



# Global Dairy Farmers:



**GDF Club: Global network of leading dairy farmers**

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## ***Introduction:***

Leading dairy farmers from all over the world like to meet each other for the discussion of new strategies, as reaction to new policy measures, legislation and market developments. A tool to achieve this is a regular and organised network. This started in Melbourne (AU)

## ***Objectives of the club Global Dairy Farmers (GDF)***

The network has the following objectives:

- ❖ Discussing the impact of policy measures from different organisations as WTO, EU, FAO , and the impact on their own (farm-) business.  
For this, study material is provided in advance
- ❖ Exchange ideas and strategies between entrepreneurs and policy makers worldwide, on different levels (farm, region, world)
- ❖ Discussing problems and their solutions within the network

In this way the network is acting as a kind of monitoring system for new developments on farm level and in the whole dairy sector. The network of GDF is **not** acting as a political group; this is the task for the existing farmers unions and other institutions.

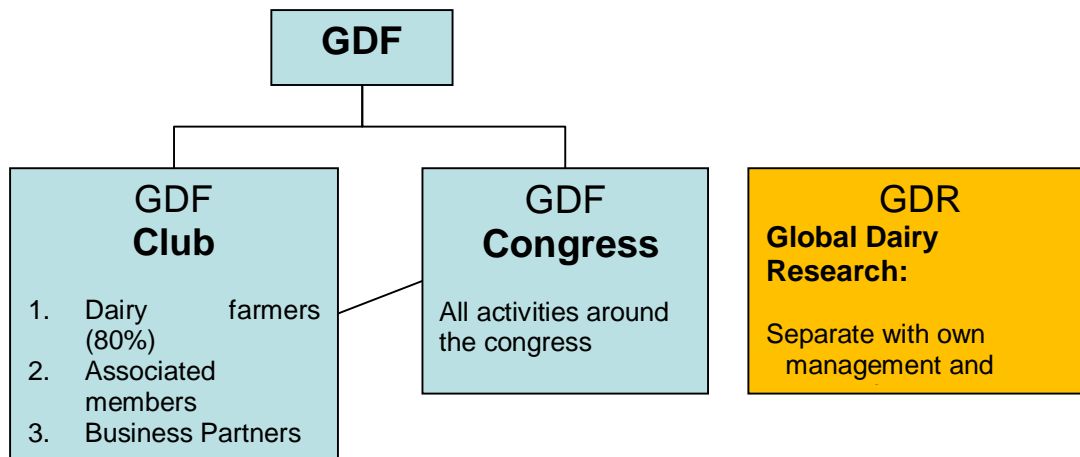
## ***Background Participants/members of the club:***

The network consists of the following groups of participants:

- ❖ Dairy farmers
- ❖ Associated members: Advisors or representatives from institutes with an added value for the network. A maximum of 20 % of associated members are allowed.
- ❖ Companies represented by persons with an added value for GDF. This with a maximum of 10 members and not being competitive to each other.
- ❖ Host-members: Present members are allowed to nominate new members to the management team. Till the next congress this will be a host-membership.

The decision about a more definite membership will be made after the next congress by the General Assembly. Per region a restricted number of members can be foreseen.

**GDF Organ Chart:**



**GDF is split up in 2 different parts:**

1. **GDF Club:** The network of farmers, associated members (institutes) and companies (Business partners)
2. **GDF Congress:** includes all the activities around the GDF congresses. (GDF Congress every two years and in between GDF meeting linked on an international event: see GDF Rules and values 13-15 in chapter 3)

**GDF is partner in Global Dairy Research (GDR):**

*Global Dairy Research is a network of associated members (institutes) linked to Global Dairy Farmers (GDF). Its targets are doing studies serving the dairy sector and looking for innovations, trends and new farm systems. GDF is one of the leading business partners. The network tries to achieve its targets by developing research projects. The management of this network is done by Wageningen-UR AgroCenter The Hague Netherlands. (Alfons Beldman). It has its own budget.*

*For this budget GDF has a Research Fund, filled by GDF and its Business Partners*

**Business Partners of GDF are:**



1. Nutreco NL
2. Artex Barnsolutions CAN-CN
3. Lely NL
4. Ecolab USA
5. ALTA Genetics NL
6. Rabobank

### ***Advisory committee of GDF:***

The Advisory Committee of GDF consists of:

1. Bram Prins            Netherlands    (President)
2. Terry Hehir         Australia
3. Raymond Hunter    USA
4. Andy Macfarlane    New Zealand

The possible co-operation among partners in and around GDF is always based on projects. Such a co-operation will have its own clear tasks, deliverables, deadlines and financial targets.

### ***Management of the Club:***

The Management Team (=MT) exists out of:

- ❖ The President of the Board of GDF: Bram Prins
- ❖ Manager: Elise Keurentjes
- ❖ For organizational issues an external office can be approached.

### ***Management of the Congress:***

For this the MT team is using external input from an travel agent/ company or other organisation in the country where the congress will be organised

### ***Demographics***

The objective will be:

- ❖ To have a maximum of 75 members.
- ❖ That participants are coming from the leading dairy regions of the world, but not acting as representative from a region.
- ❖ That in regions/countries sub-groups of GDF can be organised, f.e. as a backing for the participants in GDF or in regions with non-English speaking farmers.

### ***Finances for club activities:***

#### **Income:**

- ❖ Members: Have to pay 250 € for 2010.
- ❖ Host-members: Present members are allowed to nominate new members to the management team. Till the next congress this will be a host-membership. Host-members do not have to pay the club activity part of 250 €. The decision about a definitive membership will be made after the next congress by the board.
- ❖ For the congress a fee will be calculated, which is budget neutral for the club.
- ❖ For the congress financial support of local partners is desirable.
- ❖ Associated members and Companies have to pay an amount of foreseen 5000 € annually + congress costs. Board decides about different agreements

#### **Costs:**

- ❖ Organisation of contacts between members and acquisition of new members.
- ❖ Communication via E-magazines and website.

### **Finances for Congress activities:**

Congress activities do have a separate budget.

### **Deliverables from GDF:**

#### ❖ **The Network itself**

Getting into contact with innovative colleagues to discuss leading problems and solutions in the industry

#### ❖ **Involvement in Congresses**

As the network is widely spread a congress will be organised:

1. Once every two years the main GDF Congress;
2. In the years in between by boat conferences will be organised linked to important dairy events as for example Dairy Innovators Forum (AU).

These congresses are a mean to meet the other members and discuss the most important topics/ issues. The content of the Congress will be prepared on project base with help of the Management Team. The content of the congress will consist of strategy studies from the different participants and discussing new studies with help of scientists/advisors with an added value for the group. Besides that, interesting farms and other objects will be visited.

#### ❖ **E-mail magazines.**

Via electronic magazines members are informed about interesting issues. The e-mail magazines will be produced 5 - 8 times per year.

#### ❖ **Website.**

The website will give information about GDF and maintained by the manager.

#### ❖ **(Regional) meetings on project base.**

These can be organised locally, the initiative has to be made locally as well. GDF may be able to support in some way, but financially the project has to support itself.

#### ❖ **Round Table meetings:**

Soundboard for new developments from the industry or institutes.

The club (or part of the club) can be used as a sounding board for new developments from the industrial companies after approval of the board. These industrial companies should become a member of the Global Dairy Farmers for this.

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