

## 2008 WORLD DEVON CONFERENCE AND TOUR



*Photo:* Participants at the 2008 World Devon Conference at Port Macquarie.

With the 2008 World Devon Conference and Tour now done and dusted, it is back to the farm and the breeding and nurturing of our great breed of cattle.

It was really great to see so many familiar faces from UK, Brazil, USA and New Zealand and to be able to share in the enjoyment of good company and good cattle during the tour.

Our special thanks go to the Conference Organising committee headed by Bob Crawford. Bob did a great job of co-ordinating the tour, ably assisted by Loma Wright who spent many hours communicating with and looking after our international guests. We are most grateful for their tremendous effort. We also thank Bob and Jo Crawford, Loma and Paul Wright and Di O'Keeffe for attending to our tour party en route, and to Sally Edwards as our Bull dust Editor. Our Youth Ambassador, Tiffany Staples, did a good job of looking after the young people from UK and Brazil, and we hope to have a report from Tiffany soon. We would also like to thank Betty Cirne Lima and Aino Jacques for acting as interpreters to our Brazilian breeders during the tour, as well as the Australian interpreters we had in some sections of the tour.

Those who attended the Conference would have to agree it was a successful and enlightening day and we thank Richard O'Leary and Di O'Keeffe for their organisation of the event. We also thank our major sponsors – Elders, Metcash IGA, NAB, Fort Dodge who helped make the event so successful.

Without the effort put in by our hosts, the tour would not have been as successful. It was really good to see the dedication of our breeders in presenting their cattle for our overseas visitors to enjoy. Well done to all hosts. Thanks also to Jenny Copland for the artwork with starter kits and name tags.

The next World Devon Conference and Tour will be in Brazil in 2012. Hopefully many of our Australian Devon breeders we will be able to participate in this event. Betty Cirne Lima gave us a glimpse of what to expect and it promises to be great. Hopefully lines of communication have been established with our overseas visitors and we can keep in touch with what is happening with Devons around the world.

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