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To co-ordinate the holding of international conventions and exhibitions.

To encourage, and where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose.

To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.

To assist in coordinating the registration of new rose names.

To establish a uniform system of rose classification.

To grant international honours and/or awards.

To encourage and advance international cooperation in all other matters concerning the rose.

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FOREWORD

Derek Lawrence
Executive Director (Great Britain)



Milestones, and the subsequent celebrations in which they merit, are what enrich our lives, whether it is a special birthday, wedding anniversary or long-term service in employment. As I approach my third year in my amazing journey as Executive Director of the WFRS, I feel a great sense of pride, and indeed, privilege to be in this prestigious role during the Federation's 50th year.

I have often wondered what the role of Secretary was like half a century ago. Thumbing through the archives, can only scratch the surface. Although, initially at its founding in London on 4th July 1968, the organisation comprised of fourteen Member Countries and was in its infancy. However, technology was limited to the use of a telephone, typewriter, basic printer and huge metal filing cabinets. Documents would have been sent via the postal service. Fifty years on, my office is furnished by a laser printer and devices that grant access to the worldwide web. Thanks to great technological advances, we can all contact each other in an instant, wherever we reside in the world. In many ways, improved communication processes have enhanced relationships we enjoy with our worldwide members.

I wonder what our forefathers would have thought of the advancements we have made in the last 50 years of our existence. With the advent of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence, Literary Award, Breeders Club, improved International Rose Trials and digital copies of World Rose News, the rose world has become an all encompassing domain.

As you delve into the Triennial Report, you will instantly realise that a great deal has been achieved within the last three years, through the immense and dedicated hard work and team spirit of the Executive and Standing Committees.

We have been working on improved protocols and guidelines of how the WFRS conducts its business. In essence, it is hoped that this will secure a better understanding on how the organisation is managed. This especially is applicable for those countries which do not use English as their first language. It would be a fabulous accomplishment to encourage non-English speaking members to take an active part in the Federation's affairs and aspirations. We must accept new challenges, in this fast-paced, ever changing world.

Over the past three years many issues have been debated at great length to address our future requirements. One important subject has been the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence. It was decided to adopt a new set of rules on judging the gardens nominated, that include the owners producing a short video of the garden and to increase the judge's considered markings from 5 to 10 points. Discussions took place to establish a set of criteria to ensure that the standard of the winning garden will be maintained in the future. It was decided to reduce the number of winners being granted the award every three years to a maximum of ten recipients only.

The Convention Committee have been looking at ways of improving communication and giving sound advice in what is involved in creating and preparing a WFRS Regional or World Rose Convention for potential organisers. A guide book has been produced on the back of feedback duly received by the Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee, Mrs. Helga Bricet. It is hoped that it will be published later in the year.

The Honours Committee have been deliberating on how it can improve and simplify the procedures, and set criteria for WFRS Honours to be considered. The final draft of its recommendations will be presented to Council in Copenhagen.

The Conservation and Heritage Committee have had lengthy discussions in recent years in regard to a new international and workable solution for the definition of heritage roses. During the Regional Convention held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, last year, the Committee overwhelmingly agreed to approve the proposal of a new definition, which Mr. David Elliott, of Canada had mooted. During the past three years, the Committee have debated the possibility of creating an international database, for growers to register endangered species of roses. The proposed scheme has encountered logistical and technical issues, but the Committee hopes to continue the project and reach eventual goals.

The Federation continues its sterling work as an International charity. The Piaget Foundation, which is a trust fund, was formed in recognition of monies, donated by Mr. Piaget, has proved a great asset in supporting various rose-related projects. The Federation donated £5 000 to the Europa-Rosarium, Sangerhausen in Germany. The Crepin Collection at the Botanic Rose Herbarium, Belgium received £7 500. The American Rose Society plans to create a Learning Centre for young people on rose culture and £2,500 has been set aside for this worthy project. After much debate, £5 000 has been reserved for the proposed project to digitize the Federation's archives for the benefit of future generations.

Donors to the Friends of the Federation scheme now total 95 people and have contributed over £7 600 since the scheme was introduced in 2010.

Plans for the Golden Jubilee celebration in Copenhagen have kept us on our toes! A competition was launched to name the charming anniversary rose, which is due to be baptised at a special ceremony during the 18th World Rose Convention in Valby Park, Copenhagen. The Publications Committee have been diligently working on a special commemorative book, to be published during the World Convention, to mark the occasion. The book will delve into the Federation's fascinating archives, to recall 50 glorious years of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

At the beginning of this Foreword, I mentioned the technological advances in communication, and wonder how the WFRS in 1968 would ever have envisaged such a huge shift in which we all conduct our global communications in the 21st Century.

The huge success of our Facebook page, is just a taster for what lies ahead in the future. We must embrace this form of media, to ensure the World Federation of Rose Societies continues its charitable aims, to promote the sheer beauty of the rose and make our remarkable planet, a better and brighter place in which to live.

Happy anniversary to you all.



RNRS - Gardens of the Rose, Chiswell Green, St Albans

PREFACE

Inger Schierning
President of the Danish Rose Society
WFRS VP for Europe (North)
Convenor of A Fairytale of Roses – WRC2018 (Denmark)
together with Ken Grapes, WFRS Past President - mentor and member of DRS



Any organisation with a membership of forty countries across the world is notable. For a horticultural organisation concerned with a single plant genus to have such a global following is truly remarkable. I refer of course, to the World Federation of Rose Societies which will celebrate, in June 2018, its 50th anniversary at its triennial World Rose Convention in Copenhagen, the beautiful capital city of Denmark.

There will naturally be joy and pride by members of the Federation's many achievements – all of which have had one aim: spreading the word of our favourite flower – the rose.

There will also be sadness – the loss of the Royal National Rose Society, the 'Mother Society' of all the world's rose societies. The passing of many eminent rosarians whose contribution to the knowledge and love of roses has been invaluable. The closure of important rose trials where new varieties have made their first impact on the possible road to greatness. Despite all these untoward events, there is always good news in the rose world. A new Rose Society UK has arisen. Excellent and hard-working people put themselves forward for election to the posts of President, Vice President and Committee Chairmen. Rose Trials continue in many parts of the world, where the breeders can display the latest of their creations for our evaluation. All these matters, some serious, some less so, are really all about enjoyment. Enjoyment of roses, rose people and rose places. The world of roses is truly a world of fun – happy meetings with old friends and new friends from across the globe and that particular happiness at being closely involved with the world's favourite flower.



Inger's garden at Holte in Denmark

EDITORIAL

Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)
WFRS Editor (2012 – 2018)

*“Just living isn’t enough,” said the butterfly,
“one must also have freedom, sunshine
and a little flower.”*

Hans Christian Andersen



As we draw closer to the 18th World Rose Convention and the anniversary of 50 years of our wonderful organisation, it is time to reflect on the many rose lovers who came before us and had the fore sight, imagination and the drive to form this important federation. They planned the rules and traditions that we work by today and did so, without giving a thought to the hours of discussion and correspondence that went into the backbone of the WFRS. What is more, most correspondence was hand written with only a few equipped with a manual typewriter (and carbon paper!) and a postal service that in some cases involved a sea voyage!

The first Triennial was published in book form (A5) at the WRC in the Benelux countries in 2000 and we have Helga Brichet (Italy) to thank for a very concise history of the Federation since its inception in 1968 covering 41 of the 167 pages, the remaining pages being devoted to Internatinal Rose Trials. In Glasgow in 2003 there was no triennial, but in 2006 Takeo Nagata and Takamasa Tsuge (Japan) produced the next volume, edited by Tommy Cairns, a copy of which was given to each delegate, also in book form (A4). Of the 212 pages, 55 were devoted to the continued history of the World Federation. The remainder of the book was mostly devoted to information about Japanese roses and International Rose Trials. Without these two books I could never have written the tribute to the WFRS Office Bearers at the end of this publication. In 2009 Parick White (Canada) produced 208 (A4) pages electronically with lots of pictures and enormous input from members and member countries.

The Triennial is the responsibility of the host country of a world convention and it has been my pleasure to produce the Triennials in 2012 for South Africa, 2015 for France and 2018 for Denmark, havng been invited by the latter 2 countries to do so. I hope members find them informative and helpful when in search of information about the Federation and it’s members. It is an enormous and important undertaking and I am grateful to have been left to include what I thought was interesting and significant, remembering this is the complete summary of the previous three years plus what went before and therefore a concise history of the WFRS. I am grateful to the VP’s, Standing committee Chairmen, Int. Rose Trial organisers, WFRS Office holders, Rose Breeders, photographers and all those who have contributed to this issue, not least of all our hard working Executive Director, Derek Lawrence who generously and kindly offered to do the all important and arduous job of proof reading this enormous tome, at a time when his involvement in the WFRS affairs is at its height prior to a World Convention. It is disappointing that not all required contributors fulfil their duty in this respect thus allowing this publication for the Golden Jubilee to be incomplete. I also thank the organisers in Copenhagen who will be reproducing these 222 pages in a CD-ROM for distribution to all delegates.



May the Federation continue to prosper with members contributing their best for the sake of the rose and rose friendships and in particular for office bearers, who volunteer their time and expertise to fulfil their obligations.

Mary Rose Court

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kelvin Trimper - Australia



**WFRS President
2015-2018**



The year 2018 is significant in the history of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). It celebrates 50 years since our elders formed this organisation in London in 1968. I pay respect and homage to these pioneers. They prepared the foundations and launched the global giant which the WFRS has become today.

The WFRS World Convention in Copenhagen will provide us all with an opportunity to celebrate 50 years, reflect on our past and contemplate our future. In a modern world where social media and communications to anyone in the world are available at the 'press of a button', the WFRS is presented with both exciting opportunities and worrying challenges. We must address these now if the future success of the WFRS is to be sustained.

I had the honour of being chosen as your President in Lyon, France, in June 2015. It is a wonderful coincidence that my birthplace in the small rural town of Renmark, South Australia, is also the home of our much admired Emeritus President, Mr. David Ruston. David was a close friend of my late parents, and I have had the pleasure of spending many hours in David's garden, over great meals and presentations, and as a travelling companion. David was a great mentor to me and many others and his willingness to share his knowledge and love of roses throughout the world has been appreciated by thousands of rose lovers. His public floral arrangement demonstrations were legendary and he has performed in many countries around the world.

I also had the pleasure, during my term as President, to meet with our other beloved and revered Emeritus President, Baroness Lily Gerlache de Gomery, our founder and inaugural President. Lily's watchful eye has seen the WFRS grow from its modest foundation in 1968 to a great Federation of 40 Member Countries which it is today. I thank Lily for her welcome into the WFRS' President's group, wise advice and continued interest and support of our organisation.

During my Presidential time we have achieved a number of important initiatives to advance the WFRS. First, we are a more open and transparent organisation and there are numerous opportunities for everyone to become involved in WFRS activities, in an official capacity, in rose trials, as a contributor to World Rose News or on our Facebook or a Member of the Friends of the Federation and also to participate in World, Regional or Heritage Conventions or Conferences.

Secondly, we have revised and updated the protocols for the Awards of Garden Excellence and Honours and the Guidelines for those wishing to host Conventions or Conferences. We have also adopted new procedures for the election of future Presidents. I congratulate and thank all who have been involved in working on these tasks. Your significant achievements and commitment have involved hundreds of hours of time which has been generously volunteered and greatly appreciated. These revisions will be voted upon in Denmark at our Council Meeting and will ensure improved clarity relating to these activities in the future and improved fairness and equity for those involved in these matters. Moving forward, we will also seek to form a sub-group to examine and revise our Articles over the next 3 years.

Finally, we established a sub-group in Lyon to develop our social media platform. Under the guidance of Mr. Paul Hains, Australia, Mr. Matthias Meilland, France, and Mr. Hayden Foulds, New Zealand, our Facebook page has over 1,000 followers and provides great information and news stories from contributors worldwide. I am certain our social media platforms will continue to grow and prosper.

The Friends of the Federation has also continued its success. It now has 95 members and activities have been held for Friends at each Convention and Conference since its inception and one country is also holding its own Friends of WFRS activities. This is Australia.

Rose Trials throughout the world continue to provide an excellent forum to independently assess new rose cultivars. I had the pleasure of attending a number of trials during the past three years, including Baden-Baden, Bagatelle, Monaco, Saverne and Australia. I also visited other gardens which host trials. I thank all those involved in the trials and the hard work of our Rose Trials Committee under the leadership of Mr. Markus Brunsing. A number of trials now use the universal points system developed by this committee. Markus steps down as Chairman in Copenhagen and I thank him for his outstanding contribution.

The Breeders Club has also increased in membership by 8 to a total of 21 over the past three years and represents a significant proportion of the world's leading rose breeders. They meet regularly to advance opportunities and address matters of mutual concern. Dr. Gérald Meylan has chaired this group for nine years and finishes his term of office in Denmark. I sincerely thank him for his excellent work and dedication to this group.

One of the busiest individuals in the WFRS has been our very hard working Convention Liaison Committee Chairman, Mrs. Helga Brichet. It takes much time, effort and travel to ensure those planning and delivering WFRS Conventions and Conferences achieve the standards and meet the protocols required by the WFRS. This can often be a challenge and Helga's efforts are to be commended. During the past three years we have had very successful, informative and enjoyable Regional Conventions in Daxing, China in 2016; Punta del Este, Uruguay in 2016 and Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2017. A Heritage Conference was held in conjunction with the Regional Convention in Daxing, China. Each convention and conference offered an exciting combination of informative lectures and garden visits together with interesting pre- and post tours and an opportunity to experience the host country's culture, food, beverages and tourist attractions. Above all else, these gatherings provided numerous opportunities to renew acquaintances and form new friendships. The individual events are covered in detail in this triennial and I congratulate all who were involved in organising and staging these really great and memorable occasions. Our collective love of the rose was a common bond which brought us all together.

Over the past three years we have seen the previously separate Conservation Committee and Heritage Committee amalgamate to become the WFRS Conservation and Heritage Committee. This is an exciting initiative as these two topics are very closely related. This fresh Committee has adopted a new set of protocols which ensures every Member Country of the WFRS can be represented as part of this group. Significantly, it has proposed a new WFRS definition for a Heritage Rose which has been adopted. Dr. Yuki Mikanagi has chaired this combined group, having previously chaired the Heritage Committee. Yuki retires as Chairman in Copenhagen and we thank her for her commitment and effort.

As mentioned previously, a new set of protocols is being proposed for the Award of Garden Excellence. The Chairman of the Awards Committee has played an important role in progressing these protocols. In addition and following the Lyon Convention, numerous Awards of Garden Excellence have been presented at unveiling ceremonies around the world. I congratulate those who received these awards. I also thank our very competent Chairman of the Awards Committee, Ms. Monique de Clarens for her devotion to the task. Monique finishes her term in Copenhagen

Three other Chairmen and their Committees to be thanked are Promotions, Mr. Steve Jones; International Judges Committee, Mr. Luis Desamero and Classification and Registration, Mr. Richard Walsh. Steve Jones is retiring from Promotions in Copenhagen.

The final Committee which has been extremely busy over this period has been the Publications

Committee. The Chairman of this Committee, Ms. Jolene Adams has been diligently gathering information for the 50th Anniversary book to be launched in Denmark. This book is being produced by Dr. Thomas Cairns and has many individual contributors. The cost of the book has also been significantly offset by the generous donations received from Emeritus President Baroness Lily Gerlache de Gomery and Dr. Thomas Cairns. We sincerely thank both Lily and Tommy for their generous donations and all who have contributed to ensure the 50th Anniversary Book is a great publication.

The other task of the Publications Committee has been the regular publication of World Rose News, edited by Past President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris. It takes considerable time and effort to gather, collate, edit and produce WRN. We thank Sheenagh and her associates for their efforts. Sheenagh retires as Editor in Copenhagen.

During my term of office, I had the pleasure of visiting over 20 Member Countries. My wife, Melanie, was with me on most occasions. We wish to thank all who offered us superb hospitality and shared their beautiful gardens, culturally significant sites and particularly their friendship. The WFRS reaches far and wide around the world. From north to south and east to west there are rose enthusiasts throughout the world. Despite our obvious differences including language, religion, history, politics, food and culture, we all share a common bond – the love of the rose. I, together with Melanie, have enjoyed sharing our passion for roses with all those we have met during our travels.

So to the future. Where will the WFRS be in 50 years?

It is true that we have some challenges in ensuring the rose remains the world's most popular flower. In some countries we are struggling to retain and grow Rose Society membership. We are also finding it difficult to attract younger people. I wish the incoming President and WFRS Executive and its various Committees every success in dealing with these challenges. I also know there will be new opportunities for the WFRS to grasp to enable us to grow and prosper.

Finally, I wish to sincerely thank our enthusiastic and hardworking Executive Director, Mr. Derek Lawrence, who in his first triennial in this role has performed admirably. I also thank the Executive of the WFRS for their support.

It has been a pleasure to be your President over the past three years and I will fondly remember the many rewarding and memorable experiences we shared.



The garden of Kelvin and Melanie Trimper – Salisbury Heights, Adelaide, Australia

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve Jones - USA - 2015 -2018



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Steve Jones - USA (2012-2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Jolene Adams - USA (2015-2018)

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Mural in the Rose Museum – Beijing, China



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MEMBER COUNTRY SOCIETIES

The World Federation of Rose Societies, also known as the WFRS, is the umbrella organisation for forty national rose societies around the world. Taken together, these member societies have about 50,000 members, all of whom share a love of the rose. The list below also annotates their year of joining the WFRS.

- 1977 Argentina - Rose Society of Argentina
- 1968 Australia - National Rose Society of Australia
- 2001 Austria - Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Österreichischen Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
- 1968 Belgium - Société Royale Nationale Les Amis de la Rose/Koninklijke Nationale Maatschappij De Vrienden van de Roos
- 1981 Bermuda - Bermuda Rose Society
- 1968 Canada - Canadian Rose Society
- 2000 Chile - Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
- 1997 China - Chinese Rose Society
- 1994 Czech Republic - Czech Rosa Club
- 1994 Denmark - The Danish Rose Society Det Danske Rosenselskab
- 1997 Finland - Finnish Rose Society / Suomen Ruususeura r.y. - Finska Rosensällskapet r.f.
- 1979 France - Société Française des Roses
- 1968 Germany - Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde
- 1968 Great Britain - Royal National Rose Society
- 1997 Greece - The Hellenic Rose Society
- 2008 Hungary - Hungarian Rose Friends Society
- 2007 Iceland - Icelandic Rose Society
- 1968 1982 India - Indian Rose Federation
- 1975 Israel - The Jerusalem Foundation
- 1968 Italy - Italian Rose Society Associazione Italiana della Rosa
- 1968 Japan - Japan Rose Society
- 1983 Luxembourg - Luxembourg Rose Society Lëtzebuerger Rousefrënn/Association Grand-Ducale des Amis de la Rose
- 2012 Monaco - Société des Roses de Monaco
- 1976 Netherlands - Nederlandse Rozenvereniging
- 1968 New Zealand - New Zealand Rose Society
- 1982 Northern Ireland - Rose Society of Northern Ireland
- 1988 Norway - Norwegian Rose Society
- 1992 Pakistan - Pakistan National Rose Society
- 1981 2017 Poland - Polish Society of Rose Fanciers Polskie Towarzystwo Rozane (PTR)
- 1992 Romania - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
- 2007 Russia - Russian Association of Rosarians
- 2008 Serbia - Royal Serbian Rose Society Kraljevsko Udruzenje Ljubitelja Ruza Srbije
- 1997 Slovakia - Slovak National Rose Society
- 2000 Slovenia - Slovenian Rose Society Drustvo Ljubiteljev Vrtnic Slovenije
- 1968 South Africa - Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
- 1992 Spain - Asociación Española de la Rosa
- 1994 Sweden - The Swedish Rose Society Svenska Rosensällskapet
- 1976 Switzerland - Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde SA
- 1968 USA - American Rose Society
- 1985 Uruguay - Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa

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Australian Rose Breeders Association

Heritage Roses Australia Inc.

Agency for Nature and Forest Flemish Government, Belgium

Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany, Belgium

Montreal Botanical Gardens, Canada

Association de la Rosa de Coyhaique, Chile

Changzhou Gardening and Greening Management Bureau, China

Laizhou Chinese Rose Garden, China

Shanghai Botanical Garden, China

Shenzhen Remin Park and Shenzhen Rose Centre, China

Taicang Rose Society, China

Les Amis de la Roseraie du Val de Marne à L'ay-les-Roses, France

Roses Anciennes en France

Fondazione Roseto Botanico "Carla Fineschi" di Cavriglia, Italy

"Hana no Miyako Gifu" Flower Festival Commemorative Park, Japan

The Rose Culture Institute, Japan

Quinta do Arco Rose Garden, Portugal

Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc.

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Rosas Antiguas en Argentina

Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France

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La Compagnia delle Rose, Italy

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FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION

In this, the 21st Century, when communication between different parts of the world is available at the click of a button, and travel between countries seems to be easier and more affordable, global friendships forged upon a shared interest in the rose are growing rapidly. The World Federation of Rose Societies has been the catalyst for many of these friendships, via its Conventions.

The World Rose News has also provided a forum to share information and open lines of communication. However, for a variety of reasons, not every individual rose lover receives a copy of this excellent communiqué.

Given the above, the World Federation of Rose Societies has established a “Friends of the Federation” to provide an opportunity for individuals to support and promote the WFRS and its objectives.

Since its introduction in 2010 almost 80 individuals from around the globe have donated funds, totalling in excess of £4000, toward the work of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

In return for a reasonable initial donation of £30 and subsequent tri-annual (once every 3 years) donation of £25, individuals will be entitled to become a “Friend of the Federation”.

*Become a Friend of the
World Federation of Rose Societies
and join a group of generous financial donors
supporting the work of the Federation.*

The success of the Friends of the Federation has continued and it now has 95 members and activities have been held for Friends at each convention or conference since its inception and Australia has held its own Friend functions twice.

Benefits include –

Exclusive invitation to ‘Friends Only’ activities;

Individual electronic copy of World Rose News;

Opportunity to correspond with ‘Friends’ to exchange

rose growing knowledge, information on rose gardens,

accommodation and other points of interest relative to their region.

Donor forms can be downloaded from the Federation’s website.

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AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA

Rae Gilbert – South Africa (2015-2018)



Without dwelling on the negatives relating to the socio-economic plight of Africans, one cannot discuss the activities of the continent's Rosarians without mentioning that this past three-year period has seen the South African currency hit an all-time low while the country was ravaged by the worst drought in a century. Further north, political violence and terrorism escalated to an all-time high. These factors undoubtedly had an inhibiting effect on amateur rose cultivation and their travels abroad.

On the positive side, eighteen South African delegates attended the wonderfully successful World Rose Convention in Lyon in 2015. We were proud to be the recipients of three Awards – Sheenagh Harris received the Flore Divinity Medal from the Société Française des Roses, for members of the World Federation of Rose Societies and Jackie Kalley received her second Literary Award and Rae Gilbert's garden at Bosky Dell received an Award of Garden Excellence.

The Regional Convention in Beijing held during 2016 was attended by eight South Africans who were bowled over by the hospitality and grand scale of the architecture, gardens and the magnificent Rose Museum. Unfortunately, only three South Africans attended the Roses in the South regional convention in Uruguay later that year, one of whom, Keith Kirsten, was one of the speakers at the Convention. Much fun was had and great new friendships forged.

The first ever Eastern European Regional Convention in Ljubljana in 2017 was also attended by three South African delegates who were very taken with the local fare, gardens and the fascinating history of the region.

South African, Sheenagh Harris, Past President of the WFRS, served as Editor of World Rose News for the period under review, making a total of 6 years. Congratulations, Sheenagh – you did an excellent job! She also served on the Honours Committee for 12 years. Rae Gilbert has served as VP for Africa for 6 years and is a member of the Conservation and Heritage Rose committee.

The cut-flower industry in Kenya has gone from strength to strength. Hundreds of thousands of roses are exported to the West on a daily basis. Well-known South African rosarian, Ludwig Taschner paid rose-growers in the region a visit during 2017 and we hope that this is the start of further ties between the two rose growing fraternities.



Miene Skarba, Kim van Niekerk, Sheenagh Harris, Michelle Basson, Wendy Kroon and Jenny Rush enjoying a French meal in the Old Quarter of Lyon prior to the Pre-convention tour

AUSTRALASIA

AUSTRALIA

Paul Hains Australia (2015-2018)



As Paul Hains is both the President for the National Rose Society of Australia and the WFRS Vice President – Australasia, his report has been produced for Australia and can be found under Member Countries. It will serve as both the country report and the VP report.

THE NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA INC. COUNCIL - 2017



Back Row – L-R Gavin Woods (SA), Kelvin Trimper (WFRS 2021 Chairman), Carl Ellefsen (Vic), John Cranwell (Vic), Tony Hanna (Sec. NRTGA), Doug Gregory (SA)

Middle Row – L-R Angus Irwin (Neutrog), Jim Cane (Honorary Treasurer), Colin Hollis (NSW), Vivienne Etter (2016 NRSA President), Sue Stallwood (Qld), Jim Cunningham (NSW)

Front Row – L-R Sandy Beverly (WA), Laurie Newman (Registrar New Rose Names), Paul Hains (Qld, 2018 NRSA President, WFRS Vice President - Australasia, NRSA Webmaster, NRSA Honorary Editor), Veronica O'Brien (2017 NRSA President), Kristin Dawson (NRSA Honorary Secretary), Barbara Watson (NRSA Chairman)

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**AUSTRALASIA
NEW ZEALAND**

Doug Grant (New Zealand) (2015 – 2018)



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2017-2018 NEW ZEALAND ROSE SOCIETY COUNCIL



**Back Row - Rachel Chalmers, Bev Fletcher, Hayden Foulds, Adrian Bullen, Daphne Rissman
Front Row - Eileen Wilcox, Doug Grant, Heather Macdonell Absent – Janet Pike**

**CENTRAL ASIA
INDIA AND PAKISTAN
Ahmed Alam Khan – India (2012-2018)**



The year 2015, started with winter rose shows. In the lead were the Mumbai Rose Society followed by Pune and 17 other Rose Societies in different cities. India is a vast country and roses are revered with great love. Wherever shows are held the denizens of the respective area enjoy these two day festivals. The Indian Rose Federation Governing Council meets every three months to discuss and take up issues pertaining to roses. At the Annual General Meeting of IRF, members proposed Ahmed Alam that he be made President Emeritus of IRF for life.

In Lyon the WFRS presented the Award of Garden Excellence to Green Valley Rose Garden. Ahmed Alam Khan and Vijay Kant of IRF were honoured with Silver and Bronze Commemorative medals in recognition of their work for the Regional Convention held in Hyderabad. Nine members of IRF from India participated in the World Rose Convention.

2016 started with the usual winter rose shows as planned by all the rose societies and as decided earlier the All India Rose Convention and show was organized in Pune with participation of delegates coming from all over India. WFRS President Kelvin Trimper and his wife Melanie and Helga Brichet, Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee visited Hyderabad and were guests of Ahmed Alam Khan. They visited the Garden of Excellence and were mesmerised at the sight of the blooms. Kelvin was excited to see some 400 Indian varieties and later he visited other Rose gardens in Hyderabad. From there he was flown to Pune to attend the Convention. Kelvin Trimper was the chief Guest and the inauguration of the Convention was done by him along with Helga Brichet.



At the function, the WFRS President presented the plaque for the Award of Garden of Excellence to Ahmed Alam Khan. At the same function four members of the IRF were awarded the IRF Gold medals which were presented by Kelvin Trimper and Helga Brichet.

Green Valley Rose Garden

The Rose Society of Bengal and Agri Horticulture Society of India applied to hold the WFRS Regional Rose Convention in 2017 and this was approved and the Convention Committee was sent to Kolkatta to oversee the arrangements. During the discussions one more application was received from AHSI, Kolkatta to hold the WFRS Regional Convention in 2020, to mark their centenary. During September the Pune Rose Society celebrated their 100th Rose Show on a grand scale which was again attended by a large number of delegates from all over the country. The financial position of IRF under Ahmed Alam Khan, has grown sturdy with the year ending on a good note.



The Rose Show in Pune

2017 started with the All India Rose Convention at Kolkatta, organised by the Rose Society of Bengal jointly with Agri Horticulture Society of India under the aegis of IRF. A large number of delegates from across the country attended the same. Kelvin Trimper and Helga Brichet, visitors from Malaysia, USA, Bangladesh, Maldives also attended the Convention.



The attendees were floored at the sight of roses in pots, with each pot carrying blooms from 140 to 280. Kelvin Trimper conceded that he has never seen such entries, anywhere in world.

Roses in pots at the Kolkatta Rose show

Technical sessions were held with regular council meetings followed by the Annual General Meeting of IRF. This was followed by garden visits in Jakpur, a village near Kolkatta. This village boasts of some 600 nurseries in the trade of roses, a function was held with Helga Brichet in attendance and the village was declared the Rose Village of India, by Ahmed Alam Khan. At the function two varieties bred by Pranabir Maity and his brother Ashok Maity were released in honour of the President of India and his Late wife Suvra Mukherjee. Reports pouring in from India about the winter rose shows were overwhelming, with every area reporting bumper entries. The regular meeting of the council took place and in one meeting the Indian Breeders Club was formed. An application from the Rose Society of Andhra was approved and the next convention was allotted to Vijayawada, and was held in December 2017, as this area has their flowering season in December. Prior to this on 23rd October IRF lost its doyen, casting a pall of gloom. Nawab Shah Alam Khan, a legend, left us causing a vacuum in IRF. In December 2017 Rose Society of Andhra, hosted the 38th All India Rose Convention at Vijayawada, which was well attended.



Ahmed Alam Kahn addresses the audience at Kharaghpur, in West Bengal. Helga Brichet can be seen behind the table and Suresh Pingale behind her.

EUROPE (Northern)
**DENMARK, FINLAND, GREAT BRITAIN,
 ICELAND, N. IRELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN**
 Inger Schierning – Denmark (2015 – 2018)

The Lyon convention was a great success with over 300 delegates, among them 17 from the UK, 12 from Denmark, 1 from Sweden and 12 from Norway. We were pleased to have the opportunity to give a presentation about WRC2018 and our display table exposing A Fairytale of Roses attracted a great deal of interest. Gerald Bettridge from the UK gave the introductory lecture and The David Austin Rose Garden in the UK received the Award of Garden Excellence. I was privileged to accept the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence on behalf of The Geographical Gardens in Kolding, Denmark - the first garden in Scandinavia to receive this accolade.



Jens Otto Pedersen, Inger Schierning, Jasper Elkjaer Lene Holm on the bench with the plaque



Inger Schierning in the Geographical Gardens and in Kolding



Newly inducted President Kelvin Trimper with Inger Schierning and Jens Otto Pedersen from Denmark with the WFRS flag in readiness for the WRC in Denmark in 2018

The places I visited in 2016 have all been adventurous in different ways. The WFRS conventions and pre- and post tours in China, Japan, Argentina and Uruguay have all been well documented by others. There were 10 delegates from Northern Europe in Beijing - 3 from Denmark, 3 from Sweden and 4 from the UK and Lars-Åke Gustavsson from Denmark was one of the speakers. Jens Otto Pedersen gave a presentation on the forthcoming WRC in Denmark. I was pleased to have the opportunity to promote the WRC 2018 and give presentations in Sakura, Kyoto, Norway, Uruguay and many times in different parts of Denmark.

In July 2016, I was at the Nordic Rose Society (NRS) Convention - NRS consists of the rose associations in the 5 Nordic countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Denmark. The Presidency rotates, for a 2 year period and the country holding the Presidency hosts the rose convention. For the next 2 years, the Danish Rose Society has the Presidency and the NRS Convention will be part of A Fairy Tale of Roses.

The NRS Convention in 2016 took place in Bergen, Norway, and we were told to pack for Bergen weather. We had drizzle, but also lovely sunshine from 16 to 22 degree C. Bergen is surrounded by mountains and archipelagos. Charles and Brigid Quest-Ritson (Great Britain) gave lectures in Bergen as did Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Sweden), Peter Boyd (Great Britain) and Per Salvesen (Norway).



We are very proud to think Rosa Eskelund of Denmark has given a beautiful golden rose to the WFRS to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Federation, to be baptized and named in Valby Park, Copenhagen by the WFRS President and all Past Presidents attending the Convention.

Rosa Eskelund's beautiful golden rose - Rosa and Roses – Forever is donating a percentage from the sale of the rose to WFRS.



In my role as WFRS Vice President for Europe North, I participated in the WFRS regional Convention in Slovenia in June 2017. It was my first visit to Slovenia and the beauty of the country and charm of its people was a lovely experience. Strongly contributing to the rosy atmosphere in Ljubljana, were thousands of white and pink 'Infinity' roses sponsored by Danish Rose Breeder Rosa Eskelund which made a lavish decoration everywhere. Twenty-six participants came from Europe North. Denmark 13, England 5, North Ireland 2, Norway 5 and Sweden 1.

Erik Schiarning, Inger Schiarning and Shungu Tundanonga Dikunda (Germany) enjoying a picnic lunch on the last day of the convention in Ljubljana

As a member for almost 30 years, I was very sad to receive the news of the Royal National Rose Society financial situation and closure. I'm delighted to see The Rose Society UK being formed with our ED, Derek Lawrence and good friend and rose breeder, Chris Warner on the committee.

Preparations for the 18th WRC filled most of the waking hours and was the focus throughout 2017. Helga Bricchet, Convention Liaison Chairman and Kelvin Trimper visited Copenhagen for 2 days in June in order to visit some of the venues for the 18th WRC.



Charles Quest-Ritson (UK) deep in conversation with Kelvin Trimper (Aus) in Beijing



Ann and Ken Grapes with Gerta Roberts (UK) in Ljubljana

EUROPE (SE Europe)

Austria, Czech republic, Greece,
Hungary, Israel, Romania, Russia,
Serbia, Slovakia and Slovenia
Breda Bavdaž Čopi - Slovenia (2012-2018)



The last three years were very important for the WFRS in the Central and East European (CEE) Region. The CEE region is the largest region in the WFRS. It brings together 10 WFRS member countries which are: Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Israel, Romania, Russia, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Serbia. As a Vice President of CEE region I have to state that these three years were very active and important rose years.

The societies are active in their countries, but are not very active in the WFRS. It is quite difficult to contact the Societies in ECC since many times their knowledge of English and other foreign languages is scarce. It is also a geographically large region with long distances and limited financial resources for the societies and rose friends for travelling and meeting each other. The societies have some interesting events in their own programmes, but they are not well known in the WFRS.



For the first time, a Regional WFRS Convention for CEE was organised in Ljubljana, Slovenia in June , 2017. About 170 delegates from thirty-seven countries of the world participated and we think it was a successful one. It covered rose history and the present situation with roses between the Alps and the Urals and between the Adriatic and Black Seas. Thanks to the convention, a network of contacts has been established among the CEE rosarians, which, we hope, will make future activities easier. In 2016 we made contact with the Israel Rose Society, The Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem. We invited them to take a role at the Regional Convention in Ljubljana. As we were not in a position to cover all the costs of their visit, the Israel Rose Society was not present at the convention.

Breda Bavdaž Čopi, President of the Slovenian Rose Society and Convenor if the Regional convention

The Convention's programme served to promote the CEE countries' rose societies, roses and rose facilities inside the WFRS community. It was a huge effort to bring lecturers from the CEE countries to Ljubljana. We were very glad to engage Mrs Klimenko , the most prominent rose breeder from Russia, Ukraine and former Soviet Union, for a lecture in Ljubljana.

The most important event of the CEE region, carried out on a regular basis under the umbrella of the WFRS is the International Rose Trial in Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, with the main organizer Stanislav Konšťacky. In last three years, members of Slovenian Rose Society and Polish Rose Society took part at the event to promote international contacts. The Slovenian Rose Society helped organise a regional convention's post tour to the Czech Republic to give the trial more exposure.

In 2016, we helped re-establish the Polish Rose Society. It is now organised as a National Rose Society of Poland and it was approved by the WFRS in December 2016. It is led by Mr Lukazs Rojewski. The group from Poland was the largest group of rose lovers at the convention in Ljubljana.

In the last three years I established better contact with the Austrian Rose Society. Unfortunately, the Austrian Rose Society has a relatively small number of members and limited reach of its activities. There

is a wonderful and well maintained rose garden in Baden near Vienna. The Slovenian Rose Society proposed the rose garden for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence which should be approved in Copenhagen this summer. With this, we are trying to make the Austrian Rose Garden better known and to raise the interest in roses in Austria.

Matjaž Mastnak, secretary of Slovenian Rose Society, visited Slovakia twice. He made contact with the president of Slovak Rose Society, Mr. Glvac and with the staff of the Slovak Music Museum in Dolna Krupa. Dolna Krupa is the place of an historic rose garden and the rose nursery of Marie Henrietta Chotek. He also visited the Arboretum Borova hora in Zvolen, where he met the manager of a major Slovak assortment of roses Mr Vladimir Jezovic. Matjaž also took part in the Slovak Rose Society's Rose Exhibition in Hamuliakovo, in May, 2017.

The purpose of all these visits is to establish contact and meet the members in order to arrange successful rose events in our large region and to make it possible for CEE member countries to visit Slovenija in the blooming time.

The Hungarian Rose Society and it's president Mr Agoston Hegedus were absent in Ljubljana although Hungary is very close to Slovenia. Croatia, Slovenia's nearest neighbour in the south, is still a country without an official rose society. Not one rosarian from Croatia took part in the convention in Ljubljana.

It is our intention to make the WFRS and roses more popular in the CEE and to promote contacts with rosarians in the region in future.

Not many from the CEE or SEE are able to travel to WFRS Conventions. One person from the Czech Republic attended in Lyon, 9 from Romania, 1 from Slovenia and 1 from Poland in 2015.



'Ljubljana'

EUROPE (Southern)
BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY,
LUXEMBOURG, MONACO, NETHERLANDS,
SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND

Henrienne de Briey – Belgium (2012-2018)



This is my second triennial period since being appointed WFRS VP in 2012, and it has been so busy but great with fantastic new experiences and the satisfaction of having encountered so many different cultures and met new rose friends from all around the world.

2015 was of course a great year in Southern Europe with the 17th World Rose Convention in Lyon, the city called the little Paris. It was a great success for the first WRC in France and an opportunity for all rose lovers coming from different continents to be in contact with the Lyonnaise Rose Breeders Dynasties - from the oldest one (the Guillot family) to the most globalized firm (Meilland-Richardier). Twenty of the twenty-four lectures were given by French speakers and one from Germany. The European countries in my region were well represented - Belgium 7, France 53, Germany 31, Italy 3, Luxembourg 4, Netherlands 1, Spain 4 and Switzerland 9. 2015 in Europe was quite good for the roses and we saw them blooming and re-blooming until the end of October.

In my region, trials were held in Belgium – Kortrijk and Le Roeulx, France – Bagatelle, Lyon, Nantes, Orléans and Saverne, Germany – Baden Baden, Italy – La Tacita and Rome. Monaco, The Netherlands – The Hague, Spain – Madrid and Barcelona and Switzerland - Geneva. I attended trials in Kortrijk, Le Roeulx, Lyon and Madrid. The last International Rose Trials at Monza were held in 2015. This prestigious event in Italy has ceased on account of the enormous cost and organisation involved.

2015 was the 35th anniversary of the Luxembourg Rose Society. It was also the year the Roseto di San Giovanni garden in Trieste, Italy received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence and I had the honour of representing the WFRS at the unveiling of the plaque.

2016 was the year of two very successful WFRS Regional Rose Conventions and for European rose lovers at opposite ends of the globe. Both were very professional and culturally wise with completely different atmospheres.

The Regional Convention in Beijing was coupled with the 14th Heritage Roses Conference. Delegates must certainly remember that both opening and closing ceremonies were grandiose. The opening of the International Rose Museum in Beijing was for most of us the highlight of 2016. There were 2 delegates from Belgium, 18 from France, 7 from Germany, 2 from Italy, 1 from Luxembourg, 5 from Monaco, 2 from the Netherlands and 8 from Switzerland.

Fifteen Southern Europe rose lovers attended the Regional Convention in Uruguay and their opinion of this convention can be summarised by the words *joie de vivre*.

Once again International Rose Trials were held in all centres as mentioned previously and I had the opportunity to attend Kortrijk and Le Roeulx in Belgium, Bagatelle and Saverne in France, Monaco, and Baden-Baden in Germany. Parc le La Grange International Rose Trials came to an end in 2016 because the politicians in Geneva were no longer interested in roses trials and the maintenance of these once beautiful gardens which can no longer be called a WFRS Garden of Excellence.

In Switzerland I participated in the ceremony for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence of the very pretty Diable Vert rose garden in Bex.

Kelvin Trimper came to Belgium and with Melanie they met our Founding President for the first time. Together we visited the Botanical Garden of Meise, Hex Garden, Coloma Rose Garden and the Lens Rose Nursery in Bruges.

In 2017 the Regional Convention in Slovenia was a great first for Eastern Europe. For most attendees, it was fantastic to discover and learn about their rich but nearly unknown rose history. The

European countries in my region were well represented - Belgium 6, France 3, Germany 12, Italy 1, Luxembourg 1, Netherlands 2, Spain 1 and Switzerland 3.

Another highlight for me was the VII International Symposium in Rose Research and Cultivation in Angers. It made me realise that the relationship between breeders and researchers is so important even if "it is better to take pleasure in a rose than to put its roots under a microscope".

During the rose season, I had the opportunity to perform a sort of rose trial marathon attending 10 trials (Madrid, Barcelona, Lyon, Rome, La Tacita, Baden Baden, Saverne, Kortrijk, Le Roeulx and The Hague) and also the chance to participate with the Friends of Monaco in a dedicated visit to the Meilland Company. As before Rose Trials were held in all centres in this region.

A new rose garden opened its doors in Luxembourg.

A group of 25 rose lovers from Germany including their President, Hans Peter Mühlbach and his wife Hunny Tantau came to my home for a most enjoyable lunch.

I was particularly happy to be able to organise a special WFRS Friends weekend at my home in early spring with seven attendees coming from Luxembourg, Switzerland, Germany, France, The Netherlands and Belgium.

It is always a pleasure for me to welcome rose friends to my home and I was happy to have Kelvin Trimper, Helga Brichet and Rosario Algorta for short visits in the summer.

2017 was also a busy year for collecting information regarding the glorious 50 years of the Federation for the book.

It is with sadness we record the death of Wilhelm Kordes of Kordes Sohn from this region.

CONCLUSION

2015-2017 was a very busy three years, but so rich in experiences with one World Rose Convention, three Regional Conventions (coupled with one Heritage), one symposium on Rose research, numerous rose trials, visits to rose gardens for the awards of Garden of Excellence, considerable contact with breeders and researchers and a lot of new friends; to welcome two new Members of the Breeder's Club (Lens and Viva International), one new WFRS Associate Member (The Vrijbroeck Park) and one Piaget Fund allocation to a research project on a rose herbarium collection at the Botanical Garden of Meise. It was necessary to contact the recipients of European WFRS Award of Garden Excellence and those responsible for the conducting of European Trials to collect information for the book.

For me it is always a great moment when sharing with people from all over the world, the love and the beauty of our Queen of flowers - the Rose.



FAR EAST

China and Japan

Zhao Shiwei – China (2015-2018)



After the Lyon World Rose Convention, the Chinese Rose Society made a great effort in preparing the 2016 Regional Convention. They invited Kelvin Trimper, Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan to visit China and talked about the preparations for the convention to ensure that everything would be in order to make the convention a big success.

2016

The WFRS 2016 Regional Convention and 14th International Heritage Roses Conference was held in Daxing, Beijing China from 18 to 23 May. There were sixteen speakers who spoke on different aspects of heritage roses and modern roses. About two hundred participants attended the convention.

The speakers spoke about the history, breeding and the conservation of the roses. The speakers and topics were:

Gregg Lowery (USA) - Chinese-American Roses: How Chinese Species Roses and Ancient Chinese Cultivars Transformed the Roses of America

Ge, Hong et Yang, Shuhua (China) - The Evaluation, Innovation and Application of Wild Rose Species in Northwest China

Girija and Viru Viraraghavan (India) - Conserving the Rose Heritage of Asia and Other Warm Climates – Our Way Forward

Sun, Wei (China) - Wild Roses from Xinjiang and Their Potential Values

Charles Quest-Ritson (UK) - The Evolution of Climbing Roses in the 19th Century

Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Sweden), POM – Sweden's National Programme for Cultivated Plant Diversity

William A. McNamara (USA) – Collecting Rose Species in Asia and their Conservation at Quarryhill Botanical Garden

Thomas Hawel (Germany) - Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen - Collecting and Maintaining Heritage Roses Concept of a Genetic Rose Bank - the status quo in 2015

Patricia Toolan (Australia) - The Challenge of Identifying and Preserving Old Rose Varieties

Wang, Qigang; Jian, Hongying (China) - Development of the Cut Rose Industry and New Cultivar Breeding in Yunnan Province, China

Pascal Heitzler (France) - Solving Problems of Species Classification and Old Rose Pedigrees Using Molecular Approaches, an Overview

Wang, Guoliang (China), Tumi, - A Flowery Cultural Symbol in Ancient China

Daniel Boulens (France) - LYON ROSES 2015, the Festival of Roses - How to Involve the Local Population, Institutions, Associations, Politicians, Keys to Success

Peter D. A. Boyd (United Kingdom) - Past, present and potential value of *Rosa spinosissima* in the rose industry

Zhao, Shiwei and Cui, Jiaopeng (China), Investigation and Collection of *Rosa chinensis* var. *spontanea* in the Part District of Northern Sichuan

Nobuo Shirasuna (Japan), Designing Rose Gardens

The Breeders' Forum on Modern Roses during the convention was moderated by Kelvin Trimper.

At the same time, the China National Rose Show was held in Daxing. During the convention, a number of social activities were organized including the reception and the gala dinner. The participants experienced the local culture by visiting a number of interesting places including the endemic Guqin musical performance. All participants visited the Daxing Rose Garden with the New Rose Museum. They also visited rose gardens in Beijing Botanical Garden, the old rose garden and the cultural rose garden. All participants were fascinated by the climbing roses along the ring roads in Beijing.



Opening Ceremony

Before the convention, Kelvin Trimper went to Seoul, Korea and met with some rosarians from Korea. They talked about the possibility of Korea becoming the 41st member of WFRS.

During the Convention, China submitted the application for the 2019 Regional Convention. The application was approved by the WFRS executive committee in late 2016.

The Chinese Rose Society organized a rose competition in May during the 2016 Tangshan Horticultural Exposition. More than 150 members from China attended the competition.

In late 2016, more than 20 participants from Far East attended the Regional Convention held in Uruguay and the Chinese Rose Society presented the 2019 Regional Convention.



The Japan Rose Society organised a tour of Japanese Rose Gardens which followed on after the Regional convention in China. The Japan Rose Society organized their annual international rose show in May.

Akao Herb and Rose Garden – Japan

2017

The Nanyang Rose Festival was opened in Nanyang on 28th April, 2017. Nanyang lies in central China with the largest production of rose plants in China. With a number of rose gardens already, the city planned to build another big rose garden just to showcase the beauty of roses. Kelvin Trimper and Helga Brichet visited Nanyang, Mianzhu and Shangha. In Nanyang they attended a meeting of the organizing committee before they had a meeting with the working team. According to the meeting, the 2019 Regional Convention will be held in Nanyang from 28th April to 2nd May, 2019. All the participants will stay in one big hotel with the convention halls, therefore not necessitating a bus to get to the venue. They discussed the details of the convention and investigated the tour sites.

They also attended the rose festival held in Shanghai Chenshan Botanical Garden. Kelvin Trimper gave a presentation - *Rose is the queen of flower and the role of the WFRS* in Shanghai International Rose Forum and the Forum of Band-road Horticulture held in Beijing.

After that, Kelvin Trimper and Helga Brichet visited the Japan Rose Society. Fukuyama submitted the application for the 2022 Regional Convention. It was approved by the executive committee. Japan Rose Society organized their annual international rose show in May.

The Chinese Rose Society nominated the Daxing Rose Garden for the Award of Garden Excellence to be considered at the World Rose Convention in 2018. Kelvin Trimper and Helga Brichet assessed the rose garden both in the spring and in the autumn and they sent their recommendation to the award committee.

Nearly 20 people from China and Japan went to attend the Regional Convention held in Lubljana, Slovenia. They had a very good time in this beautiful country. Zhao Shiwei presented the 2019 Regional Convention on behalf of Chinese Rose Society.

Chinese Rose Society decided that the 2018 National Rose Show would be held in Mianyang, Sichuan Province. The opening time of the show will be in late September, 2018.



Jiang Zhenzhi's beautiful rose, 'Luoyi ' in the Daxing rose Garden with a view through to the newly opened Rose Museum

NORTH AMERICA

United States of America

Jolene Adams - USA (2012-2018)



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NORTH AMERICA

Canada and Bermuda

David Elliott - Canada (2012-2018)



As I will not be continuing as Vice President for North America after the World Rose Convention in June, this will be my last as VP. I have enjoyed meeting many rosarians and we hope to be able to attend future WFRS meetings as regular attendees.

At the World Rose Convention in Lyon, there were 35 Canadian delegates and 9 from Bermuda. Of the 35 Canadians attending, 4 took part in committee meetings. At this convention it was proposed that the separate Conservation and Heritage committees be combined to be called the Conservation and Heritage Committee. As ever there was little time available to meet other attendees outside of committee meetings.

Since the WFRS triennial convention in Lyon we attended the WFRS Regional Rose Convention and WFRS 14th International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China in May 2016. About 10 Canadians attended, and no Bermudans. Unfortunately I do not have precise numbers available.

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the South American Regional Convention in Montevideo, Uruguay in November, 2016. Five Canadians attended this convention.

I assisted the Uruguay Rose Society in setting up a rose location data base. There are now six countries working on such databases - New Zealand, which set the first example, Australia, Uruguay, Argentina, Bermuda and most recently Canada determining where rare roses are in their country with the aim to conserve them. Due to the difficulty in transportation of roses between some countries it appears to be necessary to work country by country.

In June 2017 Crenagh and I attended the WFRS Regional Convention held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. During this convention the proposed definition for a Heritage Rose was approved. At this convention, five Canadians were present and none from Bermuda.

There have been no speakers invited from Canada or Bermuda at any of the conventions mentioned above.

The Bermuda Rose Society continues to thrive with regular meetings and maintain its rose garden of the Bermuda Roses. Within Canada both the Vancouver and Calgary Rose Societies remain stable on membership. Calgary has one of the most difficult climates for rose growing. In winter the temperature can change up to 20 degrees Celsius over a period of a few hours. Non-hardy roses have to be protected in insulated 'tents' in winter. It has been reported that the societies in Ontario and the east are losing membership. There are no rose societies in the central provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba.



Sanda Simic and Brenda Viney of the Vancouver Rose Society in Sanda's beautiful garden



'Brenda Viney' bred and named for Brenda by Brad Jalbert

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina, Chile and Uruguay

Rosario Algorta de Carrau – Uruguay (2012–2018)



2015 - A delegation of 28 Uruguayans, 2 Argentinians and 3 Chillians attended the WFRS World Convention in LYON. It was a fantastic opportunity to meet old friends and get to know new ones in a beautiful environment, starting with the Pre- tour around La Provence. In Spring in South America, Rose Shows were held in the different branches in Uruguay - Eastern and Western.

Rosario Algorta was a judge for the Rosicultura in Buenos Aires and the Uruguayan Rose Society together with the Garden Clubs of Uruguay held a show, where Argentinian judges participated.

Rosario Algorta as VP for South America visited the PALERMO ROSE GARDEN in October 2015 and was pleased to find it in an excellent state in accordance with the standards of the WFRS.

2016 - was a very busy year for the Uruguayan Rose Society as they made preparations for the 5th Southamerican Regional Convention - ROSES IN THE SOUTH to be held in Punta del Este in November.



Rosario Algorta signs the Wall of Fame



The WFRS Flag Ceremony in Beijing – Rosario Algorta Kelvin Trimper and Zhan Zhuoshang

In Beijing in May, Rosario Algorta gave a Power Point Presentation and a video with all the events and tourist information to encourage delegates from abroad to travel to South America for the Regional Convention. Fourteen Uruguayans and 2 Argentineans attended this convention and were gratified to find South American artefacts in the Rose Museum in Beijing. Rosario was part of a panel for discussion on Modern Roses. She accepted the WFRS flag from the Chinese at the closing Ceremony to be used at Roses in the South.

Once again Rosario was invited to judge at the Rosicultura in Buenos Aires, Argentina and visited the Rosaleda de Palermo to find it once again well maintained.



The South American rose convention, convened by Rosario and Patricia Cummins took place in November and is recorded in detail under conventions.

Isa Maria Bozolo (Chile), Rosario Algorta (Uruguay) and Keith Kirsten (South Africa) at the Rose Show in Punte del Este

2017

Mabel Franchi from Uruguay was invited to judge in Barcelona's New Roses Trials.

Six Delegates from Uruguay, 7 from Argentina and 3 from Chile attended the Regional Convention in Slovenia.



Rosario Algorta in the Coloma Rose Garden



Paul Barnett (NZ), Elke Gottsh, (Ger) Henrienne de Brie (Belgium), Sheenagh Harris (S. Africa), Markus Rosario Algorta (Uruguay) – Beutig, Baden Baden



Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Rosario Algorta

After the Convention, Rosario Algorta accompanied Henrienne de Brie to a lecture at Enghien and a visit to the Parmentier Rose Garden and Coloma Rose Garden in Belgium.

Rosario was invited to be President of the Day in Saverne's New Roses Trial in France. Then to Beutig in Baden-Baden where she judged with an expert group! Then to Kortrijk New Roses Trial in Belgium, where she was President of the Day. She also had the pleasure of visiting Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, founder President of the WFRS in 196 while in Europe.

Inés Díaz de Licandro worked hard rustling roses in the countryside as a member of the Heritage and Conservation Committee. She identified roses in Uruguay and Argentina recording an inventory on spreadsheets. She attended the Heritage and Conservation Committee meeting in Slovenia where the Heritage Rose definition (HR) was agreed. Inés is advisor to Montevideo Municipality in the restoration of the "Prado Rose Garden" in Montevideo, built in 1912 and designed by Racine from France.

In October Rosario representing the WFRS attended the 100th anniversary celebrations of the Mercedes Rose Garden, Soriano, in the western area of Uruguay. She applauded the authorities for preserving the roses affected by the Black River floods. There were several lectures about Roses during the week which concluded with a tribute to the late Rosemarie Symmonds de Chilibroste, a great rosarian.

Later in October a group of Uruguayan Rose Society members celebrated the 25th anniversary of Amigos de las Rosas de Tarariras, in Colonia.

Once again in October Dolores Llovet, Marta Blanco, Rosanna Ottieri and Rosario Algorta were invited to judge at the Rosicultura's Rose Show in Buenos Aires. The show took place in a marquee at the PALERMO Rose Garden where the gardens continue to be well maintained.

Later in October, the Uruguayan Rose Society held their Spring Show together with the Garden Clubs of Uruguay and the 5th December was the final farewell function for 2017 where a Power Point presentation of pictures depicting the activities of the year.

In October, Rosario Algorta accompanied Inés Díaz de Licandro and Rafael Maino from Argentina to visit farms and small villages in the countryside for Rose Rustling and identifying varieties which they discovered growing in incredible places...their enthusiasm kept them rustling by torch light!

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Monique de Clarens (2012-2018)

In the period 2015-2016, most of the plaques for the garden awards were unveiled. I personally had the pleasure of participating in a few - Monaco - Princesse Grace de Monaco; Switzerland - Au diable vert and Japan Akao Herb, City of Sakura and Keisei Rose Gardens.

All the documents for the next World Rose Convention in Copenhagen (June 28 to July 4) have been circulated to all national societies. These documents include the nomination of h Hall of Fame, Old Hall of Fame, books and gardens.

I wish to place on record that Derek Lawrence took full responsibility for notifying the member countries, receiving their votes and counting them for the Halls of Fame. It resulted in a 72% return and I am most grateful to him.

2017 was an important year for the Awards Committee. We received 5 nominations for literary awards from 4 countries and 10 nominations for garden awards from 8 countries.

Please note that the documents for the garden awards are new including the rules voted in Lyon during our 2015 World Convention.

Hoping that all these nominations will meet the success they deserve!

BREEDERS' CLUB

Gérald Meylan – Switzerland – 2009-2018

The WFRS Breeders Club began its activities on 15 September 2007, under the presidency of Pierre Orard, a French breeder from the Lyon area.

This official presence of rose breeders within the WFRS immediately enabled strong ties to be developed between amateurs and professionals. In addition, an excellent relationship between the WFRS Breeders Club and the International Rose Trials Committee was quickly established, thus enabling methods of judging various varieties at the different trials to be standardized.

On 1 March 2018, the WFRS Breeders Club comprises 21 breeders:

- Belgium : LENS ROSES ; VIVA INTERNATIONAL SA ;
- Denmark : ROSES FOREVER ApS ;
- France : PEPINIERS ET ROSERAIES GEORGES DELBARD ; ROSERAIE DORIEUX ; ROSERAIE FABIEN DUCHER ; ROSERAIE GUILLOT ; ROSERAIE LAPERRIERE ; ROSERAIE DOMINIQUE MASSAD ; MEILLAND INTERNATIONAL SA ; NIRP INTERNATIONAL SA ; ROSERAIE ORARD ; ROSERAIE REUTER ;
- Italy : ROSE BARNI s.s.;
- Japan : KEISEI ROSE NURSERIES Inc ;
- Serbia : PETROVIC ROSES ;
- Spain : VIVEROS FRANCISCO FERRER
- United Kingdom : DAVID AUSTIN ROSES ;
- USA : ROSE INNOVATIONS; SPROUL ROSES BY DESIGN; DAVID ZLESAK

I have had the pleasure and honour of presiding over the WFRS Breeders Club since the World Convention held in Vancouver in 2009.

During the period 2009-2018, the Breeders Club has held 17 meetings and discussed the following items:

- Problems relating to fertilizers and herbicides (pest and disease)
- Coordination of rose trials with a chart based on 100 points for judging varieties
- Collaboration in the development of new trials in China, Japan and Monaco

- Setting up of a test station for roses in China (Shenzhen)
- Further scientific and technical collaboration with the Chinese Rose Society
- Restoration of the extension of the rose garden in Malmaison, France, Monaco and the Botanical Garden of Geneva, Switzerland
- Possibilities for the development of the rose market
- Protection of rose varieties
- Communication on subjects relating to roses
- Collaboration in the setting up of the historical heritage exhibition in the World Rose Museum in Beijing
- Publication in World Rose News
- WFRS website

The statutes of the WFRS limit the period of office of chairmen. I am therefore obliged to step down at the World Convention in Copenhagen. The breeders have expressed the wish to continue the work already undertaken and strengthen ties with the different committees of the WFRS. They have designated as a candidate to the position of Chairman of the Breeders Club, Mr Jean-Luc Pasquier (Switzerland). Mr Pasquier, a nursery gardener with a federal title of Master Horticulturist, teaches in an agricultural and horticultural college and is also a free-lance horticultural journalist. He will be present in Copenhagen for election to this position during the meeting of the Breeders Club on 1 July 2018.

Since I initiated the setting up of the Breeders Club, I consider this candidate an excellent choice and feel sure the Breeders Club will be in very good hands for continuing its work and welcoming new members in the future.

I retire from my position, feeling convinced that over this whole period, I have been able to ensure that contacts between the world of professionals and amateurs have been strengthened. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the breeders for placing their entire confidence in me. The WFRS is a large family, which brings together all those who have a great love and passion for the ROSE. It is just simply marvellous !

CLASSIFICATION and REGISTRATION

Richard Walsh (Australia) (2015-2018)

According to the WFRS protocols, a committee was formed following the Lyon convention consisting of:

Richard Walsh – Chairman - Australia
 Doug Grant - Vice Chairman – New Zealand
 Gerta Roberts - Gr. Britain
 Dave Kenny Northern Ireland
 Marily Williams - USA
 Marita Lindner - Uruguay
 Prof. Ueda – Japan
 the President Kelvin Trimper Ex-officio and Executive Director, Derek Lawrence, in attendance. Former President Dr Tommy Cairns agreed to be included later, still leaving a vacancy of one member.

A six year programme for assessment and change has been proposed with the focus being on Classification in the first three years and ways of supporting the ARS in the Registration process for the second period of three years.

Most of the negotiations have been conducted by email with one meeting being held in Slovenia. Unfortunately it was not possible to achieve a quorum at this meeting so the recommendations will need to be confirmed in Copenhagen. Progress has been slow because of the diverse views held by the Committee members, but it has taken place. There are still a couple of issues regarding Classification to be discussed before any recommendations can be made.

CONSERVATION and HERITAGE ROSES

Yuki Mikanagi (Japan) (2012-2018)

At the joint meeting of the Conservation Committee and the Heritage Rose Committee at the World Convention in Lyon on the 30th of May, 2015, it was decided, following the suggestion from the executive committee, that the above-mentioned two committees were to be combined. The Council meeting accepted this decision.

We had a discussion about the Rose Locator Database on the WFRS website at the Lyon Convention. Almost six years had passed since our original database was established, and now we find many good databases on roses around the world. We thought it might be time to reconsider the roles the WFRS should play in promoting the conservation of heritage roses, and decided to discontinue the Rose Locator Database. We also discussed the necessity to set up country by country databases to determine in each country what roses are rare and where they are grown and preserved.

After the Lyon Convention, we had two meetings:

- Meeting at the Regional Convention and the International Heritage Conference in Beijing, China Sunday 22nd May, 2016. Attendees: 33 members from 17 countries
- Meeting at the Regional Convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia. Monday 12th June 2017. Attendees: 27 members from 18 countries

These meetings are not exclusive to voting members and were, and always are, open to anyone who is interested in the committee agenda. All opinions are welcomed.

1. The name for the new combined committee -
After consulting with Mr. David Ruston, the former Heritage Rose committee chairman, before the convention, it was suggested that the new committee should be titled: 'Conservation and Heritage Committee' and was thus approved at the committee and the executive committee meetings.

2. Definition of heritage roses:

The following was approved at the committee meeting in Ljubljana; "All species and species crosses, all found roses (until they are better identified), and roses of historical importance such as 'Madame A. Meilland,' also known as 'Peace' 1945."

3. Recommended Form of WFRS Conservation Database:

The contents of the database were decided upon in order to enable member countries to share information of their heritage roses and to focus on more practical ways of protecting rare roses facing possible extinction.

- (1) Common name of the rose, as used by the garden.
- (2) Year, Bred or Introduced
- (3) Breeder's code name, if known
- (4) Garden Code, three digits determined by the country, Region, State, Province or County of the country

The next International Heritage Rose Conference will be held in Brussels in June 2020. The National Rose Society of Belgium will organize the conference, and the Botanical Garden in Meise will support it.



We have a plan in progress to provide an adviser group of rose experts to help with the identification of roses and to provide suggestions on how to preserve heritage roses on the WFRS website.

From July 2015 to March 2018, Issue 12 to 17 of "by any other name" - a newsletter of the Conservation and Heritage Committee edited by Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert and Alan Gilbert, had been published.

CONVENTION LIAISON

Helga Bricet (Italy)(2015-2018)

After the success of the World Rose Convention, staged in Lyon in June, 2015, my immediate thoughts turned to the forthcoming events on the WFRS' programme for the following three years. These were:

The Asian Regional Convention and International Heritage Roses Conference, hosted by the Chinese Rose Society in Beijing in May, 2016,

The South American Regional Convention, hosted by the Uruguayan Rose Association in Punta del Este in November, 2016,

The Regional Convention of Eastern and Central Europe, hosted by the Rose Society of Slovenia in Ljubljana in June, 2017,

The 18th World Rose Convention, hosted by the Danish Rose Society in Copenhagen in June and July, 2018.

Accordingly two trips were undertaken, in October to Beijing and in November, 2015 to Ljubljana, the progress and further planning of these Regionals were noted and circulated to the EC.

In January of 2016 the President and I, whilst in Pune, India, were approached by the Bengal Rose Society and the Agri-Horticultural Society of India, interested in the possibility of hosting a Regional Convention in Kolkata in January, 2020.

There followed by a second trip to Beijing in February for further discussions with the Organizing Committee of the District of Daxing, and another visit in April with Vice Chairman Gérald Meylan, to consider matters pertaining to the International Rose Museum, due to be inaugurated during the forthcoming Regional, which was indeed a unique and outstanding success. Here we were approached by representatives of the City of Nanyang, with a view to staging a Regional Convention in that city in April, 2019.

Subsequently in the autumn the President and I visited Nanyang in order to ascertain the feasibility of such an event. The CRS application to host this Regional was thereafter approved by the EC.

In November the Uruguayan Rose Association staged its third Regional Convention very successfully in Punta del Este, where participants enjoyed the hospitality and beauty of this country and its splendid gardens. Whilst there the Indian Rose Federation's application to host the Regional in Kolkata was approved by the EC.

As a result the President and I accepted the invitation to attend the 35th All-India Rose Convention in Kolkata in January, 2017, thus having the opportunity to meet local office holders of the hosting Societies and discuss plans and possibilities for the 2020 event.

In March I made another visit to Slovenia where preparations for their first Regional were well under way and enthusiasm was tremendous.

During the month of April, after attending the Shanghai International Rose Symposium, the President, Gérald Meylan, as Chairman of the Breeders' Club and I again transferred to Nanyang, where preparations were progressing for the Regional, featuring modern roses, their production and commercial organization within China and also as a valuable export product.



Gérald Meylan, Melanie and Kelvin Trimper, Helga Bricchet, Ji Qin (Secretary of the Party Com. of Shanghai Chenshan Garden), Feng Jia (Ast. to the head of the Shanghai Chenshan Bot. Grd.) and Zhou Danyan (Staff of the Shanghai Chenshan Bot. Grd.) on a visit to Shanghai Chenshan Botanical Garden



Helga and André Bricchet in the Rose Museum, Beijing in May 2017 in front of the mural of WFRS Presidents

June was the month of the Regional Convention in Slovenia – a joyous event, as those who participated will agree. The organizers deserve the many compliments and congratulations which showered down on them.

At the end of that month the President and I visited Belgium – with an eye to the preparations for the 2020 Heritage Roses Conference, Denmark – to meet and discuss with the organizers of the 18th WRC, but also the celebrations of the WFRS 50th Anniversary, and Germany, where that Society was considering making a bid to host the 2024 World Rose Convention. Unfortunately this prospect did not come to fruition, as the Society found the financial considerations in organizing a world convention too risky.

In October and November the President and I were again in Nanyang, where the Regional's preparations were solidly in place, so that registration will open in May, 2018, a full year ahead of the occasion. We then flew to Fukuyama City in Japan, the Japan Rose Society's application to host a Regional Convention there in 2022 having been granted. Thereafter this application was upgraded to host the WRC in 2024. A decision on this matter will be taken during the Convention Liaison Committee meeting in Copenhagen in July.

During the past months the generic guidelines for Members wishing to host a WRC, a Regional Convention or a Heritage Roses Conference have been updated, with the help of many, generous rosarians with experience in organizing, but also those who have attended the Federation's events over the years. New guidelines have been drawn up and approved by the Executive Committee.

By the time we arrive at the WRC Convention in Copenhagen, which we sincerely believe will be a magnificent celebration of the Rose, I will have undertaken fifteen voyages during these three years as Chairman of this Committee. The future programme is indeed positive:

The 18th World Rose Convention, hosted by the Danish Rose Society in Copenhagen, Denmark 28th June to 4th July, 2018

The Asian Regional Convention, hosted by the Chinese Rose Society in Nanyang, China, April/May, 2019

The Central Asian Regional Convention, hosted by the Indian Rose Federation in Kolkata, India, January, 2020

The Heritage Roses Conference, hosted by the Royal National Rose Society of Belgium in Bruxelles, Belgium, June, 2020.

The 19th World Rose Convention, hosted by the National Rose Society of Australia in Adelaide, Australia, 21st October to 28th October, 2021

To the Societies and organizers of all these events I extend my very best wishes for great success, but also enjoyment in furthering and spreading the pleasure of Roses.

HONOURS

Kelvin Trimper (Australia) (2015-2018)

The WFRS Honours Committee for the period 2015 to 2018 has been most productive. The Committee comprised the following members which, significantly, were from different global regions.

Mr. Kelvin Trimper, President, WFRS - Chairman
Mr. Steve Jones, Immediate Past President, WFRS
Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, Past President, WFRS
Countess Henrienne de Briey, Vice President (Europe Region), WFRS
Dr. Yuki Mikanagi, Chairman, WFRS Conservation and Heritage Committee
Mr. Derek Lawrence, Executive Director, WFRS – Executive Officer (ex-officio)

At its first meeting, The Honours Committee resolved to update and expand the protocols and guidelines pertaining to the nominations for WFRS medals and awards. This was considered necessary to ensure improved consistency in the nomination and awards process. The committee and its individual members have contributed many hours to this task and I, as its Chairman, thank them for their efforts. A draft revised Honours Protocols and Guidelines document was presented to the WFRS Executive Committee meeting held in Slovenia in June 2017.

Apart from one revision proposed by Dr. Thomas Cairns, Past President, the revised Protocols were endorsed by the Executive and will now be presented to the WFRS Council meeting, to be held in Copenhagen, for endorsement.

During the Triennial Period, 2015 – 2018 the following WFRS Commemorative Medallions were presented.

- 2016 Mr. He Rui and Dr. Zhao Shiwei received Bronze Medallions for their Heritage Roses Conference in Daxing, China.
- 2016 Ms. Rosario Algorta de Carrau and Ms. Patricia Cummings de Uberti received Bronze Medallions for their contribution to the organisation of the WFRS Regional Convention in Punta del Este, Uruguay.
- 2017 Mrs. Breda Bavdaž Čopi received a Bronze Medallion for her efforts in the organisation of the WFRS Regional Convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- 2018 It is proposed that a number of individuals will receive WFRS Awards and Medallions in recognition of their contributions and outstanding service. These will be presented in Copenhagen, Denmark, during the WFRS 18th World Rose Convention.

These hard working individuals are congratulated and thanked for their significant contribution. I wish to place on record my thanks to my Committee Members and Executive Director for their diligent work as part of the WFRS Honours Committee.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

Markus Brunsing (Germany)(2012-2018)

In the triennial from 2015 to 2018, I attended International Rose Trials in Monaco, Lyon, Paris, Saverne, The Hague and Baden-Baden. Many International Rose Trials developed well with a huge number of rose novelties and new rose breeders. Unfortunately the organizers of rose trials in Geneva in Switzerland, Monza in Italy, Baden in Austria and St. Albans in England stopped their rose trials. The reasons for the decisions to stop organizing trials might be different in the four cities, but the regrettable development could be an indicator for the current crises.

In 2015 in Lyon, the Rose Trials Committee decided to recommend a standard application form for sending rose novelties to the different rose trials in the world. More and more rose breeders and trial organizers use this WFRS Standard Application Form. I wonder that some trial organizers don't accept this form, because in my opinion this rose trial method must help to reduce the work and the costs for rose breeders when they send rose novelties to different trials in different countries.

During the triennial period I gave lectures about rose breeders and new roses in Slovenia, Luxembourg, Uruguay and in Germany. Lectures are a very helpful way of informing rose experts and rose friends about the tremendous work that rose breeders and rose trials do all over the world.

Another important work as Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee is the collaboration with the Breeders' Club. I attended two meetings in Aire-la-Ville near Geneva in March 2017 and November 2017. In the future the cooperation of the Breeders' Club and the International Rose Trials Committee will be important to establish new rose trials. There are new ideas for new rose trials in Switzerland, Italy, Great Britain, China and Argentina under the umbrella of the World Federation of Rose Societies. The definition of guidelines for International Rose Trials could be an important base for the work of the committee in future.



An international group in Baden-Baden with rose experts Rae Gilbert (SA), Jan Barnett (NZ), Hans Peter Mühlbach (Ger), Inger Schierning (Den), Hilary Elkin (USA) and the leader of the group, Markus Zieler from the Isle of Mainau (Ger)



Novelty Rose Garden in Rome opposite the colosseum



Reinhard Noack – Winner of the Golden Rose of The Hague in 2017 with his Rose of The Hague Climber 'Heidtraum Plus'

PROMOTIONS

Steve Jones (USA)(2012-2018)

In the last three years, great strides have been made for the Promotions Committee. We have concentrated on three main areas, Social Media Sub-committee under Publications, Friends of the Federation and the use of the WFRS logo especially for funded research projects from the generous donations by our Patron, Yves Piaget.

I continued on as Chairman of the Promotions Committee after my term as President. My goal was to greatly expand the Friends programme. At each regional and heritage rose convention we held a lunch or dinner with our Friends to exchange information and to get better acquainted. Each event was well attended and a good time was had by all. An Information booth was set up in Uruguay where 19 new Friends were added. Another booth is planned in Denmark.

When I first took up the post of Chairman of Promotions in 2012 there were five Life Friends and seventeen regular Friends. As of this writing, at the end of my term, we have one Patron, 20 Life Friends and 75 Friends.

PUBLICATIONS

Jolene Adams (USA)(2015-2018)

NO REPORT AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION

INTERNATIONAL JUDGES

Luis T. Desemero (USA) (2015-018)

Many Member Countries of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) have developed guidelines for judging roses in competition. Of notable mention are those documents developed by the Royal National Rose Society (RNRS) whose recommendations have been embraced by many countries and adapted for their particular regions and styles of rose exhibiting. Perhaps the most detailed set of guidelines that has evolved recently belong to the American Rose Society (ARS) - more than 100 pages, certainly an encyclopaedic work of legal distinction!

However, the current development of a harmonizing set of international principles was to be more a consolidation of general consensus by WFRS rather than an expansion. What is glaringly obvious in reviewing the various formats devised for judging is the similarity of approaches in understanding the fundamental principles governing proper judging to render a fair and objective decision. As the WFRS approaches its 50th anniversary in 2018, a concerted effort has been initiated to harmonize the various guideline approaches into one cohesive set of guidelines, particularly because of establishment of a registry of "WFRS International Judges", a cadre of judges from all over the world.

Blending the various consensus approaches, taken by the Member Countries is not altogether an easy task. However, the most acceptable principles were gleaned from various national guidelines and rather than elaborate they were condensed to simplicity. Rather than take the extensive written approach the idea of a fully illustrated edition was adopted. It has often been said that "*a picture is worth a 1000 words*". Additionally, the topics of classification and growth characteristics encountered in judging have also been addressed to create a level playing field of rose knowledge to aid other member countries who were not so fortunate in having developed guidelines for themselves.

On behalf of the members of the WFRS International Judging Committee, it is hoped that our efforts will be of assistance in the future as judges navigate the pleasures of judging roses in a foreign country. Since broad-based communication within the world of roses is a prime factor in disseminating the final guidelines, it is planned to publish them in commercial book format, probably 8.5 x 4.5 inches wide. Establishing such a publication will directly benefit those countries with no guidelines whatsoever and allow WFRS to take the leadership role in harmonizing the accepted criteria for judging. It is planned to bring the completed guidelines and the proposal for commercial publication to the Triennial Convention in Copenhagen for approval by Council.

“By Any Other Name”

Nimet Monasterly Gilbert – France (2015-2018)

It was during the 2015 World Convention in Lyon that we were asked to be the editors of “*By Any Other Name*,” of which Fiona Hyland was the first editor from 2008 to 2014. At the same convention BAON’s sponsoring group the Heritage committee was combined with the Conservation committee thus widening the possible scope for articles. From the beginning we have had complete freedom in the selection of articles and authors.

Available on-line twice yearly, in March and in September, our editorial policy has been to bring to our readers both original articles as well as some which have appeared in other rose publications since no one can subscribe to every journal available throughout the rose-loving world, but many of which merit being read more widely. Articles in our six issues to date have covered many aspects of the world of roses and have been written by authors from more than 20 countries. We hope these articles will endure the test of time and be of use to those researching into rose breeding, the history of specific roses or in exploring the wild habitat of specie roses, as well as the many aspects of caring for our roses as we are confronted with climate change and the banning of many products on which we have become reliant.

Another goal is to build bridges with rose-lovers by encouraging individual rose societies to distribute “*By Any Other Name*” to their members. This is beginning to succeed. Several BAON articles have been republished in other journals, and two rose societies have added BAON back issues to their sites. Thanks to the support and contributions of Dr. Yuki Mikanagi, the chairman of the Conservation and Heritage Roses committee, as well as to both David and Crenagh Elliott, we are reinforcing the message that the World Federation is not only concerned with modern roses and breeders but also with the preservation of all roses and their diverse histories.

Having lived in many countries, we made a final move from Washington DC to France in 2000 and live in a small renovated farmhouse in Southern Burgundy. On the first morning Nimet planted her first rose bush in memory of a dear friend and has since converted the farm’s acre of pasture into a series of rose-beds and gardens with close to 400 roses, both modern and heritage. In 2005 we joined the *Roses anciennes en France* society based in Lyon and became translators for its bilingual bulletin, a natural lead-in to taking on “*By Any Other Name*.”



‘Duc de Sussex’ (Laffay 1841)

PRESIDENTS EMERITI

2003	Mr. Richard Balfour (Dick) (deceased)	Great Britain
2003	Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery	Belgium
2009	Mr. David Ruston	Australia

EDITOR EMERITUS

2009	Dr. Tommy Cairns	USA
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PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WFRS

1968	Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery	Belgium
1971	Douglas Butcher	New Zealand
1971	Richard Allen	United States of America
1974	Frank Bowen	Great Britain
1976	Fred. Ziady	South Africa
1979	David Gilad	Israel
1981	Lily de Gerlache de Gomery	Belgium
1983	Richard Balfour	United Kingdom
1985	Vincent Gioia	United States of America
1988	Susan Begg	Argentina
1991	David Ruston	Australia
1994	Ethel Freeman	Canada
1997	Helga Bricchet	Italy
2000	Kenneth Grapes	Great Britain
2003	Thomas Cairns	United States of America
2006	Gérald Meylan	Switzerland
2009	Sheenagh Harris	South Africa
2012	Steve Jones	United States of America
2015	Kelvin Trimper	Australia

HONOURS AWARDS

GOLD MEDALS - For Service to the Rose and to the WFRS. In recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose by serving and/or retired officers of the Federation, and to Rose Breeders whose work is paramount to the evolution of The Rose.

1979	Fred Thomas	Australia
1981	Lotte Gunthart	Switzerland
1983	Lily de Gerlache de Gomery	Belgium
1985	Richard Balfour	Great Britain
1985	David Gilad	Israel
1988	Ralph Moore	United States of America
1991	Pat Dickson	Northern Ireland
1994	Jack Harkness (posthumously)	England
1997	Sam McGredy IV	New Zealand
2000	Helga Bricchet	Italy
2000	Ethel Freeman	Canada
2003	Kenneth Grapes	Great Britain
2003	Wilhelm Kordes	Germany
2004	David Ruston	Australia
2005	Governor Taku Kajiwara	Japan
2005	Susan Begg	Argentina
2006	Thomas Cairns	United States of America
2006	Peter Beales	Great Britain
2006	Takeo Nagata	Japan
2006	Peter Harkness	Great Britain
2009	Marie Louise Velge	Belgium

2009	Alain Meilland	France
2009	Gérald Meylan	Switzerland
2012	Sheenagh Harris	South Africa
2012	Akira Ogawa	Japan
2015	Steve Jones	USA
2015	Malcolm Watson	Australia

SILVER MEDALS - In recognition of outstanding service to the Federation by serving and/or retired officers of the Federation only.

2003	Takeo Nagata	Japan
2003	Rein Lae Solberg	Norway
2006	Akira Ogawa	Japan
2006	MS Viraraghavan	India
2006	Jill Bennell	Great Britain
2006	SA Shakoor	Pakistan
2006	Hella Brumme	Germany
2006	Josef Thomas	Czech Republic
2006	Damianos Contantinou	Greece
2006	Bernd Weigel	Germany
2006	Margaret Macgregor	Australia
2006	Jean-Pierre Hounie	Uruguay
2006	Esther Fumagalli	Italy
2009	Mercedes Drever de Villar	Uruguay
2009	Ed Griffith	USA
2009	Marijke Peterich	Bermuda
2009	Stefan Wagner	Romania
2010	Wang Weicheng	China
2012	Isa Maria Bozzolo	Chile
2012	Maurice Jay	France
2015	Ann Bird	Great Britain
2015	Peter Elliott	New Zealand
2015	Ian Spriggs	Australia
2015	Takamasa Tsuge	Japan

ROSE PINS - For Service to the WFRS

1985	Milton Cadsby	Canada
1985	Mary Wise	South Africa
1985	Ludwig Taschner	South Africa
1988	Princess Alix de Ligne	Luxembourg
1988	David Ruston	Australia
1991	Robert Begg	Argentina
1991	Susan Begg	Argentina
1991	Norman Beck	Northern Ireland
1994	Molly Frizzell	Northern Ireland
1994	Josef Sieber	Germany
1997	Ethel Freeman	Canada
2000	Esther Geldenhuys	South Africa
2000	Lois Tabb	New Zealand
2000	Marie Louise Velge	Belgium
2000	Mercedes Drever de Villar	Uruguay

WORLD ROSE AWARDS - Bronze Medal - In recognition of dedicated service to the Rose by officers of The Federation and in particular officers of our National Member Societies.

2000	Louis Lens	Belgium
2000	James Naylor	Great Britain
2000	Anne Marie Trechslin	Switzerland
2000	Stefan Wagner	Romania

2000	Milly Weyermann	Switzerland
2003	Jacqueline Humery	France
2003	Heather Macdonell	New Zealand
2003	Frans Thomas	Belgium
2003	Malcolm Watson	Australia
2006	Junichi Seki	Japan
2006	Luis Desamero	United States of America
2006	Atsuko Marufuku	Japan
2006	Meena Pimpalpure	India
2006	Marily Young	United States of America
2006	Egmont Behrens	South Africa
2006	Liesbeth Cooper	Bermuda
2006	Agnes Gorska	Poland
2006	Robert Laperrière	France
2006	Luciana Lupi Timini	Italy
2009	Walter Duncan	Australia
2009	Anne Graber	Canada
2009	Dean Stringer	Australia
2010	Zhu Weiping	China
2010	Zhang Zuoshuang	China
2012	Nilda Crivelli	Argentina
2012	Ruth Watson	Australia
2015	Sally Allison	New Zealand
2015	Lois Fowkes	USA
2015	Doug Grant	New Zealand
2015	Ian Spriggs	Australia

WFRS COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS

SILVER MEDALS

2012	Katsuhiko Maebara	Japan
2012	Kazuo Warabi	Japan
2012	Diana Girdwood	South Africa
2013	Peter Elliott	New Zealand
2014	Matilde Ferrer	Spain
2015	Ahmed Alam Khan	India

BRONZE MEDALS

2012	Yuki Mikanagi	Japan
2012	Georgie Currie	South Africa
2012	Darlene Sanders	Canada
2012	Brenda Viney	Canada
2014	Lluis Abad	Spain
2015	Vijay Kant	India
2016	He Rui	China
2016	Zhao Shiwei	China
2016	Rosario Algorta de Carrau	Uruguay
2016	Patricia Cummins de Uberti	Uruguay
2017	Breda Bavdaž Čopi	Slovenia



LITERARY AWARDS

2006	Designing with Roses	Tony Lord	England
2006	Louis Lens	Ivo Pauwels	Belgium
2006	Climbing Roses	Charles Quest Ritson	England
2006	Spirit of the Rose	David Lloyd & Annie Beagent	England
2006	La Rose de France	Francois Joyaux	France
2006	The Joy of Roses	David Ruston & James Young	Australia
2009	The Quest for the Black Rose Anne-Sophia Rondeau	Ingrid Verdegem, Anne Ronse,	
2009	Rose Art	Anne-Sophia Rondeau	Belgium
2009	Rosenwelten	Bernd Weigel, Klaus-Jürgen Strobel, Thomas Marshall, Sabine Kübler, Helle Brummer, Eilike Vemmer, Peter Pfliengendoörfer, Volker Wisseman	Germany
2009	All About Roses	Tommy Cairns	USA
2009	Indigenous & Wild Roses of Pakistan	Mahmooda Hashmi	Pakistan
2009	Lyon-Rose	Pierrick Eberhard	France
2009	Tea Roses – Old Roses for Warmer Gardens	Lynn Chapman, Di Durston, Jenny Jones, Hilary Merrifield, Noelene Drage, Billy West	Australia
2012	El Rosedal De Palermo De Buenos Aires	Sonia Berman and Rosario di Bello	Argentina
2012	Uitbundig Bloeiende Rozen De mooiste Moschata van Les Roses	Ann Velle and Philippe Debeerst	Belgium
2012	Growing Roses in Calgary	Joan Altenhof, Terry Altenhof, Brian Rottenfusser, Lucy Weir	Canada
2012	Veld, Vlei and Rose Gardens Inspiration from South African Gardeners	Sheenagh Harris and Jacqueline Kalley	South Africa
2012	The Sustainable Rose Garden A reader in Rose Culture	Pat Shanley, Peter Kukielski, Gene Waering	USA
2012	The Ultimate Rose Book Macoboy's Roses	Dr. Tommy Cairns	USA
2012	Roses d'Excellence tout Naturellement Switzerland	Iain Tschanz and Isabelle Erne	
2015	A Life with Roses	David Ruston	Australia
2015	Annuarioi Della Rosa 2014 – Associazione Italiana Delta Rosa Der Rosen Flüsterer	Kasimir M. Magyar	Italy
2015	Everyday Roses	Paul Zimmerman	United States of America
2015	Old Roses, Survival and Revival in South Africa	Jacqueline Kalley	South Africa
2015	Rosen - Die Besten Sorten Europäischer Züchter	Angelika Throll	Germany
2015	Roses in Bermuda Revisited	BRS Book Committee	Bermuda



AWARDS OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE FOR OUTSTANDING ROSE GARDENS

2003	The Rose Garden at Vrijbroek Park Mechelen	Belgium
2003	The Rose Garden at the Montreal Botanical Garden	Canada
2003	Rosenneuheitengarten Beutig	Baden-Baden, Germany
2003	The Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem	Israel
2003	Il Roseto Niso Fumagalli	Monza, Italy
2003	Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden	Palmerston North, New Zealand
2003	Fresh Woods	Elgin, South Africa
2003	Inez Parker Mem. Rose Garden	San Diego, United States of America
2003	The Gardens of the ARS	Shreveport, United States of America
2003	Flower Festival Commemorative Park	Gifu, Japan
2006	Coughton Court	Alcester, England, Great Britain
2006	Bara Koon	Fukuyama, Japan
2006	Rose Hills	California, United States of America
2006	Centenary Rose Garden	Ooty, Tamil Nadu, India
2006	Parc le La Grange	Geneva, Switzerland
2006	Parc de la Tête d'Or	Lyon, France
2006	Utsubo Koe	Osaka, Japan
2006	Ramon Ortiz Rosaleda	Madrid, Spain
2006	Washington Park Int. Rose Test Garden	Portland, USA
2006	Westbroek Park	The Hague, The Netherlands
2006	Roger's Rose Garden	Hamilton, New Zealand
2009	Morwell Centenary Rose Garden	Australia
2009	Shenzen Renmin Park	China
2009	Beaujoire Rose Garden	France
2009	Jindai Botanical Rose Garden	Japan
2009	Tollcross Park	Scotland, Great Britain
2009	Roserar de Cervante	Barcelona, Spain
2012	Gardens of The Rose	St. Albans, England, Great Britain
2012	Zijing Park	Changzhou, China
2012	Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden	Timaru, New Zealand
2012	Rosedal De Palermo,	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2012	Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden	Bronx, New York, USA
2012	San Jose Municipal Rose Garden,	San Jose, California, USA
2012	International Rose Garden	Kortrijk, Belgium
2012	Gulab Bhag	Islamabad. Pakistan
2015	Akao Herb and Rose Garden	Japan
2015	Beijing Botanical Rose Garden	Beijing, China
2015	Biltmore Rose Garden	USA
2015	Bosky Dell	Harkerville, South Africa
2015	City of Sakura Rose Garden	Sakura, Japan
2015	David Austin Rose Garden	Albrighton, England, Great Britain
2015	Geografisk Have	Denmark
2015	Biltmore Rose Garden	USA
2015	Lady Norwood Rose Garden	Wellington, New Zealand
2015	Mornington Botanical Rose Garden	Mornington, Australia
2015	Roseninsel Park	Germany
2015	Roseraie Amargos – Jardin del Teatre Grec	Spain
2015	Roseraie et Diable Vert	Switzerland
2015	Roseraie Princess Grace de Monaco	Monaco
2015	Rose Garden of the Lidice Memorial – Garden of Peace and Friendship	Czech Republic
2015	Roseto di San Giovanni	Trieste, Italy
2015	Rudolf W van der Goot Rose Garden	USA
2015	Sacramento Historic Rose Garden	USA
2015	Woodland Library Rose Garden	USA

WFRS ROSE HALL OF FAME

- 1976 **'Peace'** (Gioia, Gloria Dei, Mme A Meilland) 1945
Hybridised by Francis Meilland of France
Artist – Lotte Gunthart
- 1979 **'The Queen Elizabeth Rose'** 1954
Hybridised by WE Lammerts of the USA
Artist – Lotte Gunthart
- 1981 **'Fragrant Cloud'** (Duftwolke, Nuage Parfumé) (TANellis) 1973
Hybridised by M. Tantau, Germany
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin
- 1983 **'Iceberg'** (Schneewittchen, Fee des Neiges) 1958
Hybridised by Reimer Kordes of Germany
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin
- 1985 **'Double Delight'** (ANDeli) 1977
Hybridised by Herbert Swim of the USA
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin
- 1988 **'Papa Meilland'** (MEIsar) 1963
Hybridised by Alain Meilland of France
Artist - Jaru Woodman
- 1991 **'Pascali'** (LENip) 1963
Hybridised by Louis Lens of Belgium
Artist – Elizabeth McEwan
- 1994 **'Just Joey'** 1972
Hybridised by Roger Pawsey of Cants, Colchester, England
Artist - Anne Marie Trechslin
- 1997 **'New Dawn'** (climber) 1930
Sport of 'Dr. W Van Fleet' introduced by Dreer of Somerset Rose Nursery, USA.
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin
- 2000 **'Ingrid Bergman'** (POUlman) 1984
Hybridised by Olesen of Denmark
Artist - Anne Marie Trechslin
- 2003 **'Bonica '82'** (MEIdomonac) 1982
Hybridised by Alain Meilland of France
Artist – Jean Millar
- 2006 **'Elina'** (DICjana) ('Peau Douce') 1994 **'Pierre de Ronsard'** (MEIviolin) ('Eden Rose')
Hybridised by Dickson of Ireland
Artist – Louise Estes
Hybridised by Meilland, France 1987
Artist – Louise Estes
- 2009 **'Graham Thomas'** (AUSmas) 1983
Hybridised by David Austin, England
Artist - Elizabeth Cox
- 2012 **'Sally Holmes'** (HMsk) 1976
Robert Holmes - Hybridised by Fryer's Roses, England
Artist – Patricia Wade
- 2015 **'Cocktail'** (MEImick) 1958
Hybridised by Meilland of France
Artist - Vincent Jeannerot

WFRS ROSE HALL OF FAME

The World's Favourite Roses as chosen by popular vote in the member countries of the World Federation of Rose Societies and announced at World Rose Conventions

<p>Year and Host Country 1976 – Oxford, England Name 'Peace' ('Gioia, Gloria Dei', 'Mme A Meilland') Breeder & Date Meilland 1945 Hybridiser Francis Meilland, France Artist – Lotte Gunthart</p>		
<p>Year and Host Country 1979 – Pretoria, South Africa Name 'The Queen Elizabeth Rose' Breeder & Date Lammerts 1954 Hybridiser WE Lammerts, USA Artist – Lotte Gunthart</p>		
<p>Year and Host Country 1981 - Jerusalem, Israel Name 'Fragrant Cloud' (TANellis) ('Duftwolke', 'Nuage Parfumé') Breeder & Date Tantau 1967 Hybridiser M. Tantau, Germany Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Painting of 'Fragrant Cloud' not available</i></p>	
<p>Year and Host Country 1983 – Baden-Baden, Germany Name 'Iceberg Schneewittchen', 'Fee des Neiges') Breeder & Date Kordes, 1958 Hybridiser Reimer Kordes, Germany Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin</p>		

Year and Host Country

1985 – Toronto, Canada

Name

'Double Delight' (ANDeli)

Breeder & Date

Swim & Ellis, USA 1977

Hybridiser

Herbert Swim, USA

Artist –

*Painting of
'Double Delight'
not available*



Year and Host Country

1988 – Sydney, Australia

Name

'Papa Meilland' (MEIsar)

Breeder & Date

Meilland, France 1963

Hybridiser –

Alain Meilland, France

Artist – Jaru Woodman



Year and Host Country

1991 – Belfast, N.Ireland

Name

'Pascali' (LENip)

Breeder & Date

Louis Lens, Belgium 1963

Hybridiser

Louis Lens, Belgium

Artist – Elizabeth McEwan



Year and Host Country

1994 – Hamilton, New Zealand

Name

'Just Joey' (CANjujo)

Breeder & Date

Roger Pawsey, England 1972

Hybridiser

Roger Pawsey, England

Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin



Year and host country

1997 – The Benelux

Name

'New Dawn'

Sport of Dr. van Fleet (climber)

1930

Distributor

Dreer, Somerset Rose Nursery,

USA 1930

Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin



Year and Host country

2000 – Houston, Texas

Name

'Ingrid Bergman' (POULman)

Breeder & Date

Poulsen, Denmark 1984

Hybridiser

Olesen of Denmark

Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin



Year and Host country

2003 – Glasgow, Scotland

Name

'Bonica '82' (MEldomobac)

Breeder & Date

Meilland, France 1982

Hybridiser

Alain Meilland, France

Artist – Jean Millar



Year and Host country

2006 – Osaka, Japan

Name

'Elina' 'Peau Douce' (DICjana)

Breeder & Date

Dickson, Ireland 1994

Hybridiser

Dickson, Ireland

Artist – Louise Estes



Year and Host Country

2006 Osaka, Japan

Name

'Pierre de Ronsard'

Breeder & Date

Hybridiser

Artist – Louise Estes



Year and Host Country

2009 - Canada

Name

Graham Thomas' (AUSmas)

Breeder & Date

David Austin, England 1983

Hybridiser

David Austin, England

Artist – Elizabeth Cox



Year and Host Country

2012 – Sandton, South Africa

Name

'Sally Holmes'

Breeder & Date

Robert A. Holmes

Hybridiser

Fryer's Roses, England

Artist – Patricia Wade



Year and Host Country

2015 – Lyon, France

Name 'Cocktail' (MEImick)

Breeder and Date

Meilland France, 1958

Hybridiser

Meilland, France

Artist – Vincent Jeanne



OLD ROSE HALL OF FAME

In 1988, at the World Rose Convention in Sydney, Australia, it was decided to establish an Old Rose Hall of Fame to recognise roses of historical or genealogical importance and those roses which have enjoyed continued popularity over a great many years. To date the following roses have been so recognised:



Cécile Brunner (Mlle Cécile Brunner, Sweetheart Rose, Mignon) Ducher 1881



Gloire de Dijon (Old Glory) Jacotot 1853



Souvenir de la Malmaison Rouge – Gonod 1882



Old Blush, (Parson's Pink China, Pallida) 1751



2000 - Gruss an Teplitz – Geschwind 1897



2003 - Madame Alfred Carrière – Schwartz 1879



2006 - Mme Hardy (Félicité Hardy) 1832



2009 - Rosa Mundi (Rosa Gallica Versicolor) 1596



2012 - Rosa Chinensis Mutabilis 1900



2012 - Rosa Gallica Officinalis (Apothecary's Rose) 1400



2015 - Charles de Mills (Bizarre Triomphant) 1790

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

Best Roses 2015 to 2017 (Gold medal winners)

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA – ADELAIDE – (Chris Kelly)



2015 - October - 39 rose novelties from 13 exhibitors

Code: W586-1

Name:

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Christian Bedard for Weeks Roses (USA)



Code: CHEwsumsigns

Name: 'Bright as a Button'

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Chris Warner (UK)



2016 - October - 46 rose novelties from 13 exhibitors

Code: CHEwsumstar

Name: 'Eye Shadow'

Category: Ground Cover

Breeder: Chris Warner (UK)



2017 – October – 37 rose novelties from 12 exhibitors

Code: 5063-99-10

Name:

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Meilland International



Code: TRE 304, KORelamba

Name: 'Bordeaux'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: W. Kordes' Söhne, Germany

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - AUSTRIA

CITY OF BADEN BEI WIEN – These results are those of the permanent jury.



2015 - June

Code: RT 04133
Name: 'Bienenweide Apricot'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Tantau of Germany



2016 - June

Code: MEIgapencey
Name: 'Belle Romantica' (syn. Alexandrine)
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Meilland, France



2017 - June

Code: KORmonali-KO 05/2376-01
Name: 'Limona'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Kordes, Germany

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - BELGIUM

ROSARIUM WEST-VLAANDEREN – KORTRIJK (Bernard Lafaut)



2015 – June

Code: KORglojaka
Name: 'Rosenfaszination' (syn. 'Jardins de Chaumont-sur-Loire')
Category: Shrub or tall Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2016 – June

Code: 09-264
Name:
Category: Shrub
Breeder: ILVO



2017 – June

Code: VISpaniuc

Name:

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Vissers

VILLE DU ROEULX - LE ROEULX – (Bernard Lafaut)

2015 - September

NO GOLD MEDAL

Code:

Name:

Category:

Breeder:



2016 - September

Code: VIScoal

Name: 'La Belle Rouge'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Vissers



2017 - September

Code: VIScada

Name: 'Salut à Luxembourg'

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Vissers, Belgium

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - CZECH REPUBLIC

ROSA CLUB - HRADEC KRALOVÉ, CZECH REPUBLIC (Stanislav Konštický)



2015 – June - 54 rose novelties from 14 breeders

Code: VISsimred

Name: 'Talbot House Rose'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Martin Vissers (Viva International BVBA), Belgium



2016 – June - 54 rose novelties from 16 breeders

Code: KORdiagraf

Name: 'Gräfin Diana'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Kordes Söhne, Germany



2017 - June 48 rose novelties from 17 breeders

Code: SB 11.03

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Bernard Sauvageot (Roseraies Sauvageot), France

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – FRANCE

SOCIÉTÉ ALSACIENNE ET LORRAINE DES AMIS DES ROSES – SAVERNE



2015 – June

Code: POUIren023

Name: 'Racquel'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Poulsen, Denmark



2016 – June

Code EVEcot

Name: 'Pierre Hermé'

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Eve and Rateau, France



2017 – June

Code: EVEfrais

Name:

Category: Climber

Breeder: Eve and Rateau, France

CITY OF ORLÉANS – ORLÉANS



2015 – September

Code: KORbylosang - KO 01/1434-01

Name: 'Schöne vom See' (syn. 'Lady Kutno', 'Soeurs Tatin' 'Tatin')

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2016 - September

Code: AM 210 FLO

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Meilland, France



2017 – September

Code: ADAbeyclu

Name:

Category: Climber

Breeder: Adam, France

CITY OF PARIS – BAGATELLE



2015 – June

Code: MR307

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Richardier, Meilland, France



2016 – June

Code: EVEtricol

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Eve and Rateau, France



2017 – June

Code: RT11659

Name: 'Bienenweide Rosa' ('Bees Paradise Rose® Pink')

Category: Ground cover

Breeder: Tantau, Germany

SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES ROSES 'LES AMIS DES ROSES' – PARC DE LA TÊTE D'OR – LYON
(Monique Laperrière)



2015 – June -101 rose novelties from 29 breeders and 10 countries

Code: ADAloriat

Name: 'Tresor du Jardin' ®

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Michel Adam (France)



2016 – June - 92 rose novelties from 24 breeders and 8 countries

Code: INTERcomgarf

Name: 'Borneo Odore' ®

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Interplant (Netherlands)



2017 – June - 93 rose novelties from 25 breeders and 8 countries

Code: EVEcinage

Name: 'Marie Blanche PAILLE' ®

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Eve Roses /Jérôme Rateau (France)

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – GERMANY

CITY OF BADEN-BADEN – ROSENNEUHEITENGARTEN BEUTIG (Markus Brunsing)



2015 – June - 134 rose novelties from 35 breeders

Code: ADAloriat
Name: 'Trésor du Jardin'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Michel Adam, France



2016 – June - 135 rose novelties from 36 breeders

Code: KO 03/1750-01
Name: Märchenzauber
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2017 – June - 156 rose novelties from 41 breeders

Code: EVElijar
Name:
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Andre Eve, France

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - GREAT BRITAIN

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL – GLASGOW, SCOTLAND – TOLLCROSS PARK
(Derek Wells)



2015 – August - 19 rose novelties from 6 breeders

Code: MEIpeporia
Name: 'Cherry Bonica'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Meilland, France



2016 – August – 19 rose novelties from 10 breeders

Code: TAN05415, RT 05415

Name: 'Sirius'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Tantau, Germany



2017 – August – 21 rose novelties and 10 breeders

Code: AM 129 FLO MEIanycid - AM129

Name: 'Rayon de Soleil'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Meilland, France

ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY – ST. ALBANS, ENGLAND



2015 - August

Code: DICommatac

Name: 'Lovestruck'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Dickson

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – ITALY

LA TACITA S.R.L. SOCIETA AGRICOLA – LA TACITA – (Anna Chiara Cimatti Mece)



2015 - May

Code: MEIdysouk - AM911

Name: 'Princess Charlene de Monaco'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Meilland, France



2016 – May

Code: KORmahensi - KO 03/1428-02)

Name: 'Kölner Flora' (syn. Flora Olomouc)

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Kordes Sohne, Germany



2017 – May

Code: MEInostair

Name: 'Mademoiselle Meilland'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Meilland, France



2017 - May

Code: KORtuberlou - KO 02/1450-11

Name: 'Landlust'

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Kordes, Germany

ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DELLA ROSA – IL ROETO NISO FUMAGALI – MONZA
(Silvano Fumagali)



2015 – May

Code: RT 07 285

Name:

Category: HT

Breeder: Tantau Rosen, Germany



2016 – May -

Code: EVEstri - 08-5205-6)

Name:

Category: Shrub

Breeder: Eve, France

CITY OF ROME – ROME



2015 – May

Code BAR7732

Name: 'Sole e Luna'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Barni, Italy



2016 – May

Code: KO 03/1781-09 KORknaufoc

Name: 'Poetry'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2017 – May

Code: BAR7762

Name: 'Incanto'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Barni, Italy

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – JAPAN
TOKYO – JAPAN



2015 – May to October

Code: WS 12-01

Name: 'Urarakana Melody'

Breeder: Wataru Sato, Japan



2016 – May to October – 41 rose novelties from 15 breeders

Code: 3G1SE4

Name: 'Misty Morning'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Norio Tomiyoshi



Code:

Name: 'Madoka' (syn. 'Tranquil')

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Yasuda, Japan



Code:

Name: 'May Bloom' (Gogatsu no hana)

Category:

Breeder: Nagata, Japan



2017 – May to October

Code: JKS-327

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Keisei Roses



Code:
Name: 'Baby Naoko'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Shimamura

NATIONAL ECHIGO HILLSIDE PARK – NAGAOKA-CITY (Rie Kobayashi)



2015 – June to October 68 rose novelties from 24
Breeders
Code: WEKmemelo
Name: 'Sugar Moon'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Bedard, USA



Code:
Name: 'Kinuka'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Yasuda, Japan



Code:
Name: 'Helen'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Kimura, Japan



2016 – June to October 50 rose novelties from 22 breeders
Code: DORella
Name: 'Gilles de Brissac'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Dorieux, France



Code: KO 08/2024-06 KORjupvio
Name: 'Carmen Würth'
Category: Floribunda
Breeders: Kordes, Germany



Code:
Name: 'Zipangu'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Tomokage, Japan



2017– June to October 59 rose novelties from 27 breeders

Code:
Name: 'Le Printemps'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Kimura, Japan



Code:
Name: 'Flowerdecorater' 'Nagashima'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Yoshiike, Japan



Code:
Name: 'Meistersinger'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: karina, Japan

HANA NO MIYAKO GIFU – FLOWER FESTIVAL COMMEMORATIVE PARK – GIFU
(Yohihiro Ueda)

2015 - October – 47 rose novelties and 24 breeders

No Gold Medal

Code:
Name:
Category:
Breeder



2016 – October – 50 rose novelties and 21 Breeders

Code:
Name: 'Le Ciel Bleu'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Kimura, Japan



2017 – October – 40 rose novelties and 22 breeders

Code:
Name: 'Baby Naoko'
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Shimamura

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - THE NETHERLANDS .
City of The Hague – Westbroek Park – (Michiel de Ruijter)



2015 - July – 54 rose novelties from 14 breeders

Code: POUht008
Name: 'Elaine Paige'
Category: HT **Breeder:** Poulsen, Denma



2016 – July – 57 rose novelties from 14 breeders

Code: RT 05-145
Name: 'Sirius'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Tantau, Germa



2017 – July – 61 rose novelties from 18 breeders

Code: NOA907500
Name: 'Heidetraum Plus'
Category: Climber
Breeder: Noack, Germany

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - MONACO



2016 – May - 95 rose novelties - from 23 breeders and 10 countries.

Code: MEInostair
Name: 'Mademoiselle Meilland'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Meilland, France

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - NEW ZEALAND

HAMILTON – ROGER'S ROSE GARDEN
(Hayden Foulds)



2015 November – about 80 rose novelties from 12 breeders

Code: SOMannmac
Name: 'Looking Good'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Rob Somerfield, New Zealand



2016 November – about 80 rose novelties from 12 breeders

Code: SOMcrimart
Name: 'Christchurch Remembers'
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Rob Somerfield, New Zealand



2017 November - about 80 rose novelties from 12 breeders

Code: DICdyna

Name: 'Best Wishes'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Colin Dickson, Northern Ireland

PALMERSTON NORTH – Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden
(Hayden Foulds)



2015 December – 49 rose novelties from 12 breeders

Code: SOMstrike

Name: 'Fireball'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Rob Somerfield



2016 December 29 rose novelties from 10 breeders

Code: SOMhearteen

Name: 'Quintessential'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Rob Somerfield



2017 November 26th 38 rose novelties from 10 breeders

Code: SOMartlo

Name: 'Love Bug'

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Rob Somerfield

NORTHERN IRELAND – BELFAST



2015 – July

Code: RT 04341

Name: 'Avec Amour'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Tanta



2016 - July

Code: KORberonem - KO 04/1553-01

Name: 'Madame Anisette' (syn. Madame de la Vallière)

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2017 - July

Code: KORoligeo - KO 99/1407-01

Name: 'Oh Happy Day'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Kordes

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – SPAIN

City of Barcelona – Parc Cervantes – (Lluís Abad Garcia)



2015 - May

Code: AM-301-FLO

Name:

Category: Floribunda

Breeder: Meilland, France



2016 – May

Code: ADAphyri

Name:

Category: Floribunda climber

Breeder: Michel Adam, France



2017 - May

Code: EVEfrais

Name:

Category: Floribunda Climber

Breeder: Eve, France

CITY OF MADRID - Rosaleda de Madrid, Spain
(Rosa Maria Fernandez Fontanet)



2015 - May

Code: POUht009

Name: 'Claus Dalby'

Category: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Poulsen, Denmark



2016 – May

Code: EVEtricol

Name:

Category: Floribunda Climber

Breeder: Andre Eve, France

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Rosehills



2015 - October

Code: ADAmariat

Name: 'Anastasia'

Category: HybridTea

Breeder: Adam, Franc



2016 - October

Code: WEKmajuchi
Name: 'Doris Day'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Bedard



2017- October

Code: WEKmopaga
Name: 'Smokin' Hot'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Bedard

ASHVILLE



2015 – October

Code: KORvioros
Name: 'Savannah'
Category: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2016 - October

Code: KORblixmu - KO 98/1334-02
Name: 'Polar Express' (syn. 'Gletscherfee', 'Perla Bianca')
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany



2017 - October

Code: (BAIneon)
Name: Easy Elegance® Screaming Neon Red™
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Lim, USA

WORLD ROSE CONVENTIONS

World Rose Conventions are held every third year and any WFRS member Society may bid to host one. World Rose Conventions have been held in:

1968	Founding meeting in London, England
1971	Hamilton, New Zealand (Roseworld '71)
1974	Chicago, United States of America (Roseworld '74)
1976	Oxford, England (Roscent '76)
1979	Pretoria, South Africa (Rosafari)
1981	Jerusalem, Israel (Rose Pilgrimage)
1983	Baden-Baden, Germany (Roseromantic)
1985	Toronto, Canada (Rose Capades)
1988	Sydney, Australia (Rose Australis)
1991	Belfast, Northern Ireland (Rose Emerald)
1994	Christchurch, New Zealand (Roseworld '94)
1997	The Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg jointly)
2000	Houston, United States of America (Texas 2000)
2003	Glasgow, Scotland (City of the Rose 2003)
2004	Osaka, Japan (Melody of Oriental Roses)
2009	Vancouver, Canada (Roses in the Landscape)
2012	Sandton, South Africa (ROSAFRICA 2012)
2015	Lyon, France (Lyon Rose 2015)

The 2018 World Rose convention will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark - *A Fairy Tale of Roses*

The 2021 World Rose Convention has been awarded to Australia

REGIONAL CONVENTIONS

1987	Bermuda, N. America
1996	Cavriglia and Monza, Italy
1998	Punte del Este, Uruguay
1999	Jaipur, India
1999	Rose Week, Melbourne, Australia
2001	Buenos Aires, Argentina
2002	Roses at the Cape of Good Hope, Cape Town, South Africa
2004	Islamabad, Pakistan
2004	Auckland, New Zealand
2005	Montevideo, South America
2006	Orleans, France
2007	Luxembourg
2007	HRS – Chaalis, France
2008	Adelaide, Australia
2010	Changzhou, China
2012	Sakura, Japan
2013	HRS – Sangerhausen, Germany
2013	Palmerston North, New Zealand
2014	Barcelona, Spain
2014	Hyderabad, India
2016	Beijing, China
2016	Punte del Este, Uruguay
2017	Ljubljana, Slovenia

17th WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - LYON ROSES 2015 - LYON FRANCE

Maurice Jay – Convenor – France

Pre-convention Tours- 25 and 26 May

Post Convention Tours 2 to 5 June

The 17th WFRS World Rose Convention was held in LYON, France and was organized by the Association Congrès 2015 Lyon Roses which included Société Française des Roses (SFR) the convenor and two associated contributors, Heritage Rose in France and Lyon Horticultural Society. This group worked in close collaboration with the City of Lyon and the Green Space Direction of this City. At the request of the Convenor, most of the regional rose associations, French Rose Companies or Institutions and the Cities with the rose as their emblem were sought for their help, so the organisation of this convention was truly national and that explained its success. Six hundred and sixteen participants were registered from 34 different Countries and they took part in full programme (visits and lectures).

The activities started on Wednesday 27th May with a visit to Odile Masquelier's well known Bonne Maison rose garden and a sightseeing tour of Lyon.

The Convention started on Wednesday afternoon with the Opening Ceremony in the wonderful Auditorium LUMIERE of the International Congress Centre with more than 1,000 people. One hundred students of the Horticultural College of Dardilly welcomed the delegates, carrying the flags of 34 different countries, accompanied on the piano and trumpet; the Marseillaise ended the flag parade.



Opening Ceremony in the Auditorium LUMIERE of the International Congress Centre

On behalf of the WFRS, Malcom Watson welcomed the guests, Yves Piaget on behalf of AS Prince Raynier de Monaco, Steve Jones, President of the WFRS, Maurice Jay and the City Mayor, Gerard Collomb. The last part of the opening ceremony was devoted to rose activities in the Lyon area - the cradle of modern Roses- ten rose companies participated in the show.



This was followed by a visit to the International Rose Garden, the photographic exhibition - la Rose and le Vent by Nicolas Roux Dit Buisson - both events in the Parc de la Tête d'Or within easy walking distance of the International Congress Centre of Lyon. This was followed by a Finger Buffet with Lyon Gastronomy specialities and twelve well known vintages of Beaujolais.

Parc de la Tête d'Or

On Thursday 28th a visit to the Roman art city CLUNY, 70km north of Lyon followed and its rose garden La Clé de la rose. Other rose gardens were open to the World Rose Convention delegates- Morisot Garden and Bionnay Castle and rose garden. A Beaujolais evening party ended the trip in a typical cellar of the Companions of Beaujolais Fraternity. A festive and typical dinner with an extensive variety of local wines was available. At the beginning of the evening, 5 members were admitted to the fraternity of Beaujolais Companions - one per continent- Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Oceania.

On Friday 29th May the lectures started in the morning with local garden visits or places of interest around Lyon in the afternoon.

Day 1 - HISTORY OF THE ROSE IN LYON

Gerald Bettridge From roman to roses – some reflections during a walk round the city off the beaten track

Stephane Crozat: Is Lyon a fine candidate for the title of world capital city of roses?

Fabien Ducher and Etienne Bourret: Claude Ducher, Joseph Pernet-Ducher, two emblematic rose breeders

Jean-Pierre Guillot and Denis Sainrat Two centuries of roses: the Guillot Creations

Robert Laperrière Mallerin the prince of colour

Pierre Orard The current events of rose breeders of Lyon

Day 2 - SOME ROSE COLLECTIONS AND EXPERIENCES AROUND THE WORLD

Kelvin Trimper Remarkable rose gardens in Australia

Hans-Peter Mühlbach : Rose gardens in Germany

Jean-Yves Meignen A rose garden in Haute Provence

Stephen Scanniello The heritage Rose District of New York City

Pierre Gueric: The impact of plant collections on urban development

David Zlesac and co.: The earth-kind® rose research and outreach programme

Marc Staszewski Managing a centenary rose garden, l'Hay Les Roses

Day 3 - ROSE RESEARCHERS IN FRANCE

Pascal Heitzler Genetic model and patrimonial redundancy

Mohammed Bendahmane : Rose genomics and perspectives

Benjamin Govetto : Mechanisms of polyploidization

Annick Dubois Exploring flower shape and architecture

Fabrice Foucher Deciphering recurrent blooming

Camille Li-Marchetti Genotype x environment interaction on the plant architecture of rose bush

Bernard Mando & Co The Noisette rose project in France

Mihaela Scuturici Roses and images, a tool for image-based rose recognition

Day 4 - ROSE FRAGRANCES

Sylvie Baudinot-Caissard Fragrance from the scientific point of view

Jacques Mouchotte The magical world of rose fragrances

Martin Gras How to create a (rose) perfume



The International Rose Trials of Lyon were held on Friday 29th with a jury of French experts (50 people) and an International Jury composed of 100 delegates of the WFRS. The official results were announced in the Hotel de Ville of Lyon under the chairmanship of the Senator-Mayor Collomb.

Parc de la Tête d'Or



Place Jacobins - Lyon

This event opened the International Rose Festival organized by the political leaders of Lyon City throughout the town and the Parc de la Tête d'Or over a period of three days. More than one million visitors attended this fantastic exhibition. A fire-work display by the City of Caluire and Cuire ended the festival on Sunday night 31st May.

The final day of the Convention, Monday 1st June took delegates by coach through the Montagnes du Lyonnais to the charming city of St Galmier. The Mayor received the delegates for the last lecture on fragrances, for a traditional French picnic and for three interesting visits - Badoit source and thermae, St Galmier Rose Garden and the rose village of Chamboeuf where the Meilland Family has its origins.

The banquet and Closing Ceremony with a Michelin dinner and the award ceremony was held on Monday evening 1st June.

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

Tour in Provence

Delegates passed through the Village of Grignan for a guided visit of the Castle (residence of Mrs de Sévigné) and the spectacular old rose garden around the castle. A road through the lavender fields led to Avignon capital of the Christian faith in the Middle Ages represented by the Palais des Papes one of the largest medieval buildings in Europe. The next stop was Simiane La Rotonde surrounded by the regional park of the Luberon, an area specializing in olive trees and lavender fields. A large and original provence rose garden was discovered around the Valsaintes Abbey. On the journey back, a stop was organized at Bourg Argental to visit the breeder, Croix and her rose garden with local folklore (dress and music).

Tour in the Alps

The first stop was Annecy an old tourist city with lunch at the lakeside. The first day ended in Chamonix, a very famous destination in winter as well as in summer for the mountain lovers from all corners of the globe. The target was Mont-Blanc - 15,781ft of rock, snow and ice. Delegates caught the track railway of Montenvers to reach the Mer de Glace, the biggest French glacier. On the return delegates stopped at the Caveau Bugiste in a warm and authentic setting for a presentation and tasting of the Bugey specialities and wines.

POST CONVENTION TOURS

Tour Geneve, Alsace & Baden-Baden

The travel began with Geneve to visit Parc Lagrange rose garden, then the ancient rose collection in the Botanical Garden. The second stop was Baden-Baden one the most famous thermal stations in Germany; two well known rose gardens were visited - Beutig Lichtentaler and Gonneranlage. The last two days were in Alsace with the main points of interest being Saverne (château de Rohan Rose garden), Castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg (view on Alsace plain for wheat and corn, and Alsace hills for famous wines), Strasbourg (seat of the European Parliament, its gothic cathedral and its old district La Petite France) and Rosheim (a winemakers village with a typical Romanesque Architecture, and an interesting municipal rose garden).

Tour in Paris Area

First stop was well known l'Hay Les Roses - Old Rose Garden of Jules Gravereaux., followed by Bagatelle Gardens, a very large area for roses, trees and a large botanical collection. The third day was for Château de Malmaison residence of the Empress Josephine and for the recently restored Josephine Rose Garden. Before leaving Paris, delegates took a glance at Eiffel Tower, Champs Elysées and Montmartre with dinner in the Bonne Franquette restaurant. On the return they stopped at Versailles to visit the chateau, famous Lenôtre gardens, Grand Trianon, Petit Trianon, Marie-Antoinette village etc.

Tour in Pays de Loire

The first stop was Phitiviers, a small village where the Breeder Andre Eve created a lot of modern roses; his company was transferred to Truffaut Garden Centres which displayed the rose collection in a well designed garden. Then came Orleans with the Flower Park la Source, the Dupont rose garden for heritage Orleans roses and Hotel Groslot used as the City Hall.

The second day took delegates to Château de Chambord that shows its deep majesty and the geometrical clarity of its layout, then to Château de Villandry renowned for its gardens that spread across three terrace

Finally Nantes, City of the Arts and History to visit Park de la Beaujoire - this 17-acre plant garden has a collection of medicinal plants, Camellia, Cactus and Roses with a special place for fragrant varieties where every two years the International Rose Trials for fragrant roses is held. On the return, two stops were made: one at Les Rosiers sur Loire with a visit to the most important French rose collection of the Loubert family and the other at Douai la Fontaine the first centre for producing roses in France and a meeting with the twenty local rose growers.

WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION AND 14TH INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSES CONFERENCE – DAXING, BEIJING, CHINA - MAY 2016

Zhao Shiwei - China

The WFRS Regional Rose Convention and 14th International Heritage Rose Conference was held in Daxing, Beijing, China from 18 – 23 May, 2016. About two hundred participants attended the convention from 26 different countries.

The sixteen speakers lectured on the history, breeding and the conservation of roses. The speakers and the topics:

1. Gregg Lowery (USA) - Chinese-American Roses: How Chinese Species Roses and Ancient Chinese Cultivars Transformed the Roses of America
2. Ge, Hong et Yang, Shuhua (China) - The Evaluation, Innovation and Application of Wild Rose Species in Northwest China
3. Girija and Viru Viraraghavan (India) - Conserving the Rose Heritage of Asia and Other Warm Climates – Our Way Forward
4. Sun, Wei (China) - Wild Roses from Xinjiang and Their Potential Values
5. Charles Quest-Ritson (UK) - The Evolution of Climbing Roses in the 19th Century
6. Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Sweden), POM – Sweden's National Programme for Cultivated Plant Diversity
7. William A. McNamara (USA) - Collecting Rose Species in Asia and their Conservation at Quarryhill Botanical Garden

- 8 . Thomas Hawel (Germany) - Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen - Collecting and Maintaining Heritage
Patricia Toolan (Australia) - The Challenge of Identifying and Preserving Old Rose Varieties
10. Wang, Qigang; Jian, Hongying (China) - Development of Cut Rose Industry and New Cultivar Breeding in Yunnan Province, China
11. Pascal Heitzler (France) - Solving Problems of Species Classification and Old Rose Pedigrees Using Molecular Approaches, an Overview
12. Wang, Guoliang (China), - Tumi, - A Flowery Cultural Symbol in Ancient China
13. Daniel Boulens (France) - LYON ROSES 2015, the Festival of Roses, How to Involve Local Population, Institutions, Associations, Politicians, Keys to Success
14. Peter D. A. Boyd (United Kingdom) - Past, present and potential value of Rosa spinosissima in the rose industry
15. Zhao, Shiwei and Cui, Jiaopeng (China) - Investigation and Collection of Rosa chinensis var. spontanea in the Part District of Northern Sichuan
16. Nobuo Shirasuna (Japan), Designing Rose Gardens

The Breeders' Forum on Modern Roses was moderated by Kelvin Trimper.

At the same time, the China National Rose Show was held in Daxing. During the convention, a number of social activities were organized including the reception and the gala dinner. The participants experienced the local culture by visiting a number of interesting places including the endemic Guqin musical performance. All participants visited the Daxing Rose Garden with the New Rose Museum. They also visited rose gardens in Beijing Botanical Garden, the old rose garden and the cultural rose garden. All participants were fascinated by the climbing roses along the ring roads in Beijing.

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

Route A: China Wild Rose Plant Tour in Yunnan –
13th – 18th May - Kunming-Lijiang-Shangri-La-Beijing

Route B: Chengde and Wild Rosa Plants Exploration Tour -
17th – 18th May - Beijing-Chengde- Beijing

POST CONVENTION TOURS

Route A: Chinese Classical Garden Tour -
24th – 29th May - Beijing/Nanjing/Suzhou/Hangzhou/Shanghai

Route B: Chinese Culture Trip
24th – 29th May Beijing/Xi'an/Guilin/Shanghai

Route C: Beijing Culture Heritage Tour –
24th – 26th May - Beijing

FIVE PRESIDENTS IN CHINA



Steve Jones (2012), Sheenagh Harris (2009), Kelvin Trimper (2015), Helga Brichet (19) and Gérald Meylan (2006)



Zhao Shiwei, Ms. Zhao Peng, Ms. Li Hui, Ms. Li Zhenru, Zhang Zuoshuang (President of Chinese Rose Society), He Rui (Vice-mayor of Daxing), Ben Quanmin (Vice-director of Beijing Parks Department), and Ma Xiaosheng - THE CONVENTION TEAM

THE FIFTH SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONVENTION - ROSES IN THE SOUTH – PUNTA DEL ESTE

Patricia Cummins de Uberti – Co-convenor - Uruguay

The Pre- tours started on 4th November, 2016 in Colonia, Uruguay visiting the historic quarter of Colonia del Sacramento with its cobbled stone streets named by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Rafael Maino’s lecture on found roses awaiting classification, took place at the Real Colonia Hotel and then a visit to Elba Corral de Simson’s estate and her collection of roses in the countryside followed.

The next day the tour continued to Bodegas Garzon, a winery in Maldonado where all the countries participating had the chance to plant a rose bush next to the vines in honour of their country, followed by a visit to the winery. Lunch was served in an incredible location with an outstanding view. Delegates continued by bus to visit the select seaside resort of Jose Ignacio and a private garden next to the ocean before reaching the Jean Clevers Hotel in Punta del Este where the Convention took place.

Registration started on Monday 7th November with 259 people from 21 different countries of the 5 continents who enjoyed the lectures from 11 different speakers from Europe, USA, South Africa, Australia, Argentina and Uruguay. At 5pm a Rose Show opened the Convention so people could admire the roses from the gardens of the members of the Association and its affiliates in Uruguay. Kelvin Trimper, President of the WFRS gave the inaugural speech and the welcome party followed at the Yacht Club in Punta del Este where everybody got together to chat and dance till late that night, enjoying the fine weather and good company.

At the start of the lectures, Matilde Ferrer from Spain was the first and she gave a lecture on The Rose Gardens in Spain together with her husband, Vicente Garcia. Stephen Scanniello from the USA spoke about his personal experiences designing rose gardens in the New York and New Jersey areas. After the coffee break Keith Kirsten made his triumphal entrance to the sound of South African music and handed gifts to all making everybody dance and cheer. His lecture, Gardens to Inspire entranced us, and Thomas Proll continued showing us the newly bred roses with perfume. The Slovenian Rose Society presented their convention inviting everyone to attend in 2017. Lunch took place at L’Incanto, a nearby restaurant and then garden visits to Ines Diaz de Licandro, a member of the Uruguay Rose Association and another private garden nearby. The busses took everybody to see the atelier and works of renown sculpture Pablo Atchugarry and the tour ended on Angela Scalone de Burgueño’s rose garden.

The Friends of the Federation dinner took place at a local restaurant near the bay side.

On the second and last day there was a presentation of the Nanyang Regional Convention to be held in China in 2019. The first lecturer was Markus Brunsing from Germany, who took us on a journey around the World. Jolene Adams from the USA taught us how to nurture roses correctly. Jim Sproul from the USA continued after the coffee break with his research on the breeding of new hultemia roses. Linda Kimmel from the USA made us relax and enjoy exhibiting roses. The Danish Rose Society presented its Fairy Tale of Roses World Rose Convention 2018. A visit to Octavio Sciandro's nursery by bus followed. On the way, another private garden with a beautiful rose orchard was included.



Sunset was enjoyed at the well known Casapueblo with the sound of candombe music and champagne while admiring the sun fading away. The farewell dinner took place at the Jean Clevers Hotel.

Kelvin Trimper presents the WFRS Bronze Commemorative Medallion to Patricia Cummins de Uberti and Rosario Algorta de Carrau, for their contribution as convenors of the Regional Convention in Punta del Este, Uruguay



Susnet at Casapueblo was enjoyed by the delegates



The post tour included a visit to two farms in Lavalleja, Andorra Ranch belonging to Hortensia Camaño de von Metzen and the La Bellaca Ranch property of Carol Raquet de Brown. Lunch was served at the Ventorrillo de la Buena Vista in Minas and a late tea at the Regency Hotel in Montevideo.

On the next and final day there was a city tour in the morning with a traditional barbecue for lunch at the Port Market in Montevideo and in the afternoon the visit to the garden of the President of the Uruguayan Rose Society, Rosario Enriquez de Fazzio. The group continued to the new restored garden of Princess Laetitia d'Aremberg and ended at Marita Costa de Lindner's rose garden. Rosario Algorta de Carrau welcomed all those remaining in Uruguay to a farewell dinner at her home.

THE FIRST WFRS CONVENTION IN EASTERN EUROPE – SLOVENIA - 2017

The 1st WFRS Regional Rose Convention for Eastern and Central Europe took place in Ljubljana, the main city of Slovenia and in Arboretum Voljčji Potok, nearby Ljubljana from 11th to 14th June 2018. The Convention started with the Pre-tour programme from 8th to 11th June, with a tour through the Slovenian mountainous countryside, Brezje and Kranjska gora and all the rose gardens in Friuli and on the Slovenian Coast in Piran and Portorož.



Lake Bled - A large, beautiful lake with an island in the middle, a championship rowing course and a mediaeval castle high above

On the evening of 11th June, before the start of the Convention programme, the delegates met at the town hall where the Mayor welcomed them to his City. This was followed by the Meet and Greet in the rose garden of park Tivoli. Park Tivoli is the main park in the city of Ljubljana and the rose garden is in the middle of the park. It was a very nice event on a beautiful evening and the party was excellent.

The main convention hotel, where registration took place was the City Hotel in Ljubljana in the old part of the city. It was a good location for the delegates of WFRS to see the best parts of beautiful Ljubljana Centre. One hundred and seventy six delegates from thirty-four different countries registered. There were eighteen speakers, mainly from the East Part of Europe - Russia, Greece, Ukraine, Serbia, Czech Republic, Poland, Germany and Slovenia - many whom we had not heard at conventions before.

The WFRS Regional Convention started on Monday 12th June with a formal opening by the President of Slovenian Rose Society and the President of the WFRS Kelvin Trimper and the first lectures followed.

In the afternoon delegates were offered a cruise on the Ljubljanica River Tourist Boat and a visit to the University Botanical Garden Ljubljana. The following 2 days the lectures were held in Arboretum Voljčji Potok. It is the biggest Arboretum in Slovenija, where there is also an important rose garden with a collection of the roses from the countries of the East Europe. The rose garden was upgraded for the Convention. On the second day the afternoon excursion was a trip to the Valdotra Rose garden on the Slovenian Coast and to the Roseto San Giovanni in Trieste (Italy). The last morning of lectures finished with a grand finale in the park Arboretum with a picnic lunch. The weather was beautiful and the roses were fantastic. In the afternoon there were excursions to the Natural Sites of Wild Roses and a trip to the Mediaeval Town of Kamnik.



The Closing Ceremony and Farewell dinner took place at the Ljubljana Castel where there was a flower arranging demonstration and awards were presented.

On the 15th June, the post tour took delegates through Slovenia Nord to Vienna.

The Slovenian Rose Society, colleagues and co-workers wanted to present Slovenia in the best possible way and to offer the Eastern European Countries the best opportunity to get to know the world of roses within the framework of the WFRS.

Executive Director, Derek Lawrence and President Kelvin Trimper present Breda Bavdaž Čopi, Convenor of the Convention with a Bronze Commemorative Medallion in recognition of her work for the Convention

MEMBER COUNTRY REPORTS 2015 – 2018



ARGENTINA ROSE SOCIETY OF ARGENTINA ASOCIACION ARGENTINA DE ROSICULTURA



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Founded 1955

PRESIDENT: 2015 – Bettina Crosta
2016 – 2017 Susana Ferrer
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 250
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 5

INTERNAL SOCIETIES AND LOCATION:

Rosicultura Filial San Juan, San Juan Capital of Province
Mar del Plata Province
Buenos Aires Filial Mary Sierras,
Cordoba, Cordoba, capital city of Cordoba Province
Filial Rosas en las Sierras, Capilla del Monte, Province Cordoba

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

- 2015 *April:* Autumn Rose Show at the Botanical Gardens in Buenos Aires.
June: The WFRS 17th WRC in Lyon, France was attended by several members led by Nilda Crivelli.
August: New office bearers were elected at the General Assembly of the Rose Society of Argentina. Ms. Susana Ferrer was appointed chairman.
In August, the Argentine Rose Society together with the Friends of the Botanical Gardens organized the Second Seminar *The Rose: An easy Plant to Grow*, held at the *Sarmiento Auditorium* with great support.
October: The annual Spring Show was held at *Brisas del Plata*, in Buenos Aires.

PRESENTATIONS:

Genetics in Roses - Ms. Beatriz Santa Coloma
Selecting the Ideal Rose - Ms. Esther Garabatto
Noisette Roses - Ms. Mary Santarelli
Traditional Arrangements with Roses - Ms. Mariela Sieburger

At the end of the year a visit to Mrs. Beatriz Santa Coloma's property was organized with the purpose of appreciating her extraordinary collection of OGR.

- 2016 *February:* The Society was invited by the town of San Martín de Los Andes to deliver talks during the town's festivities. Mrs. Susana Ferrer and Mrs. Renata Frischen, gave addresses on the perfume of roses.
April: Autumn Show at the Botanical Gardens in Buenos Aires
May: Mrs Renata Frischen was a member of the International Jury at Cervantes, Barcelona.
Susana Ferrer, Mary Santarelli and María Nougués, were invited by Ingenio Ledesma, and travelled to the province of Jujuy, in the north-west of Argentina, to deliver talks on *The Art of Growing Roses* (M. Santarelli) and *The Role of The Rose Society* (Susana Ferrer).
Six members attended the WFRS Convention in Beijing, China.
November: The WFRS Regional Convention took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay and was attended by twelve members led by the president Susana Ferrer.
A post-convention tour for foreign participants was organized in the Buenos Aires rose gardens by Nilda Crivelli.
A Friendship Agreement between the Chinese Delegation and the Rose Society of Argentina Society was signed in Buenos Aires.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Rose Rosette Virus - Isabel Montes
HT Roses, their creation and role in World History - Mary Santarelli
China and its Roses: Origins, Dispersion and their Influence - Inés Díaz de Licandro.

During 2016 two new branches were created: Mary Sierra in the town of Balcarce, Province of Buenos Aires and Rosas en las Sierras, Capilla del Monte, in the province of Córdoba.

- 2017 *April:* Autumn Show at the Botanical Gardens in Buenos Aires
Mrs. Violeta Hisaki, breeder of miniature roses, delivered a talk on this category of rose.
Mrs. Jimena Mc Allister delivered a talk on her OGR production.
May: Mrs. Renata Frischen went to Barcelona to be part of the International Jury at Parque Cervantes.
June: Five members of The Rose Society of Argentina went to the Regional Convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

October : Thanks to the good offices of Valeria Chediack, for the first time the Spring Show was held at the Rosedal Palermo, the most important public Rose Garden in Buenos Aires.

TALKS:

Famous 19th Century Rose Breeders - Mary Santarelli
English Roses - Mary Santarelli.

Closed with a visit to “Casa Mu”, a private property in the province of Buenos Aires, with exceptional rose gardens.



The signing of the Friendship Agreement between the Rose Society of Argentina and the Chinese delegation at the Rosedal de Palermo in Buenos Aires.

Zuoshuang Zhang, Nilda Crivelli, Xuemin, Mayor of Nanyang, China and Susana Ferrer, President of the Rose Society of Argentina

RUSTLING ROSES IN PATAGONIA - led by Rafael Maino

A group from the Rose Society of Argentina led by Rafael Maino is searching for lost roses in Patagonia in an effort to identify and preserve them. The last discovery was the Portland rose ‘Rose du Roi’ found in Puerto Blest, a port in Nahuel Huapi Lake deep inside the Andes very near the Chilean border. Another two sightings among others in the area are a centifolia rose ‘del Bolsón’ in an area between Bolsón city and El Hoyo city and a Gallica/Centifolia rose ‘Gallica de Quillen’ found at an old farm in Quillen Lake. Going south in Patagonia we found *Rosa foetida* ‘Persiana’, *Rosa Foetida* simple and *Rosa foetida* ‘Bicolor’. Some Gallicas or Centifolia roses were also found but are still to be identified.



‘Rose du Roi’



Rosa centifolia ‘Del Bolsón’



Rosa ‘Gallica de Quillen’

AUSTRALIA
NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.



www.rose.org.au
Founded 1972

PRESIDENT: 2015 – Paul Hains - Queensland
2016 – Vivienne Etter - Western Australia
2017 – Veronica O'Brien - Victoria
2018 – Paul Hains - Queensland

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 5

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 3000

THE AUSTRALIAN ROSE SOCIETIES ARE:

Rose Society of Victoria Inc
Rose Society of South Australia Inc
Queensland Rose Society Inc
Rose Society of New South Wales Inc
Rose Society of Western Australia Inc

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS 2015 to 2017

2015

At the World Rose Convention in Lyon, Australia had 110 Australians in attendance with a strong involvement by Australians in the Administration of the WFRS. Malcolm Watson was awarded the WFRS Gold Medal in recognition of his outstanding service as Executive Director for the previous 9 years. Ian Spriggs received the World Rose Award in recognition of his excellent contribution to roses. The Mornington Botanical Rose Gardens was awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence. David Ruston received the WFRS Literary Award for his book *A Life with Roses* published in 2011 that tells his life story.

Mr Kelvin Trimper was elected President of the WFRS, the second Australian to take on this role with David Ruston being the first. Diane vom Berg was re-elected WFRS Treasurer. Paul Hains was elected WFRS Vice President for Australasia, Deputy Chairman of the Promotions Committee and Chairman of the newly formed Social Media Subcommittee. Richard Walsh was elected Chairman of the Classification and Registration Committee.

Australia was very excited to have been awarded the 2021 World Rose Convention. A 2021 World Rose Convention Committee with Mr Kelvin Trimper as the Chairman has been established.

The National Rose Society of Australia held its annual rose show at Queensland's glamorous Gold Coast in 2015 which is a wonderful tourist location for all guests. Paul Hains presided as National President and their Excellencies, the Governor General of Australia, Peter and his wife, Lady Cosgrove, were there to officially open the rose show with close to 900 exhibits on display.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Graham Wright was awarded the Australian Rose Award.

Graham is highly respected for his significant work in promoting the rose. His dedication, experience and contribution to the rose is invaluable. Graham has connected to rosarians and rose-breeders both nationally and internationally and built a network of friends who join with him in sharing expertise and enjoyment of the rose.

Margaret MacGregor was awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award.

Margaret joined the Rose Society of Victoria in 1966. Margaret was a volunteer at the International Rose Convention organised by the Rose Society of Victoria in 1967. She most recently served for 9 years as WFRS Vice President – Australasia.

2016

Thirty-four Australians attended the WFRS Regional Rose Convention and 14th International Rose Conference in Beijing in May 2016. As always, it is such a delight to see so many Australians attending WFRS Conventions. Malcolm Watson was involved in the development of this museum and personally provided many documents and museum items that were included. He was recognised for his contribution with an award from the Chinese Rose Society along with Laurie Newman who has been involved with the Chinese Rose Society for many years.

The National Rose Championships and AGM was held in Perth, Western Australia in October with Vivienne Etter presiding as National President. It was a great weekend, and as always there was a good display of roses in the Sorrento Life Saving Clubrooms.

The Fifth South American Regional Convention *Roses in the South* took place in Punta del Este, Uruguay in November. Ten Australians attended this convention.

The Rose Society of South Australia held the third Allan Campbell Memorial Lecture in Adelaide in November. Fifth generation rose breeder Matthias Meiland was the keynote speaker, ably supported by local lecturers covering a variety of rose topics. Registrations from locals and interstate Rosarians were strong it was an informative and entertaining weekend.

Heritage Roses in Australia (HRiA) released a new book written by Peter Cox titled *Species Roses*. The book is both an authoritative botanical text and a high quality coffee table book, with 56 high resolution reproductions of the paintings done by Peter of each species rose available in Australia.

HRiA also ran a very successful 13th National Conference and biennial general meeting in late 2016 hosted by the Illawarra/Southern Highlands regional group with more than 180 people in attendance. HRiA has elected to adopt a moving feast premise that, all roses which are 75 years old or over will henceforth be classed by HRiA as Heritage Roses.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Sue Kingsford was awarded the Australian Rose Award. Sue has held many positions in the Rose Society of New South Wales and also served as Secretary for the National Rose Society of Australia.

Tony Stallwood was awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award. This is only the 3rd time in its 70 year history that the award has gone to Queensland, and the first time since 1971. Tony was National President for 2 terms and served as the Queensland President for 15 years. He is still actively involved in the management of the society.

2017

More than thirty Australians attended the WFRS Regional Convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia in June. It was great to have our executive all present -Veronica O'Brien (NRSA President), Jim Cane (NRSA Treasurer) and Kristin Dawson (NRSA Secretary). Kelvin and Melanie Trimper coordinated an additional tour after the post tour which was well attended and the feedback on this tour was fantastic.

As WFRS Vice President Paul Hains represented Australia in South Africa in October, where he officially opened a new Heritage Rose Garden in Garlington recently created by the Midlands Rose Society. He also opened the Gold Reef Rose Society Rose Show and performed rose judging in Johannesburg. Paul also represented Australia in the USA where he lectured on roses in December, 2017.

The Rose Society of Victoria held the National Rose Championships and AGM. Veronica O'Brien presided as President. The rose show was magnificent and the events were well organised. Members were able to visit the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence gardens which are all located in Victoria. Members also visited the Alister Clark Memorial Rose Garden. It is a fantastic Legacy for Alister Clark who bred a total of 128 roses.

NATIONAL AWARDS

Paul Hains was awarded the Australian Rose Award.

He is a former National President, WFRS Vice President and has been State President for 5 years. He is best known as a rose book author and public speaker on roses. Paul was nominated by the rose societies in both Victoria and Queensland for this award.

Mary Frick was awarded the Australian Rose Award.

Mary was Secretary of the National Rose Society of Australia for 6 years and has for many years demonstrated considerable skill and passion in the promotion of the rose.

2018

The National convention in 2018 will be held in Brisbane, Queensland and Paul Hains is the current National President. At the time of writing over 60 Australians have registered for the WRC in Denmark. There will be a presentation on the WRC to be held in Australia in 2021. They look forward to welcoming you all to Australia and hope every country sends the same numbers that Australia always sends to conventions. The HT, 'Unconventional Lady' has been released by Treloar Roses in Australia to assist with fundraising for the 2021 WFRS World Rose Convention.

The NRSA distributes WRN via email to each member as well as a link on the website.



'Unconventional Lady' (KORsamasi)
(syn. Simply Samantha)

AUSTRIA
SOCIETY OF AUSTRIAN ROSE FRIENDS
ÖSTERREICHISCHE ROSENFREUNDE IN DER GARTENBAU-GESELLSCHAFT



www.oegg.or.at

Founded

PRESIDENT: 2017 - Herr OAR Ing. Hardo Libowitsky

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

Report not available at time of publishing

BELGIUM
THE ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF BELGIUM
SOCIÉTÉ ROYALE NATIONALE 'LES AMIS DE LA ROSE'
KONINKLIJKE NATIONALE MAATSCHAPPIJ "DE VRIENDEN VAN DE ROOS"



www.rosabelgica.be

Founded 1926

PRESIDENT: 2015-2018 Frans Thomas

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 260

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

PARTICIPATION IN WFRS CONVENTIONS

During the past three years the Royal National Rose Society of Belgium attended the following WFRS Conventions:

- The WFRS World Rose Convention in Lyon, France with 11 participants. Henrienne de Briey was confirmed Vice President for Southern Europe for a second term of office.
- The Regional Convention and Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China with 2 participants.
- The Regional Convention at Punta del Este, Uruguay with 2 participants.
- The first East European Regional Convention at Ljubljana, Slovenia with 4 participants.

ROSE ACTIVITIES

2015

June - the gardens of the castle of Oostkerke.
After the Lyon convention a visit from Malcolm and Ruth Watson from Australia took place.
Rose weekend at St Hubert (4-5 July) and contributed with a stand and a lecture.
Henrienne de Briey attended the 35th anniversary of the Rose Society of Luxemburg (July) and she unveiled the Award of Garden Excellence plaque in the San Giovanni Rose Garden at Trieste

2016

In April the society participated in the Ghent Flower Show with a stand.
Kelvin and Melanie Trimper visited Belgium after the Regional Convention in Beijing.
During the weekend of the 14/15 August a beautiful rose display was arranged in the church of Kanegem for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the garden society of that village.
Lily de Gerlache de Gomery gave a generous donation of 3,000 pounds towards the publication of a book commemorating the 50 years of the WFRS.

2017

June - visited the private rose garden of Herkenrode at Wespelaar.
Every year members attend the Rose functions at the Castle of Hex, the garden days at Celles, Aywiers (Lasne), Beervelde and the rose days at the nursery of Mr. Casteels (Putte).
Board members take an active part in Rose Trials as members of the International jury.
Ingrid Verdegem, secretary of the Belgian Rose Society, gave talks at various venues, not only in Belgium.

AWARDS ACHIEVED AT INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS BY BELGIAN BREEDERS:

RUDY AND ANN VELLE-BOUDOLF (LENS ROSES)

2015 -

Lyon, France -

Rose 'VEL12mreba': prize landscape rose

Rose 'Henrienne de Gerlache' - 1st prize landscape rose and Int. Jury - best shrub-landscape rose.

Paris, France -

Rose 'Henrienne de Gerlache': certificate of merit

Barcelona, Spain -

Rose 'Y 1600': best landscape rose and prize of de Castell de Sant Foix school

2016 -

Madrid, Spain -

The Rose 'Y1495': prize of the Spanish Rose Society for the best flowers

The Rose 'Beauregard' obtained the prize: 'Rose of Madrid'

Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic -

The Rose 'VEL 13 miego': certificate of merit for the best miniature

2017

Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic -

Rose 'Y1495': Floribunda Honourable mention

The Hague, The Netherlands -

Rose 'Empereur Charles IV': shrub, 1st class certificate

Le Roeulx, Belgium -

Rose 'Y1971': certificate of merit

MARTIN VISSERS

2015

Rose 'Vissimred': golden Rose of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic

Rose 'Esprit d'Amour' at La Tacita, Italy - best of the best and gold medal.

2016

Monaco -

The Rose 'Esprit d'Amour' shrub: gold medal

The Rose 'Ohara' shrub: silver medal - Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic

The Rose 'August Deusser': 1st prize shrub

The Rose 'Jean Robie': Ladies' choice

Le Roeulx, Belgium

The botanical rose 'Mariage Parfait': certificate

'La Belle Rouge': gold medal

Gold Standard Rose Trials (UK)

'Midsummersnow' - 'Gold Standard Rose'

2017

Barcelona, Spain -

Rose 'Coloma' best Floribunda, prize from the Municipal Council of the Elderly Award

Rose 'VMX8188': best landscape rose

La Tacita, Italy -

Rose 'Coloma': best Floribunda rose

Lyon, France -

Rose 'La Belle Rouge': certificate Floribunda

Rose 'Salut à Luxembourg' - International jury for Floribunda
Rose 'Floriana'- International jury and cup for the best scented rose
Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic -
Rose 'Jean Robie' public choice for most beautiful rose of 2017
Kortrijk, Belgium -
Rose 'Coloma': golden rose of Kortrijk
Rose 'Abellio' and Rose 'La Belle Rouge' - gold medal

Silver medals for following Roses:

Salut à Luxembourg' - 'Princesse Claire de Belgique' - 'Talbot House'
The Hague, The Netherlands -

Rose 'Jean Robie': 2nd class certificate
Rose 'New Dreams' CL.: bronze certificate

Recommendation certificate for the following roses:

'New Dreams' - 'Persian Sun' - 'Persian Eyes'

Belfast, Northern Ireland -

Rose 'Floriana': certificate
Le Roeulx, Belgium
Rose 'Salut à Luxembourg': gold medal
Rose 'Abellio': silver medal
Rose 'Floriana': certificate

Orléans, France -

Rose 'O'hara': silver medal

STAFSWERTS

Baden-Baden, Germany -

Rose 'Staf 3' silver medal

Le Roeulx, Belgium -

Rose 'Staf 3': Rose Elite du Roeulx

ILVO

2016

Kortrijk, Belgium -

The Roses '09-264' and '09-51': both got gold medals

2017

Kortrijk, Belgium -

Rose '09-212': silver medal

Le Roeulx, Belgium

Rose '09-212': certificate

JACKY VAN GAMPELAERE

Le Roeulx, Belgium -

Rose 'VG2011-01': certificate



Rosario Algorta (Uruguay), President of the Jury, Frans Thomas (Pres. of the Belgian Rose Soc.) and Wauthier de Ligne (Belgium) at Kortrijk – June 2017



André Calus (Belgium) and Frans Thomas (Belgium) at the Trials in Le Roeulx

BERMUDA THE BERMUDA ROSE SOCIETY



<http://rosesinbermuda.com>

Founded 1954

PRESIDENTS: 2015 – 2017 – Peter Holmes
2017 – 2018 – Clare Russell

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 120

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

The BRS meets on the 1st Friday of each month from October through to May when the AGM is held. At each month's meeting there is a bench and flower arrangement competition along with a guest speaker. Annually a Rose Plant Sale is held, which is a major fund raiser for the BRS. The introduction in November 2016 of two benches per year with a 20 entry limit to encourage participation has been successful.

The BRS holds an annual tea meeting held in a member's garden. The past three years this has been hosted by Michael Spurling at Red Barracks. Past President Diana Antonion at Fennel Heights and Jane and Edwin Jackson at Beverly Farm Cottage. These gardens feature predominantly the Bermuda Mystery Roses and Old Garden Roses in beautiful island settings.

Each year the BRS holds a lunch meeting which offers the opportunity for an overseas guest speaker to share their multi-faceted experiences of roses with the membership. In 2015, we welcomed Dr. Malcolm Manners, who gave a slide presentation on the new rose garden at Florida Southern College. In 2016, we welcomed Mike and Jean Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium, Brenan, Texas with Mike giving a presentation on his book *Empress of the Garden* and also a lecture on making Compost Tea. In 2017, we welcomed Leo Watermeier, Curator of the Louis Armstrong Park Rose Garden in New Orleans, Louisiana. Most recently in 2018 we welcomed Connie Hilker of Fredericksburg, Virginia, who spoke about her home and garden, Hartwood, as well as Tufton Farm's Centre for Historic Plants, the Leonie Bell Rose Garden and Monticello.

The BRS Members, Marijke Peterich and Peter Holmes (both Past Presidents) attended the WFRS convention in Lyon, France in 2015 and were present to receive the Literary Award to BRS for its publication *Roses in Bermuda Revisited*. Eight members attended this convention.

Several BRS members attended the Heritage Rose Foundation's meeting held in Brenan, Texas, in November 2016. Past President Peter Holmes presented a slide show and talk on the Bermuda Mystery Roses.

In May 2017 BRS was represented by several members at the Heritage Rose Foundation's Annual Conference in Fredericksburg, VA. USA.

The BRS will be represented at the upcoming 2018 convention in Copenhagen by Marijke Peterich, Peter and Felicity Holmes and Diana Antonion.

The BRS's principal programmes are the Tulo Valley Propagation Tunnel and The Bermuda Rose Society Repository Garden at Waterville, the Bermuda National Trust headquarters. These endeavours underpin the constitutional remit of the Society, namely rose preservation and education regarding the Bermuda Mystery Roses, Old Garden Roses, roses of historic and genetic value and other roses that grow well in Bermuda. The annual sales at the Tulo tunnel are always popular and also successful in raising the funds required to maintain the Waterville rose garden. There are over 600 plants for our 2018 sale. 2017 saw the completion of a significant upgrade to the facility, with the installation of a new water supply and sprinkler system. The two programmes attract an enthusiastic volunteer brigade of members and also provide the setting for interactive learning experiences for the public, including students.

The Floral art members often supply rose arrangements for the rooms comprising the Royal Suite at Government House. Recently these have been enjoyed by Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal and Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Gloucester.



Shadow Box arrangement – a regular way of exhibiting in Bermuda



Bermuda Mystery Roses as displayed at the monthly Rose Show

CANADA
CANADIAN ROSE SOCIETY



<http://www.canadianrosesociety.org>

Founded 1913

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLISHING

Editors' note - The Vancouver Rose Society is very active, enthusiastic and well organised with regular meetings, interesting speakers, a well supported Rose Show, outings and even Open Gardens. They produce an excellent bulletin on a regular basis. They distribute WRN with an encouraging preamble through email.

CHILE
ASOCIACIÓN CHILENA DE LA ROSA



WWW.asociacionchilenadelarosa.cl
Founded 1999

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 – Eliana Flores

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 2

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 48

ACTIVITIES IN 2015:

Visits to Explorador Quilapilun Park
Meetings at Corporación Cultural de Las Condes
Farewell tour of the year to the house and garden of Mónica Infante in Quillo
Two members from Chile attended the World Rose Convention in Lyon.

ACTIVITIES IN 2016:

Rose Grafting Course in Linderos, by Mr Mario Vilches , expert and producer of roses of the VI region of Chile.
Tour to Limache to visit the house and garden of María Inés Court, member of the Asociación Chilena and visit the Nursery Pocochay.
Ma Angélica Errázuriz, Rebeca San Martín , María Inés Court , Rosario Farías and the President Eliana Flores were delegates at the Roses in the South Convention in Punta del Este – Uruguay.

LECTURES:

Franco Santoro : (Owner of the Botti Nursery - one of the oldest and most important in Chile, who imports budwood, especially from Dicksons in N.Ireland) spoke about Landscaping and New Roses.
Members Paula Hurtado and Deanne Goudie of the Gardeners' Market spoke about Pruning of Roses and more.
The member Angélica Valdés spoke about Biological control and the main pests

ACTIVITIES IN 2017

March - there was a tour to Santo Domingo Farm, at the invitation of Ma Angélica Errázuriz
June - 2 delegates participated at the Regional Convention in Slovenia - the President Eliana Flores and Rosario Farías.

Presentation by Ma Angélica Errázuriz about the Convention Roses in the South in Punta del Este
Parque Araucano - The Asociación Chilena de la Rosa advised and participated in the purchase of 600 Rose bushes and advised on pruning and identification of different varieties of roses.
19 to 22 October - Gardeners' Market at the Parque Araucano, the members participated in the following Lectures -

Rose pruning by Deanne Goudie and Paula Hurtado

Roses in English Gardens by Rebeca San Martín

On the 19th October - Prize Giving of the borders of Parque Araucano.

6th to 10th November - Year End Tour to the IX Region, visiting the cities of Calafquen, Villarica, Caburgua, Pucon, the Golf Court Nevados de Villarica in Lican Ray. Visit to many nurseries, amongst them: Botti Nursery belonging to Franco Santoro in Vilcun, who imports budwood and propagates roses. Three years ago he imported a variety of Persica Roses which will be ready for sale in the market in three years time.

AGRUPACION DE LA ROSA DE COYHAIQUE IN THE CHILEAN PATAGONIA:

2015

The annual Rose Show in February boasted than a 100 flower arrangements and beautiful roses. There were pictures in the local newspapers of the success of the show! Once a year a tea, where 50 people share experiences and the knowledge of rose cultivation is held and this is followed by Prize Giving. Pruning is open to the public to encourage the care and interest in creating more gardens in Coyhaique. Ulises Sandoval, a member of the group, gave a pruning demonstration and despite the high temperatures in Autumn in Patagonia, it was well attended. Attendees were given rose cuttings. The Rose Show in Coyhaique, due to the cold climate in the south of Chile, will be held early in January 2018

2016

February: The Regional Ministerial Registry of National Resources of the Aysén Region officially gave the requested plot of land, which grants the free use of the Fiscal Real Estate to the Agrupación de la Rosa de Coyhaique for a period of 5 years.

March: Application to the Contest President of the Republic for a project of Infrastructure, to close the perimeter, a small cottage and a meeting room.

August: The Annual Tea was a success because all the tickets were sold. There was a raffle and all the members left with a Rose as a gift

November:

Nine members participated in the Regional Convention Roses in the South in Punta del Este:

December: It was agreed the Annual Rose Show will take place in the 2nd week of January.

2017

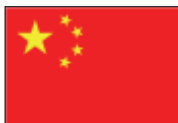
The annual Rose Show was at the Hotel El Reloj in Coyhaique in February with more than a 100 flower arrangements and beautiful roses.

In June, Isa María Bozzolo was a delegate at the Regional Convention in Slovenia.

Pruning demonstrations are open to the public to encourage care and interest in creating more gardens in Coyhaique. Ulises Sandoval gave the demonstration. This is an annual event. In this way, they can apply the knowledge in their own homes.

The Rose Show in Coyhaique, will be in the first week of January 2018.

CHINA CHINESE ROSE SOCIETY



www.china-rose.org
Founded 1984

PRESIDENT: 2015-2018 Zhang Zuoshuang

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 2000+

The Chinese Rose Society distributes WRN by email to its members.

2016

The WFRS Regional Convention and the World Heritage Roses Conference was held in Daxing Beijing from 18th to 24th May, 2016.

The International Rose Museum was opened during the regional convention. This is the first and largest rose museum in China.



The official opening of the newly built Rose Museum designed by the Amsterdam-Beijing based collective Next Architects and opened by Mr. Niu and Kelvin Trimper. The museum stands in a Rose-theme Park containing 100.000 rose plants.

The Beijing Rose Festival and China National Rose Show were held jointly with the 2016 WFRS Regional Convention.

Nanyang Rose Festival was opened in Nanyang, Henan on 28th April.

A Rose competition was held in Tangshan during the 2016 Tangshan Horticultural Expo.



Angela Scalone, Maria Marta Alvarez, Marta blanco, Rosario Algorta (all from South America) and Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) against a wall of fresh roses – Beijing - 2016



Delegates enjoying the Closing Ceremony

2017

The Beijing Rose Festival was opened on 11th May in Grand-view Garden, Beijing. Twelve gardens participated in the festival.

The Nanyang Rose Festival was opened on 16th April in Nanyang.

The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Joint rose show was held in Jingbin rose garden, Tianjin.

Beijing Rose Festival was held jointly with the celebration of the 30th anniversary of City Flowers on 18th May in Daxing, Beijing.

Nanyang Rose Festival was held in Nanyang on 28th April jointly with the Nanyang Jade Festival.

The Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei joint Rose show was opened on 15th May jointly with the first Rose Festival in Jingbin Rose Garden, Tianjin.

The Chinese Rose Society participated in the 9th Flower Expo and set up a rose garden in Yinchu Ningxia.

**CZECH REPUBLIC
CZECH ROSA CLUB**



www.Rosaklub.cz
Founded 1968

PRESIDENT: 2015-2018 Josef Thomas
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: Local groups
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 350

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CZECH ROSA CLUB ON ATTAINING THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE

The Czech Rosa Club holds an Annual General Meeting, a summer meeting and the International Rose Trials at Hradec Králové (Queens' Hradec), Genofond Collection of Roses bred by Czech and Moravian rose breeders at Rajhrad. It produces 2 bulletins per year of about 90 pages. The activities of the WFRS are presented in each bulletin, WRN and BAONs are advertised and access on the web is given.

Occasionally members participate in Conventions and/or European Int. Rose Trials. In May 2016 Josef Thomas attended the Convention in Beijing, China.



Josef Thomas dancing with Elizabeth Thornton-Dibb from South Africa at the Closing Ceremony in Beijing - 2016

DENMARK DANISH ROSE SOCIETY



<http://www.rosenselskabet.dk>

Founded 19

PRESIDENT 2009 – 2018 Inger Schierning

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES 14

NUMBER OF MEMBERS 1800



***Her Royal Highness
Crown Princess Mary
Patron of the 18th World Rose Convention***

There is an extraordinary interest and enthusiasm in Denmark for the Queen of Flowers, the rose, and much time and energy is devoted to her. The members of the Danish Rose Society manifest this passion for the Queen of the Flowers.

The DRS is presently organized throughout Denmark into 14 local branches that work individually and cooperatively. They arrange meetings, exhibitions, tours and garden visits as well as inviting national and international lecturers to rose events. But first and foremost these 14 groups of rose ambassadors work tirelessly to spread the happy news about roses. It is our good fortune that this deep interest in roses and their care is nurtured and led by the guiding inspiration of our honorary member, Her Majesty, Queen Margaret II and Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary.

The members in Denmark and our sister countries vote for their favourite rose, as Rose of the year, announced in spring in each of the 5 Rose Societies' members' magazines. In Denmark the local rose groups nominate the roses in turn.

2018 – Rosa gallica 'Charles de Mills' and Rosa rugosa 'Louise Bugnet' (Bugnet 1960)

2017 - 'Mme Alfred Carriere' (J. Schwartz, France 1879) and 'Elaine Paige' (Poulsen 2011)

2016 - 'Albertine' (Barbier, France 1921) and 'Odyssey' (Frank R.Cowlshaw, England 2001)

Denmark is recognized worldwide in the field of roses. With an annual production of more than 30 million roses and an impressive history. The award winning Danish company Poulsen Roser A/S is a unique beacon among rose breeders. Established in 1878, S. Poulsen, introduced his first Floribunda, 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Ellen Poulsen' in 1911/12. It soon became the standard for Modern roses. Today the fourth generation of the family continues the remarkable rose breeding work of Poulsen Roser A/S: <http://www.poulsenroser.dk/> and Poulsen's will breed the 2018 Convention Rose.

Roses Forever is owned by Danish Rose Breeder Rosa Eskelund. Rosa began with mini roses 30 years ago. Today she is breeding many different sorts and classification of roses: <http://roses-forever.dk/> Rosa won gold in Baden-Baden in 2015 with 'I am grateful' and she is the breeder of the WFRS 50 year anniversary rose.

THE NORDIC ROSE WEEKEND 2016 IN NORWAY.

The rose societies of all 5 Nordic Countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden have organized a common Nordic Rose Society to promote the exchange of experience and information among their members. This joint organization celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013. The five member organizations alternate in organizing and hosting rose weekends in one of the countries every second year and it is open to individual members of all the national societies.



In 2016 The Nordic Rose Weekend took place in Bergen in Norway from 9 – 11 July. Bergen is a city surrounded by fiords and mountains and a pleasant climate blessed by the warm seawater from the Gulf Stream – creating the perfect condition for roses - although it's far north. More than 100 Rosarians from the 4 sister countries joined with about 50 members of the Norwegian Rose Society to enjoy three full days of conferencing, banqueting, visiting rose gardens and sightseeing in and around the city. We all enjoyed the clean air - so full of oxygen. The roses, many of which were Poulsen Roses, were of spotless stunning beauty. We also enjoyed the bright Nordic nights where the few hours of twilight were superseded by lovely summer days.

Delegates admire roses in a street in Bergen

In the years between Nordic Rose Weekends, The Danish Rose Society arranges an international lecture. In January 2017 Jens Kruger, chief breeder at Rosen Tantau gave a splendid lecture: "*From a seedling to a Super Star*"- with great success in both Aarhus and Copenhagen.

In Denmark one finds beautiful and picturesque rose gardens all over the country. There are distinct landscapes with roses attached to many castles and historic buildings as well as in cities, botanical gardens and local, specialized nurseries. In total Danish rose nurseries offer approximately 2000 different rose varieties: botanical, historical and modern.

At the 16th World Rose Convention, ROSAFRICA, in October 2012, the Danish Rose Society presented their bid to host the WFRS 18th World Rose Convention in Copenhagen in 2018 with *A Fairytale of Roses*. This will be the first time the WFRS is holding a convention in this northern part of Europe. The delegates

voted in favour of the Danish bid and we very much look forward to welcoming rose lovers from all over the rose world in June 2018.

Since *Lyon – Roses 2015*, Inger Schierning has participated in all WFRS Regional and Heritage Conventions as well as European rose trials in Baden-Baden, The Hague and Glasgow, and the Nordic Rose Weekend I Norway. Everywhere brochures and information were distributed about the 18. WRC 2018: <http://www.wrc2018.dk/>



Inger Schierning and Jens Otto Pedersen tell the delegates in Ljubljana, Slovenia about the World Rose Convention to be held in Copenhagen in June 2018. Rosa Eskalund (Denmark) donated many potted 'Roses of Infinity' to be used for decoration throughout the convention

Preparations for the 18th WRC in 2018 are underway throughout Denmark and a number of well-known European rose breeders will show their most beautiful fragrant roses on the lawns in front of Rosenborg Castle in Copenhagen – the green, clean and safe capital of what several international surveys confirm to be among the happiest people in the world. The pre- and post convention tours will give attendees the opportunity to experience the roses and culture of our fairytale country as well as those of the other Scandinavian countries.



Convention Liaison Committee Chairman Helga Brichet came to Copenhagen to meet the organizers of the 18. WRC 2018, TMP (The Meeting Planners) and LOC (the local organizing committee). By 30. November 2017 and still 7 months to go before the opening of 18. WRC 2018 - 432 people have signed up to the fairytale convention in Copenhagen.

Torben Thim, Helga Brichet, Kelvin Trimper and Erik Schierning enjoy a gourmet meal at Torben's nursery

issued in March, June, September and December.

The Danish Rose Society magazine, *RosenNyt*, is



A group of Danish Rose Society members visit Trappendal and it's beautiful rose garden

FINLAND
SUOMEN RUUSUSEURA R.Y.
FINSKA ROSENSALLSKAPET R.F.
THE FINNISH ROSE SOCIETY



www.ruususeura.fi
Founded 1989

PRESIDENT: 2015 - Lauri Korpijaakko
2016 – Eila Palojärvi
2017 – Eila Palojärvi

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 4

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 980



The Society publishes a bilingual quarterly: *Ruusunlehti-Rosenbladet*, ISSN 1455-8106. The articles deal with various aspects of roses and rose growing. Each number usually has 48 pages.

In 2016 the Society also published a brochure on Gallica-Roses *Upeat ranskanruusut - Praktfulla gallicarosor* - written and edited by Pirjo Rautio and translated into Swedish by Inger Kullberg. It has 100 pages and is illustrated with 150 photographs taken by the author as well as Mikko Erola, Sirpa Kananen, Inger Kullberg and Lauri Simonen.

In Finland, World Rose News is distributed to member societies by email.

**The Finnish bilingual quarterly –
Ruusunlehti-Rosenbladet**

The Society has four local groups - Helsinki, Pirkanmaa (in Tampere), Turku and Oulu. They are active and organize lectures and excursions in Finland as well as in Sweden and Estland. The members of the local groups also advise people on various aspects of rose-growing

The members of the Helsinki group have come together several times to work in the rose garden established on the 28th June 2017 in the Meilahti Arboretum. The fifty year-old arboretum is owned by

Helsinki City. In 2017 The Rose Society planted 120 different kinds of roses. They represent historic European roses as well as the roses traditionally grown in Finland. Some of the roses grown and discovered in Finnish gardens are probably old European varieties. However, so far we have only been able to identify some of them. In the third themed section of this rose garden are the new varieties hybridized in Finland. Among them are: 'Auli' (Rautio 2004), 'Asta' (Rautio 2006), 'Charles de Baudelaire' (Rautio 2004), 'Karin Schade' (Rautio 2011), 'Ilo' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2010), 'Loiste' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2012), 'Lumo' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2010), 'Merveille' (Rautio 2005), 'Nuit' 'Été' (Rautio 2000), 'Sointu' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2008), 'Sävel' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2010), and 'Tove Jansson' (Joy, Kahila and Kangaspunta 2008). The rose 'Veronica Sundman' (Rautio 1999) was dedicated to the late, second President of our Rose Society.

The members of the Garden Society of Wohl's Manor in Kirkkonummi, to the west of Helsinki, came up with the idea of founding a rosarium there in 2015. Members of our Rose Society took part in its planning; the first roses were planted at Wohls in 2017. During the first stage, over 200 shrubs representing 45 different kinds of roses were planted. They are Bourbon, Damask, Gallica, Pimpinella, Rugosa and White roses. Some of the roses will be planted next autumn.

More roses will be planted in the following years. The rose garden will include an area dedicated to the so called Nordic Roses. Each of the Nordic Rose Societies has selected about ten different 'best' roses that will be planted as special gardens in each country.

The Rose of the Year has been selected in Finland since 1995. In the last three years they were:



2015 - 'Merveille'



2017 - Rosa Spinosissima 'Plena'



2016 - 'Touykoniitty'

NATIONAL OPEN GARDEN DAYS have been organised by owners of private gardens every year, usually in July. The members of our Rose Society have also opened their gardens on these days; they have had many visitors, and the Society has gained many new and enthusiastic members.

TRIALS WITH CANADIAN ROSES - Several members of our Society are taking part in the trial of the winter hardiness of the so called Canadian roses. It was started in 2016 and the results will be published in 2019.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS - The Finnish Rose Society is a member of the Nordic Rose Society. A Nordic Rose Week-end is organised alternatively every second year by one of the Nordic Rose Societies. July 2014 in Turku, Finland, with an excursion to Estland. July 2016 in Bergen, Norway.

The Council of the Nordic Rose Society holds it's meetings in connection with these week-ends. The editors of the Nordic Rose Journals are in frequent contact with each other. The Open Garden Days of all countries are published on the Home Pages of each Society.

FRANCE

SOCIETE FRANCAISE DES ROSES 'LES AMIS DES ROSES'



www.societefrancaisedesroses.asso.fr

Founded: 1896

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 Maurice Jay

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 14

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 490

FRIEND'S ROSE SOCIETIES :

- La Clé de la Rose (Cluny)
- Les Amis de la Roseraie du Val de Marne (L'Hay les Roses)
- Grignan, Pierres et Roses Anciennes (Grignan)
- Abbaye de Valsaintes (Simiane la Rotonde)
- Société Alsacienne et Lorraine des Amis des Roses (Saverne)
- Les Amis des Roses de Strasbourg Schiltigheim (Schiltigheim)
- Les Amis des Roses de Troyes (Troyes)
- Les Amis de la Roseraie de Rosheim (Rosheim)
- Ordre national de Romarin (Lyon)
- Roses Anciennes en France (Lyon)
- Société Lyonnaise d'Horticulture (Lyon)
- De Rose en Rose (Chamboeuf)
- Société Horticulture Orléans Loiret (Orléans)
- Société Viennoise d'Horticulture (Vienne)

Publications - 2 reviews each year

Rose trials and Rose Shows

Every year the International Rose Trials take place in June, with about 100 genotypes from 23 breeders. There is a permanent jury of 20 members and about 40 members in the International Jury.

A new award has been created 'RR price' in order to distinguish one or two varieties on the base of the best disease resistance and the best recurrent flowering. To-day 5 varieties have got these high value awards.

The French Rose Society participates in International Trials in the following places in Europe

France - Paris-Bagatelle, Orléans, Saverne
Belgium - Le Roeulx, Kortrijk, Rumbeke
Spain - Barcelona

Every two years a rose show is held in Avignon inside the Palais des Papes. The rose novelties which are presented will be on the market for the first time in France the following October. (about 35 varieties)

Trials for rose fragrance take place in Nantes (Roseraie de la Beaujoire)
The jury is only made expert noses, coming from the main French perfume companies - about 30 varieties are proposed by European breeders.

Others activities:

Pedagogical 'bag' on a dynamic website will be available next year -
for 'cultural bag ground' on the rose word from young childrens to seniors.
for training course in elementary schools, high schools and universities.
for continuing education in the rose industry

The Botanical rose garden in Caluire et Cuire (near Lyon) has now been completed showing 150 rose species which come from all over the world.

Soon rose varieties and species in the Lyon parks could be identified and described from plant blocks with the smart phones of visitors.

World Rose News is distributed to members by email.

Fifty-three French Rose Society Members registered for the World Rose Convention in Lyon in 2015, at least two in China in 2016, none in Uruguay and four members for Slovenia.

Six hundred and sixteen participants were registered from 34 different Countries for the WRC in Lyon.



Zhao Shiwei and Daniel Boulens



Sheenagh Harris and Josianne Pierre-Bissley in Beijing



Stamps Produced for the World Rose Convention In Lyon in 2015

GERMANY
GERMAN ROSE SOCIETY
GESELLSCHAFT DEUTSCHER ROSENFREUNDE e.V. (GRF)



www.rosenfreunde.de

Founded 1883

PRESIDENTS: 2015-2017 Hans-Peter Mühlbach

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 5679

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS HELD:

125th German Rose Convention 2015

The 125th German Rose Convention 2015 was held in the town Uetersen, which is located in an area well known for the cultivation and hybridization of roses. Rose fields of the rose breeding companies Rosen-Tantau (Uetersen) and W. Kordes' Söhne (Sparrieshoop) were visited as well as the fields of BKN Strobel (Holm), where the roses of Meilland were exclusively tested for applicability in the German climate.



In addition, hybridization techniques and selection strategies were demonstrated by Jens Krüger (Rosen Tantau) and Thomas Proll (W. Kordes' Söhne). Also, guided tours through the Rosarium Uetersen, which exhibits a collection of about 900 rose varieties and species roses in 30,000 rose bushes, were provided. Lectures were given on "Design of an Insect-Friendly Natural Garden" by Dr. Gert Müller, and "Around the World with 50 Breeders" by Markus Brunsing. Dorothea Jungen was elected as 2nd Vice President of the GRF, since Hanne Stauch retired after many years. As a reward she was decorated with the title "Ambassador of Roses" by the German Rose Society.

German rose friends visiting rose fields during the convention in Uetersen

The convention culminated in a Gospel concert in the baroque church of Uetersen, followed by the baptism of the Rose 'O Happy Day' (Kordes) in the presence of Wilhelm Kordes, who sadly passed away a few months later. (see World Rose News: Vol. 27, Number 2, April 2016, pp. 24-29)

126th German Rose Convention 2016

The city of Wilhelmshaven, close to the North Sea, was chosen for the 126th German Rose Convention. The lovely rose garden, founded and preserved by volunteers of the GRF, attracted many friends of roses to come to the high North of Germany. Excursions into the botanically very interesting salt marshes, where endangered plants such as *Spergularia salina* (salt-marsh sand-spurrey) as well as many seabirds could be observed, made the contrasting programme to the wealth of roses in the Rosarium. Additionally, boat tours into the new harbour areas, of course with the typical heavy rain showers, provided the real North-Sea-Feeling.



The Rosarium in Wilhelmshaven

A very beautiful shrub rose with double, light pink blossoms, introduced by W. Kordes' Söhne, was baptized in the Rosarium to the name 'Wellenspiel'. Herbert Gömmel, 1st Vice President of the Society, was re-elected for another three years. Lectures were presented on the "Creation and preservation of the Rosarium at Wilhelmshaven" by Theda Harms-Thiemann, and by Dr. Burkhard Spellerberg on "The ADR-Testing and Intellectual Property Rights". The convention finished with a wonderful banquet, attended by jazz music and historic dances from the time around 1900, performed by a lively costumed group of volunteers.

127th German Rose Convention 2017

The city of Bad Wörishofen, located in the South of Germany, close to the Bavarian Alps, was the place of the German Rose Convention 2017. Life and work of the famous priest Sebastian Kneipp has influenced the city in many aspects. At several places water can be taken for a cure and first class hotels with good facilities attract many spa guests. Sight-seeing tours through the marvellous city made us familiar with the many fountains (Kneipp is worldwide known for his concept of the healing power of water) and with the architecture of the famous abbey of Bad Wörishofen with its beautiful baroque church, where Kneipp served as priest for the nuns of St. Dominic. The spa gardens with about 6,000 roses provided an attractive site for the baptism of a beautiful orange floribunda rose (bred by our "amateur breeder" Franz Wänninger). Its name is now 'Allgäu-Glück'. The ceremony was accompanied by a newly composed waltz to the name of the new rose. As another highlight, in the lovely garden of the monastery, the beautiful fragrant rose 'Sebastian Kneipp' (W. Kordes' Söhne) was planted by the Mayor of the city, members of the German Rose Society, and "Pfarrer Sebastian Kneipp", perfectly represented by our rose friend Peter Pohl. In the General Meeting of the Society, Hans-Peter Mühlbach was re-elected as president for another three years (until 2020). Excursions to the worthwhile old city of Augsburg, the place where the "Fuggers" resided, and to lovely rose gardens completed the excellent programme. Interesting lectures were presented on Sunday morning. The first one with the title "Clever Climbers through the Centuries" was delivered by our rose friend and author of many books on gardening and roses, Andreas Barlage. The second one was on "Clematis, Ideal Partners of Roses", presented by the breeder and specialist of Clematis Irmgard Herian.



Rose garden in Bad Wörishofen



'Allgäu-Glück'

Kasseler Roundtable Discussions

The Kasseler Roundtable Discussions were founded by Hedi and Wernt Grimm more than 30 years ago and were continued by their daughter Eilike Vemmer, an exceptional rose expert in the GRF. The concept of this format was to provide an open platform for discussions about any theme on roses, with the intention of broadening and deepening the knowledge of roses in the German Rose Society. The Kasseler Roundtable Discussion is performed every year, mostly in the autumn.



Rose friends visiting the test fields of the Federal Plant Variety Office in Hannover

The 28th Kasseler Roundtable took place from 4 to 6 September, 2015 in the Federal Plant Variety Office (Bundessortenamt) in Hannover. The title was: "From 'La France' via 'Gloria Dei' to Modern Hybrid Teas – 150 Years of Breeding Hybrid Teas." Lectures were delivered by well known experts of the GRF, Hella Brumme, Eilike Vemmer, Klaus-Jürgen Strobel, Eckard Haenchen and Burkhard Spellerberg. A very informative visit to the fields, where new roses were tested for the award of ADR ("Allgemeine Deutsche Rosenneuheitenprüfung", General German Rose Novelties Testing) completed the highly interesting meeting.

The 29th Kasseler Roundtable was performed from 2 – 4 September, 2016 in the Rosarium GRF Dortmund. The title was "Fragrant Roses and the Scent of Roses". In the beginning, practical course was held by our rose friend Barbara Nasarian-Eckstein in order to train the olfactory sense of the attendants, using a broad collection of spices, perfumes and fragrant roses. Lectures were delivered by many experts, such as Prof. Dr. Hanns Hatt (University of Bochum), who made it clear, that the perception of odours works a physiological and neurobiological level. The photographer Marion Nickig showed a brilliant series of pictures of fragrant roses.



An collection of fragrant roses in the Lecture Hall

Eilike Vemmer described the meaning of the scent of roses in the literature, from the antiques to modern times. Finally, the rose breeder Thomas Proll described the modern way to obtain fragrant roses with long lasting blooms and good resistance to fungal infections. He also presented the modern way to describe the scent of roses as the perfumers do, via top note, heart note and bottom note. During the event, Eilike Vemmer was decorated with the title Ambassador of Roses by the German Rose Society as a reward of her great contribution. Guided tours through the Rosarium in the Westfalenpark of Dortmund and through the Romberg Park with its impressive collection of rare tree species completed the multisided programme.



Thomas Lolling and Eilike Vemmer inspect hips in the Rosarium GRF Dortmund

The 30th Kasseler Roundtable took place from 30 September 1 October, 2017 Kassel itself. It was of Twenty-nine 29 Kasseler Roundtables and let us look back to the very beginning of this long row of highly successful and inspiring seminars. Dr. Wolfgang Schmelzer entitled his brilliant lecture "Karl vs. Louis XIV: Struggle of the Elements". The speaker made us familiar with the potential rivalry between the landgrave Karl of Hesse-Kassel and the French Sun King by comparing the monumental statue of Hercules and the extraordinary fountain in the park of the Castle of Wilhelmshöhe with the glorification of Apollo in Versailles through the French Sun King. Ronald Clark, head of the Royal Gardens of

Herrenhausen in Hannover, made a broad overview over the concept of these marvellous garden ensembles. Ruth Weiß gave a deep insight into life and work of Daniel August Schwarzkopf, head gardener at the court of Friedrich II of Kassel and the first who cultivated and named roses in Germany. Dr. Isabelle van Groeningen explained the philosophy of the Königliche Gartenakademie in Berlin-Dahlem and her personal relationship with roses. Guided tours were performed through the rose garden at Kassel Wilhelmshöhe, which received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2015. Here the interesting old rose 'Perle von Weißenstein' was admired. In the Arboretum within the park a number of exotic conifers and other tree species were found. Finally, a nice excursion to the Sababurg, the Castle of Sleeping Beauty allowed us to examine the roses on the walls and in the garden that were selected and planted by Eilike Vemmer – a special highlight.



Bergpark of Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe



Eilike Vemmer in discussion in the rose garden of Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe



Autumn mood in the Bergpark in Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe

International Trials:

International Rose Trial 2015 Baden-Baden

Honorary Award of German Rose Society to a single dark-red floribunda, created Meilland, France (AM-301)



Jan Barnett (NZ), Merv and Wendy Trimper (Aus), Thomas Lolling (Ger) and Hans-Peter Mühlbach – members of the International Jury - Beutig

International Rose Trial 2016 Baden-Baden

Honorary Award of German Rose Society to 'Weiße Wolke', a white semi-double shrub, created by W. Kordes' Söhne, Germany (KO 03/1484-03)



'Weiße Wolke'



Alexander Kordes receiving the Honorary Award from Hans-Peter Mühlbach, President of the German Rose Society

International Rose Trial 2017 Baden-Baden



Hunny Tantau Mühlbach (Ger), Rae Gilbert (S.Africa), Hilary Elkin (USA), Sheenagh Harris (S. Africa), Beatrice and Hans-Peter Halter (Switzerland) Claudia Hacker and Andreas Meier-Dinkel (Ger)

Members of the International Jury waiting for the bus to the Beutig

Honorary Award of German Rose Society to a single white-pink, floribunda, created by Meilland International, France (MR-592-FLO)



Floribunda MR-592-FLO (Meilland International)



President Hans-Peter Mühlbach congratulates Alain Meilland

Participation by members from Germany at Int. Trials and Conventions

International Rose Trials of Saverne 2015 - Elke Gottschall

International Rose Trials of Saverne 2016 - Katja Hesselbarth

Regional Asian Convention Beijing 2016 (China)

Thomas Hawel gave a lecture on the Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen – Collecting and Maintaining Heritage Roses, Concept of a Gene Bank

17th World Rose Convention “Lyonroses 2015” in Lyon (France) in May/ June, 2015

Hans-Peter Mühlbach gave a lecture on “Rose Gardens in Germany”. Thirty-one members of the German Rose Society attended the WRC in Lyon, France in 2015.



**Back: Eileke Vemmer
Middle: Renate and Helmut Peters, Dieter Müller-Clem, Hans-Peter Mühlbach, Andreas Meier Dinkel,
Front: Hanny Tantau Mühlbach, Barbara Nazarian-Eckstein, Manfred Zeckey, Hannelore Zeckey, and Stefan Kalok.**

German delegates at the Convention Centre in Lyon

**Regional South American Convention 2016 “Roses in the South”
Punta del Este (Uruguay) November, 2016**

Five members of the German Rose Society attended the convention in South America.

Markus Brunsing gave a lecture entitled - Around the World with 50 Breeders. International Rose Breeders and their Novelties.

Thomas Proll gave a Lecture entitled- Breeding Beautiful, Fragrant and Healthy Roses – The Kordes Way.



**The German Delegation with Rosario Algorta de Carrau at her home in Montevideo –
Hanny Tantau Mühlbach and Hans-Peter Mühlbach, Rosario Algorta, Markus Brunsing,
Angelika Throll and Thomas Proll**

First Regional Convention of the WFRS in Eastern and Central Europe June, 2017 - Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Fourteen members of the German Rose Society attended the convention in Slovenia.

Hella Brumme gave a lecture - An Overview of the Central and East-European Roses in the Europa-Rosarium at Sangerhausen.

Hans-Peter Mühlbach was Moderator for a Lecture Session



Delegates from Germany with Breda Čopi in Ljubljana

**Back: Dorothea Jungen, Andreas Meier Dinkel
Front: Breda Čopi, Hanny Tantau and Hans- Peter Mühlbach, Eileke Vemmer, Helle Brumme and Karlina Treinen (Slovenia).**

Rose Journeys:

Rose Journey to Ethiopia (2015)

(See World Rose News Vol. 29, Number 1, February 2018, pp. 38-48)

Rose Journey to the Czech Republic (2016)



Besides many attractive visits during this wonderful journey, as already described in the yearbook of the German Rose Society (Rosenjahrbuch 2016, pp. 142-158), an outstanding and deeply moving event was the planting of the rose 'Friedenslicht' (Tantau) in the rose garden of Lidice. The garden was built in 1955 to remember the murder of the people of Lidice by the National Socialists during World War II. The rose 'Friedenslicht' was planted together with the President of the Czech Rose Society, Josef Thomas.

Josef Thomas, President of the Czech Rose Society, planting the rose 'Friedenslicht' together with Dorothea Jungen (Vice President of the GRS) in the rose garden of Lidice

Rose Journey to Luxembourg and Belgium (2017) - See: World Rose News **29**, Number 2, May 2018, pp. 24-32.

Rosenhof Schultheis in Bad Nauheim-Steinfurth celebrates 150 years of rose breeding in Germany in 2018.



The Children of Lidice

GREAT BRITAIN

ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY



1876-2017

The sad news that Britain's Royal National Rose Society had gone into administration swept around the globe on 15th May 2017. It came as a terrible shock that the oldest specialist horticultural society in the world, had ceased to exist after 140 years of devoted service to rosarians everywhere. It would be no exaggeration to record what a profound influence the RNRS had on the development of the rose throughout its tenure. Without doubt, many surviving national rose societies and, indeed, the World Federation of Rose Societies, would never have been conceived without the Society's direction and vision.

This perceptiveness was the creation of a clergyman, namely Reynolds Hole, later Dean of Rochester who in 1858 started a National Rose Show at St. James Hall, Piccadilly, London, to which 2,000 people came. By 1860, the show moved to the Crystal Palace where a record number of 16,000 rose devotees attended. It was recognised how much the public adored the Queen of Flowers. As a consequence, a meeting of rose fanciers was held on 9th December 1876, where the National Rose Society was formed. Hole became the first President and his colleague, the Revd. D. Honeywood D'ombrian was appointed Secretary. Reynolds Hole was a great ambassador for the rose through his writings: *A Book About Roses* was published in 1869 and ran into many editions, which spread his passion and wisdom of cultivation of the rose. The first twenty-five years of the Society largely catered for exhibitors. Shows generated much interest and the public's appetite for new cultivars was recognised by the creations of a Gold Medal and Certificate of Merit in 1883. This was an exciting period, where great advance was made through the immense foresight of the hybridist. This encouraged ordinary rose gardeners to join the ranks. The Society eventually opened its office in central London.

In recognition of the Society's pioneering work, Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, became the first Royal Patron during 1888. Membership grew steadily from 900 to 16,000 in 1926. In other parts of the world, national rose societies were formed, based on the success of the British format. The Rose Annual was launched in 1907 amid much jubilation, where knowledge could be gleaned from a reliable source. The Rose Annual became a perennial favourite and was published every year until its demise in 1984. The books have become collectors' items, with a rich source for historical research in the story of the rose. In 1925, Queen Mary was appointed Patron. There was a dramatic fall in membership figures during the Second World War falling to 11,500 in 1940, but thankfully it rose to 15,000 by 1947. After Britain had

endured the Dig for Victory campaign to encourage gardeners to grow vegetables in their gardens, the public yearned to furnish their plots with bright, fragrant rose blooms. During the period 1951 to 1963, numbers grew from 27,500 to over 90,000. On the death of Queen Mary in 1953, Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal honoured the Society to become its Patron.

The Hybrid teas and floribundas were the height of fashion and gardeners were eager to gain knowledge on how to grow them successfully. Membership numbers began to rapidly increase. The Society's offices in Victoria Street, London, were proving quite inadequate by an expanding Society, so a move was necessary. In 1959, after a long and extensive search, Members of Council stumbled across a delightful estate, located in Chiswell Green village on the outskirts of the City of St. Albans in Hertfordshire. The estate, known as Bone Hill comprised of eight acres (four extra acres were added in 1964) and a charming country house which would become the administration offices and house the Society's extensive library. Mr H.G. Clacy, who was a Vice President and architect, was commissioned to design the gardens. The newly acquired land also accommodated the International Rose Trials, where testing was undertaken to stringent RNRS standards. The Awards of Certificate of Merit and Gold Medal were highly sought by breeders from all over the globe.

After the headquarters were opened by the Princess Royal in 1963, the rose gardens, which eventually contained a formidable collection of 30,000 rose bushes became world famous, with an international reputation of *par excellence*. Membership figures soared to over 100,000 and in 1965 Her Majesty, the Queen commanded that the title be bestowed a Royal pretext. Following the death of the Princess Royal, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother became Patron and graciously held the position until her sad passing in 2002.

The 1960's were the golden years of the Society. British gardeners were keen to embrace the virtues of the rose and the rose trade and the RNRS continued to thrive. In 1968, an International Rose Conference was arranged by the Society in London, where it was advocated that a federation of national rose societies would be formed. At a meeting held on 4th July, the International Federation of National Rose Societies was born later to be re-named World Federation of Rose Societies was, amid delegates from such countries as Australia, Belgium, Denmark, Italy, South Africa and the United States. One of the RNRS Officers present was the late Dick Balfour, who became a true ambassador for the rose, not only in the UK, but internationally. His assiduous work, without doubt, played a fundamental part in the success of the formation of the WFRS.

In 1976, the RNRS celebrated its centenary in style, with the British government declaring it be known as The Year of the Rose. The Post Office launched a commemorative set of rose stamps and the Society held a glorious International Rose Conference in Oxford. The Queen Mother graciously attended a reception held at St. James's Palace to mark the occasion and 10,000 rose buttonholes were handed out to the general public in Trafalgar Square.

In 1978, the Summer show held traditionally in Westminster, was moved to St. Albans, where it was revamped to an inspirational, British Rose Festival. The show was artistically created by Dutch designer, Kees van Driel. What he created under 19,000 square feet of canvas defied imagination and had never been seen in Britain before. Cut roses were artistically arranged in bowls, flanked by fabrics and linked to a whimsical theme. The two-day event, attracted over 25,000 visitors, who not only could revel in a sea of dazzling rose blooms, but also enjoy brass bands, craft fairs, trade stands and performing artists. The annual event became a significant part of the rose enthusiasts' calendar. The gardens, henceforth became known as The Gardens of the Rose.

Through my participation of these social gatherings, I became acquainted with the RNRS Director General, Lt. Col Ken Grapes and Deputy Secretary, Jill Bennell. I was appointed as RNRS Area Co-ordinator for my region in the UK. On retirement, Ken was destined to become WFRS President and Jill to become the Federation's Secretary and Treasurer. Little did any of us know that, 30 years later, I would be appointed Executive Director of the WFRS. This would never have occurred without the passion instilled in me, with underlying principles of the RNRS remaining in my heart.

As the new Millennium dawned, it soon became apparent the world had become a digital domain and the public's perception of the rose had slightly shifted. Like many other specialist societies, membership numbers gradually tumbled, with less visitors to the Gardens of the Rose. I remember visiting the site in 2003 and was distressed to discover how harsh financial times had impacted on the estate. It was no surprise when I heard that the Trustees decided to close the gardens. It was a dark time for the Society.

With great determination it was decided that the RNRS should develop a new garden funded by the sale of land and property. The old garden was raised to the ground and work commenced on a new modern garden. On 9th June 2007, the then President, Ann Bird declared the new gardens open to enthusiastic applause from a huge audience, which had gathered in the gardens. The new design was a living catalogue containing 20,000 rose cultivars, and newly incorporated companion plantings, befitting the 21st Century.

The famed gardens, once again, were regarded with international acclaim. Plans to restore the Society to its former glory never materialised, despite efforts by the management team. In the intervening years, it proved difficult to run the gardens and administration on a dwindling income. Despite this, no one would envisage that the Society would announce its swift departure from the rose world during May 2017. The news was likened to sudden passing of a very dear friend.

It was a very sad moment for the rose fraternity, not only in the UK, but around the globe. However undaunted by this news, the former RNRS Shows Secretary, Ray Martin and his wife Pauline, decided that the excellent work of the Society, must continue with the creation of a brand new organisation; albeit on a less grandiose scale.

Within a matter of weeks, a band of rose enthusiasts and exhibitors were summoned to a meeting being held at a village hall in Pelsall in the West Midlands. As discussions ensued, it became apparent of the absolute passion and determination to create a new society with the same values, which our forefathers had nurtured long ago. I sat in awe as the meeting unfolded – history was repeating itself. 140 years earlier, Victorian rose exhibitors had assembled around a similar table at the Horticultural Club in London, to deliberate the possibility of the birth of a national rose society. Canon Hole, as he had then become known, became the first President. A tingling sensation ran down my back, as I felt that the spirit of this great man had returned to prompt us to retain his foresight and great vision. With nothing but sheer gumption, the new society was formed.

The Rose Society UK was, indeed founded on the basis of this great clergyman. Hole's legendary quote in 1876 will forever remain in the ethos of the new society: "He who has beautiful roses in his garden, must have beautiful roses in his heart".

In reality, the true spirit of the Royal National Rose Society will continue to flourish in this ever changing world, with most people simply sharing a love for the rose.

Derek Lawrence (Great Britain)



RNRS - Gardens Of The Rose, Chiswell Green, St Albans

GREECE HELLENIC ROSE SOCIETY



ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΝΔΕΣΜΟΣ
ΦΙΛΩΝ ΤΡΙΑΝΤΑΦΥΛΛΙΑΣ
Hellenic Rose Society

www
Founded

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 - Damianos Constantinou
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 45



**Damianos Constantinou delivering
a lecture in Slovenia, June, 2017**

Report not available at time of publishing



HUNGARY

HUNGARIAN ROSE-FRIENDS SOCIETY



WWW

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Report not available at time of publication

ICELAND

THE ROSE CLUB OF THE ICELANDIC HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



www.gardurinn.is
Founded 2002

PRESIDENT: 2015 - 2018 Vilhjálmur Lúðvíksson
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1 with several small branches
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 340

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

The Rose Club is an active special unit of the Icelandic Horticultural Society with a central office in Reykjavik.

The Rose Club maintains a regular activity of 3-4 annual lecture evenings for members. It offers joint rose ordering services from Nordic nurseries featuring attractive and hardy rose varieties likely to survive the Icelandic climate and conducts short courses in the care and pruning of roses and organizes garden visits among members. Each year a number of articles are written for the IHS Annual Magazine dedicated to roses and rose growing. Each year the members elect their favourite roses, one of Icelandic origin and another an imported variety. In 2017 the board of the Rose Club initiated a study among members of their experiences of the various rose varieties they have tried in their gardens.

The Rose club has taken the initiative to establish three rose gardens in three different communities in the Greater Reykjavik area. A fourth rose garden showing Canadian roses is under preparation. In view of the importance of Canadian rose varieties to Icelandic rose growing, this garden will provide an overview of key Canadian rose introductions by private and public rose hybridizers from the rose 'Agnes' by William Saunders through the roses by Georges Bugnet, F. L. Skinner, Percy Wright and other private hybridizers as well as the Morden Parkland Series and the CEF Explorer Series by Dr. Felicitas Svejda to the current Artist Series and the most recent introductions by CNLA/Vineland Research.

A photo competition was organized in 2017 for the first time and a photographic course and laboratory dedicated to roses and flowers is envisaged for 2018.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Rose Club of IHS is a member of the Nordic Rose Society and cooperates in various ways, including the organization of biannual Rose weekends. The last one was hosted by the Norwegian Rose Society in Bergen in 2016.

The NRS is preparing a special collection of selected Nordic rose varieties, ten from each of the five member countries. The prototype Nordic Rose Collection will be inaugurated in Valby Park in

Copenhagen during the upcoming WRC2018. Iceland has contributed ten varieties for this event. There will be similar collections from all the Nordic Countries. The five member societies have co-operated in the preparations for WRC2018 and will i.a. give a presentation of the state of rose growing in each of their respective countries at the World Rose Convention.

Baon and WRN are sent to each member via email and the HIS Report is issued once a year. There was one delegate from Iceland in Lyon.



'Katrin Vioar'



Nordic Rose collection – preparation in the fall



A sheltered rose garden on a windy hill side



Rugosa cross - 'Drifa'
Jóhann Pálsson



**Icelandic Rugosa cross
'Logafold' - Jóhann Pálsson**



Icelandic Rugosa - 'Scotta'

INDIA

INDIAN ROSE FEDERATION



www.indianrosefederation.com

Founded 1979

Let every home bloom with Roses

PRESIDENT – 2015 – 2016 Ahmed Alam Khan
2016 – 2017 Suresh Pingale

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES - 19

NUMBER OF MEMBERS - 1438

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2015

The year 2015, started with winter rose shows. In the lead were Mumbai Rose Society followed by Pune and 17 other Rose Societies in different cities having their shows. India is a vast country and roses are revered with great love, where ever shows are held the denizens of the respective area enjoy these two day festivals.

The Indian Rose Federation, Governing Council meets every three months to discuss and take up issues pertaining to roses. Since the WFRS Regional Convention in India in 2014, the Annual General Meeting could not be held and hence was organised at Nagpur, arranged by members, Sanjay Dahiwade, Sanyogita Dhanwatey, B. V. Kopolwar, Arvind Sable and Vidarbha rose society. At the meeting, members of IRF unanimously voted Ahmed Alam Khan as President Emeritus of IRF.

A visit to the rose garden of the Governor and local nurseries and gardens of members were also a part of the societies programme. The winter shows in our country continue to March and many gardens boast roses that bloom till the end of April.

In 2015 nine members of the Indian Rose Federation took part in the World Rose convention in Lyon. In Lyon Ahmed Alam Kahn received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence for his garden Green Rose Valley Garden. WFRS Honours medals were presented to Ahmed Alam Khan (Silver) and Vijay Kant (Bronze) for work involved in convening the WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Hyderabad – Rose Eternal in December 2014, on behalf of the Indian Rose Society.

At a Council meeting in July it was decided to designate Pune as the venue for the next All India Rose Show and Convention in September 2015. Pune Rose Society had their Monsoon Show with pruning activities starting all over the country in October. Hyderabad Rose Society had their Rose show in the first week of December followed by a visit to the Green Valley Rose Garden. The year 2015 ended with a sound note, looking forward to the next year.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

2016 started with the usual winter rose shows as planned by all the rose societies and as decided earlier, the All India Rose Convention and show was organized in Pune with participation of delegates coming from all over India. President Kelvin Trimper with his wife Melanie and Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee, Helga Brichet, visited Hyderabad and were guests of Ahmed Alam Khan. They visited the Garden of Excellence and were mesmerised at the sight of the blooms. The President was excited to see some 400 Indian varieties and later he visited other Rose gardens in Hyderabad. From there he was flown to Pune to attend the National Convention. Kelvin as guest of honour and Helga opened the Convention



Kelvin Trimper presenting the Award of Garden Excellence to Ahmed Allan Kahn for his garden – Green Valley Rose Garden.

At the function, the President presented the plaque of Award of Garden Excellence to Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan. Later, Kelvin and Helga presented the four members of the IRF with their IRF Gold medals.

After the event, rose societies started their annual rose shows at their respective cities which were attended in large numbers. The Annual General meeting of IRF was held at the time of the Convention, thereafter regular Council meetings were held at different locations. An application from the Rose Society of Bengal and Agri Horticulture Society of India, was made to hold the All India Rose Convention of 2017. This was approved and the Convention Committee was sent to Kolkatta to oversee the arrangements.

During the discussions one more application was received from AHSI, Kolkatta to hold the WFRS Regional Convention in 2020, to mark their 100 years. During September the Pune Rose Society celebrated their 100th Rose Show on a grand scale which was again attended by a large number of delegates from all over the country. The financial position of IRF under Ahmed Alam Khan, has grown steadily and the year ended on a good note.

In 2016, nine members from India participated in the WFRS Regional Convention held in China where Girija and Viru Virugahaven gave a lecture and seven members attended in Uruguay.

WRN is distributed to each member via email.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

The year started with the All India Rose Convention at Kolkatta, organised by the Rose Society of Bengal jointly with Agri Horticulture Society of India under the aegis of IRF. A large number of delegates from across the country attended. Kelvin Trimper, President of the WFRS and Helga Brichet, Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee, visitors from Malaysia, USA, Bangladesh and the Maldives also attended the Convention. The attendees were floored at the sight of roses in pots with each pot carrying blooms from 140 to 280. Kelvin conceded that he had never seen such entries anywhere in the World.

Technical sessions were held with regular council meetings followed by the Annual General Meeting of IRF. This was followed by garden visits and Jakpur, a village near Kolkatta. This

village boasts of some 600 nurseries in the trade of roses A function was held with Helga Brichet in attendance and the village was declared the Rose Village of India by Ahmed Alam Khan. At the function, two varieties bred by Pranabir Maity and his brother Ashok Maity were released in honour of the President of India and his Late wife Suvra Mukherjee.



Helga Brichet at Jakpur, West Bengal

In June 2016, 8 members attended the Regional convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Reports pouring in from India about the winter rose shows were overwhelming, with every area reporting bumper entries. The regular meeting of the council took place and in one meeting the Indian Breeders Club was formed. An application from the Rose Society of Andhra was approved and the next Convention was allotted to Vijayawada, which was held in December 2017. This area has a flowering season in December.

On 23rd October IRF lost its doyen, casting a pall of gloom. Nawab Shah Alam Khan, a legend, left us causing a vacuum in IRF. In December 2017 the Rose Society of Andhra, hosted the 38th All India Rose Convention at Vijayawada, which was well attended.



Sushil, Dipa and Prerna Prakash from India prior to the Closing Ceremony in Ljubljana



Girija and Viru Viraraghaven with Zhao Shiwei (China) in the Beijing Botanical Garden

ISRAEL
THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION



www
 Founded 1949

PRESIDENTS
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES
NUMBER OF MEMBERS

2015

- January** Pruning roses is not carried out during the Sabbatical year, however extensive work on mulch distribution and garden renovation is done.
- February** Hosting the computer department officials of the Jerusalem Municipality in the Rose Garden.
- March** Tour of the Rose Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture to Karmiel
- April/May** Spring Blossom Tours in the Park
- May** Botanical gardens Council inspection visit
 Seminar on roses for gardening course in Israel
 Locating old heritage roses and supplying propagation materials for the renewal of the historic Rose Garden in the Botanical Garden "Havat HaNoi"
- June** Unique rose propagation materials given at the request of the Botanic Garden "Oranim College" in Kiryat Tivon
 Sending roses of Israeli breeders to the Coloma Rose Garden in Belgium, for the renewal of the Israeli section



Tour of the Rose Committee to Karmiel



Spring Blossom Tours in the Park

2016

January	The Annual Training Day "Pruning Roses" – Amateur Workshop: Lecture, demonstrations and experience in pruning roses The Rose Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture publishes the booklet "The Rose in the Israeli Garden". The Wohl Rose Park team is co-author of the booklet.
February	Training and pruning roses with volunteers of the JBG Hub
March	"Roses and Women" Seminar for the Jerusalem Municipality Administration Forum - on the occasion of International Women's Day
April- May	Guided rose tour for a group from the Geological Institute, Jerusalem The spring blossoms of roses in the Wohl Park – Tour for the general public Seminar on roses: Lectures and tours in cooperation with the Rose Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture
June	Workshop in the Rose Garden "My Flower Extract" - custom aromatherapy extracts
July	Introduction to roses and tour to introduce the park, for the guides of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel
August	Free of charge "Urban Nature" tours for the public, in the Rose Park, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Bird Observatory
September	Donor Conference - Presentation of the Rose Garden Renewal Project by the Jerusalem Foundation
October	Consultation on Israeli bred roses to be planted at the Volčji Potok Arboretum in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in preparation for the Rose Conference
November	Cooperation with the JBG Hub volunteer club in the Botanical Garden at Givat Ram, bringing volunteers to the Wohl Rose Park



A new booklet "The Rose in the Israeli Garden"



"My Flower Extract"- workshop in the Rose Garden



Seminar on roses 2016



Donor Conference



Volunteers at the Wohl Rose Park

2017

- January** The Annual Training Day Pruning Roses – Amateur Workshop: Lecture, demonstrations and experience in rose pruning
- April** Spring Blossom Tours – old garden roses and climbers
- May** Spring Blossom Tours – modern and groundcover roses
- June** The inclusion of the 280 roses common in Israel in the "List of the Ornamental Plants in Israel 2017", published by Israel Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- July** A Tourism Initiative of a Special Education School for learning about Japanese Gardens in Israel – assistance in the preparation of a film on the Japanese garden in the Wohl Rose Park and the establishment of a QR barcode at the Entrance to the Garden.
- September** A group of volunteers from the JBG Hub volunteer club works in the Rose Garden once a month, and each session is given guidance on working with roses and gardening problems. In addition there are tours guided by the rose curator
- November** Preparation of a proposal to determine the list of heritage roses in Israel
- December** The Wohl Rose Park is one of 11 botanical gardens included in the botanical gardens catalogue in Israel 2017



Guidance on working with roses for the volunteer group

The Wohl Rose Park in the Botanical gardens catalogue



The List of the Ornamental Plants in Israel 2017 includes 280 roses

In August, 2017, David Gilad, a founder member and President of the Israel Rose Society passed away in America. David served as the 6th President of the World Federation of Rose Societies -1979 to 1981. While President of the WFRS he organized and hosted the 5th World Rose Convention in Jerusalem - Rose Pilgrimage '81. In Toronto, Canada at the WRC in 1985 he received the WFRS Gold Medal for Service to the Rose and the WFRS.

ITALY

ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA DELLA ROSA ONLUS



www.airosa.it
Founded 1963

PRESIDENT: 2015 -2017 - Silvano Fumagalli
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 100

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS 2015 AND 2017:

2015

The last International Rose Trials in Monza were held in 2015. The Society granted their patronage to many events throughout Italy, including various events in the Roseto Niso Fumagalli, such as guided tours for visitors, night shows, etc. The Society continues to care for the Rose garden to make it ever more interesting for the public. In addition, a special area has been designated to the roses that achieved the highest number of prizes in International Trials (Rose Queens). A project has started, labeling the roses thus giving the visitors the possibility to access the Association's database. In fact, on the plates identifying the Rose Queens and other roses, we have inserted a QR Code. Using one of the many apps available for Iphone or Android, it is possible to access the rose tab.

The National Rose Society distributes World Rose News via email. Helga Brichet was the only Italian to attend the 2016 conventions in China and Uruguay. Three Italian members were delegates in Lyon and four in Slovenia. In 2015 in Lyon the Roseto di San Giovanni received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence and *Annuarioi Della Rosa 2014* – Associazione Italiana Delta Rosa received a Literary Award.



Nocturnes at Rose garden Niso Fumagalli

Roseto Niso Fumagalli - Monza



JAPAN JAPAN ROSE SOCIETY



公益財団法人 日本ばら会
The Japan Rose Society



www
Founded

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2018 Takeo Nagata

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 60+

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 501

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

As an organization for promoting public awareness, the Japan Rose Society (JRS) has been given the approval of the government to be a public interest organization. Besides studying new techniques of rose growing and rose breeding and publicizing the results of the research, the JRS is engaged in volunteer work for the Imperial Households, gives open classes on various rose-related activities, offers courses and examinations for accreditation and organizes rose exhibitions in every flowering season. Some members are also engaged in rose breeding.

VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE IMPERIAL HOUSEHOLDS

Every year, as part of its volunteer work, the JRS members prune, spray and take care of the roses in the gardens of the imperial family members: the Empress, the Crown Princess and Princess Nobuko, the Honorary President of the JRS.

OPEN CLASSES ON VARIOUS ROSE-RELATED ACTIVITIES, EXAMINATIONS, ETC.

The open lectures the JRS gives every year are: “A Beginners’ Course for Rose Growing”, “A Hands-on Course for Rose Grafting and Budding”, “A Hands-on Course for Rose Hybridization”, and “A Course for Growing Roses and Other Flowering Plants in Containers”, etc.(amongst others?) These courses are each given three to five times every year, and help beginners to grow roses, provide a chance for learning how to propagate roses by budding and grafting, teaching how to breed new roses, and how to grow roses and other plants in small containers. Course attendees thus improve their skills for enjoying roses in various ways.

In the past three years, 20 people took the “JRS Course for Accreditation” given five times each year. They gathered information on roses necessary for instructors, from basic to advanced, and those who passed the licensing examination are engaging in activities all over the country for imparting the joy of rose growing and for further popularising this wonderful flower. They are also working on raising new instructors to promote the work of the JRS.

EXHIBITIONS

In Japan, there are more than sixty local rose societies and in the spring and autumn rose seasons, they give rose exhibitions and cut flower contests in their own areas of the country.

The International Roses and Gardening Show, a national exhibition, is held in May every year in a domed baseball stadium on the outskirts of the Tokyo Metropolis. During the seven day period of this show, the JRS holds contests of cut rose flowers and pot-planted roses. Every year, this large scale gardening event attracts ca. 200,000 visitors who admire the roses on the show table, as well as the exhibition of small gardens designed by amateur and professional garden planners.

In autumn, another national rose exhibition is staged by the JRS at the event corner of Shinjuku Station in Tokyo.

There is a unique horticultural tradition in Japan. Besides enjoying roses as a garden plant, many rose lovers try to grow their roses, not just in their gardens but often under cover, in order to obtain large, impeccable flowers to be displayed on exhibition show tables.



**A perfect HT - 'Tekona'
raised in Japan**



**Excellent example of HT - 'First Lady Akie'
raised in Japan**

As is mentioned above, there is a contest of pot-planted roses at the International Roses and Gardening Show, rarely seen in rose shows in other countries. Roses planted in small pots give beautiful flowers all through the show period and are admired by many visitors.

Photo 3. The pot-planted Floribunda rose section. The Grand Prix winner 'Matilda'. Dr. Nagata, the JRS chief executive director, stands by the winner.



2017 Pot-planted Grand Prix 'Matilda'



**Bonsai miniature rose 'Sazanami'
(meaning "ripples")**

A member of the imperial family, Princess Nobuko, the JRS Honorary President, often visits this gardening show.

Among the art of growing small plants in pots, the Japanese art of bonsai is globally known and the exhibition of bonsai roses is also a feature of the International Roses and Gardening Show.



Princess Nobuko admiring bonsai roses

We were very happy to welcome Kelvin Trimper, the WFRS President and Helga Brichet, chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee to the JRS autumn exhibition in 2017.



**Ikuo Koumaru, Yuki Mikanagi, Akira Ogawa, Takeo Nagata, Helga Brichet and Kelvin Trimper
at the autumn exhibition in Japan - 2017**

ROSE BREEDING ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN

Three international rose trials are held in Japan each year. The JRS sponsors a rose trial, Japan Rose Concours, in the trial ground in Tokyo Metropolitan Jindai Botanical Gardens. The criteria and grading method largely follow the WFRS rules revised in 2015, but a unique feature of the judgment for the HT section in this contest is that neat high-centred flowers with reflex petals are rated most highly. We know large flowered shrub roses are most popular in rose markets in European countries today. In Japan, too, they are popular as garden plants, while as exhibition HT roses, those which give the above mentioned high-centred type flowers, considered the feature of typical HTs in the 1950s, are still widely grown in this country. In recent years, rose dealers are not as enthusiastic in raising and selling this type of HT rose, but many amateur breeders, including some JRS members, are actively engaged in raising roses of this type. The JRS also supports the effort of such breeders.

THE PRIZE WINNERS OF THE HT GENRE AT THE 2017 JRC CONTEST



'Light from Ihatove'
Ihatove is the Esperanto expression for Iwate,
a prefecture in northern Japan



Haruka' (the far distance)



**'Sagami-no' (the Plain in Sagami,
today's Kanagawa Prefecture)**



'Saika' (painted flower)

There are two other rose trials in Japan

- The Trial at Echigo Hillside National Park in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture. This trial puts more emphasis on the fragrance of new roses than their other qualities.

- The Gifu International Rose Competition at the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Kani City, Gifu Prefecture. This competition highly rates items which are well acclimatised to the land and climate of Japan and disease-resistant.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Forty-three rose lovers from Japan attended the WFRS World Rose Convention held in Lyon, France, in May, 2015. They enjoyed various events, improved their knowledge of roses, and promoted friendship with rose lovers from other countries. At this convention, Takamasa Tsuge, who had served as the WFRS V President for the Far East for nine years, was awarded a silver medal for his service to the rose and the WFRS.

Also at this convention, three rose gardens in Japan were given WFRS Awards of Garden Excellence: The City of Sakura Rose Garden (Kusabue-no-Oka), which boasts 1,000 roses including rare species and heritage roses, many of them donated by rose experts outside Japan; The Akao Herb and Rose Garden, which was designed by Professor Nobuo Shirasuna and built on a difficult hilly terrain and is widely known for its skilful arrangement of roses and herbaceous plants; Keisei Rose Garden, which is noted for its beautiful display of varieties from both in and out of Japan. The vigorous growth and floriferousness of the roses there often surprise visitors. Since Lyon is a city with a long tradition of roses which has produced many prominent rose breeders, Japanese attendees learned a lot about roses there, not just from highly informative lectures on the convention schedule but by visiting public and private rose gardens in and around the city, and by breathing in the unique atmosphere of this rose city.

For sixteen days from the end of November, 2015, Yuki Mikanagi, a rose expert representing Japan today, who serves as the chairman of the Heritage and Conservation committee, was invited by Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc. to give a series of lectures in eight cities in New Zealand, starting from Auckland and ending in Dunedin. She took up topics such as roses in Japan in the Edo period, natural habitats of wild roses in Japan and rose gardens in Japan and imparted valuable information on Japan's rosedom to many NZ rose enthusiasts.

In May 2016 ?? members of the Japan Rose Society were delegates at the WFRS Regional Rose convention and 14th Heritage Roses conference in Beijing China. Takamasa Tsuge was one of six delegates from around the world to receive a medal of honour from the Chinese Rose Society for their contribution of help for the Convention and the museum. A group of delegates made the most of an opportunity organised by Katsuhiko Maebara to visit 9 exceptionally beautiful rose gardens in Japan.

At the end of 2016 Japanese rosarians attended the Regional convention in Uruguay.

In June, 2017, a WFRS regional convention, hosted by the Slovenian Rose Society, was held in its capital city, Ljubljana. Four Japanese, including Yuki and city officials of Fukuyama, Hiroshima Prefecture, attended this convention. Fukuyama is one of Japan's rose cities; the city flower is the rose, and one million roses are planted in its parks, along the streets and on the premises of its schools, offices, factories, etc. One of the city parks received a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2006. The rose loving citizens' motto is "rather than one hundred roses in one home, one rose in each of one hundred homes."

The city is hoping to host a WFRS Regional Convention early in the 2020's. One of the city officials gave a presentation of the hope of the city and invited the attendants to visit this wonderful rose city in Japan. We are praying that the hope of Fukuyama citizens will be fulfilled with the kind support of rose lovers of the world.



**LUXEMBOURG
LUXEMBOURG ROSE SOCIETY
LËTZEBUERGER ROUSEFRËNN**



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Rousefrënn asbl

www.rousefrenn.lu

Founded 1980

PRESIDENTS: 2015 – 2018 Mireille Steil

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 280

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 2



In 2015, the Luxembourg Rose Society celebrated its 35th anniversary and on this occasion a beautiful rose was baptised in honour of the Society. It was named 'Rousefrënn', and received an honorary award at the Rose Trials in Baden-Baden in 2015. For the birthday festivities, the society was proud to welcome Henriette de Briey to Luxembourg.

PROGRAMME FOR 2015-2018

Four times a year the Rose Bulletin is published in French and German, containing information about roses and also a review of the past month. At the End of every year a Yearbook with pictures and reports of the 'best of the year' is offered to members. Every spring a pruning workshop, accessible to the public, society members and community gardeners is arranged. In autumn/winter guest speakers who provide interesting and informative lectures are invited. Much appreciated and enjoyed are the trips to different countries to visit rose gardens.

The board members take an active part in Rose Trials as members of the International Jury in Europe
Belgium: Kortrijk, Le Roeulx; **France:** Lyon, Paris, Orléans, Saverne; **Germany,** Baden-Baden;
Netherlands; The Hague; **Spain:** Barcelona; **Italy:** Monza, Rome; **Switzerland:** Geneva.

The following roses were introduced and baptised in Luxembourg:

2015 – 'ROUSEFRËNN' Zyla

2015 – ‘SYRA’ Tantau
 2015 – ‘A L’AMITIE – AUF DIE FREUNDSCHAFT’ Kordes
 2016 – ‘PRINCESSE STEPHANIE GRANDE-DUCHESSE HERITIERE DE LUXEMBOURG’ Vissers
 2016 – ‘EMPEREUR CHARLES IV’ Lens-roses Ann Velle-Boudolf
 2017 – ‘SALUT A LUXEMBOURG’ Vissers



In 2017 our most important project was accomplished. - the launch of a rose garden with the intention of preserving the roses from the Luxembourg Rose breeders. At the base of the Castle of Munsbach, the Luxembourg State has generously provided land dedicated to the Friends of the Rose Garden.

‘A L’amitie’ – ‘Auf Die Freundschaft’ Kordes

In collaboration with the Municipality of Schuttrange, the Luxembourg Rose friends collected old and new varieties of Luxembourg roses in order to preserve the remarkable national rose heritage. The rose garden, which is freely accessible to the public, accommodates an impressive collection of 500 old and new rose types. This remarkable collection represents the rich unique past of roses in the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg, as well as the once flourishing rose industry. The garden is supported by the members and volunteers of the Luxembourg Rose Association who with the Municipality of Schuttrange insure its maintenance and improvements.



Members of the Luxembourg Rose Association cut the ribbon to launch the new rose garden in the grounds of Castle of Munsbach

Simultaneously an album was produced, in which all the planted roses are described and embellished with beautiful pictures. It also contains a short explanation about the rose breeders -Soupert & Notting, Ketten Frères and Gemen Bourg, as well as the history of the castle.

The rose society was represented at the following conventions –

- 2015 at the 17th World Rose Convention, Lyon, France - LYON ROSE 2015.
- 2016 at the Regional Convention and 14th International Heritage Roses Conference, Daxing, China.
- 2016 at the Regional Convention in Punta del Este, Uruguay, ROSES IN THE SOUTH
- 2017 at the Regional Rose Convention of Eastern and Central Europe, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

These were very pleasant experiences, travelling to many countries, meeting interesting people, finding new friends and learning a lot about roses.

MONACO

ROSE SOCIETY OF MONACO



www.roseaie.mc

Founded 2015

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 Yves Piaget

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 77

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

World Rose News is distributed to the members by email.



The Rose Society of Monaco visits the greenhouses of Maison Meiland.



The Rose Society of Monaco learns how to prune roses



The Rose Society of Monaco learns how to judge roses

NETHERLANDS
THE NETHERLANDS ROSE SOCIETY
Nederlandse Rozenvereniging



www.rozenvereniging.nl
Founded 1967

PRESIDENT 2015 – 2018 Dick Schenk
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES 1
NUMBER OF MEMBERS 520

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS 2015 TO 2018

Every year many members are judges at the International Rose Trials in The Hague a Westbroekpark.

2015

Marga Verwer attended the World Rose Convention in Lyon, France.

2016

Monique Nuijten and Marga Verwer attended the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional and the 14th International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China.

Marga Verwer attended the Regional Convention in Uruguay.

2017

Queen Máxima of The Netherlands baptised a rose in her name at Winschoten Rosarium.

Marga Verwer and Monique Nuijten attended the Rose Convention in Slovenia.

Mr Dik de Vries attended the VIIth Symposium ISHS Rose in Angers, France.



Queen Máxima of The Netherlands baptised a rose in her name at Winschoten Rosarium

2018 Mr. Dick Schenk, Mrs Lies Schenk-van den Oord and Mrs Marga Verwer will attend the World Rose Convention in Denmark.

Every year the society organises a tour abroad for the members -

2015 - East-Scotland

2016 Black Forest in Germany and Elzas-Lotharingen in France

2017 Normandy and Brittany in France

2018 – members will be visiting Kent and Sussex in the UK

3 to 4 excursions in the Netherlands, an autumn meeting in September and a New Year meeting early January.

The Netherlands Rose Society publication Rozenbulletin is issued 4 times a year and World Rose News is posted to the website.



Members of the Netherlands Rose Society during a visit to Portmore Gardens in Scotland in 2015



2015

WESTBROEK PARK – THE HAGUE



2016

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NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND ROSE SOCIETY INC



www.nzroses.org.nz

Founded 1931

'To Implant Roses into the Hearts & Gardens of the People'

PRESIDENTS: 2014 - 2018 Doug Grant (Franklin Rose Society)
2018 - Janet Pike (Waikato Rose Society)

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 24

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 1000

The Rose Societies on North Island are - Kaitia, Northland, Auckland, Franklin, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Matamata, Gisborne, Hastings, Rangitikei, Lower Rangitikei, Feilding, Manawatu, Wairarapa, Carterton, Hutt Valley.

The Rose Societies on South Island are - Nelson, Westland, Canterbury, South Canterbury, North Otago, Otago, West Otago, Southland.

There are also members of the New Zealand Rose Society who reside outside the boundaries of a district rose society.

Like most organisations our falling membership is of great concern. Lifestyle changes with longer working hours and people having much less leisure time is a problem that is increasingly difficult to overcome. However our membership although smaller than in past years is still enthusiastic and lives up to our motto To Implant Roses In The Hearts and Gardens Of The People.

Overview 2015 to 2018

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Seventeen New Zealand Rosarians travelled to Lyon, France in June 2015 for the World Rose Convention and had a great time. Eight rosarians travelled to China in May, 2016 for the WFRS Regional Convention and International Heritage Roses Conference held in Beijing. No New Zealanders went to Uruguay and Slovenia. At the time of writing, 19 New Zealanders will be attending the World Rose Convention in Copenhagen in June/July 2018.

NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

A National Spring Rose Show and Convention is held each year in November and is hosted by a district rose society. Sometimes an autumn convention is held as well.

The South Canterbury Rose Society hosted the 2015 National Spring Rose Show and Convention in Timaru. The venue was within walking distance of the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden, a WFRS Award of Garden Excellence winner which was looking fantastic.

For the first time ever, the Feilding Rose Society hosted a National Spring Rose Show and Convention with the 2016 event in Feilding, a town 20 minutes drive from Palmerston North. The show was an outstanding success and the local rose gardens were renovated in time for the show.

The Nelson Rose Society hosted the 2017 National Autumn Show and Convention as part of its 70th anniversary celebrations in March and despite a small number of entries, the show was a great success.

The Northland Rose Society hosted the 2017 National Spring Rose Show and Convention in November with an outstanding show. Many of New Zealand's top rose exhibitors come from this area and there was also the opportunity for delegates to visit their gardens.

The 2018 National Spring Rose Show will be held in Rangiora, north of Christchurch from 23rd to 25th November. Future National Spring Rose Shows are set down for Hamilton (2019) and Palmerston North (2020), the latter event will also celebrate 50 years of International Rose Trials in the city.

LOCAL SOCIETY EVENTS

District Rose Society Rose shows are held in November/December each year. Some Societies put on displays of roses rather than running a show and these appear to be popular with the general public. The South Island Societies have an annual 'Ranfurly' weekend each autumn. The nine Societies involved have a social weekend and compete for the Ranfurly Shield trophy. This is an inter society competition instigated by Dr Sam McGredy in the 1970's and the shield is hotly contested. Many members travel long distances to attend and a great time is had by all.

TRIAL GROUNDS

Rose trials are held in New Zealand at Hamilton (New Zealand Rose of the Year) and Palmerston North (New Zealand Rose Society International Trial). Both trials allow rosarians to see the latest trends from New Zealand and overseas breeders.

NEW ZEALAND ROSE OF THE YEAR RESULTS 2015 TO 2017 - These trials are by the Rose Introducers of New Zealand (RINZ) and are for varieties already commercially sold in New Zealand. Judging is done by public vote and a VIP panel in mid-November each year.

2015

New Zealand Rose of the Year, Best Floribunda, Best New Zealand Raised Rose and Children's Choice: 'Looking Good' (SOMannmac) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

Best Hybrid Tea: 'Midsummer' (Tan02208) Rosen Tantau, Germany.

Best Climber: 'Double Fragrance' (SOMdeewall) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand

Most Fragrant: 'Caroline Bay' (ATHybay) Mike Athy, New Zealand.

2016

New Zealand Rose of the Year, Best Floribunda, Best New Zealand Raised Rose and Children's Choice: 'Christchurch Remembers' (SOMcrimart) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

Best Hybrid Tea: 'Sunline' (SOMwarmag) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

Best Climber: 'Indigo Knights' (CHEwpurplex) Chris Warner, England.

Most Fragrant: 'Double Fragrance' (SOMdeewall) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2017

New Zealand Rose of the Year and Children's Choice Award: 'Best Wishes' (DICdyna) Colin Dickson, Northern Ireland.

Best Hybrid Tea: 'St Margarets Gold' (TANellqua) Rosen Tantau, Germany.
Best Floribunda: 'Scott Base' (SOMfrilla) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Best Climber: 'All My Love' (GRAkita) Doug Grant, New Zealand.
Most Fragrant: 'Magnifi-scent' (JALreddelicious) Brad Jalbert, Canada.
Best New Zealand Raised Rose: 'Little Miss Perfect' (SOMgle07) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND ROSE SOC. INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GROUND WINNERS 2005 - 2017.

These trials are run by the New Zealand Rose Society and the Palmerston North City Council. They are for roses that are not commercially sold in New Zealand when they are entered into the trial. A panel of rosarians judge the trials three times a year and each trial lasts for two years. Awards are presented in early December of each year.

2015

Gold Star of the South Pacific: 'Fireball' (SOMstrike) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Platinum' (MATmilano) Bob Matthews, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Jack Frost' (SOMicecart) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Shangri-La' (SOMromart) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Skychaser' (DIClingo) Colin Dickson, Northern Ireland.

2016

Gold Star of the South Pacific: 'Quintessential' (SOMhearteen) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Nola Simpson Novelty Award: 'Eye of the Tiger' (CHEWbullseye) Chris Warner, England.
Certificate of Merit: 'Kiss the Bride' (MATliandup) Bob Matthews, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Purple Pizzazz' (SOMcarfume) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2017

Gold Star of the South Pacific: 'Love Bug' (SOMartlo) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Night Light' (SOMserenteen) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Tabasco' (SOMbousel) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: 'Strawberry Blonde' (SOMnanmar) Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

AWARDS

Life membership of the New Zealand Rose Society was conferred on Eileen Wilcox from the Waikato Rose Society in 2016. Wilcox is a Past President of the New Zealand Rose Society and currently its Chief Judge.

The Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a District Rose Society was presented to Ann Watt of the Franklin Rose Society (2015), Kelvin and Helen Banks of the Nelson Rose Society (2016) and Paul and Sonya Mrsich of the Northland Rose Society (2017).

The New Zealand Rose Award for service to the rose has been presented to Sally Allison of the Canterbury Rose Society (2016) and Val Clarke of the North Otago Rose Society (2017).

The T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for service to the rose in Australasia was presented to Mrs Sally Allison from Canterbury in 2017. Mrs Allison is a world renown expert in the area of Heritage Roses and has made a significant contribution to roses in this area. She has also served twice as President of Heritage Roses New Zealand.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc.) continues to be in good heart and although membership is still decreasing, it is however at a slower rate than in the past few years and we are optimistic for the future. There is still much interest in roses by the general public and sales of rose plants have increased over recent years. Roses are also receiving more publicity through the media in both print and electronic formats.

The website www.nzroses.org.nz continues to be an important resource for promoting both roses and the New Zealand Rose Society. Many of our new members are joining online through the website and we are also selling copies of the 'New Zealand Rose Review' online. The Society also has a presence on Facebook where regular posts featuring a 'Rose of the Day' is a popular feature.

The 'New Zealand Rose Review' publication continues to grow and is becoming an important tool for promoting roses to a wider audience in New Zealand. A move to a full colour publication, more advertising support and more participation from rosarians are all good signs for the future.

In 2013, an endorsement agreement was signed between the New Zealand Rose Society and Neutrog Australia Pty Limited that will hopefully bring mutual benefits to both parties as it has done for similar agreements in other parts of the world.

The New Zealand Rose Society is also working closer with Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc) and look forward to this continuing in the future.



'Weetwood' (1983) – Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden -Timaru



Lady Norwood Rose Garden - Wellington

**NORTHERN IRELAND
ROSE SOCIETY OF NORTHERN IRELAND**



www.rosemerald.co.uk

Founded

PRESIDENT:

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

REPORT NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

NORWAY
NORWEGIAN ROSE SOCIETY
NORSE ROSEFORENING



<http://www.norskroseforening.no>

Founded 1982

PRESIDENT: 2015-2016 Hanne Dølheim
2017-2018 Toril Linnerud

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 7

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 1072

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

The Norwegian Rose Society maintains a regular number of activities during the year, throughout the country. Membership meetings with different speakers are a regular activity. The local branches also arrange The day of the Roses throughout the country at the end of June to beginning of July each year.

The Society publishes a Rose Magazine four times a year with a total of 180 pages per year. In November last year the Society established an open group on Facebook where all rose lovers can become members. The interest and activities has flourished and the group already has more than 600 members. World Rose News, depending upon the content is distributed by printing in the Rose Magazine and posted on the website and Facebook pages.

The main event through this period was the Norwegian Rose Society's organisation of the Nordic Rose Weekend in Bergen in July 2016.

One hundred and forty rose enthusiasts from Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Iceland and Norway gathered for a wonderful weekend with roses as the centre of attention. The lecture programme included the following lectures: Per Harald Salvesen: "Roses in Western Norway", Lars Åke Gustavsson: "Old rediscovered roses in Sweden. A report from POM's national rose inventory", Charles Quest-Ritson: "New Roses from Old" and Peter Boyd: "Scots Roses". The weekend included a city walk in Bergen, a visit to the Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Milde outside Bergen where we find Norway's largest collection of Roses, and finally a beautiful boat trip to the Manor Baroniet Rosendal where we could enjoy the magnificent view of the enveloping mountains and the beautiful renaissance rose garden.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS:

The Norwegian Rose Society is a member of the Nordic Rose Society and cooperates in several ways. One is the biannual Rose Weekend that the Nordic Countries arrange in turn. Norway has contributed with ten different roses to the Nordic Rose Collection that will be inaugurated in the Valby park in Copenhagen during the WRC2018.



'El Ariana'



The Arboretum and Botanical Garden at Milde outside Bergen during the Nordic Weekend - 2016

PAKISTAN
PAKISTAN NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY



WWW
Founded
Friendship through Roses

PRESIDENT: 2015 - Amir Gulistan Janjua
Fftekar Ahmed Awan

NUMBER OF MEMBERS – 787

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

Pakistan National Rose Society organises their Annual Rose Show in the month of April every year.

The Society gives the following privileges to its members:

- Advice on matters relating to the growing of Roses
- Expert rosarians visit the rose gardens of their members to guide them free of charge
- Periodic publications of the Society are distributed to all the members

Two members from Pakistan attended the WFRS Regional Convention and 14th Heritage Roses Conference in China in 2016.

POLAND
POLISH ROSE SOCIETY
POLSKIE TOWARZYSTWO ROZANE



WWW
Founded

PRESIDENTS: 2015
2016
2017 - Lukasz Rojewski

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

NO REPORT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

ROMANIA

ASSOCIATION OF ROSE FRIENDS OF ROMANIA

ASOCIATIA AMICII ROZELOR DIN ROMANIA



www.amicii-rozelor.ro

Founded 1990

PRESIDENTS: 2015 – Adrian Hoban
2016 – Soc. suspended
2017 - Stefan Wagner

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 800

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 14

In 2015 the Association of Rose Friends of Romania celebrated 25 years since its inception in 1990. It started with 30 members and today the membership is around 800. The society has 14 regional branches, mainly in the centre and south-west of the country but also in the capital.

In 2015, nine members attended the 17th World Rose Convention in Lyon, France. During the convention they visited the beautiful rose gardens in and around Lyon - *Parc de la Tete D'Or*, including the International Rose Trials, where some of them enjoyed judging roses for the first time; *Jardin de la Bonne Maison* with more than 800 varieties of roses; *La Cle de la Rose* in Cluny with a remarkable collection of historical roses.



**Sumiko Yamane, Stefan Wagner
and Ozeki Kazuko at Annecy,
France - 2015**



In June 2016 two members attended the Rose Trials in Baden-Baden, Germany and the Rose Trials in Saverne, France, judging roses.

Stefan Wagner and Laura Curelea in the Gönneranlage garden in Baden Baden

In June 2017 two members attended the WFRS Regional Convention in Ljubljana, Slovenia, the first regional convention for the Eastern and Central Europe. It was very well organised by the Slovenian Rose Society.



'Perla Transilvaniei'



'Petrina' photographed by Stefan Wagner in 2004 in Volcji Potok Arboretum, Slovenia

In 2017 with great sadness we said farewell to our President, Stefan Wagner, who passed away on the 13th of December. He did a fantastic job, serving the Rose and we miss him greatly. Our wish is to continue his legacy and be part of the great family which is the WFRS.



Rose Festival in Alba County, Romania



Eutopia Gardens, Mandruloc, Romania

Every year, members attend the Rose Festival held at the end of June in a village where there are more than 15 producers of roses and the Rose Festival held in the biggest rosarium in Romania, Eutopia Gardens.

World Rose News is posted on Facebook, where the Society has a group - Amicii Rozelor Romania. The members' database with email addresses is to be updated and then all members will receive WRN by email.

RUSSIA



PRESIDENT:
NUMBR OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Report not available at time of publishing

SERBIA
ROYAL SERBIAN ROSE SOCIETY



PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Report not available at time of publishing

SLOVAKIA ROSA KLUB



PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

Report not available at time of publishing

SLOVENIA
SLOVENIAN ROSE SOCIETY
DRUSTVO LJUBITELJEV VRTNIC SLOVENIJE



www
Founded in 2000

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 Breda Čopi
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 2
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 150

The last three years, 2015 -2017 were very active for The Slovenian Rose Society, organising the 1st WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Eastern Europe. The members of the Managing Committee were occupied with the organisation, but had to work for the regular functions of the Society as well.

The Society was founded in 2000 with the aim of bringing rose lovers together and encouraging the development of rose gardens and the dissemination of the knowledge of roses, helping to protect their natural and cultural heritage, provide training and professional assistance in the creation and reconstruction of rose gardens. The programme of work and the activities of the Society is prepared and confirmed at the general assembly every year.

The Committee of the Society, who are from all over Slovenia, has remained the same for the last three years. Meetings are held on the premises of the Botanical Garden in Ljubljana, where the collaboration with the Arboretum Voljčji Potok, is very good. It is the main horticultural place in Slovenia. On account of the Committee members coming from all over Slovenia, it is difficult to attain a quorum. In a year we try to have 6 to 8 meetings in the year.

The Society's activities cover the whole of Slovenia but, unfortunately membership is not evenly distributed and this is reflected in the work carried out in some regions. However, sections in some of the regions are doing a really good job. The Society's activities seem to have suffered from the fact that some members have to travel some distance to the place where meetings or events are held.

Membership

The membership of the Society, in such a small country, is very good. For the last three years the membership has been at approximately 150 and in the year of the convention it was more. The membership fee has been constant for last three years.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE ROSE SOCIETY IN 2015 - 2017

The programme and activities for the members is much the same each rose season, although we try to prepare new events in the rose gardens of the whole of Slovenia. In the last three years we held workshops, lectures and excursions and rose shows in the blooming season. The most important event in the last triennial was the WFRS Rose Convention, so the programme concentrated round the Convention.

LECTURES AND EXCURSIONS in 2017

Lectures are very popular with our members and other lovers of roses. They are constantly organised in all important rose areas in Slovenia. Lecturers are invited from all over Slovenia and neighbouring countries.

In 2016 Mr. Manguy from Meilland International gave a presentation of roses from the house of Meilland. In 2017 Markus Brunsing presented Rose Trials in Europe. The important programme last year was the guided tours for members to rose gardens all over Europe. Members visited important European rose gardens, where they met rose colleagues from others Rose Societies. In this triennial we organised excursions to see the rose gardens of Switzerland, France and Italy. These tours, are the most important functions for members for promoting the Slovenian Rose Society and the WFRS.

ROSE SHOWS IN SLOVENIA

The Slovenian Day of Roses in the Arboretum Volčji Potok is a traditional event, held early in the summer (3rd week in June). The event is organized in the evening and visitors are warmly welcomed by the members. The collection of roses is bigger and bigger every year.

The Ljubljana section is more and more active. The rosarium in Tivoli has been up graded. It is finished but still not as good as envisaged. The City of Ljubljana is not the best collaborator with Rose Society and they are still not very enthusiastic with regard to the maintenance of the rose garden in Tivoli.

A New Rose Variety



In 2014 the society started organising to have a rose named for Ljubljana. By 2016 the mission was accomplished and a beautiful Tantau rose was named 'Ljubljana' and used for the promotion of the City of Ljubljana. It was baptised in the rose garden at Tivoli.

Breda Čopi and Prof. Dr. Matjaž Kmecl the most important breeder in Slovenia and a member of the Slovenian Rose Society with the Rose 'Ljubljana' in the Tivoli gardens



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF DLVS (SLOVENIAN ROSE SOCIETY)

The Slovenian Rose Society has participated in the WFRS since 2004 and keeps regular contact with its members and its president. Breda Čopi, President of the Slovenian Rose Society been WFRS Vice President Europe East since 2012. Breda was the only Slovenian representative in Lyon in 2015, two in China in 2016 and 10 in Uruguay at the end of 2016. Members of the Slovenian Rose society attend International Trials throughout Europe.

The Slovenian Rose Society was honoured to host members of the WFRS Executive Committee - Gérald Meylan came to Ljubljana in 2015 to confirm proceedings for the Convention and later in 2016 Helga Brichet came for the same reason.



Peter Lloyd (UK) and Mateja Račevski at the Meet and Greet in the Tivoli Garden



Ljubljanica River - Ljubljana



Ljubljanica River – as it runs through the town of Ljubljana

SOUTH AFRICA

Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa



www.rosesocietysa.co.za

Founded 1960 and constituted 1980

PRESIDENTS: 2013 – 2015 Joy Webb (WCRS)
2015 – 2018 Gail Birss (MRS)

MEMBERS: approx. 550

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 7

The Federation of Rose Societies are -

- FREESTATE ROSE SOCIETY:** covers the province of the Free State
- GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY:** around the Johannesburg area
- HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA:** caters for the whole of South Africa, but as the name implies, specialises in Old Garden Roses.
- KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY:** coastal area of the Southern Cape
- MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY:** in the province of Kwa-Zulu Natal
- PRETORIA ROSE SOCIETY:** around the Pretoria area
- WESTERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY:** in and around Cape Town

ROSA is administered by a Council of representatives from each Rose Society and the President is the Chairman. Two Council meetings and an AGM are held each year. Two Newsletters and an annual are distributed to paid up members each year.

FREE STATE ROSE SOCIETY (formally Rose Lover's Rose Society)(10 members)

As this Society is a small group they enjoy watching videos on YouTube produced by Ludwig Taschner and then discussing them. Following recent droughts, they have had workshops on waterwise projects and how to grow roses using very little water. They attended the Spring Rose Festival at Ludwig's Roses.

GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY (80 members)

As with most Rose Societies in South Africa, the aim is to attract younger members. GRRS has had success through social media, sponsoring a hole at a charity golf day and placing advertisements in a garden shop magazine.

2015: In February GRRS in an outreach programme, established a rose garden at a school south of Johannesburg. The roses were donated by Rudi's Roses. Other activities included garden visits and to Ludwig's Roses and attendance at a flower auction. After the AGM and a curry lunch Barbara Wood gave a presentation on the Regional Convention in India. A number of members attended the WRC in Lyon and Pamela and Anja Taschner gave a PPP on the convention.

2016: Activities included garden visits, including one to Rudi's Roses, a talk by Talbourne Organic Fertiliser and a visit to Ludwig's Roses. The AGM included a delicious lunch and a tied bunch demonstration. Several members attended the Regional convention in Beijing and the GRRS enjoyed a PPP at one of their meetings. The National convention, The Golden Rose and rose show took place in October.

2017: In February, members visited the farm of well known South African horticulturist, Keith Kirsten and Malanseuns in Pretoria. The AGM included a lunch and pruning demonstration. Paul Hains, WFRS Vice President for Australia was the guest of the GRRS at a rose weekend where among other things he judged roses at the show and gave an illustrated talk to members. 'Prima Donna' was Queen of the show. GRRS celebrated 30 years with a luncheon at a restaurant.

HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (80 members)

When Barbara Long retired in 2015, Rae Gilbert became Chairman of the Heritage Rose Society of South Africa. One of her first projects was 'In search of old Roses' and 'Mapping Old Roses' which took her and Sheenagh Harris on a trip to the Midlands of Natal where they collected many cuttings from old farm gardens and cemeteries. With no geographic home base and members throughout South Africa, the Heritage Rose Society's activities are limited.

In **2015** Rae held a meeting in Bedford with the local members. Thirteen HRSSA members were delegates at the WRC in Lyon and Jackie Kalley, Rae Gilbert and Sheenagh Harris were honoured with awards for their contribution to the rose world.

In **2016** three HRSSA members attended the convention in Beijing and Rae gave an illustrated talk on Heritage Roses at the GRRS National Convention in Johannesburg. Rae was invited to give a talk about Heritage Roses in Graaff-Reinet.

In November, **2017** the HRSSA hosted a rose festival at Bosky Dell, Rae's WFRS Award winning rose garden. This was held as a fund raiser for those who lost their homes and gardens during the run-away fires in the Knysna area.

The Heritage Rose Society is now trialling a digital membership with far less emphasis on the 'magazine-like' newsletters to a subscription based website, social media pages and smaller 'face to face' interest groups around the country.

KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY (85)

2015 Under the Chairmanship of Hugh Collier the usual Autumn (April) Rose Show took place. A spring Rose Show workshop was held prior to the Mossel Bay Rose Show and the Knysna members walked away with most of the prizes!

Early in **2016**, Alan Tew the founder member of the Knysna Rose Society died and the Rose Show in April was dedicated to him for all he had done within the Society and members also planted roses in his memory. This was the KRS's 10th and last Rose Show for the time being. There were garden visits, rosy rambles and pruning workshops. KRS members once again exhibited at the Mossel Bay show and walked away with many prizes. Rae and Sheenagh were the only 2 members who went to Beijing.

2017 Knysna and the surrounding areas were engulfed in runaway fires. Five members lost their homes and gardens. Gold Reef Rose Society generously donated money for these members and Knysna Rose Society gave its support too. There was a pruning demonstration in July and a while later the AGM and in October Sheenagh gave a talk - Roses take you Places. Rae and Sheenagh were the only 2 KRS members who went to Slovenia.

MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY (190 members)

The Annual General Meeting is held in June and members are offered rose plants, rose related products such as fertiliser, chemicals and secateurs at discount prices. Members are kept up to date with all the latest tips and advice on caring for roses.

2015 - a rose growing talk by Ludwig Taschner; a power point presentation on the WRC in Lyon and a pruning demonstration by Elizabeth Thornton-Dibb; AP Smith, an accredited rose judge helped re-introduce a Rose Show by giving advice on how to exhibit; Rae Gilbert gave a talk on the trials and tribulations of developing her WFRS Award winning rose garden and at the same meeting Sheenagh Harris was made an Honorary Life Member of the MRS for all she has done for roses in South Africa. With a donation of roses from Finlay's in Kenya and sponsorship from Atlantic Fertilisers the MRS once again attained a gold award for their exhibit at the Witness Garden Show; the Rose Show in October and a visit to a local nursery were the many functions organised by this vibrant rose society.

2016 - an entertaining and well attended talk by Ludwig Taschner; a garden visit; Gail Birss and Elizabeth Thornton Dibb gave a PPP on the convention in Beijing; the AGM held at Hilton College was followed by an interesting illustrated talk on gardens in England by Linda Pieter; a visit to a Protea farm; the exhibit, Fashion Fantasy at the Witness Garden Show received a Silver award and was judged Best on Show by the local Radio and came 2nd in the People's Choice; a large number of members attended the National Convention in Johannesburg; the Rose Show was well supported in October; a visit to a rose farm outside Pietermaritzburg was the final function of the year.

2017 - a celebration for the 30th birthday and the start of the MRS Heritage Garden; a sub-group within the Society for Heritage Roses was formed; a Rose clinic giving practical advice on planting and caring for roses; a visit to a new nursery - Tarr Roses; at the AGM Gill Wilson was made Chairman replacing Gail Birss; an informative function on worm castings, mycorrhizal and different secateurs; a Gold Award and an award from the Chairman of the show was received at the Witness Garden Show; In October, Paul Hains officially opened the Midlands Rose Society Heritage Rose Garden. Ludwig Taschner was the judge at the Rose Show; fifty people attended a function for those interested in Heritage roses.

PRETORIA ROSE SOCIETY (13 members)

HISTORY - The Pretoria Roosvereniging/Rose Society was started in October 2015 at Ludwig's Rose's annual Rose Festival. Most of the members work full time and therefore all events are held at the weekend. This is a society with all members under 60! They aim to attract more young people in the future.

EVENTS - 2015 - The Pretoria Roses Society members had a number of successful visits to private gardens and nurseries in Pretoria, Midrand and Johannesburg. A large number of meetings are held at Ludwig's Rose Farm where members also attend his demonstrations for the different seasons.

2016 - The AGM was held in August

2017 - The AGM was held in November.

WESTERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY (30 members)

2015 – Together with the Durbanville Garden Club a visit to Het Vlock Casteel in Riebeeck Kasteel for the tasting of olive oil; ROSES IN BLOOM was held at the Durbanville Rose Garden; David Davidson's gave a talk and slide show on Chelsea 2015; a visit to Ronelle Shuttleworth's garden, Avondale; Rustenburg Manor House in Stellenbosch; Nan Steyn from Swellendam, published a book – *Roses - The Seasonal Guide in South Africa* in English and Afrikaans. The launch took place at Lingen, home of Coreen Krige in Jonkershoek Valley outside Stellenbosch.

2016 - Durbanville Garden Club members joined WCRS to visit Vergelegen and Joubert Roses in Stellenbosch. Philip is a grower and supplies cut roses to the public; an interesting talk by Daniel van Vuuren of Atlantic Fertilizers; David Davidson's talk and slide show on Chelsea 2016; visited Open gardens in Franschoek, including Rustenberg Manor House garden; a talk by Wilmar Burger, managing Director of Makhro. was the last function of the year.

2017 - visited the historic rose garden at Boschendal; visited Ludwig's Winelands branch; where Anja Taschner gave a talk; David Davidson's talk and slide show on Chelsea 2017 and many garden visits.

NATIONAL CONVENTION

A National Convention is held every second year and is hosted by a different society each time. The last convention was organised by the Gold Reef Rose Society in Johannesburg in October 2016. Delegates

enjoyed a rose show at which 'Colorama' was Queen of the Show. Rae Gilbert gave an illustrated talk on Heritage Roses and there were excellent garden visits and in particular Vivienne Black's garden where delegates sat on the sloping lawns and enjoyed the roses and delicious refreshments. The closing ceremony was a formal affair at which Jackie Kalley received the Zoë Gilbert Award for her exceptional contribution to the promotion and growing of roses in South Africa. Jackie was Editor of the ROSA Annual from 2011-2013, and received two WFRS Literary Awards.

During a visit to Ludwig's Roses, Gail Birss, ROSA President honoured Ludwig Taschner by presenting him with the President's Trophy for the enormous contribution he makes to roses in South Africa.

The next National Convention will be hosted by the Western Cape Rose Society in Cape Town in October 2018.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

LYON – 2015 – 22 South Africans attended. The WFRS prestigious Award of Garden Excellence was bestowed on Rae Gilbert for her garden Bosky Dell and she was elected VP for Africa and will be standing on the Conservation and Heritage Committee; The WFRS Literary Award was awarded to Jackie Kalley for her book *Old Roses – Survival and Revival in South Africa*. Sheenagh Harris was a moderator for some of the lectures and cut the ribbon for the opening of the Art Exhibition in Parc de la Tete d'Or. She was awarded a medal by the Société Française de Roses and was appointed WRN Editor for second term of office and a member of the Honours committee for a third term of office. Ludwig Taschner was made a member of the brotherhood of 'Compagnons de Beaujolais'.

BEIJING – 2016 – 8 South Africans attended the WFRS Regional Convention and the Heritage Roses conference.

URUGUAY – 2016 – 2 South Africans and Keith Kirsten went to South America where Keith was a speaker.

SLOVENIA – 2017 – 3 South Africans went to Ljubljana and Sheenagh and Rae were part of the rose trial jury in Baden Baden and Sheenagh in Saverne.



The Midlands Rose Society stand celebrating their 30th birthday at the Natal Witness Garden Show – 2017 which received a Gold Award.

WFRS Award of Garden Excellence garden Bosky Dell (NB the fire ravaged hills in the background)



SPAIN

ASOCIACION ESPANOLA DE LA ROSA



www.aerosa.es

Founded 1994

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 - Matilde Ferrer

MEMBERS: 264

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

In 2015, 6 members of the Spanish Rose Society attended the Convention in Lyon, none to China and Matilde Ferrer and Vincent Garcia went to Punta del Este in Uruguay where Matilde gave a lecture on Rose Gardens in Spain.

Overview of activities for the years 2015 to 2017 –

The Spanish Rose Society took part in the following events –

- Barcelona's International Rose Trials in May where the Spanish Rose Society presented an award for the Best Rose judged by public.
- Madrid's International Rose Trials in May: The Spanish Rose Society presented a silver medal for the rose chosen by the general public.
- National Rose Trials and Exhibitions in May:
 - The Spanish Rose Society participated as members of the jury in the 57th San Feliu de Llobregat's National Rose Exhibition
 - They met with "Rose Friends of San Feliu Society" 65th Reus' National Rose Trial and Exhibition.
 - 19th El Vendrell's Rose Trial 48th Calella's Rose Trial and Exhibition

2016 The Spanish Rose Society took part in the following events:

- Barcelona's International Rose Trial in May: The Spanish Rose Society presented the Best Rose Award granted by public jury
- Madrid's International Rose Trial in May: The Spanish Rose Society presented a silver medal judged by the International Jury
- The Spanish Rose Society participated as jury in the following trials and exhibitions:

- National Rose Trials and Exhibitions: May: 58th San Feliu de Llobregat's National Rose Exhibition 66th Reus' National Rose Trials and Exhibition.
- The Spanish Association of the Rose, organized visits to the following Rose Gardens: Private Garden, Victor Urrutia, Madrid • Private Garden, Carmen Sierra y Carlos Fdez de Henestrosa Pozuelo de Alarcón. • Private Garden, Marquesa de Casa Valdés, Maria y Beatriz, en Piedras Menares (Guadalajara). • Rosaleda Angel Esteban en el Jardín Botánico de Alcalá de Henares. • Private garden, Javier Martín and Blanca Rueda family

November: • Fall Course Jardín de l'Albarda. Introduction to the Cultivation of Roses intended for gardeners and amateurs - 3 weeks (Saturday and Sunday).

2017 The Spanish Rose Society took part in the following events:

- Barcelona's International Rose Trials in May - The Spanish Rose Society presented the Best Rose Award as judged by public jury.
- The Spanish Rose Society participated as members of the jury in the following trials and exhibitions: - National Rose Trials and Exhibitions: 59th San Feliu de Llobregat's National Rose Exhibition 67th Reus' National Rose Trial and Exhibition



**2015 - Madrid
(FEsara) (FE00150)
Best Spanish Variety
Floribunda from Ferrer of Spain**



**2016 - Madrid
FE-10023
Best Spanish Variety
Floribunda from Ferrer of Spain.**



**2017 – Madrid
FEluci
Best Spanish Variety
Floribunda from Ferrer of Spain:**

SWEDEN

THE SWEDISH ROSE SOCIETY



www.svenskros.se/

www.svenskros.se/en/

Founded 1987

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2018 - Henny Johansson

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: about 900

NUMBER OF ROSE SOCIETIES: 11

The Swedish Rose Society has nearly 900 members organized in eleven local groups/societies located from the south to the north of Sweden. Sweden is a long country with very diverse climatic conditions and our journal aims at giving advice on rose growing to members from all parts of the country. The growing climate in Sweden may vary from zone 1-8, but roses are most common in zone 1-5 (equivalent American zones 7-3). This is a challenge to our writers.

Our main events take place in our eleven local groups/societies. They organize annual trips within and outside the country. Rose trips abroad have gone to Denmark, England, France and Germany and in 2016 to Bergen in Norway, when the Norwegian Rose Society organized our alternate year Nordic Rose Weekend, a highly appreciated arrangement. Next time Sweden organizes this is 2020 in Kalmar. Preparations for this event have started. In 2015-2018 the Swedish Rose Society also organised the Post Tour to Sweden for the WRC2018.



Conversation in the museum's garden,
Dithmarschen Landesmuseums in 2017,
Gerda Nissens collection of roses

Our local groups organise rose courses for members each year. The courses may include care of roses and knowledge of different groups of roses and individual varieties as well as on the identification of roses. Courses are also held on how to propagate roses, cuttings of roses, and occultation. Our local groups perform different arrangements around the country during the Day of the Rose, 2nd July every year. Our members also help visitors identify roses. Most often these arrangements have large groups of visitors and also address the public.



Wild roses in the Cinnamommeae Section of Gothenburg Rosarium

Gothenburg Rose Society, a local group, manages the wildflower plantations and plantations of roses in the Pimpinellifolia Section in Gothenburg Rosarium in collaboration with the gardeners. Gothenburg Rosarium has the largest wild rose collection in the Nordic region. The ground for this collection was planted with the collection of wild roses that Göte Haglund donated during the 1980s. The collection has been expanded since then. The wild roses are presented section wise. The group in Gothenburg has started a project that aims to produce a booklet about the gardens' wild roses. Likewise, the group will look into Göte Haglund's old notes on all the roses he donated to the Garden Society of Gothenburg and now forms a major part of Gothenburg's Rosarium.



The new Finnish roses 'Sointu' in front and 'Ilo' behind.

Starting in 2017, the Swedish Rosen Society, changed the magazine, Rosenbladet to a larger format, giving better opportunities for presenting texts and images. Our members have shown a good response to this change. The company also lists brochures of which roses are suitable for cultivation in different zones. We continue to produce our introductory booklet - Roses - (Swedish Rose Society 2015) - which has been highly appreciated in the various arrangements we participate in annually.



Brochure for the highest zones in Sweden, zone 5-8

The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Swedish Biodiversity Centre, is responsible for the work related to POM - Programme for Diversity of Cultivated Plants. This programme aims at identifying and preserving cultivated plants in general. The rose project, started during 2004, aims at identifying and preserving old cultivated roses in Sweden. The Swedish Rose Society and its members, together with rose gardens, botanic gardens, museums, etc., play a large part in this work by identifying and locating cultivated roses which can be of interest to POM. On 15 June, 2016, the National Gene Bank's collection for vegetative propagated cultural plants in Alnarp was opened.



Lars-Åke Gustavsson in autumn 2016 - project leader for the collection of roses, explains about the roses to be planted on Alnarp. In the background, the fields for autumn plantings of roses are prepared

In July 2012 a regional clone archive was opened in the Rosenlund Rosarium, Jönköping. Earlier there was one in the Cultural Botanical Garden in Lycksele and in 2012 a regional clone archive was planted in Gothenburg Rosarium, opened in July 2013. By 2018, more roses will be planted in the archives

Member involvement has also been a success in another project - the Swedish Rose Society is involved in The Swedish Rose Trial. The project started 2012 and has in recent years started (2012-2015) to evaluate modern roses from Tantau, Kordes, Easy Elegance roses and roses from Poulsen. A great work has been done by our member Helena Verghese Borg who now is studying the information and results from this project. She presented some of the results in our journal 2015-2017.

The Nordic Rose Societies have been working since 2012 paying attention to roses with origin in the Nordic region - Project Nordic Roses. The project is also a collaboration with Nordic public gardens and parks. Roses have been planted in 2016-2018. In 2018, these roses will be presented to the public for the first time in connection with World Rose Convention in Copenhagen. The co-operation also aims to pay attention after 2018 to ideal roses for the northern areas. The public gardens that are currently participating in the project are for Swedish Gothenburgs rosarium - *the Garden Society of Gothenburg* and Rosenlund's Rosarium in Jönköping, in Denmark, - Valby Park - Copenhagen SV, in Norway, - Frogner Park in Oslo, Dømmesmoen in Grimstad and Ringeby Prestegard, in Finland, Wohls Gård in Kyrkslätt, and in Iceland, Arboretet Meltunga, Kopavogur Municipality, Reykjavík. Information about the roses and gardens continues 2018.

For more information:

The Swedish Rose Society <http://svenskros.se>

The Swedish Rose Society in English <http://www.svenskros.se/en/>

The Swedish Rose Trial <http://www.rosensdag.se/the-most-comprehensive-rose-trial-project-ever/>
 Gardens – The Nordic Rose Project

Sweden

Gothenburg Rosarium, *the Garden Society of Gothenburg* <http://www.tradgardsforeningen.se>

Rosenlunds rosarium, Jönköping <https://www.jonkoping.se>

SWITZERLAND

GESELLSCHAFT SCHWEIZERISCHER ROSENFREUNDE



www

Founded 1959

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2017 Theo Keller
2017 – 2018 Bechet Ciragan

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 1700

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 10

The aim of the Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde is for the dissemination of knowledge on roses and rose lovers. The members receive the monthly publication, *Rosenblatt* and the annual *ROSA HELVETICA*.

Each of the 10 regional groups in Switzerland organize trips, lectures and workshops for their members. These events are open to all members of the GSRF. The annual meeting is held in different regions of Switzerland and are organized by a local group –

2015 Bischofszell; 2016 Spiez; 2017 Rafz; 2018 Schinznach.

In 2019 the Swiss Rose Society celebrates their 60th anniversary.

The Société Romande des Amis des Roses (SRAR) looks after rosarians in the French part of Switzerland and was founded in 1967.

PARTICIPATION IN WFRS CONVENTIONS

During the last three years the Swiss Rose Society attend the following WFRS conventions:

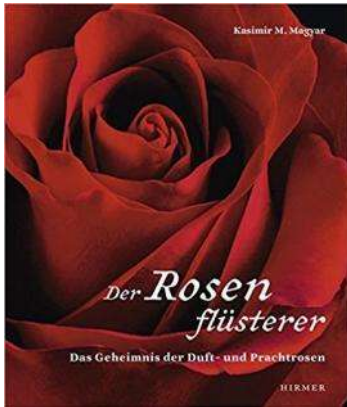


2015 - Nine members attended the LYON ROSE 2015, 17th World Rose Convention Lyon France.

Switzerland received a WFRS Award of Garden of Excellence for Roseraie at au Diable Vert - Bex www.marawa.ch. This garden contains only highly fragrant roses. It has 120 varieties and 1800 plants.

Roseraie at au Diable Vert

Prof. Dr. Kasimir Magyar received a Literary Award for his book *Der Rosen flüsterer*. The book addresses the secret, the perfume and the splendour roses.



Der Rosenflüsterer by Prof. Dr. Kasimir Magyar (the rose whisperer)



Alain Meilland, Monique de Clarens, Prof. Dr. Kasimir Magyar and Beatrice Halter



In May, **2016** attended the Regional Rose Convention and 14th International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China.

Beatrice Halter (Switzerland) and Mireille Steil (Luxembourg)



Two members of the Swiss Rose Society attended ROSES IN THE SOUTH, the Regional Convention in Punta del este Uruguay.

Heidi Matter, Nivia Sierra de Salaberry, Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Heidi Bangerter de Mendez, Béatrice Halter in Uruguay

2017 – seven members were delegates a the First Regional Rose Convention of Eastern and Central Europe in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

Swiss representatives are members of international juries for Rose Trials throughout Europe and other parts of the world – Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Monaco and Spain.

It has been a great pleasure travelling and meeting rosarians from around the world.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Rose Society



www.rose.org

Founded 1892

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2018 - Patricia Shanley

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 13,211 members

NUMBER OF ROSE SOCIETIES: 212

American Rose Society Executive Director - Laura Seabaugh

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS 2015 TO 2018

2015

LYON – Seventy-five members of the ARS were delegates at the WRC in Lyon. Lois Fowkes was presented with the WFRS Rose Award in recognition of dedicated service to The Rose. Stephen Scanniello gave a lecture entitled *The Heritage Rose District of New York City* and David Zlesac, Maria Eva Giorgioni and Allison Watkins gave a joint lecture. Paul Zimmerman's book *Everyday Roses* received a Literary Award and four American gardens received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence. Jolene Adams was made Publication Chairman and Steve Joes as Immediate Past President is Chairman of Promotions.

September 2015 - ARS President Pat Shanley began her Presidency along with Vice President Bob Martin.

December 2015 - Formal meeting for the signing of the American Rose Center and Zijing Park Sister Garden Relationship Agreement

2016

National Conventions held were - Spring National Miniature Conference, Columbus OH Fall
Fall National Convention, Syracuse NY

National Conventions held were - Spring National Miniature Conference, Harrisburg PA
Fall Board of Directors Meeting, Shreveport LA

In May a number of ARS members attended the WFRS Regional Rose Convention and 14th International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China, including the President, Pat Shanley.



In 2016 Dr. Wang Guoliang was honoured by the ARS - The Great Rosarians of the World award. There were 2 ceremonies as GROW was bicoastal. Pat Shanley chaired the East Coast event and the Chairman of the West Coast event was Clair Martin, Curator Emeritus, Rose and Perennial Collection, Huntington Botanical Gardens.

**Dr. Wang Guoliang and Pat Shanley
at the award ceremony**

In November, 14 from the USA went to Uruguay and Linda Kimmel, Stephen Scaniello, Jim Sproul and Jolene Adams gave lectures. The ARS arranged their own pre-tour.

The ARS hosted the National Clean Plant Network Rose meeting in July at the ARC. The National Garden Association named 2017 The Year of the Rose.

In honour of the 30th Anniversary, the ARS participated in the US Botanic *National Garden 10th Anniversary Festival*.

Pat Shanley and Laura Seabaugh attended the National Fund for the US Botanic Garden's Gala. Laura Seabaugh attended the American Horticulture Society's Gala as a guest of Tom Underwood. During the AHS Gala, Laura Seabaugh was asked to represent the American Rose Society on the recently organized National Initiative on Consumer Horticulture.

A grant application was submitted to the Piaget Foundation through the World Federation of Rose Societies for children's educational tours at the ARC. The ARS took the difficult decision to withdraw the application in May 2018 due to financial difficulties in raising the necessary funding required, to enable completion of the project, of the proposed construction of a Young Person's Learning Centre at the ARS headquarters.

Michael Marriott of David Austin Roses wrote a book, *Creating a Beautiful Rose Garden* specifically for the ARS with input from Paul Zimmerman and Clair Martin and it is ready to be distributed. Anne Belovich's Rambler book was released in the Fall.

The 100th Anniversary Annual was a tremendous accomplishment for the ARS, edited by Gene Waering and sponsored by Will Radler.



John Del Vecchio, Pat Shanley (Pres. of ARS) Alan Meilland and Matthias Meilland in Beijing

An ARS delegation consisting of Lyndy Myers, Sam Jones, Nancy Jones, Wong Guoliang, Wayne Myers, Pat Shanley, John Del Vecchio, Louis Arce outside the Ancient Chinese Rose Garden, designed by Wong Guoliang



2017

The American Rose Society celebrated its 125th anniversary. National Conventions held were - Spring Miniature National, Monrovia CA
Fall National Convention was held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

ARS Board approved the naming of the J Horace McFarland as the 'Father of the American Rose Society'

Laura Seabaugh and Pat Shanley represented ARS at the Biltmore International Rose Trials where they were able to network with Brad Yoder of Star Roses, John Beaty with Rose Mills Magic Rose Mix , David Pike of Witherspoon Rose Culture – who donates a new rose to every new ARS member and Paul Zimmerman of Jackson & Perkins and the Biltmore Rose Trials. The Great Garden Restoration Project began.

Laura Seabaugh and Bob Martin represented ARS at the Rose Hills International Rose Trial.

North Louisiana Storytellers and Authors of Romance wrote an anthology of Rose, Christmas and ARC Stories. A percentage of the sale will be donated to the ARC



Pat Shanley and Laura Seabaugh in Pasadena to help decorate a float

As part of the 125th Birthday celebration, President Pat Shanley and Executive Director Laura Seabaugh along with more than 30 members of the American Rose Society travelled to Pasadena, California in December to help decorate the City of Torrance's Tournament of Roses Parade float. For Love of Roses donated a rose to Torrance named 'City of Torrance. It was presented to the Mayor and City Council. The ARS float won the Mayor's Award for best float entered by California.

2018

The ARS with the US Postal Service hosted the official stamp release event for the new 'Peace' stamp on 21 April, 2018. The ARS President, Pat Shanley, ARS Vice President Bob Martin, Brad Yoder President of Star Roses and Sonja Meiland-Guibert attended. There was a panel discussion of the history of the Peace Rose in the Klima Center before the event.



The Great Garden Restoration of 2017 to 2022(GGR) is under way. All the work on the GGR done to date has been done through donations, both monetary and in kind. We are committed to building the core garden only as the funds are available. We plan to continue to move forward with diligence and mindfulness of the finances of GGR. The Core Design from J&P (designed by Paul Zimmerman and Richard Beales) will be sent to a Landscape Architect and they will do the working drawings and construction plans.

URUGUAY

Asociación Uruguaya De La Rosa



www
Founded 1953

PRESIDENT: 2015 – 2016 - Rosario Enriquez de Fazzio

2017- 2018 - Patricia Cummins de Uberti

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 500

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 4

BRANCHES:

- Eastern Branch - Punta del Este, Maldonado
- Western Branch in Dolores, Soriano
- Friends of the Rose in Tarariras, Colonia
- Northern Branch in Tacuarembó, Tacuarembó

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS 2015 TO 2017:

2015

- April At the first meeting of the new season Arch.Fernando Britos gave a lecture on “Roses, permanence and design”
- May Jean Pierre Hounie gave a talk on Earth Kind Roses and Polyanthas.
Twenty-four members from Uruguay attended the WFRS World Rose Convention in Lyon.
- June Rosario Algorta de Carrau gave a lecture “La vie en Rose”
- July General Assembly and review of the World Rose Convention in Lyon.

2016

- April - Lecture by Mercedes Bazzano on English Country Houses and French Castles
- May - Julie Fraisse from France gave a lecture “The garden sees life in roses.
- June - Rosanna Ottieri de Palenga discussed “Choosing the best rose bush”
- July - General Assembly - 2015 Rose Show “Garden Party”, received all the NGC Awards.
- August - “A rose trip to the south of Argentina” was the lecture given by a group of members who travelled to Bariloche looking for roses.
- September - Ines Licandro gave a lecture on “China and its Roses”.
- October - Preparing the Regional Convention. Rose Garden Contest under heavy rain
- November - Pre- tour to Colonia, Regional Convention in Punta del Este. Post tour to Lavalleja and Montevideo. Patricia Cummins de Uberti and Rosario Algorta de Carrau receive the Bronze Commemorative Medallion of the WFRS for the organization of the Regional Convention.

December 2016: End of year meeting and change of Office Bearers. We thank Rosario Enriquez de azzio for all her work and welcome Patricia Cummins de Uberti as President for 2017 and 2018.

2017

April 2017: Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira and Rosanna Ottieri de Palenga gave a lecture on Hybrid teas and Grandifloras.

May 2017: Elizabeth Malan and Silvia Malan gave a presentation on Floribundas.

June 2017: Patricia Cummins de Uberti and Mrs Annemarie Engel de Jude lecture was on Shrub Roses and Sustainability. Four members travelled to the Regional Convention in Slovenia.

July 2017: General Assembly

August 2017: Miniatures and Minifloras by Mrs. Stella Ruiz de Mondueri

September 2017: Marion Staehle gave a lecture on Climbers

October 2017: O.G.R. by Valeria Chediak and Crisitna Macleod from Argentina. Rose Gardens Contest. Trip to Tarariras to celebrate 25th anniversary Tarariras Branch and visit to private gardens. The East Branch and the West Branch had their Rose Shows.

November 2017: Rose Show "Green Life" together with The Garden Clubs of Uruguay. Rose Show of the North Branch.

December 2017: End of year meeting.



Ute Kordes, Rosario Algorta and Eliana Flores, President of the Chilean Rose Soc. at the San Giovanni Garden in in Trieste, Italy

Spring Rose Show Asociación Uruguaya De La Rosa





THE DANISH ROSE SOCIETY

25 YEARS – 1993-2018



In 1993, the Amateur Rose Clubs in Zealand and the Jutland Rose Society united in the Danish Rose Society which is chaired by a board of 7 members and 2 alternates, each elected for two years at the annual general meetings. Peter Jordt was chairman until 2009, where he was replaced by the current Chairman, Inger Schierning.

ROSE GROUPS

The rose society is divided into 14 rose groups scattered throughout the country. These rose groups hold meetings, sometimes in common with neighbouring rose groups, where lectures by invited specialists are held and rose events are organized, such as tours around the country to see rose gardens and parks and every year around 1 July, "Rosens Dag" is held to celebrate the rose in local plant centres, where good advice is given on growing roses and gaining new members and where members exhibit their own roses and decorations with roses. At the right time of the year courses are held in pruning, budding and cuttings of roses.

ROSENNYT

The Danish Rose Society membership magazine is published 4 times a year. Each number contains approx. 64 pages. Among the topics discussed in the magazine can be:

- Good advice on planting, fertilizing, cutting and care of roses.
- Advice on the establishment of a rose garden.
- Control of diseases of roses.
- Plans for what to do month by month throughout the year in the rose garden.
- Accompanying plants for roses.
- Review and description of new roses.
- The members' experiences with roses, general and special roses.
- The members' experiences on rose trips in Denmark and abroad.
- Story of the person behind a rose name.
- The history of Roses.
- Libraries and reviews of new rose books, Danish as well as foreign.
- Food and drink with roses and rosehips.
- Advertising of rosarian activities during the year.
- Announcing of the opening hours of members gardens during the flowering period of Roses.

NORDISK ROSEN INFORMATION

In 1993, a new heading in member's magazines entitled Nordisk Rosen Information was introduced and in February 1994 the Nordic Rosen Information was published for the first time. It places great importance on bringing information of mutual Nordic interest at the same time, for example about rose weekends, common northern roses and open gardens, that is private gardens which are kept open for the members in the flowering period of roses for shorter or longer periods, as well as minutes from the joint Nordic annual meetings.

LOGO

Proposals for a logo for the Nordic Rose Society had been made in 1983, but only in 1992 at the annual meeting on 10 July, was it possible to reach agreement with the decision to vary only the colours black and white for Nordisk Rosenselskab. Today, the logo is used by the individual countries with their own name and colour.

NORDISK ROSEN WEEKEND

For the Nordic rose societies, the Nordic Rosen Weekend is, however, the most visible result of Nordic cooperation. It allows for personal contacts and friendship among rosarians across borders. After the

structural change in 1986, the rose weekend became a regular event every year until 1998, since which time there is 2 years between the national rose societies in turn. At rose weekends in all 5 countries, members have had the opportunity to visit both private gardens and public parks, roses, experimental gardens and nurseries with processing and production. The participants have heard talks by knowledgeable rose people and seen rose exhibitions. In all, care has been taken both in giving content of professional interest and in creating a pleasant framework.

In connection with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Nordic Roses Society at the rose weekend in 1998, the participants visited, among other places, Kellerishaven in northern Zealand, owned at that time by our present President Inger Schierning and her husband Peter Schou Christensen. The Kellerishaven was then a show Garden with approx. 4000 old and new roses, divided into 100 varieties. At that time, work was being done to obtain rare specimens from New Zealand, where rose breeder Sam McGredy propagated new roses, for example. 'Trumpeter', 'Too Hot To Handle', 'The Painter', 'Solitaire', 'Singing In The Rain', 'Sexy Remy' and 'Frothy'. In the Kellerishaven, the host couple had set up tents for protection against the frequent rain showers. Here guests were given a wonderful lunch with Danish specialties, cake, wine and draft beer. Furthermore, they were given the opportunity to greet Pernille Olesen's father, Niels Poulsen, from the famous rose-breeding dynasty, now continued by Pernille and her husband, Mogens N. Olesen. The Kellerishaven was formerly Poulsen Roser's domicile and Niels Poulsen still lived there. Before the banquet evening at Borupgaard, a rose donated by Poulsen Roser was to be baptized. The rose was called 'Nordina', a name that was chosen on the basis of a competition that was printed in all the Nordic countries' membership magazines. The winner who had suggested the chosen name was a retired police officer from Aarhus and of course he and his wife were invited to the party. The actual baptising was performed by royal actor Ghita Nørby, known by most people in the Nordic countries and the world as Ingeborg (wife of Mads Skjern in the TV series Matador, written by Lise Nørgaard) In addition, she read a fairytale of H.C. Andersen, the world-famous Danish fairytale teller, and at the same time champagne was served from Mogens Olesen's wine castle in France.

Another activity that directly addresses the members is the travels that have been organized by the Nordic Rose Societies. Most often, the destination has been Germany. Sangerhausen has thus been visited several times, but the British Islands and France have also been on the programme. There have also been suggestions for overseas destinations such as New Zealand and Australia.

Rose Travel –

1979 - Rose tour to England; 1988 - Northern Germany; 1993 - Common Nordic journey to Sangerhausen, Germany; 1994 – Germany; 1994 - Common Nordic travel to New Zealand
1995 - Common Nordic travel to Germany and France; 1995 - Northern Germany; 1996 – Scotland;
1999 - European Regional Conference in Finland-Sweden; 1999 - Rosen and cultural trips to Germany and Prague; 2001 - Rosen and cultural trips to Germany and Prague; 2001 - Nordic rose trip to Estonia;
2002 - Rose tour to England; 2003 - Rose tour to Germany; 2005 - Rose experiences in southern Germany; 2011 – Netherlands; 2014 – England; 2016 - Holland and Belgium

INTERNATIONAL LECTURES

In order to gain inspiration from foreign rose experts, a lecture is held every second year in Copenhagen and Aarhus:

Roger Phillips: China roses and more - their relationship and use, February 2001.
Michael Marriott: English roses, February 2003.
Charles Quest-Ritson: Roses from around the world, February 2005.
Thomas Proll: Kordes roses, February 2006
Lars-Åke Gustavsson: Lecture on roses in the north, February 2009
Keith Jones: A Life of Roses, February 2010.
Ann Bird: My Favourite Rose Gardens, February 2011.
Inger Schierning and Jens Otto Pedersen: WRC ROSAFRICA 2012 and WRC A Fairytale of Roses 2018, January and February 2013.
Markus Brunsing: The Future of Modern Garden Roses, February 2015.
Jens Krüger, Tantau: From a seedling to a 'Super Star', January 2017

Nordic Rose Weekends:

- 1989 - Aarhus, Denmark
- 1990 - Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1992 - Oslo, Norway
- 1993 - Aabo and Helsinki, Finland
- 1994 - Horsens, Denmark
- 1995 - Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1996 - Oslo, Norway
- 1997 - Helsinki, Finland
- 1998 - Copenhagen and North Zealand, Denmark
- 2000 - Kristiansand, Norway
- 2002 - Hudiksvall, Sweden
- 2004 - Tampere, Finland
- 2006 - Kolding, Denmark
- 2008 - Lillehammer, Norway
- 2010 - Gothenburg, Sweden
- 2012 - Reykjavik, Iceland
- 2014 - Aabo, Finland
- 2016 - Bergen, Norway
- 2018 - Copenhagen, Denmark - 18th World Rose Convention 2018

On 2, January, 2018, the Danish Post Office published a very beautiful series of 5 stamps with rose motifs.



WFRS TRIBUTES



WILLHELM KORDES III
1953 - 2016

WFRS GOLD MEDAL 2003

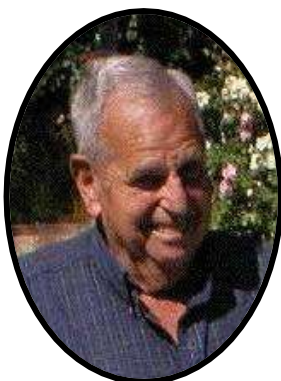
DIED JANUARY, 2016
GERMANY



ALAN TEW
1921 - 2016

VP AFRICA

DIED MARCH, 2016
SOUTH AFRICA



DAVID GILAD
1931 - 2017

WFRS PRESIDENT 1979-1981 ISRAEL
WFRS GOLD MEDAL 1985

DIED AUGUST, 2017
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



STEFAN WAGNER
1952 - 2017

WFRS VP
WFRS SILVER MEDAL 2009

DIED DECEMBER, 2017
ROMANIA

**AS WE APPROACH THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT WE PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HARD WORKING OFFICE BEARERS
WHO HAVE MANAGED AND ADMINISTERED THIS ORGANISATION FOR FIFTY YEARS**

PRESIDENTS OF THE WFRS

Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

LILY DE GERLACH DE GOMERY – BELGIUM

JULY, 1968 TO NOVEMBER, 1971



President: *Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery

The representatives of founding members were:

Australia – Mr. Lionel Lawrence and Dr. Fred Thomas

Canada – Mr. RH Keith and Mrs. Sylvia Lyzaniwsky

India – Mr. SM Dahanukar and Dr. SY Sirdar

Japan – Mr. Y Kameoka

New Zealand - Mr. Douglas Butcher, Mr. FW Smith and Mr. H. Taylor

South Africa – Mr. Herman Buss and Mr Jack and Mrs. Mary Wise

Switzerland - Mr. W Gunthart

United Kingdom – Mr. Richard Balfour and Mr Frank Bowen

United States of America – Dr. Ray Allen, Dr. E and Mr Lester Satterlee and Mr. H Goldstein

Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery succeeded her father in 1962 as President of the Belgian Rose Society and in 1968 during the Fourth International Rose Conference in London, hosted by the Royal National Rose Society, Lily participated in the creation of the then International Federation of National Rose Societies and was elected Foundation President. It was during this initial three years that the preparation of the Federation's Constitution and Rules and the aims and objects were prepared in establishing an international organisation. Committees were established to administer General Management, Convention Liaison, Classification and Registration and Publications, which were to run the Federation between Conventions.

As New Zealand had already started preparations for a convention to be held in 1971, it was agreed to accept Hamilton as the venue for the first World Rose Convention.

In 1968 representatives came from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Israel, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, South Africa, Switzerland and the United States of America to participate in the Conference in London. The National Societies of the following countries joined the Federation in 1968 – Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland and the United States of America, making a total of 15 inaugural members and they are members to this day.



During the conference, delegates from far and wide were presented to HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, Patron of the RNRS at an afternoon reception at St. James's Palace.

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother greets Stefan Wagner (Romania) left and David Gilad (Israel) right. In the background is Frank Naylor and to the right, Richard Balfour



Stefan Wagner wrote – “Representatives from 16 countries gathered, including myself from Romania. These many different countries were represented by a host of remarkable individuals, such as Jack Harkness, E. B. Le Grice, Sam Mc Gredy, James Cocker, John Mattock, Alec and Pat Dickson, Dick Balfour, Reimer Kordes, Stelvio Coggiatti, Baroness de Gerlache, *Mary and Jack Wise, Herman Buss and many others who I might have failed to remember.”

Mary Wise (South Africa) refers to the function at St. James Palace – “The State Apartments were elegantly decorated with bowls of lovely roses which included the cultivars, ‘Queen Elizabeth’, ‘Carla’, ‘Elizabeth of Glamis’ and others. All these blooms had been cut from the Society’s garden at St. Albans.” “ Her Majesty was appropriately dressed in apricot pink, the colour of the rose that bears her name - ‘Elizabeth of Glamis’ “

Stefan Wagner continues, “On the occasion of the conference, the attendees visited a spring exposition of the Royal National Rose Society of the United Kingdom, held at the Alexandra Palace in London. An exposition which enjoyed a great success at the time, and at which different companies showcased their novelties. In 1968 the Royal National Rose Society was the strongest organisation of its kind in the world, counting an impressive 110,000 members, so it was of no surprise that it could organise such a grand and unusually beautiful exposition.”



Alexandra Palace – London – 1968



Sam McGredy's stand

As described by Mary Wise - “to honour the International Conference and as a tribute to raisers from all parts of the world, there was a special exhibit staged in the centre of the Great Hall. This exhibit comprised an island site divided into eight sections, each section containing only roses raised in a particular country.

The countries represented were Ireland, France, Germany, England, America, Great Britain, the Commonwealth, Holland and Denmark. It was a most spectacular display and the beautifully arranged roses were supported by specific ‘props’ relating to their country. For example, France had a model of the Eiffel Tower among the roses, the statue of Liberty for the USA and a picture of the Little Mermaid for Denmark, a golden harp for Ireland, a windmill for Holland and so on. The nurserymen’s stands in the Great Hall were as colourful and as breathtaking as ever, with their thousands and thousands of beautiful roses so tastefully and attractively displayed.”



Alex Dickson and Frank Naylor at Hitchin



Harry Wheatcroft and Herman Buss

The delegates were bussed to various rose nurseries in the country which included the Society’s Display gardens and Trial Grounds at St. Albans.

During her first term of office (1968 -1971), Lily visited various European countries to persuade them to join the Federation.

*Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery – Mother of Henriette de Brier (Belgium)

*Mary and Jack Wise – parents of Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

DOUGLAS BUTCHER - NEW ZEALAND

1971 — FOR THE DURATION OF ROSEWORLD



Countries Represented at the meetings held in Hamilton –

Australia –	L Lawrence and AS Thomas
Canada –	RH Keith and Mrs. Lyzaniwsky
India –	SM Dahanukar and SY Sirdar
Japan –	Y Kameoka
New Zealand –	D. Butcher, FW Smith and H Taylor
South Africa –	H. Buss, *JB Wise and *Mrs. Wise
Switzerland –	W. Gunthart
United Kingdom –	RC Balfour and FM Bowen
United States of America –	RC Allen, E Lyle, L Satterlee and H. Goldstein

The first World Rose Convention – ROSEWORLD – was held in Hamilton in November, 1971. Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, the founding President, was unable to attend so the hosting Society's President, Mr. Douglas Butcher was elected to the chair of all committees for the duration of the convention. Before the close of the convention, the first meeting of the WFRS Council was held to nominate office holders under the new, approved constitution and rules. It was during the meetings in Hamilton that the official title of the organisation became The World Federation of Rose Societies.

There were three rose shows over six days and over seventy thousand members of the public came to view them. The Rose Society of South Africa presented a trophy in Hamilton to be won outright at the International Rose Show. The trophy was a Kruger Rand mounted in a silver plate and was won by Stan B Monck of Gisborne for the Premier Stem of a Floribunda with a stem of 'Arthur Bell'. To quote from the NZ Rosarian "The International Rose Show drew nearly 350 entries, 3000 blooms, including several entries from Australia, the most distant being Mr. David Ruston of Renmark, who attained a second in Class 1 - a display of roses, seven vases, no mean feat."



A new rose, cultured by Mr Sam McGredy IV of Northern Ireland was named 'Lady Porritt' and presented to her by Sam, who said the rose had been named for the gracious patroness of the New Zealand Rose Society. A second rose, raised by Dicksons of Northern Ireland and named 'City of Hamilton' was presented to the Mayoress of Hamilton.

Two public rose gardens were specially planned and planted for the World Convention – the Hamilton Rose Garden and the Te Awamutu Rose Garden.

A highlight of Roseworld '71 was the presentation of a silver Loving Cup to the National Rose Society of NZ by the Royal National Rose Society in appreciation of the NRSNZ's services to the Queen of Flowers in fulfilment of their motto "To implant Roses in the Hearts and Gardens of the People"

A set of four rose stamps were issued on 3rd November 1971 to celebrate this, the first WFRS World Rose Convention.



2c - 'Tiffany' A scented American rose with salmon-pink flowers and a golden colour at the inside base of the petals.

5c - 'Peace' An exceptionally vigorous French variety which has achieved universal success and acclaim. The large flowers are characteristically yellow with pink edging.

8c - 'Chrysler Imperial' A fragrant American rose with deep crimson flowers which show some blue colour on aging.

At the meeting of the Federation on 7th November the first and most important item to consider was the constitution and rules of the new organization. At a second meeting on 9th November, a preliminary document was considered, while the final draft, prepared by Mr. Frank Bowen (UK) and Mr. F Smith (NZ), assisted by the secretary Mr. Len. Turner (UK), was presented to, and duly approved by delegates assembled at the meeting on 12th November. Membership of the newly formed WFRS would be open to all rose societies representing their countries. The aim and objects of the Federation to this day have remained substantially unchanged.

The affairs of the Federation would be controlled by a Council, with the President as Chairman and on which every member society was to have equal representation, that is one vote per society. There was to be a uniform annual subscription to be agreed upon periodically by Council. A nominal entrance fee to new members of one pound sterling and an annual subscription fee of twenty pounds sterling were resolved upon.

The Conference of the World Federation of Rose Societies was attended by delegates from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, Switzerland, USA and the UK. Belgium, Germany and Italy who had joined were not represented.

It was also unanimously agreed that the following committee structure be adopted:

- A General Management Committee to be entrusted with administration, finance and policy.
- A Convention Liaison Committee to liaise with hosting Societies for Convention planning with delegates from Canada, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom and United States of America.
- A Classification and Registration Committee. Delegates from Australia, India, South Africa, United Kingdom and United States of America.
- A Publication Committee. Delegates from Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Switzerland.

The Convention included 15 lecture sessions, scenic tours, visits to rose gardens including the new Hamilton Rose Garden and Te Awamutu Rose Garden, country tours with as many as 700 and more delegates participating. Among the lecturers were well known names such as EB Le Grice and John Mattock from the UK, Robert Lindquist, Ralph Moore and Herbert Swim from the USA, Niels Poulsen from Denmark, Sam McGredy from N. Ireland, Hans Spek from the Netherlands, Yasuie Kameokas from Japan, Dr. Vishnu Swarup from India and Alain Meilland and J. Gaujard from France.

OVERSEAS PERSONALITIES, ROSEWORLD '71 (contd.)



Dr. P. J. Kleener, South African Research Scientist.



Mr. H. E. W. Buss, President, Rose Society of South Africa.



Mr. J. B. Wise, Past President, Rose Society of South Africa.



Mr. Y. Kameoka, President, Nagoya Rose Society, Japan.

OVERSEAS PERSONALITIES, ROSEWORLD '71 (contd.)



Dr. Eldon W. Lyle, President, American Rose Society. (Photo—N.R.S.N.Z.)



Mr. R. V. Lindquist, Rose hybridist, California.



Mr. Ralph Moore, California, authority on and raiser of miniature roses.



Mr. L. E. Switzer, Past President, American Rose Society.

* Allen Scott, Chairman of the NZRS Council and Past President of the NZRS, played a large role in organising the programme for this the first World Rose convention which not only included the usual rose shows, visits to gardens, tourist destinations, etc. but it included a display of topdressing by aeroplane .

Mr. Butcher, who had been acting for the WFRS President during the convention was followed by Dr. Ray Allen from the United States of America. The next time the WFRS was to meet was in Chicago under the Presidency of Mr. Ray Allen for the second World Rose Convention. No new member countries joined the Federation in 1971 maintaining the total at eleven.

* Allen Scott – Father of Jan Barnett (New Zealand)

**WFRS DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 1ST WORLD ROSE CONVENTION
IN HAMILTON, NEW ZEALAND, IN 1971**



*Delegates, World Federation of National Rose Societies.
(Photo—Lindbergh Photography, Hamilton)*

Back Row (L to R): Les Satterlee (USA), Willi Gunthardt (Switzerland), Keith Laver (Canada), Jack Wise (South Africa), Fred Thomas (Australia), Len Turner (UK), Heck Taylor (New Zealand), Herman Buss (S. Africa), Dr. Vishnu Swarup (India)
Front Row (L to R): Lionel Lawrence (Australia), Sylvia Lyzaniwsky (Can), Ray Allen (USA), Douglas Butcher (NZ), Frank Bowen (UK), Mary Wise (S. Africa), Eldon Lyle (USA), Yasuie Kameoka (Japan).

RAYMOND ALLEN – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOVEMBER, 1971 – SEPTEMBER, 1974



President : Mr. Raymond Allen (USA)
Deputy President: Mr Frank Bowen (UK)
Secretary: Mr. Len Turner (UK)
Treasurer: Mrs. von Rosenthal (Germany)
(provided Germany joined the WFRS)

The General Management Committee was
to be composed of representatives from
Australia, South Africa, India and New Zealand.

Ray Allen was present at the First World Rose Convention, ROSEWORLD '71 held in Hamilton, New Zealand where the World Federation of Rose Societies nominated him to be WFRS President until the end of the next World Rose Convention to be held in Chicago, Illinois in September, 1974.

Ray Allen was President of the WFRS concurrently with holding office as President of the ARS in 1974. It was during the WRC, ROSEWORLD '74, convened by Mrs. Paula Ballin, that the competition for the World's Favourite Rose was initiated. The variety, regardless of class was to be voted for by members on a points system, with each member submitting a list of 10 favourite roses. The winner would be announced at the following convention and a portrait of the variety presented to the breeder.

At the first meeting of Council six of the nine founding members were represented – Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, USA and the UK. (Belgium, Germany, India, Italy and Japan hadn't sent delegates and Switzerland seemed to have temporarily withdrawn) It was interesting to note that when the Financial Statement was produced, only two countries were in good standing – the UK and South Africa. In future the President of the country hosting a convention would be the Chairman of the Liaison Committee. Guidelines for hosting a convention were to be drawn up while leaving the programme free for the society to organize. A modest surcharge, to be decided between the Liaison Committee and the hosting society would be donated to the Federation.

The total number of Member Countries remained at eleven.

During his term of office, Ray Allen paid a visit to South Africa in his capacity as President on an around the world tour to enable him to encourage rosarians to attend the WFRS World Rose convention - ROSE WORLD '74 in Chicago in September, 1974. Considerable emphasis would be on the new roses of the world and a major attraction would be the Rose Show. In an entitled *South African Rose Safari*, Ray Allen wrote – 'Few times in my life have I been shown so much hospitality or been able to see so much of a country in such a short time.' He also said referring to the roses "While there were a lot of roses I could consider old friends from America, there were others I did not know because they were so much better than I had ever seen them before."

Roseworld '74 followed the pattern of other conventions with lectures, a rose show, city tours and a banquet at which the incoming President, Mr. Frank Bowen (UK) was inducted. It is interesting to note that the WFRS plenary sessions and committee meetings were held prior to the Opening of the Convention thus avoiding absence from convention functions for the office bearers. A new innovation was a series of panel discussions entitled New Roses and Hybridizing by well known breeders – today all household names in the world of roses – Sam McGredy (NZ), Seizo Suzuki (Japan), Jan Spek (Netherlands), Jan Herholdt (South Africa), Francois Delbard (France), Walter Lammerts (USA), Robert Lindquist (USA), William Warriner (USA), Ollie Weeks (USA), Ralph Moore (USA), Mark Mattock (England), Edward Le Grice (England), Ray Rumsey (Australia), Harry Wheatcroft (England), Ben Williams (USA), Frank Benardella (USA), Reimer Kordes (Germany), Alain Meilland (France), Patrice Gaujard (France), Neils Poulsen (Denmark), Matthias Tantau (Germany) and David Gilad (Israel).

There were over 900 delegates. The Queen of the show was won by a Canadian with 'Royal Highness', but the Ballin family were significant trophy winners. The accent was on miniature roses.

The third World Rose Convention – ROSCENT '76 was to be held in Oxford, England to coincide with the RNRS Centenary anniversary. The Fourth World Rose Convention was awarded to the Rose Society of South Africa to be held in 1979 followed by the Israel Rose Society in 1981.

FRANK BOWEN – GREAT BRITAIN SEPTEMBER, 1974 – JULY, 1976



- President :** Mr. Frank Bowen (UK)
- **Deputy President:** Prof. Fred Ziady (South Africa)
 - **Secretary and Treasurer:** Mr. Len Turner (UK)
 - **General Management:** Prof. Fred Ziady (South Africa)
 - **Convention Liaison:** Mr. Ted Allen (UK)
 - **Classification:** Mr. Richard Balfour (UK)
 - **Registration:** Dr Ray Allen (USA)
 - **Publication** Mr. Paddy Stephens (NZ)
 - **Awards:** Mr. Milton Cadsby (Canada)

Mr. Frank Bowen, Vice President of the WFRS from 1971 – 1974, was made President of the WFRS at the WRC in Chicago in 1974. After the Convention, during a holiday visit to British Columbia, the newly elected President of the WFRS gave a talk illustrated with slides to members of the Vancouver Rose Society and a television interview for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. After returning to Britain he received a party from the Rose Society of South Africa who visited the RNRS gardens on their way home from Chicago.

The third World Rose Convention – ROSCENT '76 – was held in Oxford, UK in July 1976 and was also the anniversary of the Centenary of the Royal National Rose Society. 1976 was declared 'The Year of the Rose'. The convention was convened by Richard (Dick) Balfour and Frank Bowen was greatly involved in the arrangements for this convention. It is interesting to note in today's climate where all societies are reporting reduced membership and the total membership in the world is well below 100,000 that the RNRS was lamenting the reduction in membership from 61,820 members to 54,595 in 1976.



One of the highlights of the convention was the Centenary Summer Show at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall, Vincent Square, London. The central display in the New Hall was of floral arrangements of the world, represented by Asia, Australia, Europe, Middle East, New Zealand, North America, South Africa and the United Kingdom. Among the societies arranging the blooms was Mr. David Ruston from Australia. The niches for the displays were draped with pale blue material and were a focal point for the duration of the show. Well known nursery R. Harkness Ltd was awarded the Championship trophy for the best exhibit.

Central display representing floral arrangements of the world

A set of four rose stamps were issued to mark the occasion.

At the WFRS Council meeting, Mr Bowen reported that the Netherlands and Switzerland had joined the Federation and Israel had joined in 1975 making the total membership 13. At the second Council meeting it became clear that a part time secretary was necessary to maintain communication between members. In view of having to provide for a paid secretary it would be necessary to raise funds by requesting convention host societies give 10% of convention registrations.

The office of the President would now be open to the delegates of all members of Council and it was felt unnecessary that the President be chosen on the basis of being a resident in the next hosting country. Council representatives could now be appointed to serve without restriction of time, member societies being entirely free to nominate their delegates at all times.

The Classifications Committee presented a list of alphabetical abbreviations for use in all non-botanical rose publications, while a system of symbols was to be devised by the South African delegates to indicate the various types of modern roses. Members were asked for suggestions regarding a suitable logo for the Federation and a decision would be taken at the next convention. The desirability of standardisation of trial ground judging was referred to. Contrary to the Chicago decision, it was now agreed that the Convenor of the previous hosting society's convention should be Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee, so that experience gained could be put to further use.

The number of Member Countries now totalled thirteen - Australia (1968), Belgium (1968), Canada (1968), Germany (1968), Great Britain (1968), Israel (1975), Italy (1968), Japan (1968), Netherlands (1976), New Zealand (1968), South Africa (1968), Switzerland (1976) and the United States of America (1968). (China, India and Poland appeared to have withdrawn) Mr. Milton Cadsby, Chairman of the Awards Committee reported that all members had participated in voting for the World's Favourite Rose - 'Peace' (Francis Meilland 1945).

The Publications Committee recommended that future hosting societies should supply all members with a summary of events, plus lectures and names and addresses of all participants.



Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Mr. EF (Ted) Allen, President of the RNRS at St. James Palace at a reception for convention delegates



Ora and David Gilad (Israel) speaking to HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother during the 3rd WRC Roscent '76. In the background is Lionel Lawrence from Melbourne, Australia



Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (Belgium) speaking to HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother and Mr Ludwig Taschner (South Africa) awaits his turn

The first of the varied and interesting lectures was *The Highlights of the First 100 Years of the RNRS* delivered by well known Mr Edward Le Grice. There were speakers from Canada, Germany, Holland, Israel, New Zealand, South Africa, UK and the USA. There was also a lively debate entitled *This House Prefers Modern Roses to those of a century ago*, chaired by Mr. Richard (Dick) Balfour and an interesting discussion or panel by well known Rose Breeders, Pat Dickson, Reimer Kordes, Sam McGredy and Neils Poulsen on Rose Breeding. The final discussion was *R. Persica* by none other than Alec Cocker and Jack Harkness who were known for their hybridising with this unusual rose, in fact could be called the Fathers of this exciting development. As well as interesting lectures by well known rose personalities there was an exhibition of Roses in Art and History, which was of particular interest. Two Swiss artists Anne Marie Trechslin and Lotte Gunthart had displays of floral art work. In spite of a heat wave many enthusiasts participated in excursions from Wisley to Warwick and from Bath to Bone Hill. Numerous private gardens and well known rose nurseries were visited.

In Oxford, the Rose Society of South Africa held a cheese and wine party to thank the hosts of the RNRS and to present their President with a memento to mark the Centenary of the RNRS. This took the form of a Kruger Rand mounted on a stinkwood shield made by Jack Wise, one of the South African delegates. Rhodesia gave the RNRS a *Gloriosa superba* (the Rhodesian emblem) engraved on copper.

The closing banquet was attended by over 600 delegates. There were eloquent speeches by well known horticulturists and the President of the Royal Horticultural Society presented the RNRS with an inscribed glass rose bowl. Mr. Edward Le Grice and Mr. Graham Thomas were both recipients of the prestigious Dean Hole Medal. The President of the New Zealand Rose Society, Mr Pat Stevens, presented a Maori carved lamp standard to the President of the RNRS, Mr. E.F. Allen, saying that pro-rata their population they were the strongest Rose Society. The President of the German Rose Society, Dr. Lambert presented the President with a silver rose bowl. A painting by Mme Anne Marie Trechslin was presented to Mr. Dick Balfour as a token of his work as convention convenor. Mr. Bowen as WFRS President presented Mme F. Meilland with a painting generously given by Frau Lotte Gunthart of 'Peace', the world's favourite rose. Mr. Bowen's final duty as WFRS President was to hand over the Presidency to Professor Ziady from South Africa whom he thanked for being so helpful during the past week.

Sean McCann wrote referring to the time of the convention "the highest temperatures in Britain were recorded in Oxford during the convention week, proving again that we rosarians are hot stuff!" He concluded by saying "I'd go through it all again tomorrow ... heat, no ice, poor microphones, the lot just for the fun I had. Remember the good times, folk."

FREDERICK ZIADY — SOUTH AFRICA JULY, 1976 — OCTOBER, 1979



OFFICERS OF THE WFRS FROM 1979 TO 1981

President – Prof. Fred. Ziady (SA)
Deputy President – Mr. David Gilad (Israel)
Secretary and Treasurer – Prof. Sid Cywes (South Africa)
General Management – Mr. David Gilad (Israel)
Convention Liaison – Mr. Richard. Balfour (UK)
Classification – Mr. Arthur Hellyer (UK)
Registration – Dr. Richard Allen (USA)
Publications – Mr. Lionel Lawrence (Aus.)
Awards - Mr. Milton Cadsby (Canada)



'Professor Fred Ziady' KORambo

Prof. Fred. Ziady, better known as Barney, a prominent surgeon in South Africa, a top competitor and prize winner at Rose Shows for 2 decades in South Africa and also a competent judge at international venues was President of the Rose Society of South Africa from 1960 - 1962. Having been WFRS Deputy President for the previous triennial, he was appointed President of the World Federation of Rose Societies during the World Rose Convention, Roscent '76 in Oxford, England where he was one of nearly 40 South Africans attending in July 1976.

Barney Ziady was very involved in the organisation of ROSAFARI '79, the fourth World Rose convention which was held in his home town, the Jacaranda City of Pretoria in October, 1979. The organisation committee was led by Don Austin. Mary Wise, President of the Rose Society of South Africa welcomed the 630 delegates from 13 different countries in the language of their own nationality in the presence of the world famous guest of honour – Prof. Chris Barnard, the State President and the Mayor of Pretoria.

The convention was preceded by a three day visit to the Kruger National Park. While Committee meetings were underway a magnificent Flower Festival which included the Society's Rose Show and a floral art display took place. There were excursions to public gardens, private gardens including that of the State President, Jan Herholdt's rose nursery, the only professional breeder in South Africa at that time, gold and diamond mines. An International Rose Quiz, the brain child of Prof. Ziady, with delegates from Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, New Zealand, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the United States was a very popular innovation. Mr. Eric Elwes and Mr. Dick Balfour, the winning team from the UK received a set of gold coins. France came second and West Germany third.

There were two full days of lectures which also included panel discussions and symposiums with well known leaders and speakers such as Dr. Fred Thomas (Aus), Dr. Gerd Krüssman (Germany), Mr. Ralph Moore (USA), Dr. Pat Klessner (South Africa), Mr. George Delbard (France) and Mr. David Gilad (Israel).

A set of four rose stamps was issued on to celebrate the fourth WFRS World Rose Convention.



'Soaring Wings' 25c, a Kordes rose named for South African Airways in appreciation of the assistance with the convention.

'Southern Sun' 20c, bred by Jan Herholdt named for Southern Sun Hotels in appreciation of the assistance with the convention.

'Prof. Dr. Chris Barnard' 15c, bred by amateur, Mr. Fischer, named for Prof. Chris Barnard, the South African pioneer in heart surgery - guest of honour at the opening ceremony of the convention.

'Gary Player' 4c, bred by Jan Herholdt named in honour of South Africa's world famous golf player.

During the intervening period since the 1976 Convention, the Rose Society of Argentina and during the convention the Societe Francaise des Roses applied for membership to the WFRS, thus making the total of national rose societies, thirteen. Interest was also shown by Bermuda, Luxembourg, Northern Ireland, Poland and Zimbabwe.

Barney Ziady lamented the general lack of communication between members. The WFRS suggested and it was agreed that each member country should receive a free copy of all WFRS publications and likewise send a free copy to other members. The RNRS offered to record and maintain the Federation archives.

Milton Cadsby, Chairman of the Awards Committee announced that 'The Queen Elizabeth Rose' had been voted the World's Favourite Rose. Lotte Gunthart once again painted a portrait that would be presented to Walter Lammerts.

The creation of a new award in the form of a medal was agreed upon. It would be presented to individuals who had given outstanding service to the WFRS. The first and only medal presented in 1979 was a Gold Medal "For Service to the Rose and to the WFRS" and it was presented to Dr. A.S. Thomas from Australia. A sub-committee was charged with working out the details of the medal's design.



It was during Barney Ziady's Presidency and chaired by Mr. Gunthart, that member countries of the world, entered a competition to choose an official emblem for the WFRS. Forty-seven entries were received and the design by the South African artist who designed the rose stamps for the convention, was ultimately chosen and approved.



At the Council meeting it was confirmed that each member might be represented by two delegates plus two observers, but only have one vote. The Secretary, Sid Cywes was happy to report that following the appeal for donations in Oxford, a few members had generously responded. Additional funds had been brought in by the sale of cards of the painting of 'Peace' by Lotte Gunthart.

The Publications Committee recommended that after each convention a list of Member Country's Secretaries be circulated and that the main lectures of a convention be published by the host country in English.

The Classification Committee recommended that varieties already in commerce would not be re-classified under the new system, but that members should publicize the new scheme in their journals for future use. The Registration Committee recommended continued support for the registration of new varieties through the American Rose Society. At the recommendation of the Convention Liaison Committee it was agreed to accept the application of the German Rose Society to host the 1983 World Rose Convention in Baden-Baden and to give favourable consideration to the Canadian Rose Society's request for the subsequent convention to be held in Canada in 1985.

During this period three well known rosarians died – Harry Wheatcroft, aged 78, Alec Cocker, the Aberdeen rose breeder, aged 71, and Edward Le Grice aged 74 - all from the United Kingdom.



David Gilad, (Israel), Fred Thomas (Aus.) and Lily de Gerlache (Belgium) at the Closing Ceremony

DAVID GILAD – ISRAEL OCTOBER 1979 TO OCTOBER 1981



OFFICERS OF THE WFRS FOR 1979 to 1981

President - David Gilad (Israel)
Deputy President – Victor von Medem (Ger.)
Secretary – Judge Milton Cadsby (USA)
Treasurer – Ludwig Taschner (SA)
General Management – Victor von Medem (Ger.)
Convention Liaison – Don Austin (SA)
Classification – Richard Balfour (UK)
Publication – Fred. Ziady (SA)
Awards – Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (Belgium)

David Gilad was a founder member of the Israeli Rose Society in the early 1950's . He was the Israeli official delegate in Chicago in 1974 and Deputy President and Management Chairman of the WFRS from 1976 – 1979. In 1985 in Toronto, he was awarded the WFRS Gold Medal for service to the Rose and to the WFRS.



The fifth World Rose Convention was hosted by the Israeli Rose Society in Jerusalem in October and was entitled Rose Pilgrimage '81. Although the number of participants was less than expected due to political uncertainties more than 400 foreign visitors from 24 countries were welcomed by the Society's President, David Gilad. This included Columbia, Cypress, Egypt and Portugal. Unfortunately none of these countries have joined the WFRS to date. The highlight of the social events was the inauguration of the Wohl Rose Garden in which 15,000 roses made a magnificent display.

David Gilad addresses the delegates in Jerusalem at the WRC – Rose Pilgrimage '81

A few weeks before the convention a bouquet of 50 Israeli grown roses was airlifted to the families of Presidents of the World Federation members along with a commemorative medal and a copy of the book *The History of the Rose in the Holy Land throughout the Ages* illustrated by Lotte Gunthart. The Rose Quiz between society teams which had proven so popular in South Africa was won by the Australian team captained by David Ruston.

David Gilad says that “without the backing and support of Mary Wise, we would not have had the Fifth World Rose Convention in Jerusalem and certainly, personally I wouldn't have been elected as President. One thing I did contribute to the Federation - for Presidents without funds to cover travelling expenses, I suggested the election of Regional Vice Presidents and the holding of Regional Conventions. It revived the WFRS and let more people get involved.”

New applications for membership had been received from the Societies of Bermuda (1981) and Poland (1981) thus making the total 15. Ann Marie Trechslin volunteered to paint the World's Favourite Rose for the Hall of Fame – 'Duftwolke'. (Tantau)

During the Israeli convention, fundamental changes in the administrative structure were approved. The General Management Committee was replaced by an Executive Committee. This committee included the President, Deputy President, Secretary and Treasurer and six Vice Presidents. Victor von Medem resigned prior to the convention in Israel and Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery was elected President for the period 1981 – 1983. Since the convention in South Africa, only one edition of World Rose News had been published with very few societies contributing. It was hoped that in future the Publications Committee would edit and publish a WRN on a twice yearly basis. An ad-hoc fund raising committee was appointed. It was also recommended that organizations of professional breeders and growers be eligible for non-voting membership at a fee to be decided by the Executive Committee. The Fund-raising Sub Committee proposed that the annual subscription be raised and scaled according to the size of the member society. *It is interesting to note this has been suggested by the smaller societies on many occasions since, but turned down by the EC.*

At the closing Ceremony Fred Thomas (Aus) was presented with the Gold Medal announced in Pretoria and the committee recommended the same award for Lotte Gunthart for her services to the Federation. It was agreed the Canadian Rose Society would host the Seventh World Rose Convention in 1985 and National Rose Society of Australia would host the next in April, 1988.

LILY DE GERLACHE DE GOMERY - BELGIUM OCTOBER 1981 TO JULY 1983



OFFICERS OF THE WFRS FOR 1981 - 1983

President: Lily de Gerlache (Belgium)
Deputy President: Gustav Schoser (Germany)
Secretary/Treasurer: Ludwig Taschner (S.Africa)
Convention Liaison: Ludwig Taschner (SA)
Classification: Richard Balfour (UK)
Publication: Howard Walters (USA)
Awards: Mary Wise (S. Africa)

Vice Presidents:

South America – Susan Begg (Arg);
North America – Vincent Gioia (USA)
Africa – Mary Wise (S.Africa);
Australasia – Bert Stone (Aus);
Europe – Richard Balfour (UK)



'Lily de Gerlache'

The Baroness, founder President of the WFRS in 1968, was Chairman of the Awards Committee (1979-1981) and was to have represented Belgium as one of two Vice Presidents for Europe, but the Deputy President from 1979 -1981, Mr. Victor von Medem (Ger.) resigned and Lily was once again elected President of the WFRS. To date she is the only person to have served in this position more than once. Lily received the WFRS Gold Medal in Baden Baden in 1983 in recognition of her service to the Rose and to the Federation. In 2003 in Glasgow, she and Dick Balfour were the first two members to be honoured President Emeritus. Unfortunately Lily was unable to be present due to poor health. In the same year she was made Hon. President of The Belgian Rose Society.

Every year she participated in most of the International Rose Trials and quite often was given the honour of being President of the International Jury - UK, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and Belgium. She attended conventions in Chicago (1974), Oxford (1976), Pretoria (1979), Jerusalem (1981), Baden Baden (1983), Toronto (1985), Belfast (1991), Christchurch (1994), Benelux (1997) and Houston (2000) after which she retired.

Rose Romantic '83, the sixth World Rose Convention, convened by Dr. Gustav Schoser, President of the German Rose Society, took place in Baden Baden and coincided with the German Rose Society's Centenary. Of the more than 1000 participants, from 25 countries, two thirds were non-German. Due to the political situation, contact with Rose Societies in Eastern Europe was difficult. Seventeen countries voted for the World's Favourite Rose competition and at the Awards Committee Meeting, the Chairman, Mary Wise announced the winner – 'Iceberg' ('Schneewitchen'), and Anne Marie Trechslin's painting was presented to the breeder, Reimer Kordes.

Some of the highlights of the social programme included visits to the Gönneranlage rose garden and the trial grounds in the Beutig Novelty Garden, an open air buffet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the German Rose Society, a fireworks display and a gala banquet. Lectures covered a wide range of subjects and even floral arrangements and pottery. To mark the Centenary of the German Rose Society, the RNRS presented the German Rose society President with a silver and illuminated address.

The Convention lectures covered a wide range of subjects and included people like Dick Squires, President of the RNRS, Dr. Campbell and Dick Balfour. From among the Breeders, Sam McGredy, Reimer Kordes and George Delbard gave lectures.

The convention itself was preceded by meetings of the Committees and Council of the Federation. At the Registration Comitee meeting, Vincent Gioia reported that the registration of new varieties under the code name and a commercial or 'fancy' name, were proving very satisfactory, but there was still scope for involvement by other national rose societies

At the first meeting of council, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was agreed to extend the period between conventions to three years after the 1988 convention. Additions were made to the constitution regarding the Immediate Past President as a permanent member of the Executive Committee to uphold continuity.

In the intervening period, since the previous convention, no newsletters had been published and understandably the Publication committee and its chairman came in for heavy criticism. A motion was passed whereby the Secretary, in this case, Ludwig Taschner, would also serve as editor of the WFRS Newsletter which should not exceed two typed pages. Dick Balfour urged all societies to send not only their publications to Ludwig, but also any information that might be of interest to the Federation. It was also suggested that a diary or calendar of rose events throughout the world should be produced.

The Classification Committee agreed to approve the addition of Groundcover Roses to the modern garden rose section.

At a special meeting organised by the Federation during the convention and attended by Rose Trial organisers and some breeders, the question of some standardization of the judging systems used in European rose trials was discussed. It was felt there was considerable variation in the systems used. Dick Balfour agreed to organise a survey of all international trials after which it was hoped a small group would be able to formulate proposals aimed at some form of standardization.

At the Convention Liaison Committee meeting, the Canadian delegate Ethel Freeman announced the plans for the Seventh World Rose convention to be held in Toronto in June, 1985 and Eric Welsh reported on the preparations for the Eighth World Rose convention to be held in Sydney, Australia in April, 1988. John Pierce from Northern Ireland on behalf of his society, applied to host a convention in 1991. It was agreed no decisions would be made for future conventions more than six years in advance.

For the first time it was necessary to elect the President by secret ballot. The two candidates were Mr. Richard Balfour and Dr. Gustav Schoser. Mr. Balfour was elected for the period 1983 – 1985.

Northern Ireland joined the WFRS in 1982 and Luxembourg in 1983 making the total membership 17.

In her retirement from the WFRS, Lily has shown an enthusiastic interest in the Federation and its Office Bearers which has never waned. Fortunately, Lily's daughter, Henriette de Briey is WFRS VP for Europe and is able to keep her Mother abreast of all that takes place in the Federation. Lily has shown an enthusiastic interest in the Federation and its Office Bearers which has never waned.

Finally, the Rose is for Lily, the Symbol of Peace and Friendship between the people in the world.



RICHARD BALFOUR - UNITED KINGDOM JULY 1983 TO JUNE 1985



President : Mr. Richard (Dick) Balfour (UK)
Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Ludwig Taschner (S. Africa)
Awards Committee: Mrs. Susan Begg (Argentina)
Publication Committee: Dr. Gustaf Schoser (Germany)
Editor: Mr. Ludwig Taschner (S. Africa)
Fund Raising: Mr. John Dunlop (Zimbabwe)
Classification: Mr. Richard Balfour (UK)
Registration: Mr. Vincent Gioia (USA)
Convention Liaison: Mr. Ludwig Taschner (S. Africa)
Vice Presidents:
South America: Mrs. Susan Begg (Arg.)
North America: Mr. Vincent Gioia (USA)
Africa, India and near East: Mrs. Mary Wise (S. Africa)
Australasia: Mr. Bert Stone (Australia)
Europe: Dr. Gustaf Schoser (Germany)
Princess Alix de Ligny (Belgium)

Richard Balfour, better known as Dick, was present at the International Rose Conference in London in 1968 when the Federation was established. He attended most World Rose Conventions up to and including Osaka in 2006 and served on many Committees. In 1971 at the first World Rose Convention in New Zealand, he was appointed Chairman of the Classification and Registration Committee – a position he held until 1988 which overlapped with his term of office as WFRS President. 1976 – 1979 saw him as Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee. In 1994 Dick was made Chairman of Conservation for 3 years. Dick was made President of the World Federation in Baden Baden in 1983 which ran concurrently with being President of the RNRS.

During his term of office, he travelled extensively promoting the Federation and The Rose, and was a regular member of the International Jury at numerous Rose Trials in Europe. During these travels, Dick was always accompanied by his wife Della and together their kindness, generosity and friendly approach was evident by an abounding interest in his many friends. Dick's love of dancing and good wine helped to mellow even the most shy of diners and good humour and lots of laughter were always present. He was never without a rose in his button hole, even when travelling abroad.

He was also an expert rose photographer with an extensive slide library which he willingly made available for the promotion of the Rose. His photos were used in various books including authors Peter Beales, Peter Harkness, Rosmary Verey and Jane Fernley-Whittingstall. Dick Balfour's promotion of the Rose was acknowledged around the world with numerous honours, including the Federation's Gold Medal in 1985 at the end of his Presidency. At the same time a special tribute in the form of words and flowers was made to Della Balfour. Dick was also a prolific writer and contributor to many publications.



Dick and Della Balfour had 2 roses named in their honour – 'Della Balfour', a Harkness rose is a mix of peachy tones and primrose yellow and was named on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

'Dick's Delight' was named in his honour by the Indian Federation of Rose Societies.

**Della and Dick Balfour with the 'Della Balfour' rose
at Hampton Court Palace Flower show at the launch
of this Harkness rose in 1994**

On the occasion of the Society's Patron - HRH Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother's 90th and 100th birthday celebrations in London at Horse Guards Parade, Dick carried his trug of roses, picked from his garden that morning in the procession and

presented a rose to delighted tourists. At the Opening Ceremony of the World Rose Convention in Glasgow in 2003, Dick and Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (in absentia) were the first two recipients of the WFRS President Emeritus Honour, presented by Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne, the Princess Royal.

During the Convention *Melody of Oriental Roses* in Osaka in 2006, Dick was the first recipient of the Della Balfour Friendship Medal – which had been donated by the Pakistan Rose Society in Della's honour. At the Vancouver Convention the medal was renamed the Dick and Della Balfour Friendship Medal.

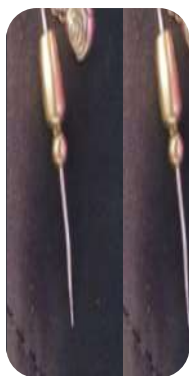
The Seventh World Rose Convention, ROSECAPADES '85, was hosted by the Canadian Rose Society in June, 1985 in Toronto. The Society's President, Ethel Freeman and her team were responsible for the organisation for the 550 delegates. The number of delegates from Europe was relatively fewer than usual because the convention coincided with the International Rose Trials. A rose show was staged by the Canadian and American Rose Societies.

The Honourable John Aird, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario welcomed guests at the Opening Ceremony and WFRS President, Dick Balfour read a message received from the Patron of the RNRS, HRH Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The lectures were well attended and at times it was standing room only.

A diverse international programme of lectures included Michael Gibson, Dick Balfour and Dick Squires from the UK; Toru Onodera, raiser of 'Nozomi' from Japan, Stefan Wagner from Romania and Jadwiga Grabczewska from Poland. On the last day four hours were devoted to the popularity of miniature roses by Frank Bernadello, Gene Kibg, Ernie Williams, Ralph Moore and Harmon Saville of the USA with contributions by Sean McCan of Dublin and Dawn Eagle of New Zealand.

At the first Executive Council meeting the President and Vice Presidents presented their reports on activities undertaken during the previous two years. A revised edition of the constitution and rules had been prepared and would be presented to Council. In the intervening years applications for membership were received from Uruguay and Beijing making the total 19. It was suggested that smaller conferences between conventions should be encouraged. Committee Chairmen were encouraged to hold meetings between conventions as often as possible.

Seventeen of the nineteen member countries had voted for the World's Favourite rose – 'Double Delight', a portrait executed by Anne Marie Trechslin was to be presented to Swim and Ellis. It was decided in future, a committee comprising the President and Past Presidents would draw up a list of about 10 varieties, none of which had been in commerce for less than 15 years, from which members would be asked to choose their favourites.



The Awards Committee recommended that WFRS Gold Medals for exceptional service to the Rose and the WFRS be presented to Richard Balfour and David Gilad. It was also agreed to recognise services to the WFRS with the presentation of a rose pin and the first recipients of this new award were Mary Wise and LudwigTaschner from South Africa and Milton Cadsby from Canada.

The gold rose pin designed by Dick Balfour with 2 diamond centred roses.

At the Publications Committee meeting, the retiring Editor, Ludwig Taschner, who since the Baden Baden Convention had distributed a number of newsletters, stressed the difficulty in obtaining information from the majority of members. The incoming Editor . (Dick) Richard Squires requested that all member Country's publications be sent to him.

During the Fund Raising Committee meeting it was thought that, as the activities of the Federation expanded, funds would need to be raised for expenses such as increased travel requirements of the President. Various ways for fund raising were suggested including having a rose named for the WFRS whereby royalties could be for the benefit of the Federation.

Dick Balfour, chairman of the Classification Committee reported no interest for the coding of rootstocks and that the survey of trial grounds systems was progressing.

There was much discussion for a number of new names for the sub-division of a variety of rose groups, such as Large Flowered, Cluster Flowered, , etc. Vincent Gioia, Chairman of the Registration Committee, proposed the revision of the rose name registration system.

At the Convention Liaison Committee meeting, it was suggested that, apart from a report regarding preparations and problems experienced during a convention, be sent to the organising committee of the subsequent convention, a detailed set of guidelines and recommendations could be drawn up to form the basis of future applications to host a convention. The 1991 Convention was awarded to the Rose Society of Northern Ireland. Mr. Eric Welsh (Aust.) gave a report of the preparations for the Eighth World Rose Convention to be held in Sydney in 1988.

All Vice Presidents were to draw up lists of data regarding members in their regions and send them to the secretary. Vice Presidents were encouraged to attend at least one national meeting of the societies in their region per year. Likewise Committee chairmen were encouraged to hold meetings between conventions.



**Vincent Gioia (USA),
David Gilad (Israel)
with his Gold Medal and
Mary Wise (South Africa)
at the Closing Ceremony
in Toronto**

NB note the old logo on the medal

Dick's wish was that communication should be greatly improved within the Federation, but even more important, it was that the members should do their best to foster a spirit of friendship among all rose lovers and to increase membership of the societies.

Vincent Gioia from the United States of America was to be the WFRS President from 1985 – 1988.

In the January 1990 WRN, it was reported that Dick Balfour was awarded the Australia Rose Award by the British High Commissioner for Australia at a ceremony at St. Albans in August, 1989.



**'Della Balfour' covering an obelisk
in Sheenaghs Harris' garden**

**HRH The Princess Royal confers
the honour of President Emeritus
on Dick Balfour in the company of
Peter Beales – Glasgow 2003**

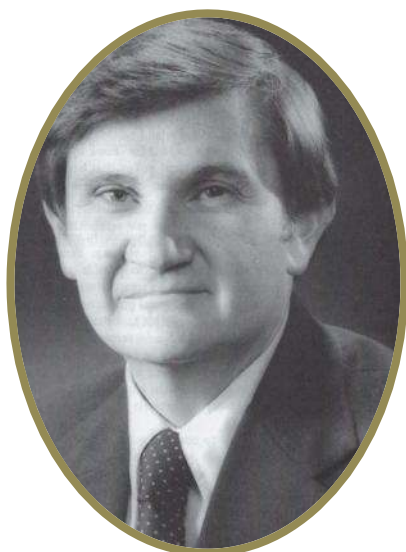


'Della Balfour' (photo – Ludwig Taschner)



'Dick's Delight' (DICwhistle)

VINCENT GIOIA - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JUNE 1985 TO APRIL 1988



President: Mr. Vincent Gioia (USA)
Secretary: Mr. Robert Begg (Argentina)
Treasurer: Mr. RD (Dick) Squires
Awards: Mr. David Ruston (Aust)
Publications: Mr. Robert Begg (Arg); Editor:
 Mr. RD Squires
Fund Raising: Mr. John Dunlop (Zimbabwe)
Classification: Mr. RC Balfour
Registration: Mr. Vincent Gioia (USA)
Convention Liaison Committee: Mr. J. Anderson
Vice Presidents:
 South America: Mrs. Susan Begg (Arg)
 North America: Mrs. Ethel Freeman (Can)
 Africa, India and Near East: Mr. John Dunlop (Zim)
 Australia and Far East: Mr. Eric Welsh (Aus)
 Europe: Princess Alix de Ligne (Belgium)
 Dr. Josef Sieber (Germany)

Vincent Gioia was WFRS Vice President for North America from 1983 to 1985 concurrently with being President of the American Rose Society. He remarked that the greatest honour for him was to be elected President of the WFRS.

Shortly after Rosecapades '81 plans were made for 2 Regional conventions – Itami in Japan unfortunately came upon insurmountable problems and had to cancel. However Bermuda made plans for a Regional convention to be held in Hamilton in January 1987. The venue was the Princess Hotel where the President, Elizabeth Carswell welcomed the delegates. The weather was disastrous and held up many speakers and delegates. The main interest in the lectures centred round old fashioned roses and the island's Mystery Roses, named thus by Peter Harkness. The speakers were Peter Beales, (UK), George Pagowski, Charles Walker, Floyd Johnson, Donald Ballin (USA) and Malcolm Manners (USA). Bus tours took delegates to private gardens, Camden House and garden, Vermont and the Bermuda National Trust Headquarters and rose garden. At the closing banquet, attended by more than 100 rose lovers, Clair Martin III gave an interesting talk on his work at the Hungtington Botanical Gardens. WFRS President Vincent Gioia thanked the Bermuda Rose Society, helped by North American Vice President, Ethel Freeman for having so well succeeded in strengthening and expanding friendships between societies and their individual members.



Vincent Gioia with Elizabeth Carswell and Jackie Swan (the Premier of Bermuda's wife) 1987 at Camden, the Premier's official residence

Rosa Australis, the Eighth World Rose Convention held in Sydney in April, 1988 was hosted by the National Rose Society of Australia. Garth Guyett convened the convention which attracted 384 participants. The Rose Show brought in 332 entries in 51 classes and the floral art classes boasted 61 entries. More than 5,000 visitors attended the show.

Pat Dicksom (N.Ireland), Nola simpson (NZ), Ralph Moore (USA), Sean McCann (Eire), Toru Onorra (Japan) and David Gilad (Israel) participated in International hybridisers panels. Dean Ross, Otto Bunemann also gave lectures. Numerous tours were offered and the closing Ceremony took place in the University Refectory.

At the first meeting of the Council, the concept of regional conventions was discussed at length and it was hoped they would be encouraged. Vincent Gioia thanked Robert and Susan Begg (Argentina) for their preparation of the latest edition of the constitution, shortly to be translated into French, German and Spanish. Robert Begg was also thanked for preparing guidelines for holding a world rose convention. Norway and China applied for membership making the total 19. For the first time the societies of South Africa, Luxembourg and the Netherlands were represented by proxy.

The Chairman of the Awards Committee, David Ruston announced that the names of 63 roses had been sent to all members under the new system of voting. He received a good response and announced the next World's Favourite Rose was 'Papa Meilland' (Meilland 1963). The portrait of the rose was executed by Australian water colour artist, Jaru Woodman and was accepted by the Meilland representative. After some discussion, it was decided to revert to the previous method of voting and to form a sub-committee which could co-opt other distinguished rosarians to propose approximately five old varieties worthy of inclusion in what would be called The Old Rose Hall of Fame.

The nomination of Ralph Moore (USA) for a WFRS Gold Medal was unanimously accepted, as were the nominations of Princess Alix de Ligne (Belgium) and David Ruston (Australia) for the rose pin.

At the meeting of the Publications Committee, the Chairman, Robert Begg reported that as decided in Toronto, a regular newsletter titled *Rose News* and later *World Rose News* had first been published and distributed in August 1985. A list of Gardens and Calendar events had been printed and distributed. Unfortunately various problems had prevented the publication of more than 6 editions of *World Rose News* so that it would eventually be necessary to appoint a new Editor.

At the Fund Raising Committee meeting the subject of fees required by the WFRS from the convention host society was raised. It was decided that a 'per capita' levy would be required. The amount would be decided no later than the following convention.

The Classification Committee Chairman, Dick Balfour, reported an encouraging increase in the use of the WFRS system with the exception of the USA, South Africa and New Zealand.

The Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee announced that India, New Zealand and the USA had applied to hold the 1994 convention. After a secret ballot election it was announced that Hyderabad, India had been elected to host the Tenth World Rose convention in 1994.

Susan Begg from Argentina was elected to be the next WFRS President from 1988 to 1991.



'Papa Meilland'

SUSAN BEGG - ARGENTINA APRIL 1988 TO JULY 1991



President: Susan Begg (Argentina)
Secretary: Robert Begg (Arg)
Treasurer: Michael Roberts (UK)
Committee Chairmen:
Awards: David Ruston (Aus)
Publications Committee: Robert Begg (Arg)
Editor: Craig Wallace (N.Ireland)
Fund-raising sub-committee: John Dunlop (Zim)
Classification Committee: Fred Witchell (UK)
Registration Committee: Vincent Gioia (USA)
Convention Liaison Committee: Ethel Freeman (Can)
Vice Presidents:
South America: Mercedes Villar (Uruguay)
North America: Ethel Freeman (Canada)
Africa, India and the near East: John Dunlop (Zim)
Australasia and Far East: David Ruston (Aus)
Europe: Josef Sieber (Ger) Rein Lae Solberg (Nor)

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Susan Begg, past President of the Argentine Rose Society, was elected President of the World Federation of Rose Societies in April 1988 at Rosa Australis, the 8th World Rose Convention in Sydney, Australia. She had been Award Chairman from 1983-1985 and VP for South America from 1981 to 1988.

Prior to her three year presidential period, together with Robert her husband they were largely devoted to overseeing the structural formation of the Federation which was spreading its early wings: Constitution and Rules, convention guidelines, new member promotion and general enquiries.

In June and July 1989, Susan visited the RNRS Rose Festival, the Rose Trials at Bagatelle in Paris, La Grange Trials in Geneva, the Salon International de la Rose in Enghien, Belgium, the Dixon Park trials in Belfast and St. Anne's Park Trials in Dublin.

One colourful event was the week long celebration in November 1990, of the 20th anniversary of the accession of His Majesty Sultan Qaboos bin Said, Sultan of Oman which Susan Begg, as President of the WFRS, was invited to attend in Muscat, Oman.



Throughout the week there were daily events including grand military parades, the Oman Tattoo, camel races, carnival and firework displays, tour attractions, a special performance of the Bolshoi Philharmonic Orchestra and a Royal Garden Party in the Al-Alam Palace grounds for over 1500 diplomatic, commercial and Royal guests. The Garden Party was hosted by HM the Sultan who was presented with the 'Sultan Qaboos Rose' by Susan Begg on behalf of the WFRS in recognition of His Majesty's devoted work for the welfare of his people, his contribution to World peace achievements and world ecology. The Rose was displayed throughout the tea tables and royal decorations and in vases for the guests to take after the ceremony.

In July 1991, the Rose Society of Northern Ireland led by Norman Beck, hosted Rose Emerald, the 9th World Rose Convention programmed for Belfast despite the worry and uneasy feeling which "the troubles" could possibly have on doubtful delegates. His Grace the Duke of Abercorn welcomed a full house at Queens' University and reminded guests of the tradition of growing roses in Ulster was more than a century old and was represented by the world-renowned roses of Dickson and McGredy families. About 500 delegates from 17 countries enjoyed the exhibition of new varieties from a number of countries and an International Rose Show. In addition to the Rose Trials in St. Anne's Park, Dublin and the rose gardens in the Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, various other excursions were organised for the visitors. Lecturers came from Israel, Norway, the Netherlands and locally. A yellow Hybrid Tea, bred by Pat Dickson was named 'Belfast Belle' in honour of the convention.

There had been applications for membership but no confirmations, so the membership remained at 19.

No useful contact had been made with Beijing for the Chinese membership. It was announced that difficulty was being encountered in keeping contact with the Indian Rose Federation who were to host the 1994 convention in Hyderabad. The Indian delegate requested the venue be changed to Bhopal which was sanctioned. It was disappointing that 2 committees, Publicity/Promotion/Membership and Research/Conservation/Environment had not yet been formed.

The Secretary, Robert Begg announced his intention to retire and suggested that in future the WFRS employ a secretary. With this in mind, it was unanimously approved that in the future each member's subscription be 25 pounds sterling and that a levy of 15 pounds per capita be payable to the Federation for future world conventions and 5 pounds for regionals.

The result of the voting for the World's Favourite Rose was announced as 'Pascali' bred by Louis Lens from Belgium. The results of the investigations undertaken by the Chairman clearly showed the favourite Old Garden Roses to be – 'Cecile Brunner', 'Old Blush', 'Souvenir de la Malmaison' and 'Gloire de Dijon'. After discussion it was decided to reduce the number of years in commerce required for a nominated Modern Rose from 15 to 10 years.

The WFRS Gold medal was awarded to Pat Dickson and Rose Pins to both Robert and Susan Begg as well as Norman Beck for his outstanding work as director of Rose Emerald.

Craig Wallace, having guided the publication of six editions of *World Rose News* announced his decision to retire. The Chairman of Publications stressed the importance of the magazine as a means of communication between members. It was important that all lectures, awards and reports on the activities at the convention be included in subsequent issues.

The results of a questionnaire which had been circulated to all members following the 1988 meeting had brought to light some problems in the classification system regarding descriptions used by professionals as opposed to amateur growers. At the Classification Committee meeting it was agreed to form a working group which would prepare a document on the subject for circulation to members for comment. Council agreed to accept the recommendation from the Registration Committee regarding the deprecation of the use of duplicate names. Where varieties are renamed it was agreed

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It was reported that Mary Wise (S.Africa) died in March, 1991 – Gen Management, (1971-1974), Awards (1981-1983), Vice President (1983-1985). Rose Pin in 1985.

It was decided by secret ballot at the Convention Liaison Committee to hold the Eleventh World Rose convention in the Benelux in 1997 and that New Zealand should be recommended to host the Twelfth World Rose Convention in Christchurch in 2000.

DAVID RUSTON - AUSTRALIA

JULY, 1991 TO NOVEMBER, 1994



President: David Ruston (Australia)
Secretary: Jill Bennell (UK) was appointed shortly after the convention
Treasurer: Michael Roberts (UK)
Awards: Mercedes Villar (Uruguay)
Publications: Esther Geldenhuys (South Africa)
Fund Raising: David Ruston (Australia)
Classification: Fred Witchell (UK)
Registration: Kenneth Grapes (UK)
Convention Liaison: Norman Beck (Northern Ireland)
Research, Conservation and Environment: Richard Balfour (UK)
Vice Presidents:
Africa, India and Near East: Esther Geldenhuys (South Africa)
Australasia and Far East: Lois Tabb (New Zealand)
Europe: Joseph Sieber (Germany) Molly Frizzell (Northern Ireland)
North America: Ethel Freeman (Canada)
South America: Mercedes Villar (Uruguay)



A tea urn and 'Fragrant Cloud' roses

David Ruston attended the fourth International Conference in London in 1968 after which Frank Bowen wrote - The flower arrangement classes included some lovely compositions but undoubtedly the one that captured most interest was David Ruston's pedestal arrangement of roses flown from his own garden in Australia." Once the show was over and during the conference, David, together with well known Julia Clements and Lily de Gerlache de Gomery gave a demonstration using his copper tea urn and 'Fragrant Cloud' roses . He also gave a lecture on Informal Gardening with Roses.

He attended the First World Rose convention held in New Zealand in 1971, where he exhibited an arrangement of fifty-four rose stems from his garden in Renmark. David attended most WFRS conventions and in London in 1976 he, together with others did the arrangement depicting Australia – A Sunburnt Country. During the convention in Oxford he gave another much acclaimed demonstration. In Canada in 1985, David gave a flower arranging demonstration. Again, he was in demand for flower arranging for the WRC in Sydney in 1988 where he convened the rose display – '200 Years of Roses' and coped with extreme difficulties bringing 150 labeled varieties in 25 boxes from Renmark to Sydney.

Australia was one of the countries along with Europe, UK, Asia, South Africa, North America and New Zealand who staged a non-competitive display around an octagon draped in pale blue material. David and his helpers used orange, red and yellow roses to create a Sunburnt Country. With this in mind he brought a complete bush of 'EiffelTower,' roots and all to use with 'Julia's Rose' for 'down under'.

He was first elected to the Executive Committee of the WFRS in 1988 as Vice President, Australasia and at the same time he was Chairman of the Awards Committee. This was the year he was awarded the WFRS Rose Pin. In 1991 during Rose Emerald, the 9th World Rose Convention in Belfast, Northern Ireland, he was elected World President and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. In 2004 in Auckland, NZ at the Regional Convention, David was awarded the WFRS prestigious Gold Medal and in 2009 in Vancouver he received the highest award of all – President Emeritus David Ruston. Two of his publications – "The Joy of Roses" (co-authored with James Young) and "My Life with Roses" received WFRS Literary Awards.

Centenary Summer Show at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall



David arranged for a WFRS Executive meeting to be convened at St. Albans while he was visiting England in June 1993. Numerous attempts had been made to make contact with the Indian Rose Federation without any success so it was decided to award the Tenth World Rose Convention (1994) to the New Zealand Rose Society. Jill Bennell, who had been appointed as the first paid WFRS Secretary, would have her expenses covered for the days she carried out her official duties in Christchurch.

A new zone was created and two others changed as follows:

Africa and Near East (no longer India)

Asia (new zone)

Australasia and South Pacific (previously Australasia and Far East)

Mr. Takeshi Sato of Japan was voted Vice President for the new region.

After his time in England, David in his capacity as WFRS President, visited a number of gardens in Germany.

In December, 1993, World Rose News, David reported that the Fifth International Heritage Roses Conference had taken place in Adelaide with 260 delegates. He said he was doing his best to bring Rose Societies of the world and the Heritage Rose Groups together. He felt that as the David Austin roses were being grown by both the modern rose enthusiasts and the old Rose lovers, this might help to bridge the gap. David also reported the death of Fred Witchell (UK) (Classification 1988-1991) at the age of 81, while still an active member in the rose world. The Editor, Esther Geldenhuys, reported the death of Dr. Ray Allen (USA) at the age of 86 - Past President of the WFRS and a dedicated member of the ARS for 53 years. Also Arthur Hellyer (UK) at the age of 90 (Classification 1976-1979) and Jack Harkness in July 1994.

In David's final year as President the WRC ROSEWORLD '94 was held in Christchurch, New Zealand and he was asked to do a 'World President's Welcome' display. He was also asked to demonstrate and he managed seven arrangements in just over an hour! The Governor General, Dame Catherine Tizard officially opened Roseworld '94 where delegates presented their countries' flags in miniature to President David Ruston. There were two rose shows and a floral art extravaganza, tours to private and public rose gardens, parks, tourist attractions and even a train ride and visits to rose nurseries including the Trevor Griffiths Nursery of Old Roses. Lectures and panel discussions were varied and interesting and of particular interest was Peter Harkness' talk about his brother Jack's rose breeding. Sam McGredy had invited 24 international breeders to attend the convention.

This outstanding World Convention of more than 1,100 delegates, was most ably convened by Vice President Lois Tabb at very short notice. The gala banquet was held in a silk marquee and the farewell ceremony took the form of a barbeque.

At the first meeting of the Council, David Ruston reported the death of newly appointed, Vice President, Takeshi Sato. The Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden were welcomed as members making the total number of member countries in 1994, twenty-six. With visitors from China, Russia and Thailand, it was hoped to receive applications from these countries for membership.

Heritage Conventions were planned for England in June 1997 and Lyon in 1999 but due to the fact they were to occur in the same 12-month period as Benelux and Lyon, could not be classed as Regional conferences – unfortunately due to a lack of cooperation between societies involved. Regional conventions were awarded to the Japan Rose Society – Itami City in 1995 and the Italian Rose Society at Cavriglia and Monza in May 1996. Itami city was cancelled after a disastrous earthquake.

The 1994 New Zealand's ROSEWORLD BADGE had proved to be a great success, and it was recommended that if modified could become the WFRS official badge and sold as a fund raiser.

Mercedes Villar, Chairman of the Awards Committee announced 'Just Joey' (Joey Pawsey of Cants of Colchester) as the 1994 World's Favourite Rose. The Committee recommended that a Gold Medal be presented to Jack Harkness (posthumously) and Rose pins to retiring Vice Presidents, Molly Frizell and Josef Sieber. It was also agreed there should be a garden award in the form of a bronze plaque. The first Plaque of Merit was presented to the rose garden at L'Hay-les-Roses to mark its centenary. A second such award would be presented to the Carla Fineschi Foundation during the Regional Conference in 1996.

David Ruston as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee announced that 1,000 pounds had been donated from his own garden's Open Day, 200 pounds from a conference in Adelaide (organised by Dean Stringer) and 100 pounds from the outgoing Treasurer, Michael Roberts.

Ken Grapes, Chairman of the Registration Committee reported serious problems as many breeders were no longer registering their varieties for legal reasons. The Committee recommended to Council that all members do their best to persuade breeders to register new varieties.

Dick Balfour called an informal meeting of the Researching Conservation and Environment Committee that would mainly attempt to ensure the survival of rare varieties – a project in which each member society would be asked to assist in producing a list of historically important varieties found in their countries.

At the meeting of the Convention Liaison Committee, the American Rose Society, Indian Federation and the Japan Rose Society gave presentations in applying to hold a WRC in 2000. After a secret ballot, the Committee recommended to Council that the 2000 WRC be held in Houston, Texas and recommended that in future, hosting societies guarantee an attendance of 400 people to ensure a minimum per capita royalty for the Federation.

The Chairman of the Publications Committee, Esther Geldenhuys was congratulated on the excellence of *World Rose News* under her editorship and her perseverance on collecting news from almost all members.

Before and after David Ruston was WFRS President, he attended most conventions and travelled the world, giving demonstrations and arranging flowers in different countries for special occasions - on many occasions in Australia and New Zealand, Bermuda in 1994 for their 40th anniversary, Cambridge and Benelux 1997 and South Africa in 2012.



As an ardent Royalist some of the highlights in David's life included arranging flowers for the visit of HRH Queen Elizabeth II to Carrick Hill, Adelaide and in 1986 for Prince Charles and Princess Diana's visit to Renmark. Then for the Royal visit in 2002 he filled the Chateau Barrosa with flowers and was very proud to meet, as he said 'one of the most remarkable women in the world today.'

David chatting with HM Queen Elizabeth at the opening of the Chateau Barrosa at Lyndoch



200 years of roses was the title for David's display in the Sydney Univ. Refectory for the NRSA bicentennial and World Rose Convention in Sydney, Australia in 1988.

The vase of 'Bacarra' (red roses) was arranged by *Eric Trimper.

*Father of Mervyn and Kelvin Trimper



'Princess Margaret of England'



'Royal Highness'



'Queen Elizabeth'

ETHEL FREEMAN – CANADA

NOVEMBER, 1994 – JULY, 1997



President: Ethel Freeman (Canada)
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Awards: Helga Brichet (Italy)
Publications: Esther Geldenhuys (South Africa)
Fund Raising: David Ruston (Australia)
Classification: David Ruston (Aus)
Registration: Kenneth Grapes (UK)
Convention Liaison: Norman Beck (Northern Ireland)
Research, Conservation and Environment: Richard Balfour (UK)
Vice Presidents:
Africa and Near East: Esther Geldenhuys (South Africa)
Australasia and South Pacific : Lois Tabb (New Zealand)
Europe: Joseph Sieber (Germany) Marie Louise Velge (Belgium)
Helga Brichet (Italy)
North America: Frank Benardella (USA)
South America: Mercedes Villar (Uruguay)

After serving as President of the Canadian Rose Society, Chairman of the World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in Toronto in 1985, WFRS Convention Liaison Committee Chairman (1988-1991) and WFRS Vice-President for North America (1985-1994), I was honoured to be elected WFRS President in 1994.

At that time the World Federation of Rose Societies had 30 member societies. However, the WFRS itself had no legal structure or financial accountability. So work began immediately on four major projects to rectify these problems, in addition to the continuing business of the standing committees. These were: putting the finances in order, registering the WFRS as a legal entity, revising the Constitution and producing the *WFRS Rose Directory*

The Constitution Committee spent many months discussing, revising and finally producing a new constitution. This was then put into the required format by a British solicitor and was sent to the member countries for approval. The WFRS then had a constitution, which resolved many contentious issues of the past and which clearly defined how the WFRS operates.

WFRS Rose Directory - One of the most important functions of the World Federation of Rose Societies, as stated in the Constitution, is "To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information about and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies". The *WFRS Rose Directory* attempted to do that. The aim was to gather the most important rose information from each member country and to distribute it in an updateable loose-leaf binder to members. This was finally completed for the 1996 edition and most members for the 1997 update.

World Rose News continued to improve. It was interesting and informative, with news from around the world, and along with the *Rose Directory*, certainly helped communication among rosarians. Planning also began for the first WFRS website.

In addition to these major initiatives, the period from November 1994 to July 1997 was a very busy one for the WFRS. In June 1995 the first Garden Award of Merit was presented to Roseraie de l'Hay at a reception in Val-du-Marne, France. During the WFRS European Regional Convention in Italy in May 1996 the second Garden Award of Merit was presented to Il Roseto Botanica "Carla Fineschi" in Cavriglia. This Regional Conference was a great success, accomplishing what a regional should. A relatively small (about 200 people) and informal gathering of rose lovers from one region, it provided them the opportunity to really get to know one another.

The aim of my Presidency was to make the WFRS an organization which functioned legally and smoothly and one in which all member societies were more aware of each other and felt they were part of a whole. I hope I accomplished that.

Ethel Freeman – WFRS Past President

The unveiling of the plaque of the first WFRS Award of Garden Excellence – Roseraie de l'Hay - Val-du-Marne, was performed by WFRS President Ethel Freeman in 1985, the citation of which she read in French.

The following year in May, 1996, Ethel presided at the Regional Convention organised by the Italian Rose Society in conjunction with the Carla Fineschi Foundation. This convention where 17 of the Federation's members attended, was organised by Helga

Brichet. The main attraction was the historical collection of more than 6,000 rose species and varieties which Prof. Gianfranco Fineschi had planted around his family homestead. A variety of lectures was offered and at a dinner of local Tuscan specialities Ethel Freeman presented Carla Fineschi with the WFRS plaque of Merit award in recognition of his wonderful 'living museum'.

The second half of the programme fell under the banner 'Monza Welcomes the New Millennium of Roses in Europe' where guests were made welcome by the Society President, Ester Fumagalli. Interesting lectures were given by roasrians from a number of countries in Europe and guests were taken to beautiful gardens including the society's rose garden at Villa Reale.

In July 1997, the Eleventh World Rose Convention – Benelux World Convention was hosted jointly by the Rose Societies of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. Grand Duchess Josephine Charlotte of Luxembourg opened the convention at Mondorf-les-Bains Casino which had been organised by their President, Baroness Antoine de Schorlemer and her committee.

The following day the Grand Place in Brussels was the venue for an exhibition which was graced by a visit from Queen Fabiola. Later, the well known Belgian rose breeder, Louis Lens dedicated a new rose 'Rosalita' to Queen Paola. There were tours to well known and very beautiful gardens and parks. In Belgium guests were invited by the Count and Countess of Flanders to a banquet in the historical belfry of the city – a night not to be forgotten.

In the Netherlands there were interesting lectures and visits to nurseries and the flower market at Aalsmeer. The main interest was a visit to Westbroek Park on the day of the International Trials and a closing dinner at Madurodam Miniature Village. This was the opportunity to thank the Presidents of the hosting Societies – Baroness Antoine de Schorlemer, Mariette Edelman and Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, but especially the convenor Baroness Marie Louise Velge.

Applications for membership were received from Finland, Greece and Slovakia and China who had disbanded, joined again making the total of Member Countries 32.

Council approved the establishment of a Selection Subcommittee in order to consider and decide with equity on the recipients of Gold Medals and rose pins. The WFRS Gold Medal was awarded to Sam McGredy (NZ) and a rose pin to the outgoing President, Ethel Freeman. The World's Favourite Rose was awarded for the first time to a climber – the 67 year old 'New Dawn'. Seven gardens were nominated for the Plaque of Merit which was won by Hex Castle.

Esther Geldenhuys announced her decision to step down as Publications Chairman and WRN Editor.



Lily de Gerlache and Mercedes Villar at the World Convention in Christchurch, NZ, in 1994.



Outgoing and incoming Presidents, Ethel Freeman and Helga Brichet, at The Hague - 1997



'New Dawn'

HELGA BRICHET - ITALY JULY 1997 – APRIL 2000



President: Helga Brichet (Italy)
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Publications: Ethel Freeman (Canada)
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Fund Raising: David Ruston (Aus)
Classification: David Ruston (Aus)
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North America: Frank Benardella (USA)
Africa and Near East – Esther Geldenhuys (S. A.)
Asia: Takeo Nagata (Japan)
Australasia and South Pacific: Lois Tabb (NZ)
Europe: Bernd Weigel (Ger), Marie Louise Velge (BEL)
Rein Solberg (Norway)

After the conclusion of the Eleventh World Rose Convention in July 1997, hosted by the rose societies of Luxembourg, Belgium and the Netherlands, I was honoured to be elected the WFRS' thirteenth President, after three years as a European Vice President, Chairman of the Awards Committee and convenor of the Regional Convention in Italy. In the first number of *world rose news* after the convention, I set out my goals for the following three years:

1. The inception of an International Rose data base by the conservation committee.
 2. The improvement of communications between member societies.
 3. The publication of a history of the WFRS from its establishment in 1968 to date.
1. Having inherited the Conservation Committee from Dick Balfour, my aim was to establish a global rose data base by means of a specialized committee, which would co-ordinate those systems already in place, and lay the foundation for a joint project to seek out the locations of rare and historically important varieties present in members' countries. Vice Presidents were requested to assist in information gathering from the countries within their regions. In this manner each National Rose Society became responsible for the construction of its part of the world's rose mosaic.

The results of the first three years' work were published in *modern roses xi* in 2000. The specialized conservation committee continued to meet under my chairmanship for the following six years at half yearly intervals in various places of interest for the project, such as Cavriglia in Italy, l'Hay-les-Roses in France, Baden Baden in Germany, Prague in the Czech Republic and Geneva in Switzerland. Finally during the world rose convention in Osaka, Japan in 2006 the workings of the Federation's data base on its website were demonstrated.

2. The improvement of communications between the Federation's members was greatly improved by the expansion on the WFRS directory, being annually updated with information supplied by members themselves. At the same time the Federation went online with its own website, www.worldrose.org, further augmenting the WFRS's visibility with rose growers, amateurs and professionals, worldwide.

My personal goal, in order to demonstrate that the Federation truly had members' interests at heart, was to visit as many member societies as possible during my term of office. To date few, if any, of my predecessors had visited our 34 national societies, so a month after the Benelux convention, I started by visiting the RNRS, the world's oldest and most emulated society, at the gardens of the rose at St. Albans, kindly accompanied by former President, Dick Balfour. The following month I attended an ARS convention at their headquarters in Shreveport, Louisiana. Then in February 1998 it was the turn of the young Hellenic Rose Society, busy completing its historical rose garden and then to Jerusalem and the impressive rose gardens

of the Israeli Society near the Knesset. March was to a great degree taken over by an extensive tour to salute the various local Indian societies, notably Delhi, Patna, Mumbai and Pune, which make up the Indian Rose Federation headed by Mr. S. Pandey. The Pakistan National Rose Society staged its annual rose festival in Islamabad in April and invited me to be present to help celebrate its 10th anniversary and visit its new Qulab Bagh, its rose garden.



President of the Pakistan Rose Society, Mr. Ghazanfar M. Khan and WFRS President Helga Brichet, at the Pakistan Rose Society annual meeting in Islamabad, April, 1998.

The month of May is indeed hectic in Europe, where so many Rose Trials are staged, giving opportunities to visit national societies and meet up with like-minded friends. Thus, I attended the trials in Italy, Spain, France, Germany and Belgium. Slovenia, although not yet having a Rose Society, opened a rose garden around a hospital in Koper. A truly charming visit took me to Prague, where President Dr. Josef Thomas showed me important historical rose gardens, such as that at Pruhonice, but also the remembrance garden at Lidice. We then drove to Slovakia and its capital, Bratislava. Romania and its roses in the company of Dr. Stefan Wagner was a delight, while I was honoured by an invitation from the Swiss Rosengesellschaft to their annual general meeting in the historical Safranenhau in Basel.

However, one of the most pleasing events was to present the WFRS Plaque of Merit to Count Ghislain d'ursel, owner of the splendid Chateau at Hex, in Belgium, in the presence of Queen Paola and many friends. Taking advantage of the presence of numerous WFRS office holders, we held a meeting of the Executive Committee, as my predecessor, Ethel Freeman, had done when presenting the award to the gardens at l'hay-les roses, in France.

Voyages further afield included a trip to S.Africa for ROSA'S National Convention, the pleasure of a visit to Bermuda, a first ever stop in Beijing to introduce the WFRS and myself to the Chinese Rose Society and on to Osaka, Japan to celebrate Japan Rose Society's 50th anniversary with past President Lily de Gerlache and Dick Balfour.



Regional Rose Conventions were rapidly becoming very popular: the first S. American Regional was staged in Punta del Este in Uruguay in November 1998, convened by Mercedes de Villar, gave an opportunity to also visit the Argentinian Rose Society.

Arriving at Punte del Este for the first South American Regional in Uruguay, October, 1998. Left to right: Jean Pierre Hounie (Uruguay), Bernd Weigel (Germany), Gwen Fagan (South Africa), Della Balfour (UK) and Helga Brichet (Italy)

A Scandinavian Regional, organized by the Swedish and Finnish Rose Societies, planned for July 1999, unfortunately had to be cancelled. In Melbourne Australia "Roseweek '99", a Pacific Regional meeting, celebrated the centenary of the Rose Society of Victoria, and finally a spectacular Regional in Jaipur, India was organized by the Indian Rose Federation.

Indeed I was lucky to have at my disposal, thanks to our secretary-ex officio, Jill Bennell, the entire minutes of the Federation's meetings, from which I was able to put together its history 1968-2000, published in the first *wfrs triennial report on roses 2000*.

My term ended in Houston, "Texas 2000" the WFRS twelfth World Rose Convention, organized by the ARS, and hosting over 1000 participants. I am grateful indeed to members of my Executive Committee and all friends around to globe for such happy memories.

Helga Brichet – WFRS Past President

Apart from all the travel to Rose Societies round the world, undertaken by Helga she was fortunate to have three Regional conventions during her term of office, all of which she attended. The first was the First South American Regional Convention in Punta del Este in Uruguay in November, 1998, organised by Mercedes Villar. It was well attended with 237 participants from 16 countries which included PP Dick Balfour and VP's Marie Louise Velge and Bernd Weigel. The entertainment was varied and the lectures from a variety of countries well received – Dick Balfour – Roses and Companion plants; Odile Masquelier – Teas, Noisettes and Bourbons; Bernd Weigel – A Landscape Architect's Favourite Roses; Burger from the USA spoke about Miniature Roses; Gwen Fagan from South Africa about Old Roses; Nottle from Australia suitably depicted Gardens in the Sun while Meena Pimpalpure enchanted the delegates with Roses in India as Spiritual Symbols. The Society's President, Jean Pierre Hounie was congratulated on an excellent and fun filled convention.

In October 1998 Helga and Koa Hollow from NZ were key note speakers at the Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa's National Convention at Addo in the Eastern Cape. There were over 400 delegates and it was during this convention the Heritage Rose Society of South Africa was born.



Celebrating the first Asian Regional in Jaipur, India, January, 1999. Takeo Nagata, Helga Brichet, Meena Pimpalpure and two Japanese delegates.

In January 1999 the first Asian Regional Convention took place in Jaipur, India. On the lawns of the Ram Niwas Garden where the All-India Rose show took place, Meena Pimpalpure welcomed the guests who came from near and far – among the guests were President Helga Brichet, Lily de Gerlache, Dick Balfour, Rein Solberg and Takeo Nagata. The State Governor Justice Tiberwal officially opened the convention with the IRF President S. Pandey and Rajasthan Rose Society President Arun Kumar.

Among speakers of special interest were Mahmooda Hashmi from Pakistan, Viru Viraraghavan, AP Singh and CR Chiplunker. There were tours to rose gardens and sites of historical interest such as the Fort of Amer and the City Palace. Traditional hospitality included high tea with the governor at Raj Bhavan, his official residence; a wonderful lunch in the garden of Dr. Madhu's garden; delicacies at the Anand nurseries and a magical dinner in the Jai Mahal Hotel's garden.



At the Australian Regional "Roseweek, '99" with Ron Bell (Aus) and Laurie Newman (Aus)

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. celebrated its centenary with a Regional Pacific Convention titled *Roseweek '99*, in October/November 1999. Barry Johnson president of the National and local societies welcomed the guests including the state Governor, Sir James and Lady Gobbo. Among the guests were President Helga Brichet, Jim Naylor (Treasurer), Marie Louise Velge, Frank Benardella and PP David Ruston. It was the perfect occasion to honour the greatly admired breeder, Ron Bell who was presented with the Queen Mother Award by the RNRS President Colin Horner.

The International Rose Show, a Botanic Art Exhibition and especially *A Pageant of 100 years of Roses in Australia* drew large numbers of the general public. Past President David Ruston had transformed the entire room into a wonderland of colour and perfume with roses he had brought all the way from his home town, Denmark. Margaret MacGregor, the convenor, had organised a five-day lecture programme, some of which were Maureen Ross – 100 years of Rose Production in Australia; Tony Fawcett – The Roses of Allister Clark and Edwina Cornish – Molecular Flower Breeding and others were Michael Marriott, Frank Benardella, Roger Phillips, Peter Harkness and Jacque Mouchotte. There were many outings and excursions but the visit to Flemington Race Course for the Melbourne Cup and 10,000 roses in bloom was a highlight as was Werribee Park.



Mahmood Hashmi, (Pakistan) Robert and Susan Begg, (Argentine) and David Ruston (Australia)



Lily de Gerlache, (Belgium) Helga Brichet, (Italy) Tommy Cairns (USA) and Ben Williams

at a private dinner in Houston for all delegates prior to the World Rose Convention in 2000.

The 12th World Rose Convention was held in Houston, Texas in April 2000. Texas 2000 – World of Roses was convened by Deb and Rob Mock. Two Pre-convention tours preceded the Opening Ceremony when the ARS President, Jim Hering welcomed the delegates and President Helga Brichet introduced the Executive Committee to the audience who represented 26 of the 33 Member Countries. 'Ingrid Bergman' was announced as the World's Favourite Rose and a painting by Anne Marie Trechslin was presented to Pernille and Mogens Oleson.

The lectures were both educational and interesting and a variety of excursions were offered, including the ARS Spring National Rose Show. The final banquet called Evening of Roses and Friendship Banquet providing a fitting conclusion to the convention and opportunity to present the WFRS Awards. Ethel Freeman and Helga Brichet received the prestigious WFRS Gold Medal. An unusual number of other medals were awarded and these are recorded elsewhere in the Triennial.

Members agreed to substitute the Awards Selection Committee with the WFRS Honours Committee. A new Award – World Rose Award was introduced in recognition of dedicated service to the WFRS. Six nominations were received for the WFRS Plaque of Merit. It was decided to make this presentation to the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen and the Sir Thomas and Lady Dickson Park in Belfast, N. Ireland. The Classification Committee was merged with Registration. Each delegate was given a copy of the WFRS Triennial on Roses 2000, financed by the ARS. Incoming Office holders were announced with the incoming President, Ken Grapes from the UK.



WFRS Presidents - past, present and future in Houston, 2000.

David Gilad, Lily de Gerlache, Helga Brichet, Dick Balfour, Ken Grapes, Susan Begg, David Ruston



KENNETH GRAPES — GREAT BRITAIN **APRIL 2000 TO JUNE 2003**

President: Ken Grapes (UK)

Treasurer: Damianos Constantinou (Greece)

Secretary: Jill Bennell (UK)

Vice Presidents:

Europe: Rein Lae Solberg (Nor), Josef Thomas (Czech),
Bernd Weigel (Germany),

North America: Tommy Cairns (USA)

South America: Jean Pierre Hounie (Uruguay)

Africa: Johan Moll / Des Wright (South Africa)

Australasia: Margaret Macgregor (Australia)

Far East: Takeo Nagata (Japan)

Central Asia: Meena Pimpalpure (India)

Committee Chairmen:

Awards: Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)

Publications: Ethel Freeman (Canada)

WRN Editor: Tommy Cairns (USA)

Fund-Raising: Marijke Peterich (Bermuda)

Classification and Registration: Marilyn Young (USA)

Convention Liaison: Lois Tabb (NZ)

Conservation: Helga Bricet (Italy)

Judging: Ed Griffith

Ken Grapes was Chairman of Registration from 1991 to 2000 when he became President of the WFRS in Houston, Texas. He travelled to 28 of the 33 member countries, when he and his wife Anne invariably received the traditional, friendly and 'rosy' welcome – which is the hallmark of the WFRS.

In October 2001 Ken attended the Second South American WFRS Regional Convention held in Buenos Aires, Argentina to celebrate their 50th anniversary, organised by Past President Susan Begg. Prior to the Convention judging took place at the first International Trial ground and the Convention opened with a Rose Show and among the speakers were the President of the society, Jean Pierre Hounie, Michael Berger from the USA, Peter Harkness (UK), Bob Matthews (NZ) and Ken Grapes.

Good administration was important to Ken as President of the organization and this resulted in:

- WFRS lapel badges being introduced for all office holders.
- The system for the evaluation and granting of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence was overhauled and put on an improved basis.
- The Federation's Honours and Awards were reviewed and a new system, comprising Gold Medals, Silver Medals and World Rose Awards, was introduced.
- A Shows Standardisation Standing Committee was instituted.
- The present WFRS logo was designed by Tommy Cairns and brought into use.
- A new WFRS Flag was designed and introduced.
- A new sub-committee was established to carry on the work of the Publications Committee between world conventions.
- A new WFRS Award for Rose Literature was agreed, following a proposal by Helga Bricet.
- In order to keep all member countries informed, summaries of the proceedings of all Executive Committee meetings were to be published in World Rose News. This, inter alia, enabled a reduction in the number of Council Meetings at World conventions from two to one.
- The existing Fund-Raising Committee was re-named and re-tasked as the WFRS Promotions Committee.
- A plan for comprehensive reports to be produced by host countries after each regional or world rose convention. (At the time of writing, this highly desirable aim has still not been achieved!)
- A new role of President Emeritus was created and the first recipients – La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Mr Richard Balfour were installed at the Glasgow Convention in 2003.

The small rose garden and trial ground in Saverne, Alsace was under threat. A visit by Ken and a large number of world rosarians soon persuaded the municipality that the garden was worth keeping and the garden was promptly given an Award of Garden Excellence. A similar action helped to keep the Italian Roseto Niso Fumigalli out of the clutches of the Monza city authorities.

In November 2001, President Ken Grapes, together with Tommy Cairns (President of the ARS), Sean McCann (Eire) and

Thomas Proll (Germany) and Viru Viraraghan were Overseas dignitaries at the First African WFRS Regional Convention. *Roses at the Cape of Good Hope – 2002* was the 11th National Rose Convention of ROSA and was convened by Ian Findlay. Ludwig Taschner, Duncan Henderson, Ian Findlay, Peter Knox-Shaw and Gwen Fagan were the South African speakers. Magnificent parks and private gardens were visited including wine farms, judging at the trial grounds at Durbanville and the Western Cape Rose Society staged a Rose Show. At the Mayoral Convention Dinner Tommy Cairns announced that ROSA and the ARS were to sign The Rose Treaty of Cape Town signifying their agreement to exchange rose information on a regular basis. Thomas Proll on behalf of Kordes named a rose 'Fairest Cape' for the convention.

The Thirteenth World Rose Convention was Ken's final function as President. The Festival of Roses, convened by Michael O'Loughlin took place in Glasgow in July 2003 and delegates were honoured with the presence of HRH the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, who opened the Convention and conferred the title of President Emeritus on Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (in absentia) and Dick Balfour. After the opening which included the sound of bagpipes a number of delegates were presented to HRH the Princess Royal, Princess Anne.



Ken Grapes, Dick Balfour, HRH The Princess Royal, HRH Princess Anne, Ken Grapes and Ethel Princess Anne and Peter Beales (President of the RNRS) Freeman enjoy a joke together.

There was an International Rose Show and delegates were invited to judge the roses in the International Trial Grounds. There were varied and interesting speakers, but the Legacy of the House of Cocker by Tommy Cairns in his kilt and so appropriate for the location, will always be remembered. The speakers were Tommy Cairns, Peter Harkness, Maurice Foster, Michael O'Loughlin, Ann Bird, Roger Phillips, Colin Dickson, John Mattock, Colin Horner, Gerta Roberts, David Stevens, Robin Templar and David Jones all from GB, Peter Joy (Finland), Helga Brichet (Italy), Henri Delbard (France), Helene Pizzi (Italy), Bernd Weigel (Germany) and Ian Spriggs (Australia).

The President reported that the Executive had met 5 times in the interim and all the changes mentioned earlier had been agreed. Under Accounts it was noted that VP expenses claimed were only a small portion of what they actually paid out of their own pockets. The President pointed out that the Federation's expenditure exceeded its income but he reminded members that the levy from Glasgow was still to come in.

The Awards Committee announced the 'Bonica '82' to be the World's Favourite rose and 'Mme Alfred Carrière' for the Old Rose Hall of Fame.



President Emeritus Dick Balfour Sheengh Harris (South Africa) Della Balfour and Ken Grapes at the World Rose Convention in Glasgow, Scotland – 2003.

THOMAS CAIRNS - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA JULY 2003 TO MAY, 2006



President: Tommy Cairns (USA)
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Treasurer: Damianos Constantinou (Greece)
Vice Presidents:
Europe: Lars-Ake Gustavsson (Sweden)
Maurice Jay (France)
Josef Thomas (Czech)
North America: Marijke Peterich (Bermuda)
South America: Jean Pierre Hounie (Uruguay)
Australasia: Margaret Macgregor (Australia)
Africa: Des Wright (South Africa)
Far East: Akira Ogawa (Japan)
Central Asia: Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)
Standing Committees:
Awards: Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
Conservation: Helga Brichet (Italy)
Convention Liaison: Lois Tabb (NZ)
Honours: The President
International Rose Trials: Bernd Weigel (Germany)
Publications: Ethel Freeman
Editor – WRN: Tommy Cairns
Webmistress: Ethel Freeman
Judging Committee: Ed Griffith
Technical Committee: Marily Young

After serving as President of the American Rose Society, WFRS Vice President for North America from 2000-2003 and World Rose News Editor from 1997-2003, Tommy was elected WFRS President in his University town, Glasgow, Scotland. Shortly after taking over as President, Tommy suffered a serious illness and his predecessor, Ken Grapes represented him at a Regional Convention in Islamabad, Pakistan, in April 2004. This most successful event was particularly notable because, for the first time since partition, members of the Indian Rose Federation could be present.

On the Opening Day delegates were welcomed in the Society's Garden – Gulab Bagh and that evening was the formal Opening Ceremony at which Ken Grapes was the guest of honour. Mahmooda Hashmi welcomed the guests on behalf of the Pakistani Rose Society. One of the main events was the Rose Festival – 100's of roses were on display. There were a number of lectures including one from Ken Grapes – Roses are Easy. The closing Ceremony was held at the Islamabad Club which has a beautiful garden with over one thousand rose plants.

In 2004 during the WFRS Presidency of Tommy Cairns, Tinseltown Rose Society in the USA presented President Tommy with a magnificent chain of office to be worn by him during his term of office when representing the WFRS. He in turn presented this symbol of office to the incoming President at the Closing Ceremony in Japan. It was made by Royal Warrant holders, Toye, Kenning & Spencer of Birmingham, England. The enamelled centre piece is a replica of the newly designed WFRS logo with the outer circular band in green encircling a red rose surrounded by a laurel wreath tied by a gold ribbon. The green band surrounding the logo on the enamel badge signifies the President. In 2010 Sheenagh Harris, with the approval of the Executive Committee, had each medallion engraved with the name, country and dates of each President that had presided over the World Federation. The reverse of the medallion is engraved -

***PRESENTED TO DR. TOMMY CAIRNS
BY THE TINSELTOWN ROSE SOCIETY
TO MARK HIS ELECTION AS
WFRS PRESIDENT
AT THE 13TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION
GLASGOW, SCOTLAND"***

In November of that year the WFRS Regional Convention, convened by Norma Manuel, took place in Auckland, New Zealand at hotels overlooking the Parnell Rose Gardens. The enormous and spectacular NZ National Rose show was held in the Anglican Cathedral. Among the many excursions offered was a special day to Hamilton to participate in the judging of the rose trials and for some, the first meeting with the legendary Sam McGredy. Another special day took delegates to Whangarei to see more magnificent rose gardens. Lectures took place in the Waipuna Conference Centre and well known rosarians, Tom Carruth, Louis Desamero and Tommy Cairns and Keith Zary from the States, Kelvin Trimper (Aus), Bob Matthews, Doug Grant, Rob

Somerfield and David Benny from NZ were the lecturers. The Prize Giving Ceremony was chaired by the NZ Rose Society's President, Peter Elliott. Tommy presented Norman Manuel with the WFRS World Rose Award for the amazing organisation of this convention.

Early in 2005, Tommy, as President was invited to be a judge at the 5 day International Roses and Gardening Show in Seibu Dome in Tokyo, Japan. More than 250,000 people attend the show during the 5 day opening. He also judged the roses at Jindai and continued to Kyoto, Osaka and Gifu thus sampling many of the experiences delegates will experience in 2006. While in Japan, Tommy presented the WFRS Gold Medal to Former Governor Taku Kajiwara of Gifu.

Later in the year Ann Bird, the first lady President of the RNRS presented Tommy Cairns with the RNRS highest award, the coveted Dean Hole Medal.

In October, 2005 a comparatively small group of rosarians from 10 different countries of the WFRS enjoyed World Rose Forum – Pacific Roses by Land and by Sea, organised by Louis Desamero.

The last function of the year was the WFRS Regional Convention in Montevideo in Uruguay in the middle of November, convened by Mercedes Villar. A wonderful rose show staged in the foyer of the hotel welcomed the guests on arrival. Interesting lectures from different parts of the world included Tommy Cairns and Luis Desamero from the States, Akira Ogawa - Japan, Helga Brichet, Beatrice Barni and Michela Mollia from Italy, Ann Bird – UK, Gérald Meylan – Switzerland, Thomas Proll - Germany and Ludwig Taschner from South Africa. Beautiful rose gardens, fun entertainment and delicious food and wines were the order of the day as has been found in South America before.

The World Rose Convention in Osaka, Japan lived up to expectations and was outstanding! The Opening Ceremony was attended by the Princess Yohko of Mikasa and everybody will remember the little Japanese children who ran into the auditorium waving a flag. President Tommy opened the proceedings with a brief history of Osaka. Two roses had tied for the Modern Hall of Fame – 'Elina' and 'Pierre de Ronsard'. Water colours were presented to the breeders and also to Mayor Seki and Takeo Nagata as mementos. In a surprise break with tradition Tommy presented WFRS awards to key members of the Osaka organising committee. Mayor Seki and Atsuko Marufuku received the World Rose Award, Akira Ogawa, the silver medal and Takeo Nagata the Gold Medal. A Gold medal was also awarded to Peter Beales (UK) and Peter Harkness (UK) and the Pakistani Friendship medal to Dick Balfour.(UK) A painting of the 'Princess Nobuko' rose by the Greek artist Vangelis was presented to Princess Yohko for her Mother. Luis Desamero,(USA), Meena Pimpalpure (India), ViruViraraghavan (India),Masrily Young (USA), Egmont Behrens (S.Africa), Liesbeth Cooper (Bermuda), Agnes Gorska (Poland), Robert Laperriere (France) and Luciana Timini (Italy) were awarded World Rose Awards and Jill Bennell (UK), Helle Brummer (Germany), Damianos Constantinou (Greece), Margaret Macgregor (Aus), Shakoor (Pakistan),Josef Thomas (Czech), Bernd Weigel (Germany), Jean Pierre Hounie (Uruguay) and Esther Fumagali (Italy) the WFRS Silver Medal. Tommy Cairns received the WFRS Gold Medal at the Closing Ceremony. Eleven gardens received Awards of Garden Excellence and six books received Literary Awards.

Jill Bennell who had been WFRS Secretary since 1991 retired after working for fifteen years and five Presidents. Malcolm Watson from Australia was appointed in her place and Tommy Cairns insisted on changing the title, Secretary to Executive Director.



'Pierre de Ronsard'



'Elina'

GÉRALD MEYLAN - SWITZERLAND

June 2006 – June 2009



President: Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
Executive Director: Malcolm Watson (Australia)
Treasurer: Jill Bennell (UK)
Immediate Past President:
Vice Presidents:
Europe: Lars-Ake Gustavsson (Sweden)
Maurice Jay (France) Stefan Wagner (Romania)
North America: Marijke Peterich (Bermuda)
North America: Rachel Flood (Canada)
South America: Isa Maria Bozolo (Chile)
Australasia: Margaret Macgregor (Australia)
Australasia: Peter Elliott (NZ)
Africa: Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)
Far East: Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)
Central Asia: Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)

Standing Committee:

Awards: Ian Spriggs (Aust) **Conservation:** Francois Joyaux (France)
Convention Liaison: Lois Tabb (NZ) **Honours:** The President
International Rose Trials: Bernd Weigel (Germany)
Publications: Editor – WRN: Tommy Cairns (USA)
Webmistress: Ethel Freeman (Can) **Judging:** Ed Griffith (USA)
Heritage Roses: David Ruston (Aust) **Breeders:** Pierre Orard (France)

On 16 May, 2006 I had the great honour of being elected President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. The task was a very stimulating one entailing a great deal of responsibility and a huge amount of work, which I shared in a team spirit with Jill Bennell (finances), Malcolm Watson (administration) and my wife, Christina (translations).

At the beginning of my presidency, 36 countries and 10 Associate Members belonged to the WFRS. During my three years in office, we welcomed Iceland, Russia, Hungary and Serbia into our Federation as National Societies as well as the following Associate Members: Rose Culture Institute, Sakura-City, Chiba Prefecture, Japan, La Tacita Rose Garden, Italy, Shanghai Botanical Garden and Shenzhen Remin Park in China. During the Regional Convention held in Adelaide in 2008, we celebrated the Federation's 40th anniversary. At this time 39 member countries belonged to our Federation.

Five Executive Committee meetings were held during this three-year period: Orleans (France) in September 2006; Luxembourg and Paris in June 2007, Santiago (Chile) in October 2007, Baden-Baden in June 2008 and Adelaide in October 2008.

During my three years as President, I had the great pleasure of meeting at least once, and sometimes even several times, rosarian friends from 31 National Societies. Throughout my visits, I received an extremely warm welcome. Everywhere I experienced kindness, friendship and a deep interest in the activities of the WFRS. I realised how much enthusiasm is put into all the activities undertaken for and in the name of the rose – exhibitions, rose trials, rose and flower shows, practical demonstrations, lectures, etc. However, I also noticed that, unfortunately, it was almost always the same people who were involved and this was of some concern to me, as in order to perpetuate all these activities, it is important for others to take over, otherwise one day we will find ourselves in great difficulty. I also realised it would be an excellent idea to collaborate closely with breeders, growers, florists, etc. so amateurs would have the possibility of being in direct contact with professional growers and they in their turn would have the opportunity to explain the many interesting and wonderful facets of their profession.

Work undertaken in the Standing Committees:

Awards Committee: the National Societies awarded the Hall of Fame 2009 to the 'Graham Thomas®' (AUSmas) variety and the Old Hall of Fame to Rosa Mundi. Seven gardens were chosen by delegates to receive the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence and seven books for the Literary Award.

Heritage Roses Committee: the work undertaken in this committee encouraged members of Heritage Roses throughout the world to become more active by becoming Associate members of the WFRS. Future International Heritage Rose Conferences would be conducted under the auspices of the Federation.

Registration Committee: the work undertaken in this committee together with the Classification Committee strengthened ties with the Breeders Club.

Convention Committee: the proposal to have a direct liaison between the organising committee of Regional and World

Conventions and the Executive Committee was accepted. Contacts were established for the organisation of future conventions, namely with China, Japan and France.

Rose Breeders: From the outset, I was extremely keen on intensifying contacts with professionals and the WFRS. With the endorsement of the Member Countries, and their approval to amend the Federation's Articles of Association, I set up the Breeders Club, which started its activities on 15 September 2007, with Pierre Orard as its President. I was extremely satisfied that the breeders put their confidence in our Federation. It is an excellent achievement that ties between professional and amateur gardeners have now been strengthened. My wish for the future is that the Federation takes necessary steps to enrol other breeders, with the support of those who are already part of the Breeders Club.

Rose Trials: the work of this committee entailed mainly the standardisation of 100 points for all rose trials throughout the world.

Publications: a very important decision was taken at the World Convention in Vancouver. Delegates accepted that from then on an electronic version of World Rose News would be available to a much larger public on the WFRS website. It was also agreed, that an Editorial Board be established to administer and oversee all publications of the WFRS.

Website: over the three years from 2006-2009, the WFRS website gradually became a must, if members wished to be aware of what was going on in our Federation. At the present time Information is continually being brought up-to-date and in the future this system will become the privileged means for circulating information

To conclude, I would say that when one follows a passion, there is never a problem. There are only solutions to be found and when one serves others, one can only find true happiness.

Gérald Meylan WFRS Past President

During this Triennial there were 4 Regional conventions - Orleans, France, Luxembourg, HRS Conference in Chaalis France and Adelaide, Australia in 2008. Gérald was a speaker at the convention in Orlean – The Evolution and Progress of Rose Breeding.

In October 2006 Gérald and Christina paid an official visit to South Africa to discuss plans for the WRC in 2012 and to attend the Biennial National Convention in Pietermaritzburg. The Regional Convention in Luxembourg took place in 2007 immediately prior to Chaalis.

Gérald was a speaker at the excellent Regional Convention in Adelaide, Australia – a celebration for the Centenary of the Rose Society of South Australia.

During this triennial Colin Horner (UK), Lionel Lawrence (Aust), Ron Bell (Aust), Dick Balfour and Anne Marie Trechslin (Switzerland) died.

Gérald paid several visits to Vancouver prior to the World Rose Convention in June, 2009. Roses in the Landscape was convened by Brenda Viney and Darlene Sanders. Fifty-five delegates participated in the pre- tour to Whistler and 505 registered for the convention from 22 countries. The convention started with the Opening of the World Rose Festival and Show organised in conjunction with the ARS. There were 106 exhibitors from Canada, USA, Belgium, Japan, NZ and Australia. On some days there was a choice of speakers with lectures running concurrently, but this proved not popular with the delegates as it meant missing lectures given by excellent speakers from around the world – Brad Jalbert, Alex Globe, Claire Laberge and Patrick White from Canada; Beatrice Barni, Helga Brichet, Gian Paolo Bonani (Italy), Deborah Bengé-Frost and Gaye Hammond, Lokshmi Stidharan, Steve Jones (USA), Doug Grant (NZ), Peter Beales, Amanda Beales, Peter Boyd (UK), Eva Kigyossi Schmit (Germany), Yuki Mikanagi and Katsuhiko Maebara (Japan), Alain Meiland (France), Hui Wang (China), Per Salveson (Norway) and Sheenagh Harris (South Africa). Lectures took place in the mornings and in the afternoon there were garden visits, many of which overlapped with WFRS meetings. A highlight was the day to the Butchart Gardens.



The Farewell dinner with local native décor and an auction was a celebration of a successful convention and awards were presented to: David Ruston with President Emeritus and Tommy Cairns with Editor Emeritus; WFRS Gold Medal - Gérald Meylan, Marie Louise Velge (Bel), Alain Meiland (Fr.); Silver Medals – Mercedes Drever de Villar (UR), Ed Griffith (US), Marijke Peterich (Ber), Stefan Wagner (Rom); World Rose Awards – Walter Duncan (Aus), Anne Graber (CAN) and Dean Stringer (Aus). Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) was pronounced WFRS President for the ensuing 3 years which would end in South Africa at the WRC in 2012.

Sheenagh Harris and Gérald Meylan – incoming and outgoing Presidents.

SHEENAGH HARRIS - SOUTH AFRICA JUNE 2009 TO OCTOBER, 2012



President: Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)
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Immediate Past President: Gérald Meylan
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Maurice Jay (France) Stefan Wagner (Romania)
North America: Steve Jones (USA)
North America: Patrick White (Canada)
South America: Nilda Crivelli (Arg)
Australasia: Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
Australasia: Peter Elliott (NZ)
Africa: Alan Tew (South Africa) (2009-2011)
Jackie Kalley (2011-2012)
Far East: Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)
Central Asia: Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)

Standing Committee:

Awards: Ian Spriggs (Aust) **Conservation:** Marijke Peterich (Ber)
Convention Liaison: Gérald Maylan (Switz) **Honours:** The President
International Rose Trials: Bernd Weigel (Germany) **Publications:**
Helga Brichet (Italy) **Editor WRN:** Richard Walsh (Aus) **Webmistress:**
Ethel Freeman (Can) **Show Standardisation:** Ed Griffith (USA)
Heritage Roses: David Ruston (Aust) **Breeders:** Gérald Meylan (Switz)
Promotions: The President **Classification and Registration:** Gerta Roberts

My first International Convention was the WRC in 2003 in Glasgow. In Osaka in 2006, when I was President of ROSA, I was made VP for Africa (2006-2009) and a member of the Honours Committee (2006 – 2018) From 2009 to 2018 a member of the Publication Committee and from 2012 to 2018, WRN Editor.

To my surprise I was asked to apply to be WFRS President which began in Vancouver in 2009 and am grateful to Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan for encouraging me. It was a great honour and an honour for South Africa too. Professor Fred Ziady is the only other South African to have been honoured in this way. Being President and convening the World Convention in 2012 was an enormous undertaking and responsibility, but very rewarding. I had the privilege of meeting many rosarians from all over the world, including our founder President, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, also a friend of my Mother, Mary Wise. Living at the bottom of Africa doesn't make travel easy particularly when most of the rose world is in the Northern Hemisphere. I visited the countries that invited me and tried to visit others not on the usual Presidential route – Madeira and Israel. I am most grateful for the warm welcome received everywhere and the generous hospitality. It gave me an excellent opportunity to promote ROSAFRICA 2012. I attended as many Rose Trials in Europe as I possibly could as this is the best opportunity of making contact with the greatest number of rosarians from around the world.

Sheenagh Harris at the unveiling of the Garden of Excellence plaque in Miguel Albuquerque's garden - Roseiral da Quinta do Arco on Madeira



On the initiative of the newly appointed VP for Australasia, Kelvin Trimper, I was invited to do a 'Royal Tour' of Australia and had the great honour of unveiling the sculpture of our much loved David Ruston. I will always be grateful to have been given this privilege together with visits to rose societies in all five states where I opened rose shows, presented prizes, attended meetings and with true Australian warmth was welcomed like the Queen herself.

Improved or better communication was one of my goals which I thought would be easy with modern technology, but to my surprise found that for good communication there has to be the desire to do so, both by the originator and the receiver and the essential spark to achieve this is enthusiasm. It was disappointing to find how few rosarians were conscious of the WFRS, the organisation to which their country belongs, let alone the work of the organisation. I was grateful to the countries that kindly sent me copies of their publications for this was a way of learning about them and getting to know them better. However,

again it was a surprise to see the lack of reference to the WFRS. This is an excellent medium through which to educate the members as to what is happening in the rest of the rose world. It would be a good idea if all publications displayed a list of Member Countries and above all the WFRS website address. The WFRS website, thanks to Ethel Freeman is a fund of information and contact details are there for all member countries plus much more.

A new initiative, under the banner of 'Friends of the Federation' was introduced following the Vancouver Convention and has resulted in 16 individuals donating almost £1,200 to assist the Federation achieve its goals. This group met for the first time in Sandton.

Each year between 2009 and 2012 it's been possible to hold an Executive meeting – Changzhou in 2010, Geneva in 2011 (thanks to Gérald Meylan for his organisation) and Sakura and Sandton in 2012. All Vice Presidents attended at least one of these meetings and in Sandton all but one was present.

Thanks to a generous donation obtained by Gérald Meylan through his friendship with Mr Yves Piaget and a welcome donation from the Japanese Heritage Rose Society the finances of the WFRS continued to improve. Jill Bennell, our very conscientious Treasurer, maintained meticulous control of WFRS funds. Jill retired after 6 years in this all important role where she will be missed, not only for the work she does but for her in depth knowledge of the workings of the WFRS and her wise counselling.

Reports from the various Standing Committees can be read in the Triennial and heard at the various meetings. Unfortunately not all chairmen have sent reports and some committees have been more active than others. It was interesting to note an excellent response to the voting for the Hall of Fame - 81% must surely be a record! Despite losing a number of members, the Breeder's Club is active and holds regular meetings under the leadership of Gérald Meylan. Judging by the high standard of International Rose Trials in Europe and the number of people who attend, this is a very active component and here I would like to thank Ethel Freeman who posts trial results to the web immediately she receives them thus keeping us up to date in this and all other rose matters. Helga Brichet's role as Publications Chairman was a new one and the changes in the production of WRN brought about by electronic technology has had its challenges but has certainly allowed for much more information, lots of colour pictures and a wider distribution. The closer relationship with the Heritage Rose Society is a very welcome association and addition to the WFRS. We now look forward to the inclusion of their excellent newsletter, *baon* on the website.



There were only 2 Regional Conventions in this Triennial, the first in Changzhou which was the first in China – April, 2010. One hundred and eighty-four delegates attended from 17 different countries, but 32 from Romania, 10 from Luxembourg and others traveling independently were unable to come due to the Icelandic volcanic ash. Plans for this convention were promulgated by Gérald Meylan in 2008. A WFRS silver medal was presented to the Mayor of Changzhou, Wang Weicheng and a Rose Award to Zhu Weiping and Zhang Zuoshuang.

After the spectacular Opening Ceremony and on the way to plant a rose in the Changzhou Rose Park, Sheenagh Harris concentrates as Gérald Meylan explains

I was fortunate to have 2 return trips to China at the invitation of Zhao Shiwei the same year to open the most splendiferous Rose Festival in the Beijing Botanical gardens and sometime later to evaluate a garden with Malcolm Watson.

Apart from WFRS functions I attended many National Conventions and in October 2011, I was invited to speak at the ARS National Rose Convention in Los Angeles which included an impressive rose show with international entries and a visit to the famous Pasadena.

The Heritage Rose Conference due to be held in Sakura in May 2011 had to be postponed due to unprecedented disasters. In accordance with the WFRS ruling it should not have been held within 6 months of the WRC but who could refuse the Japanese Rose Society after all they had experienced. Therefore in May 2012 over 200 attendees descended on Sakura for what turned out to be a very special convention organised by Katsuhiko Maebara. The lectures were enjoyable and varied – Odile Masquelier (France), Gérald Meylan (Switzerland), Viru Viraraghaven (India), Kentaro Okagi and Harumi Arihara (Japan), Zhao Shiwei (China), Hideakio Ohba (Japan), Ingrid Verdegem (Belgium), Gregg Lowery (USA), Wang Guoliang (China), Helga Brichet (Italy), Peter Boyd (UK), Di Durston (Aus.), Sally Allison (NZ) and Clair Martin (USA). The pre- and post tours with a Japanese flavour were excellent but for me the Akao Herb and Rose Garden with a stay in a beautiful hotel overlooking the sea was a high light. At the closing dinner we were entertained with Japanese Arts – the Noh dance, displays of Ikebana and a slide show of the events of the convention by Yuki Mikanagi.

During the Changzhou Regional Convention held in 2010, the Executive Committee approved a proposal from the Honours Committee to introduce a Commemorative Medallion. The Honours Committee was of the opinion that a new level of recognition was required so that the significance/integrity of the Federation's Honours Medals – Gold, Silver and World Rose Award would not be compromised. This proposal had been formulated because of the need to follow certain cultural protocols in a number of Member Countries. Recipients of the new Commemorative Medallions could be -

- (a) Dignitaries of Cities (or the City itself) who have given their support to World and/or Regional Conventions
- (b) Directors of Parks and open spaces (or the governing body) who have contributed to the organisation of World and/or Regional Conventions
- (c) Conveners of World and Regional Conventions
- (d) Member Societies celebrating a particular anniversary of their Society.

The first of these new Medallions were presented at the Sakura Regional Convention in 2012 – Katsuhiko Maebara, Convention Convenor – Silver Commemorative Medallion; Kazuo Warabi, Mayor of Sakura – Silver Commemorative Medallion; Yuki Mikanagi – Bronze Commemorative Medallion.

Ralph Moore (USA) (Gold medal 1988), Frank Benardella (USA)(VP N. America 1994-2000), Josef Sieber (Germany)(Rose Pin 1994), Carla Fineschi (Italy)(Award of Garden Exc), Susan Begg (Arg)(President 1988-1991, Rose Pin 1991 and Gold Medal 2005), Nola Simpson (NZ) Jacqueline Humery (France)(World Rose Award 2003), Dick Balfour (UK), Esther Geldenhuys (S.Africa)(VP Africa 1991-2000, Rose Pin 2000, Editor of WRN), Pat dickson (NI)(Gold Medal 1991) died during the last triennial.

By October 2012 there were 11 members of the newly formed Breeder's Club; 39 Member Countries and 20 Associate Members.

Last, but by no means least, the WFRS would not function without our exceptional Executive Director. Malcolm's knowledge of anything to do with the Federation combined with his charming, patient and tactful manner when dealing with people is everything we could hope for, for the smooth running of our organisation. I certainly could not have managed my role without Malcolm's loyal support at all times and of course we all know that behind every successful man is a supportive wife. It is hard to believe my term of office is almost over. Thank you for your friendship, support and tolerance. There was no training for this job, but all I can say, is I did my best and whatever I did was in the interests of the Federation and for the love of the rose.

At the end of 3 years and 4 months as President and Convenor of the 16th WRC in South Africa, according to Malcolm Watson ROSAFRICA 2012, was an outstanding success! In October 2012, 120 delegates from around the world were enthralled with the Pre-tour to the Pilaansberg Game Park. Three hundred and sixty delegates from 26 countries were welcomed with a video



of Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery formally opening the function. Ian Spriggs, Chairman of Awards announced 'Sally 'Holmes' as the 2012 World's Favourite Rose and 'Rosa Chinensis Mutabilis' and 'Rosa Gallica Officinalis' for the Halls of Fame. A painting of 'Sally Holmes' by the South African artist and rose society member, Patricia Wade was presented to Jill Bennell (UK) for deliverance to Fryers. Federation Honours were presented to Isa Maria Bozzolo (Chile)(Silver medal) and Nilda Crivelli (Argentina) and Ruth Watson (Australia) (World Rose Award) and a Silver Commemorative Medallion to Di Girdwood (South Africa); Brenda Viney (Canada), Darlene Sanders (Canada) and Georgie Currie (South Africa) – Bronze Commemorative Medallions.

**Di Girdwood and Sheenagh Harris
Co-Convenors of ROSAFRICA 2012**

Nine books received the Literary Award and nine gardens were accepted for the Award of Garden Excellence. The 12 International speakers were Gwen Fagan (South Africa), Hayden Foulds (NZ), Gérald Meylan (Switzerland), Markus Brunsing (Germany), Zhao Shiwei (China), Pamela Corbett (Argentina), Bill Radler (USA), Yuki Mikanagi (Japan), Melanie Trimper (Aust.) together with Michae Marriott (UK), Charles Quest-Ritson (UK) and Michael Shoup (USA).

For me it wasn't only the roses, but the many rose friends I saw and the new ones I made. Among them was the honour of visiting Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, our founder President on three occasions when she always made me very welcome.

It is the power of flowers, and for me the power of roses in particular that brings people from all walks of life and all countries of the world together – together for pleasure, leisure and friendship.

Sheenagh Harris

STEVE JONES - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OCTOBER 2012 TO JUNE 2015



President: Steve Jones (USA)
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Treasurer: Diane Vom Berg (Australia)
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Vice Presidents:

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North America: Jolene Adams (USA)
North America: David Elliott (Canada)
South America: Rosario Algorta (Uruguay)
Australasia: Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
Australasia: Peter Elliott (NZ)
Africa: Jackie Kalley (South Africa)
Far East: Zhao Shiwei (China)
Central Asia: Allam Ahmed Kahn (India)

Standing Committee:

Awards: Monique de Clarens (France) **Conservation:** Yuki Mikanagi
Convention Liaison: Helga Brichet (Italy) **Honours:** The President
International Rose Trials: Markus Brunsing (Germany) **Publications:** Helga Brichet (Italy) **Editor – WRN:** Sheenagh Harris (S. Africa) **Webmistress:** Ethel Freeman (Can) **Show Standardization:** Elizabeth Schleicher (Can)
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WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

Vice President, North America 2009 – 2012

Steve travelled to Regional Conventions in Changzhou, China (2010) and Sakura, Japan (2012) and attended additional Executive Committee meetings in Geneva (2012). Elected President 2012 – 2015

As President, Steve has travelled extensively, attending Conventions in Sangerhausen (2013), Barcelona (2014), Palmerston North (2014) and Hyderabad (2014).

He has been required to present the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence in Changzhou (2013) and make speeches and presentations at International Rose Trials on behalf of the WFRS. Steve toured Australia, as the Guest of the National Rose Society of Australia attending meetings of their 5 State Bodies, where he entertained Members at various functions and opened their National Conference incorporating the Centenary of the Rose Society of New South Wales during 2014.

He has been invited to assess Gardens in Japan, Monaco, Germany and Switzerland as part of the nomination process for Awards of Garden Excellence and has also represented the Federation at the Official Opening of the restoration of the Rose Garden at the Château de Malmaison.

I served as President of the American Rose Society FROM 2006-2009 and was the 18th President of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) from 2012-2015; the fourth President from the United States.

I succeeded the very capable Sheenagh Harris from South Africa before turning over the reins to the equally capable Kelvin Trimper from Australia. During my presidency, I had a lot of help from Past Presidents Gérald Meylan and Helga Brichet as well as our Executive Director Malcolm Watson and his wife Ruth. I was also blessed with an excellent Board of Directors from all over the world.

During my term as President, we accomplished many of my goals for the organization. The first was to increase the Friends of the Federation, which is a group of donors with the monies going for the good of the organization. I wanted to promote this group and to make it fun for all to be a member such as establishing a Friends dinner or lunch at each convention. We started my term in South Africa with 16 members which grew to 28 by the end of the convention and now we are almost 80 with many Life Members. I also encouraged all WFRS Vice Presidents to be members as well. We also established a "Patron of the Friends" designation for persons donating over 10,000 pounds. The first honouree of this award was Yves Piaget who received a certificate at Lyon for his generosity.

My second goal was to continue having Executive Committee meetings at each convention as started by previous Presidents during their Presidencies. Even if we did not have a quorum, it was a good idea to meet with each other, see what is

happening in their areas, get ideas about what is working or not, discuss upcoming conventions, discuss possible changes in the standing rules, and disseminate information. We were fortunate to have a quorum in Sangerhausen and Barcelona. Emails are fine, but to talk face-to-face is priceless.

Most of my third goal involved election reform, standing procedures and award requirements. Most of these were approved at our General Member Meeting in Lyon. The changes were a person can only represent two member countries as a proxy instead of the unlimited number before. Candidates for President must have served as a WFRS Vice President or chairman of a WFRS committee. We defined what is meant by a literary award which excluded picture books, lists and pamphlets. The book should be able to stand the test of time. One change that I was proud of was approving a universal scorecard for international rose trials which was 12 years in the making. We also developed a draft version for an easier application system for roses to be entered in all rose trials.

During my term, we were blessed to have five conventions. In 2013 we had an Historical Rose and a Regional Convention in Sangerhausen, Germany and Palmerston North, New Zealand. In 2014 Regional Conventions were held in Barcelona, Spain, and Hyderabad, India, and, of course, the World Rose Convention in 2015 in Lyon, France. Each of the conventions was wonderful including the pre- and post tours. The organizers did an excellent job of selecting the speakers, coordinating visits to gardens, and making sure everyone had a memorable time as evidenced by the articles in World Rose News. I leave office with two regional conventions scheduled in 2016 with Daxing, China and Punta del Este, Uruguay, one regional in 2017 in Slovenia, a World Rose Convention in 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark, and a World Rose Convention in 2021 in Adelaide, Australia, all thanks to our Convention Chairman, Gérald Meylan. I am looking forward to attending each of these conventions.

As WFRS President, my travels were not just confined to these activities. Susie and I travelled to many places, the first of which was the seven week Presidential Tour to Australia prior to the convention in New Zealand. The tour was organized by Kelvin and Melanie Trimper of Salisbury Heights, Adelaide. We were warmly welcomed as we travelled across this amazing country. The people were so kind and helpful. It is nice to see a country so enthusiastic about roses and each other's companionship.



We started by traveling to the Australia Rose Convention in Penrith, organized by the very capable Doug and Glynis Hayne. A highlight was a surprise for my 60th birthday when a singer dressed as Marilyn Monroe sang Happy Birthday Mister President as only Marilyn can. I never did finish my speech that evening. It was great seeing our Aussie friends again. The top event was my 60th birthday party at Kelvin and Melanie's home. The food, wine and company were the best! We then travelled to other parts of the country and spoke with local rose societies and heritage rose groups. The latter groups in Perth and Tasmania were amazed to find that I was an old garden rose enthusiast. I especially enjoyed the many interviews on local radio channels and newspapers. You learn quickly that rose knowledge is pretty universal, just some of the roses and insects change.

President Steve Jones and Kelvin Trimper at the South Australian Spring Rose Show

During my term, we were fortunate to participate in many rose trials across the United States, New Zealand and Europe, including the Biltmore, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Lyon, Bagatelle, Geneva, Baden Baden, Saverne, Barcelona, Kortrijk, Rome,



Monza, La Tacita, and Monaco. The latter was especially wonderful as we got to meet and visit with Prince Albert, Princesses Charlene and Caroline, and spent more time with Yves Piaget, a great benefactor to the rose and WFRS. Our travels also allowed us to participate in judging rose shows, especially in Australia and New Zealand. On our way to other trials and events, we visited many other wonderful rose gardens throughout the world.

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Yves Piaget, President of the Monaco Rose Society, Prince Albert II of Monaco, Princess Charlene of Monaco, Susie Jones, WFRS President, Steve Jones, Alain Meilland, who produced the 'Princess Charlene de Monaco' rose, and Gérald Meylan, WFRS Past President and Secretary of the Monaco Rose Society

Although I did not have a chance to visit all of the WFRS member countries, we did visit quite a few including Slovenia and Serbia. During one visit in Belgium, I was elated to visit with Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, our founder, the first WFRS President and current President Emeritus, and Baroness Mary Louise Velge at their wonderful homes and gardens. At her home during a luncheon, Lily presented me with the Lily de Gerlache Award, which I have proudly on display in my office.

There were also chances to speak at different functions and events other than rose conventions and trials. One was a short speech at the rededication of the rose garden at Malmaison, whose noted rose garden was in shambles when we last saw it. Due to the generosity of the House of Piaget, the garden was totally restored with as many roses that would have been there as they could determine. Another was to meet in Changzhou, China with Madame Jiang Zehui, who is the sister of past President and Communist Party Leader Jiang Zeman, who is the President of the China Floral Association and a renowned environmentalist, for the start of the 8th Floral Exposition, a wonderful event held at the new Changzhou Convention Centre. After that Mme Jiang and I helped unveil the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence for Zijing Park despite the rain. Another time I got to meet with the members of the Japan Rose Society in Chiba and the mayor and his staff at Sakura Rose Garden. Of course no trip to Japan is complete without a visit to the wonderful rose garden at Keisei where we met with their staff during Rose Days featuring 50 years of cooperation between Meilland Roses and Keisei Roses. Alain Meilland was the guest speaker during the events.

I was pleased to see the public so interested in roses as evidenced by the many television and newspaper interviews I conducted during my visits, especially in China, Australia, India, Japan, and in Europe. I loved speaking about the love of roses and our organization.

The 2015 Lyon WFRS World Convention marked a bittersweet time in my life. It is a time to celebrate with all our friends at the grandest convention in our organization. It also marks the end of my term as WFRS President. Luckily we will have a very able person in Kelvin Trimper continuing on as the next President. Plus we also say good-bye to one of the most able Executive Directors, Malcolm Watson and his equally capable secretary, his wife Ruth. They were at the helm of our organization for the past nine years and had everything well organized and running smoothly. At Lyon, we did get to welcome the new Executive Director, Derek Lawrence, of Bristol, England, who was well qualified and quite capable of leading our organization.

I will never forget the wonderful time I had during my presidency, the amazing gardens we saw, and above all, the fantastic people we met along the way.

Steve Jones Immediate Past President

The WFRS 13th International Rose Conference was held in June, 2013 in Sangerhausen, the custodian of the largest collection of roses in the world to celebrate their 110th anniversary. President Steve Jones aptly named Sangerhausen the Holy Grail – a catch phrase that seems to have come to stay. Speakers included Thomas Hawel (Ger), Andrew Roberts (UK), Guoliang Wang (China), Helga Brichet (Italy), Paul Zimmerman (USA), Odile Masquelier (France), Dominique Massad and Patricia Cavallo (France), Helle Brumme and Eilike Vemmer (Germany), Ann Velle-Boudolf (Belgium) and Pirjo Rautio (Finland). The 240 delegates came from 27 different countries.

In the same year the New Zealand Rose Society held a Regional in Palmerston North in November. This was a particularly well organised convention and at the same time with a relaxed and happy atmosphere. It was well supported with 218 registrants from 19 countries. Not only was there a large rose show but a wonderful show of flower arrangements. The speakers were Steve Jones (USA), John Ford (NZ), Kelvin Trimper (Aus), Doug Grant (NZ), Thomas Proll (Germany), Fiona Hyland (NZ), David Kenny (Ireland), Ann Chapman (NZ), Jolene Adams (USA), Bob Matthews (NZ) and Anthony Tesselaar (Aus). Delegates visited



beautiful and well manicured private gardens and meeting Sam McGredy at Cheops was a special experience as was the unveiling of the Award of Garden Excellence plaque in the Trevor Griffiths garden at Timaru. Another highlight was attending the Trials Prize Giving in the Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden when David Kenny all the way from Ireland was there to see his rose, KENTrooper win the Gold Star of the South Pacific.

At the closing Ceremony Steve Jones presented the Convention Convenor, Peter Elliott, with a World Federation of Rose Societies Silver Commemorative Medallion.

Roses in the Sun is the name of the WFRS Regional Convention held in Barcelona in May 2014. It was convened by Matilde Ferrer, President of the Spanish Rose Society and Luis Abad Garcia. The speakers were Kelvin Trimper (Aus), Steve Jones (USA), Javier Spalla (Spain), Jaume Garcia (Spain), Marlise Fertig (Switzerland), Matthias Meilland (France), Betty Hook (France), Helga Brichet (Italy), Jacques Mouchotte (France), Zhao Shiwei (China) and Pere Dot (Spain). At the closing Ceremony Steve Jones presented Matilde Ferrer with the WFRS Silver Commemorative Medallion and Luis Abad with the Bronze Commemorative Medallion.



Gérald Meylan - Past President, Sheenagh Harris – Immediate Past President, Steve Jones – President, Helga Brichet – Past President, Ken Grapes – Past President, in attendance at the WFRS Regional Convention, Barcelona, Spain.

The WFRS third Asian Regional Convention, *Rose Eternal*, was held in Hyderabad in January 2014 for 418 attendees, all but 56 from India. The speakers were William McNamara (Helga stood in for him in his absence), Girija and Viru Viraraghaven (India), T.Janakiram (India), Robert Mattock (a video of the author's lecture), Helga Brichet (Italy), Yuki Mikanagi (Japan), Wang Guoliang (China), Mahmooda Hashmi (Pakistan), Bechet Ciraga and Tuan Ching (China). Beautiful rose gardens, a large rose show, entertainment, interesting food and wonderful tourist destinations was the order of the day.

The much anticipated 17th WRC in Lyon in May/June 2015 attracted 615 delegates from 32 Member Countries. It was a hectic convention of lectures, visits to rose nurseries, garden visits and a variety of functions with magnificent roses, delicious meals and a generous flow of wine with rose friends from around the world. At the elaborate Opening Ceremony 'Cocktail' from the house of Meilland was announced as the world's favourite rose and 'Charles de Mills' the favourite OG Rose. Peter Elliott (NZ) and Takamasa Tsuge (Japan) were awarded WFRS Silver Medals, also Ann Bird (UK) in absentia. Lois Fowkes (USA) and Doug Grant (NZ) received World Rose Awards and this medal was also awarded to Sally Allison (NZ) and Ian Spriggs (Aust). WFRS Commemorative Medals were presented to Ahmed Alam Kahn (Silver) and Vijay Kant (Bronze) for the work involved in convening the Rose Convention, *Rose Eternal*. Delegates participated in the Int.Trials in Parc de la Tête d'Or.

The speakers were Stéphane Crozat, Etienne Bouret, Fabien Ducher, Jean-Pierre Guillot, Riobert and Marion Laperrière, Pierre Orard, Jean Yves Meignen, Laure Guillemette, Mihaela Scuturici, Pascal Heitzler, Mohammed Bendahmane, Benjamin Govetto, Manuel Le Bris, Annick Debois, Fabric Foucher, CamilleLi-Marchetti, Marc Staszewski, Bernard Mando, Mathilde Liorzou, Sylvie Baudino, Jacques Mouchotte, Martin Gras, all from France; Gerald Bettridge (UK), Kelvin Trimper (Aus), Hans-Peter Mühlbach (Germany), Stephen Scanniello, David Zlesac, Eva Giorgioni and Allison Watkins from the USA.



At the Closing Ceremony Maurice Jay and Josianne Pierre-Bissley received silver Commemorative medallions for their contribution in convening the convention and Daniel Boulens and Monique Laperrière received Bronze Commemorative medallions. Six books and 20 gardens received WFRS awards. Steve Jones and Malcolm Watson received WFRS Gold Medals. Steve Jones conferred the title and Presidential chain on Kelvin Trimper. In true tradition France handed the WFRS flag to Denmark for the 18th World Rose Convention.

Malcolm Watson and Steve Jones confer the WFRS President's chain to incoming President Kelvin Trimper

Peter Beales (UK) and Norma Manuel (NZ) died in 2013 and Ed Griffith in 2014.

With the addition of Monaco the number of Member Countries is 40, 21 Associate Members and 13 Members of the Breeder's Club.



KELVIN TRIMPER – AUSTRALIA

JUNE 2015 – JULY 2018

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Kelvin grew up in a rose loving family for his parents Eric and Myrtle were well known both locally and internationally. Kelvin was President of the National Rose Society of Australia in 2014 and WFRS Vice President for Australasia 2009 – 2015. He has been attending conventions since 1999 and has been a speaker at WFRS conventions 7 times.

Kelvin started his Presidential term of office with a visit to India together with Melanie in January, 2016. In his triennial he visited 20 Member Countries, mostly with Melanie. He made frequent visits to China and India very often with Helga Brichet, Convention Liaison Chairman.



The first convention was the WFRS Regional Rose convention and 14th International Heritage Rose Conference in Beijing, China and Kelvin included a visit to South Korea. The very grand Opening of the Convention took place in the Convention Theme Park and immediately thereafter Kelvin and Mr Niu officially opened the newly completed Rose Museum.

Alain Meilland admiring the large bed of Meilland's 'Peace'

Laurie Newman, a fellow countryman of Kelvin's being well looked after in Beijing where he is well known for the help and advice he has given over the years



About 200 participants attended the Convention and the following speakers spoke about the history, breeding and the conservation of the roses: Gregg Lowery (USA), Ge, Hong et Yang, (China), Girija and Viru Viraraghavan (India), Sun, Wei (China), Charles Quest-Ritson (UK), Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Sweden), William McNamara (USA), Thomas Hawel (Germany), Patricia Toolan (Australia), Wang, Qigang; Jian, Hongying (China), Pascal Heitzler (France), Wang, Guoliang (China), Daniel Boulens (France), Peter Boyd (UK), Zhao, Shiwei and Cui, Jiaopeng (China) and Nobuo Shirasuna (Japan). Five WFRS meetings were held in Beijing.

At the closing Ceremony Zhao Shiwei and He Rui, Vice Mayor of Daxing received the WFRS Bronze Commemorative Medallion for their contribution to the Convention in Beijing.

The WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Punte del Este, Uruguay, convened by Patricia Cummings and Rosario Algorta de Carrau, from all accounts was a 'fun' convention with beautiful roses and gardens, good food and wine and friendly fun loving people. *Roses in the South* attracted 259 delegates from 22 countries. The eight speakers came from 4 different countries – Matilde Ferrer (Spain), Stephen Scaniello, Jolene Adams, Jim Sproul and Linda Kimmel from the USA, Markus Brunsing and Thomas Proll from Germany and Keith Kirsten from South Africa. At the Closing Ceremony Kelvin presented WFRS Commemorative Bronze Medallions to Patricia Cummings (Convenor) and Rosario Algorta de Carrau (Co-convenor).



Helga Brichet, Kelvin Trimper, Zhang Zuoshuang and Gerald Meylan in Shanghai in April 2017

One hundred and eighty-nine delegates from a record number of thirty-seven countries gathered in the charming town of Ljubljana Slovenia for the first ever WFRS Convention in Eastern Europe in June 2017. Seventeen speakers all from Eastern Europe made a refreshing change to the lecture programme – Matjaž Kmecl, Helle Brummer, Gerhard Weber, Edi Prošt, Olga Paulič, Valentina Schmitzer, Alena Krátka, Stanislav Konšťacký, Gábor Boronkay, Biljana Božanić Tanjga, Zinoda Konstantinova Klimenko, Lukasz Rojewski, Jože Bavcon, Inna Koval, Radoslav Petrović and Damianos Constantnou from Greece and Vladimir Vremac from Italy. A number of all important WFRS meetings were held. At the closing Ceremony Breda Čopi received the WFRS Bronze Commemorative medal for the excellent convention convened by her and her small committee.

Kelvin communicated with the Members of the Federation through his reports in World Rose News and on the WFRS website. These reports detailed his activities. The President travelled extensively on behalf of the organisation, to conduct business meetings with Member Countries. His tour of duty in 2017 included visits to India, Slovenia, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, China and Japan. He also led a group of Rose Society members on a tour of Austria, Slovakia, Hungary and the Czech Republic, the first tour of these countries by a WFRS President in decades.

Kelvin revised and updated the protocols for the Awards of Garden Excellence and Honours and the Guidelines for those wishing to host a convention. New procedures for the election of a future President have been adopted. A small group was established in Lyon to develop the social media platform. Over the past 3 years the previously separate Conservation and Heritage Committees amalgamated to become Conservation and Heritage. It has proposed a new WFRS definition for a Heritage Rose which has been adopted. He also kept in close touch with the Editor of the book being produced to celebrate the WFRS 50 years.

