricultural Society (DLG) who acknowledged Falke from DLG point of view. Papers were presented from Johannes Isselstein and two from the DLG Grassland and Forage Committee. The second part of the Symposium was dedicated to Falke, with a paper by Gerhard Riehl, Agricultural Office in the state of Saxony, and Hans Hochberg, President of German Grassland Association, on his work in Germany, especially his work in Saxony. As both authors were not present in person due to illness, the papers were presented by Bärbel Greiner, Agricultural Institute in Sachsen-Anhalt, responsible for the general organization of the symposium at Iden site. Jürgen Pickert gave a paper on Falke's important contributions to international cooperation in grassland and forage research. Rosemarie Leineweber, a member of the Falke Family, gave a paper on the character Falke, as seen by the family members.



Participants in the symposium and members of the Falke family on the street in Schwarzholz in front of the Falke Memorial stone.
(Photo © Bernd Leineweber (Falke family) 2021.)

Participants from left: Pickert, Mrs. Neumeister, Mrs. Krohm, Priebe, Henning, Mrs. Braungardt, Mrs. Jänicke, Ahlborn, Behrendt, Mrs. Kellner, Weber, Roßberg, Kampf, Elsäßer, Neumeister, Käding, Mrs. Gäbert, Mrs. Leineweber, Isselstein, Mrs. Greiner, Kivelitz, Nymbach, Mrs. Stöhr, Dieter Falke, Paries

“It was a very hot day, in the late afternoon and evening a group of DLG and the (my) Paulinenauer Arbeitskreis and some people of the Falke family went on excursion through the region visiting the farm which is actually working on the agricultural land of the former Falke farm. Finally,

we laid a wreath at the family plot of the Schwarzhholz graveyard. The gravestone was transferred from Arendsee, where Falke was laid to rest in 1948, by the family to Schwarzhholz just some days ago. The church was opened and candles burnt ... it was a very appropriate "finale" of an interesting day" (Jürgen Pickert).

**List of participants of the Falke symposium,
who joined the excursion to Schwarzhholz:**

Julian Ahlborn, Biogeographer, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), PAGF**, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Dr. Axel Behrendt, Grassland Expert, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Mrs. Cristina Braungardt, Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft, Ausschusses für Grünland und Futterbau (German Agricultural Society, Committee for Grassland and Forage Production), Frankfurt/Main (Hessia);

Prof. Dr. Martin Elsäßer, Landwirtschaftliches Zentrum für Rinderhaltung, Grünlandwirtschaft, Milchwirtschaft, Wild und Fischerei des Landes Baden-Württemberg (Baden-Wuerttemberg State Agricultural Centre for Cattle Husbandry, Grassland Management, Milk Production, Wild Animal Husbandry and Fisheries), DLG-GF*, Aulendorf (Baden-Wuerttemberg);

Prof. Dr. Dieter Falke, second eldest grandson of Friedrich Falke, Mainz (Rhineland-Palatinate);

Mrs. Jana Gäbert, Agriculturist, Agrargenossenschaft Trebbin eG (Agricultural Cooperative Trebbin), Trebbin (Brandenburg);

Dr. Bärbel Greiner, Grassland and Forage Expert, Landesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Gartenbau des Landes Sachsen-Anhalt (Sachsen-Anhalt State Institute for Agriculture and Horticulture), DLG-GF, PAGF, Iden (Saxony-Anhalt);

Hartmut Henning, Grassland Expert, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Prof. Dr. Johannes Isselstein, Abteilung Graslandwissenschaften, Georg-August-Universität (Institute of Grassland Science, Georg-August-University) Göttingen (Lower Saxony);

Dr. Heidi Jänicke, Grassland and Forage Expert, Landesforschungsanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Fischerei des Landes Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania State Research Institute for Agriculture and Fisheries), DLG-GF, PAGF, Dummerstorf (Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania);

Dr. Horst Käding, Grassland Expert, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Dr. Detlef Kampf, Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft, Ausschuss für Grünland und Futterbau (German Agricultural Society, Committee for Grassland and Forage Production) Frankfurt/Main (Hessia);

Mrs. Angelika Kellner, Agriculturist, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);
Hubert Kivelitz, Grassland and Forage Expert, Landwirtschaftskammer Nordrhein-Westfalen (North Rhine-Westphalia Chamber of Agriculture), DLG-GF, Kleve (North Rhine-Westphalia);

Mrs. Birgit Krohm, Agriculturist, Agrargenossenschaft Münchehofe eG (Agricultural Cooperative Münchehofe), PAGF, Münchehofe (Brandenburg);

Dr. Rosemarie Leineweber, grand-niece of Friedrich Falke, Salzwedel (Saxony-Anhalt);

Mrs. Barbara Neumeister, Agriculturist, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);
Dr. Günter Neumeister, Grassland Expert, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Paul Nymbach, Agriculturist, Jüterboger Agrargenossenschaft eG (Jüterbog Agricultural Cooperative), PAGF, Jüterbog (Brandenburg);

Andreas Paries, Agriculturist, GrüPa-Hof (GrüPa Farm), PAGF, Klein-Mutz (Brandenburg);

Dr. Jürgen Pickert, Grassland and Forage Expert, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF), DLG-GF, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Dr. Reinhard Priebe, Grassland Expert, PAGF, Paulinenaue (Brandenburg);

Dr. Gerhard Roßberg, Deutsche Landwirtschaftsgesellschaft, Ausschuss für Grünland und Futterbau (German Agricultural Society, Committee for Grassland and Forage Production) Frankfurt/Main (Hessia);

Mrs. Herdana Stöhr, youngest granddaughter of Friedrich Falke, Leutenbach-Nellmersbach (Baden-Wuerttemberg);

Dr. Jonas Weber, Grassland Expert, Landwirtschaftliches Zentrum für Rinderhaltung, Grünlandwirtschaft, Milchwirtschaft, Wild und Fischerei des Landes Baden-Württemberg (Baden-Wuerttemberg State Agricultural Centre for Cattle Husbandry, Grassland Management, Milk Production, Wild Animal Husbandry and Fisheries), Aulendorf (Baden-Wuerttemberg).¹

¹ *DLG-GF = Member of German Agricultural Society, Committee for Grassland and Forage Production)

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The Falke Family and guests standing behind the Falke memorial stone located in Schwarzholz, on the occasion of the Falke-Symposium.

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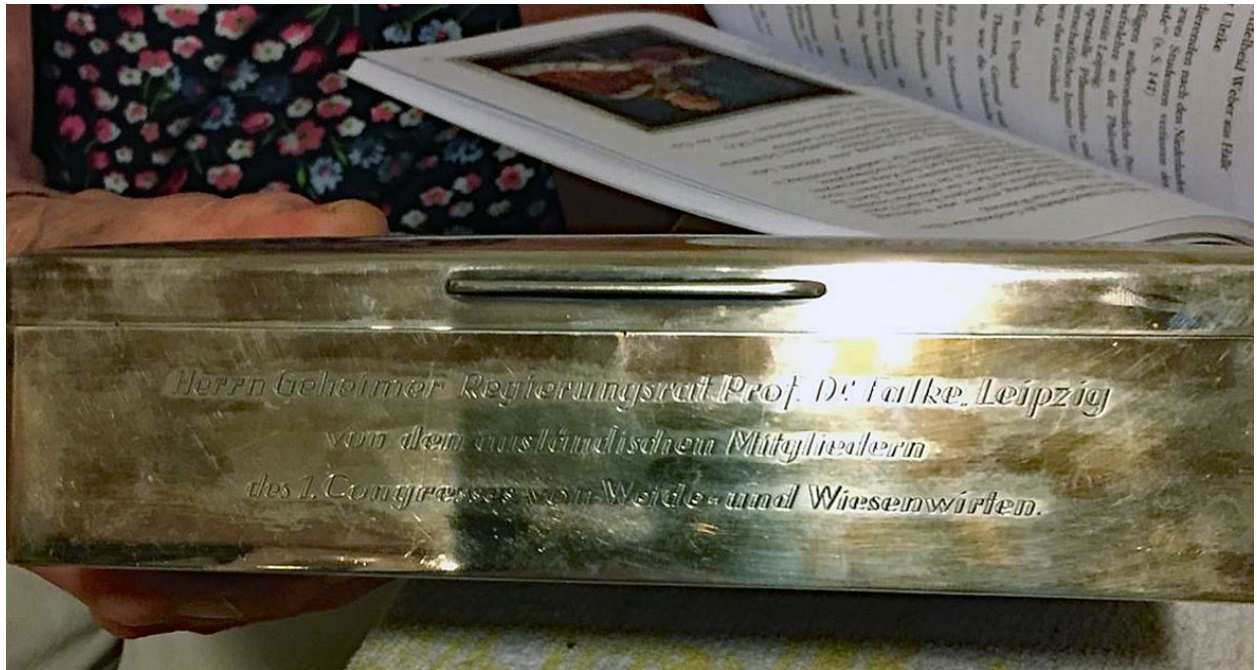
Participants, from left:

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The gravesite of Falke family with Gravestone of Professor Falke. The photo shows Herdana, the youngest granddaughter of Falke (left), Dieter, 94 years old, the oldest grandson of Falke. He is Professor Emeritus, virologist at Mainz University and still active! Second from right is Dr. Rosemarie Leineweber, a grandniece of Falke, author and historian for the Falke Family. Dr. Jürgen Pickert, Leibnitz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (retired) stands far right.

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A box presented to Professor Friedrich Falke on the occasion of the I. Tagung der Weide- und Wiesenwirte aus den nord- und mitteleuropäischen Ländern in Deutschland vom 21. bis 31. Mai 1927 (I. Meeting of the Pasture and Meadow Agriculturists from the North and Central European Countries on May 21-31, 1927).

The box is engraved by the participants of this meeting that became the first International Grassland Congress.

Picture provided by Grandsons of Professor Falke.

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Plate presented to Friedrich Falke on the occasion of the First Meeting of the Pasture and Meadow Agriculturists from the North- and Central- European Countries, May 21-31, 1927. This is a special edition plate manufactured by the Saxon Meissen Porcelain Manufactory (the oldest in Europe, founded in 1710 by Saxon King Augustus, signature feature 'crossed swords') for the participants of the congress.

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Reverse side of plate pictured above.