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ROSES IN THE SUN

See you in Barcelona 8th – 18th May 2014



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the New Year and the first WRN for 2014 in which you can read about the WFRS's hardworking team, who, behind the scenes keep the World Federation of Rose Societies ticking...Vice Presidents of the seven regions and Chairmen of the Standing Committees. Not reporting in this issue are our Webmaster, Ethel Freeman and our Executive Director, Malcolm Watson whose constant attention to their portfolios is never ending and very obvious to all those who take an interest in the running of the Federation.

We hope you enjoyed the three issues produced last year and if there is anything you would prefer, please let us know. Without feedback from you, the members, we can only continue to do our best in the same pattern.

It is hoped that the enthusiastic and colourful reports on the excellent convention in New Zealand in the last issue will inspire you to register for the two conventions taking place in 2014.

There is always much to look forward to in the Rose World.

Sheenagh Harris
Immediate Past President
and World Rose News Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February, 2014



PRESIDENT
2012 - 2015

Now the holidays are over and the decorations are put away, it is time to get back to rose business, in a good way. I was used to pruning our roses in Southern California in late January to mid-February. Now we are 600km north at about 600m elevation, we don't prune until late March early April due to damaging hard frosts. Same for the wine grape vines.

Of course all the new rose catalogues are out and I have been placing new orders to fill the new rose beds I am starting to build. My initial plan is three two metre by seven metre raised beds using stacking blocks. I find it so much easier to have raised beds for my back and less stooping over, better control of the soil I use in the beds, and I can see into the bottom of the plant for tell-tale signs of diseases, pests and weeds. Depending on the rose, I plan to have around 20 roses per bed. That and building two new large vegetable beds (one 1.5m by 18m, the other 2m by 4m), should keep me pretty busy to start off the year before we travel again.

Susie and I are excited about our travels in 2014 especially the two regional conventions in Barcelona, Spain in May, and Hyderabad, India in November. We have been to Barcelona before and enjoyed the rose trials there in the fabulous Cervantes Park. We have never been to India so we are really looking forward to that trip.

This issue covers the reports from each of our Vice Presidents on the events in their region, plus reports from the Committee Chairmen. I think it is important for all of our members to be aware of what rose related events are happening outside of their country. Who knows, you may find an excellent idea for a rose event at home.

Make sure you register for both Barcelona and Hyderabad. Information is on their websites located in this bulletin.

Steve Jones

REPORTS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES



AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA – Jackie Kalley – South Africa



ROSAFRICA 2012

The highlight of the period under review, was of course, the highly acclaimed ROSAFRICA 2012, the 16th WFRS World Rose Convention held in Sandton, South Africa from 11-18 October 2012. Held at a time when the South African roses were at their best, the Convention was an all encompassing homage to the glory of the rose. It entailed lectures by twelve local and overseas speakers, visits to local rose gardens, a beautifully decorated Rose Street at the Convention venue, the Rosebank Union Church, flower arranging demonstrations, icing and photographic competitions, and a visit to Ludwig's Rose Farm in Pretoria amongst some of the sparkling events. The 350 overseas delegates were also treated to the South African experience in its wider context with a visit arranged to the Pilanesberg Game Reserve, the rose show in Bloemfontein and glorious gardens and scenery in the Cape – small wonder it was proclaimed an Outstanding Success!

Mountains of the Western Cape



As usual at a convention, various in depth meetings were held by the WFRS Executive covering all aspects of its work including the election of the new World President, Steve Jones from the USA. South Africa's, Sheenagh Harris became the Immediate Past President and we applaud her sterling three year term of office travelling the world and, by association, promoting the South African Convention. She is a wonderful ambassador for the rose and also found time, together with Di Girdwood to organise ROSAFRCA 2012 – no feat in the face of her daunting WFRS responsibilities. In addition, she has now become the Editor of the *World Rose News* and continues as a member of the WFRS Honours Committee. Sheenagh received the WFRS Gold Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose, Di Girdwood received a Silver Commemorative Medallion for her work on the Convention and Georgie Currie received a Bronze Commemorative Medallion.

Sheenagh, together with Jackie Kalley received the WFRS Literary Award for their book – *Veld, Vlei and Rose Gardens: Inspiration from South African Gardeners*. Other South African news includes the appointment of Jackie Kalley as WFRS Vice President for Africa, while Stefanie Seydack resigned as President of the Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA) and was replaced by Joy Webb, the previous Vice President.

Two South Africans went to Germany for the 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen – Di van der Hoven and Sheenagh Harris. Sheenagh also accepted the invitation to judge at the International Rose Trials in Baden-Baden and The Hague.



**'Jennifer Rose' – Golden Rose of Baden-Baden
a Harkness Rose** (photo – Phillip Harkness)



Jubilee Garden – Sangerhausen
(photo – Hans Schreiber)



(photo – Claudia Hacker)

The latter was the only South African to attend the recent WFRS Regional Convention held in Palmerston North, New Zealand. She was moderator for some lectures, judged at the rose show and unveiled the plaque for the Garden of Excellence for the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden in Timaru.

Two South Africans are members of the "Friends of the WFRS" – Di van der Hoven and Sheenagh Harris. Rosarians are encouraged to join this worthwhile organisation – details can be found on www.worldrose.org under Friends of the Federation.

The Knysna Rose Society held their Annual Autumn Rose Show in April and had 489 entries. 'St. John's College' ('Gemini') was Queen of the Show. In October the Freestate Rose Society held their Annual Rose Show – these are the only two rose shows held in South Africa.

Every two years South Africa hosts a National Convention, and the 2014 Convention will take place from 30 October to 2nd November and is being organised by the Midlands Rose Society. Plans are in progress for a wonderful convention entitled the Midlands Magical Mystery Tour and will include visits to local gardens in and around Pietermaritzburg, Hilton and the mountainous region of Underberg.

Interesting speakers have been invited and the Convention will be held in conjunction with a Rose Weekend organised by Piggly Wiggly, a conglomeration of country stores, outside Howick where huge marquees, packed with roses, will celebrate the Rose in KwaZulu-Natal, especially the Midlands. Do join us for this special event if you are in South Africa at the time. For inquiries, contact: midlandsrose@gmail.com

The SA Rosarium in Bedford continues to make progress and it has been suggested as a venue for the International Heritage Roses Conference in 2019.

AUSTRALASIA

AUSTRALIA – Kelvin Trimper - Australia

Rose producers and retail nurseries around Australia have recorded very good sales in 2013. This is a most encouraging sign and suggests that the popularity of the rose is growing again. We are fortunate that media interest in the rose in Australia continues to rise with increased exposure on television, radio and print media and significant interest on face-book and twitter.



One interesting trend is the reduced TIME for nurseries to respond to rose orders or rose introducers or for rose societies to respond to media requests. This reflects the "just in time" and "I want it now" attitudes of impatient younger generations, probably in part due to the "instant garden creations" and "garden makeovers" of reality television programmes. As rosarians, we have to be ready to respond to information requests, whenever they arise, or the requesting source will go elsewhere where they may get better service.

However, despite some challenges, rose interest grows in Australia and so has the membership of our State Societies. We now have over 3,000 members in Australia. Many new members join to take advantage of our partnership with Neutrog Fertilisers. The royalty scheme we have with Neutrog has also enabled us to keep membership fees low (compared with some other countries). However, increased costs, particularly for printing and distributing newsletters and Annuals, are placing upward pressure on fees.

At the 40th Annual Meeting of The National Rose Society of Australia held in Melbourne in 2012, it was resolved to provide increased support to Australian Bred Roses via the introduction of an incentive to assist the introduction of Australian bred roses if they received a medal in our National Trials. It was also fitting that the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award was presented to Laurie Newman for his tireless efforts as Australian Rose Registrar and in making roses available to Chinese Gardens, in particular, Beijing. Mr. Angus Irwin, Managing Director of Neutrog; Mrs. Veronica O'Brien, co-ordinator of volunteers in the Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee and new President of the Rose Society of Victoria and Kelvin Trimper, newly elected President of the National Rose Society of Australia, from South Australia received the Australian Rose Award.

In 2013, the Annual Meeting of The National Rose Society of Australia was held in Sydney. This event coincided with the Centenary of The Rose Society of New South Wales, the third Australian Rose Society to achieve this milestone (after Victoria in 1999 and South Australia 2008). New South



Wales is to be congratulated on the various activities held to mark its Centenary. Mrs. Judith Oyston, NSW and Mr. Max Marriner, Vic. received the Australian Rose Award (ARA). Mr. Kelvin Trimper, SA received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award and Mr. Richard Walsh was awarded the National Rose Society of Australia Service Award.

Anne and Elizabeth, at Lyndoch Hill with 'That's Life' the rose dedicated to their late father Dr. Allan Campbell

In May, 2013 the Rose Society of South Australia held a very successful Inaugural Lecture Weekend, named in honour of the late Dr. Allan Campbell, where knowledge of the rose was shared. Mr. Tom Carruth, Curator at The Huntington Rose Garden and famous rose breeder, was the Keynote Speaker. A rose, 'That's Life', bred by South Australian Wendy Mather and dedicated to Allan Campbell, was launched at the event.

In October we were honoured to host our World President, Mr. Steve Jones and wife, Susie, who were in Australia for a number of weeks and visited all our State Societies, participated in the NSW Centenary, National Rose Trial Garden Awards and other Shows and activities. We were delighted that they were so generous with their time and their visit provided a great opportunity to promote the Federatio's upcoming conventions around the world.



President Steve Jones and Kelvin Trimper at the South Australian Spring Rose Show

Australians continue to show strong support for WFRS Conventions with over 50 attending ROSAFRICA 2012, another 50 attending the WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany in 2013 and around 40 who participated in the Regional Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand in 2013. We congratulate our colleagues in South Africa, Germany and New Zealand for hosting these marvellous events.



Dugald MacKenzie Rose Garden



Maori Singers and Peter Elliott welcome delegates

Large numbers of Australians participated in the Pre and Post Convention Tours in South Africa and New Zealand. Nearly 40 Australians participated in an Australian organised Pre-Sangerhausen Convention Tour to Mainau and Baden-Baden and Post Convention Tour to Dresden and Uetersen, including visits to Kordes and Rosen Tantau. We also made stops to other notable tourist attractions. We particularly owe thanks to Markus Zeiler, Markus Brunsing, Hans Schreiber, Uwe Lamprecht, Thomas Proll and Thomas Loffler for assisting us. We will always remember your kindness and generosity.



Western Cape, South Africa

We also thank those South Africans and New Zealanders who organised the tours in their countries and also acted as guides and hosts. These tours provide a great opportunity to make new friendships and to learn more about the host country and its beautiful gardens, history and culture. As Australians, we could not be more complimentary about the enormous benefit of these tours and we recommend all rosarians consider their participation in the pre-arranged tours conducted before and after future WFRS Conventions. We hope to have good numbers of Australians attending Conventions in Barcelona, Hyderabad, Lyon, Beijing and Copenhagen.

Finally, Australia now has many members of the "Friends of the WFRS". We have appreciated the Friends' events convened in South Africa, Germany and New Zealand, as part of their conventions. Again, this provides a relaxed and enjoyable forum to share our love of the rose and to meet new 'Friends'.

I wish all Rosarians a safe and healthy 2014 and may it be a good year for growing and enjoying our favourite flower, the rose.

THE ALLAN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL LECTURE WEEKEND

Malcolm Watson Photos – Malcolm Watson and Les Krake, Australia

Like a majority of Societies around the world, The Rose Society of South Australia has been most fortunate to have had members who have contributed a significant amount to the well being of the Club over a lengthy period. Our Society benefited through the Membership of the late Dr Allan Campbell.

Although a keen golfer, he consciously decided to make rose growing his hobby, so he could be both on call and near the family. It also provided the opportunity to get to know a different group of people outside the medical profession. At the height of his powers, his Adelaide suburban home garden boasted around 800 rose bushes and was a sight to behold when in full flower - a testament to his talents – attracting numerous visitors when opened to the public.



Allan and Ina Campbell welcome guests to one of their Open Days

Allan was rarely sick, but on one occasion when home in bed with the flu, was discovered sitting up at the window with the binoculars, cursing the aphids on his rose bushes!

During 1960 he joined the Rose Society of South Australia, in 1968 he was elected to Council, in '71 elected as Vice President and in 1974 he became President of our Society. Over the next 25 years Allan was elected to the Society's Council on 22 occasions.

Allan was a foundation delegate to the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) at its inaugural meeting in 1972 and continued as a delegate until 1989. In 1974 and 1980 he was elected Vice President and in 1975 and 1981, National President. Since the inauguration of the NRSA, Allan had been intensely interested in a truly "National" concept of rose interest in our country. He was directly involved in the establishment of the Society's Constitution compiling the rules for the Australian Rose Award and drafted and redrafted a set of "Guidelines for Judging" that was unanimously adopted at the NRSA AGM in 1980.

He travelled to the first World Rose Convention in Hamilton NZ 1971 as delegate, and attended numerous others, several times as Australia's delegate and in 1976 led the Australian delegation to the International Rose Convention at Oxford. Allan was also one of the National's representatives on the inaugural Board of the National Rose Trial Garden – a position he held for a number of years.

His depth of knowledge of rose culture was exceptional. He was always ready and willing to mentor all rose growers, not just exhibitors and society members, and to pass on his own very successful techniques. He prepared a series of slides together with commentary, covering all facets of rose culture and exhibiting. This material was used in the preparation of the Society's DVD – *"Guide to Growing Beautiful Roses"*.

As a show judge he was without a peer. Allan judged at all Australian State NRSA AGM's and was a member of the judging panel at the RNRS Centenary Show in London in 1976. He was interested and actively engaged in propagation and hybridization and for a number of years donated roses for the Society's raffles – a very generous gesture. Allan was awarded the TA Stewart Memorial Award in 1976, Life Membership of our Society in 1977 and honoured by the National Rose Society of Australia with its highest award – the Australian Rose Award in 1981 and in 2001 their Service Award.

To honour and acknowledge his contribution, our Society instituted a Memorial Lecture Series. The inaugural weekend was held in May in the beautiful surrounds of the Barossa Valley – world famous for its wines and also for its roses. Those who attended our 2008 Centenary Celebrations would have visited the Lyndoch Hill Estate and viewed the extensive rose garden – the venue for the Campbell weekend.

We were pleased to have interstate visitors join our own members to listen and learn from key note speaker, well known rose hybridiser Mr Tom Carruth from California.

Included in the weekend's activities was the launch of the rose 'That's Life' – a rose bred by member, Mrs. Wendy Mather which was dedicated to Allan who mentored Wendy. Several of these roses were planted in the Lyndoch Hill Resort Rose Garden by Allan's daughters – Doctors Anne Campbell and Elizabeth Thompson, assisted by Tom Carruth and Society President Mrs Aileen Scott.

Tom Carruth delivering the keynote address lecture at the Allan Campbell Memorial lecture





Elizabeth, Tom and Anne plant 'That's Life'



Elizabeth Thompson, Malcolm Watson and Anne Campbell

Allan, who passed away in June 2011 aged 95 years, was one of life's gentlemen, an incredible teacher and a good friend, always ably supported by his loving wife Ina, and they are both sadly missed.

100 NOT OUT - ROSE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW) AUSTRALIA

Glynis Hayne, Australia



For an organization to have existed for 100 years is an achievement and worthy of significant celebrations and in 2013 the Rose Society of NSW celebrated its centenary with a number of functions and enterprises. As has been the tradition when other Australian States celebrated their centenary, the Rose Society of NSW has produced a book covering the history of the Society over a hundred years and also produced a celebration rose. The history book was compiled by forty year plus member Judith Oyston while the rose was bred by well known Australian rosarian Richard Walsh.

To commence celebrations, the society held a small function at the NSW State Library to commemorate the establishment of the Rose Society of NSW by William Ifould. The historical record tells us William Ifould was appointed Principal and Secretary of the Public Library of New South Wales in July 1912. An ardent floriculturist before moving to Sydney, Ifould had been President of the National Rose Society of South Australia. Six months after his arrival in Sydney, Ifould gathered fellow horticulturists with a specific interest in roses and the National Rose Society of New South Wales was founded on the 15th January, 1913. As the Founding President he served in that capacity for nine years. In 1916 the monthly meetings of the Society were moved to the State Library.

Vice Regal patronage of the Society began in 1931 and this has carried on to the present day with Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of NSW being the current patron. To celebrate the centenary the Governor hosted a Reception at Government House on Valentine's Day. The function was attended by a hundred invited guests which included high profile Rosarians



Senator Marise Payne, Stuart Ayers State Member for Penrith, Governor of NSW Professor Marie Bashir, AC CVO, Ross Fowler, Mayor of Penrith, Glynis Hayne and Don Campton at the Governor's reception for the society on 14 February 2013.

Ted Annabel who is in his 63rd year as a member, Don Campton who budded the first 'Peace' rose in Australia back in 1946 along with Marise Payne, Senator Commonwealth of Australia, Stuart Ayers Member for Penrith, Councillor Ross Fowler, Mayor City of Penrith, Cecily Rogers, President NSW Horticultural Society, Better Homes and Gardens TV presenters Graham and Sandra Ross, President Dahlia Society of NSW & ACT Robert Curll, President National Rose Society of Australia and Rose Society of NSW State, Glynis Hayne, sponsors and members. In what was a night that will be long remembered by all who were in attendance, Her Excellency planted a bush of the rose '100 Not Out' which is the centenary celebration rose in the gardens at Government House to celebrate the occasion.

The culmination of the centenary celebrations came in October with combining the hosting of the National Rose Society of Australia AGM and the Rose Society of NSW Centenary Rose Show that had World Federation Rose Society President Steve Jones and wife Susie as special guests for the weekend.

The weekend started with a Civic Reception for interstate and invited guests on the Friday night, hosted by the Penrith City Council in recognition of the significance of the weekend to the community of Penrith. Mayor Ross Fowler welcomed all the guests at the function and Rose Society of NSW Secretary, Doug Hayne presented the City of Penrith with five '100 Not Out' roses.

On Saturday the Centenary Show itself was successful with quality blooms despite the unseasonal warm weather leading up to the show. Local exhibitors Ted and Meryl Morphett were the most successful exhibitors winning all three of the World Classes and four of the seven Australian Championships.

The Gala Dinner was held on the Saturday evening with in excess of 100 in attendance which included official guests Steve Jones (President WFRS) Fiona Scott MP, Ross Fowler (Mayor of Penrith) and Graham Ross (Better Homes & Gardens Presenter). The highlight of the night was a

rendition of "*Happy Birthday Mr President*" sung by Alison "Marilyn Monroe" Tapuska to WFRS President Steve Jones as part of his sixtieth birthday celebrations.



Steve Jones presents Glynis Hayne with a Certificate from the WFRS for the 100th Anniversary of the Rose Society of New South Wales at the Gala Dinner



Happy Birthday Mr President

Sunday saw the NRSA AGM that signalled the culmination of another year in the life of the National Rose Society of Australia. At the conclusion of the AGM President Glynis Hayne handed the reins over to Kelvin Trimper for the coming year. An afternoon bus tour to Swane's Nursery at Dural was included in the programme.

The weekend concluded with a tour organised by the Macarthur Regional Rose Society of the Australian Botanical Gardens, Mt Annan, including the new plant bank as well as Flora International where roses are grown hydroponically for the cut flower market. Thus concluded the celebrations for what many consider the most significant year of the Rose Society of NSW in its 100 year history.

AUSTRALASIA

NEW ZEALAND – Peter Elliott – New Zealand

Assisted by Hayden Foulds

The New Zealand rosarians that attended the World Rose Convention in South Africa in October 2012 had a wonderful time. A highlight for many was the visit to Ludwig Taschner's nursery. How we would have liked to have brought some roses home in our suitcases. Some great animal photo opportunities were had on the visit to the Pilanesberg. Some beautiful gardens were on display, both within the city of Johannesburg and also in the country, especially the garden called Mulligatawny near Hartebeespoort dam which was quite amazing. The Rosebank Union Church complex was a great facility at which to base the convention where registrants enjoyed the magnificent floral art, the concert and the

lectures. For many, the visit to CapeTown was a thrill with the obligatory cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain. Congratulations to Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood on a super convention.



NEW ZEALAND ATTENDEES AT THE CONVENTION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Elizabeth and Peter Elliott, Hayden Foulds, Marian and Michael Brown, Doug Grant, Paul and Jan Barnett at the Opening Ceremony in South Africa.

The next highlight was in November 2012 at the New Zealand National Spring Rose Show in Levin, the hub of the Horowhenua province. The Memorial Hall was crammed full of roses of all description and half the town turned out to see the display. It is a very good idea to have the smaller centres put on an event like this as they get great community support.



Some entries at the National Rose Show in Levin



There were also awards presented from the two rose trials held in November and early December. In Hamilton, the New Zealand Rose of the Year trial was judged by popular vote and VIP judging on the final day. 'My Girl' (Macnijmeg), a Hybrid Tea bred by Sam McGredy won the overall award plus the best Hybrid Tea and best New Zealand raised rose.

Sam McGredy with 'My Girl' – Rose of the Year 2012.

In Palmerston North, the awards for the New Zealand Rose Society International Trials were presented for trial 42 which has been judged over the past two years. The Gold Star of the South Pacific for the highest scoring rose on trial was awarded to a super red climber called 'Red Flame' bred by Michel Adam of France. It also received the June Hocking Fragrance award and was the first large flowering climbing rose in 32 years to win the overall award.

Early December also saw Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc) hold their first ever National Convention in Dunedin. 150 people attended including some from overseas for a very successful event under the leadership of Fran Rawling. Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc) has also become an associate member of the WFRS in 2013.

April 2013 saw the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Rose Society and President Eileen Wilcox re-elected. Members honoured at this meeting were Mr Glyn Saunders, of Masterton, as President Emeritus of the New Zealand Rose Society, Mrs Dawn Eagle, of Christchurch, with Life Membership and Mr Peter Elliott, of Palmerston North, with the Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a District Rose Society.

A small number of rosarians also attended the Heritage Rose Convention in Sangerhausen in May 2013 and spoke very highly of the event.

In July, Mrs Norma Manuel from Auckland passed away. Norma was widely known around New Zealand and in International rose circles and is sadly missed.



International Rose Show – Palmerston North – Regional Convention

After more than 3 years in the planning, the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention 'Roses Down Under – The Kiwi Experience' took place in Palmerston North in November 2013. 215 registrants, headed by WFRS President Steve Jones, enjoyed the International Rose show where a marvellous spectacle of roses, floral art and trade displays awaited them in the super spacious Arena 2 stadium. A very large crowd also attended the International Rose Trial Ground awards at the Dugald Mackenzie rose gardens which were looking stunning on a hot Manawatu day. The lecture series on a good balance of topics was very well attended. Very successful pre- and post convention tours were also held with members enjoying all that New Zealand has to offer amidst wonderful scenery.



A late highlight was the presentation of the Garden of Excellence Plaque to the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden in the South Canterbury city of Timaru. The presentation was made by Immediate Past President Sheenagh Harris, assisted by Peter Elliott, to the Mayor, Mr Damon Odey. The garden was looking magnificent and the event even made it onto the National TV news.

Sheenagh Harris, Peter Elliott and Mayor Damon Odey at the unveiling of the WFRS Garden of Excellence plaque.

There were two rose trial awards made during November. In Hamilton, the New Zealand Rose of the Year trial was attended by the pre-tour group who judged as part of the VIP judging. The overall winner, along with receiving the award for best floribunda, best NZ raised rose and the Children's Choice award was 'Wild Cherry' bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand.

In Palmerston North, the Gold Star for the highest scoring rose on trial was won by a stunned David Kenny all the way from Ireland with a shrub rose codenamed 'KENtrooper'. The Nola Simpson Novelty award was won by Chris Warner from England with one of the persica hybrids 'Bright as a Button'. Those attending the awards also judged the trials and a very unusual lime green floribunda from Rob Somerfield from New Zealand codenamed 'Sompounamu' received the WFRS People's Choice Certificate.



Rob Somerfield's 'Sompounamu'



Rob Somerfield and his award winning 'Wild Cherry'

It was a real privilege to lead the hard working committee and to see the convention hosted by the Manawatu Rose Society be such a stunning success. We have received so many positive comments and messages of congratulations that made it all so worthwhile. Thank you all for your support.

CENTRAL ASIA INDIA and PAKISTAN – Ahmed Alam Khan – India

WFRS 16th World Rose Convention – Sandton South Africa, October, 2012.

There were seven delegates from India who attended the World Rose Convention (ROSAFRICA), held at Sandton, South Africa. From the Central Asian region, Gulab Bagh at Islamabad received the WFRS Garden of Excellence Award. The award was carried to Islamabad and personally handed over by me to Dr. Mahmooda Hashmi on behalf of the WFRS.



Mahmooda Hashmi accepts the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence from Ahmed Alam Khan

WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference – Sangerhausen, June, 2013

One delegate attended the Heritage Rose Conference at Sangerhausen in Germany.

WFRS Regional Convention, Palmerston North, New Zealand

In New Zealand six delegates attended the World Regional Convention (Roses Down Under) at Palmerston North.



**Barkath, Uzma and Ahmed Alam
Kahn with John Ford's rose 'Southern
Beauty'** (photo – Glynis Hayne)

EUROPE

DENMARK, FINLAND, GREAT BRITAIN, ICELAND, NORTHERN IRELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN –

Ann Bird – Great Britain

The year began sadly with the death of Peter Beales, world rosarian par excellence, and my close friend and mentor for over 30 years. His staff, unsurprisingly, were determined to keep up the standards Peter had set and maintained over many years, resulting in a magnificent exhibit staged at Chelsea Flower Show which was awarded a well-deserved Gold Medal.

The next big rose event which I attended was the WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference to celebrate the 110th anniversary of the world-famous rosarium at Sangerhausen in Germany. I had been fortunate enough to be there 10 years earlier for their centenary when the new part of the

garden was still being planted and looked quite stark, but nothing could have prepared me for the sight which awaited us this time. Each huge structure was completely clothed with roses, beds filled to capacity with every conceivable type of bush rose, wonderful design combinations, and no weeds! The weather was unbelievably hot, but it did not deter the hardy souls who attended the rose lectures, garden tours, the obligatory meetings, a wonderful organ recital in an ancient church, and a rose procession through the town. I especially loved the evenings spent in the gardens under a canopy of stars, catching up on all the news with rose friends.



**Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Ann Bird,
Sheenagh Harris and Jill Bennell –
catching up on the news with rose friends**

In July the Gardens of the Rose, home of the Royal National Rose Society, celebrated its 50th anniversary and was also awarded the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence. The presentation took place just at the time when the gardens looked at their very best. We had hoped that WFRS President Steve Jones would be there, but unfortunately he was unable to come and I was delegated to “do the honours”. What a privilege for me to present this prestigious award to the President of my own rose society, and so appropriate that it should take place exactly 50 years on from the very day when the late Princess Royal (Princess Mary) unveiled a plaque to mark the official opening of the gardens. In the coming year we do hope to see more overseas visitors - the gardens are now fully developed and looking spectacular – you can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Unfortunately I missed out on the next event due to an unexpected illness – a visit to judge at the fantastic rose gardens in Belfast. They were awarded the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence many years ago and the quality of the display is still the same, attracting judges from many countries not just for the roses but the warmth of the welcome from the rose society in Northern Ireland.

Some weeks later the City of Glasgow hosted its annual International Rose Trials event – this year celebrating their 25th anniversary. We were treated, as always, to outstanding Scottish hospitality and this year had the additional pleasure of seeing Peter Harkness, who was one of the original organisers in 1989. Another new visitor was Mrs Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society, who will be hosting the 2018 World Rose Convention in Copenhagen. At that convention there will be a special celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the WFRS, and I know Inger and her team are already well advanced in their planning for this prestigious event.



'Smiles' a Kordes rose that won the Golden Prize of the City of Glasgow at Toll Cross
(photo – courtesy of W. Kordes Söhne)



'Pure Poetry' a Tantau rose that won The People's Choice Toll Cross Fragrance Prize
(photo – courtesy of Rosen Tantau)

The rest of 2013 I think could be termed difficult. The renovation of our house took longer than anticipated and was exhausting, but the end result has certainly been worth the effort and I did actually manage to plant 60 roses in late May which all came into bloom before the end of the summer. In early December we lost our much-loved West Highland Terrier, a constant companion for 15 years, but with the advent of the new year my optimism has gradually returned, that I might continue to grow and enjoy roses (and rose people, of course!) as in the past, with a new little dog on the scene who has no interest in digging!

EUROPE

AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GREECE, HUNGARY, ISRAEL, ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SERBIA, SLOVAKIA AND SLOVENIA – Breda Copi – Slovenia

It's been just over a year since the election of the executive committee at the World Rose Convention in South Africa. As a newly elected Vice President for the Eastern European region, I've had a very active rose year even though no results are visible yet.

I spent my first year in office actively, mostly getting to know my field of operations and the members. In terms of the region, Slovenia is located at the western edge of the Eastern European region; Croatia, our neighbour is the only country in the region without an official rose society and is therefore also not a member of WFRS.

In March 2013, I made contact with the Faculty of Agronomy in Zagreb, where we jointly designed a rose garden. I met interesting people in the agronomy field, but at this point a society was not established yet. Because of their work responsibilities, the employees there cannot organise and manage a society. I'm hopeful that with this year's first rose blooms in the new garden collection, we will re-establish contact and succeed in setting up a society.

In the spring 2013, during the rose-blooming season I visited a large part of the WFRS member countries in the Eastern European region.

In May, I paid a visit to Mr Petrovič's (President of the Royal Serbian Rose Society) rose garden, continued through Romania and visited the local research institute and my colleague Viktor Kerényi-Nagy in Hungary. As this was during the Rose Trials, Mr Agoston Hegedus, the President of the Hungarian Rose - Friends Society, was absent.

Another important event and meeting took place in June, when a few members of the Slovenian Rose Society and I met our colleagues in the Czech Republic. We visited the international trials of roses in Hradec Králové, where we participated in the event and met the local members and Dr Stanislav Konštický, the main organiser of the international trial.

We saw the rose gardens and roses in Prague and the surrounding area under the guidance of Dr Josef Thomas, the President.

In September, I visited the Austrian rose gardens in Vienna and in Baden near Vienna. Next I proceeded to Slovakia where I met the President of the Slovak National Rose Society, Mr Frantisek Glavc, and made arrangements for further cooperation.

I also made contact with the Arboretum Borova hora in Zvolen, where I met the manager of a major Slovak assortment of roses Mr Vladimir Jezovic.

The purpose of all these visits was to establish contact and meet the members, because it is my intention to organise the first convention of rose lovers of Eastern Europe in Slovenia, during my time in this office. In Slovenia, discussions are already underway with representatives of our capital Ljubljana where the event is scheduled to take place. While it is tentatively scheduled for autumn 2014, given the circumstances the event will more likely take place in March 2015.

I will inform WFRS of any conclusions we make and intentions we articulate and am looking forward to the full support and assistance the WFRS can offer me.

EUROPE

BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, MONACO, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND –

Henrienne de Briey - Belgium

First of all I would like to thank all rose friends for their confidence and advice in my role as VP of south Europe. It will be a great honour and a real pleasure to meet you all as much as I can in the following years. 2013 was, despite the weather a great year for all rose friends and in south Europe we enjoyed roses until November in some gardens!



SPAIN

My first trial this year was Barcelona for their 13th edition on May the 10th. I arrived the evening before the trials and we had an interesting conference given by Alain Meilland on the new varieties of roses for public or private gardens. This conference took place in the beautiful city hall. The trials took place on Friday morning in the Cervantes Park where we admired more than 2,000 varieties and about 10,000 roses but we had to work and judge the new varieties presented by 8 countries: 22 Floribunda, 21 Hybrid Teas, Grandiflora, 11 Landscape roses, 4 miniature, ground cover and 6 climbers. The International Jury was comprised of nearly 70 members coming from Chile, Uruguay, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Switzerland, France and Spain.



AR 010, Bred and introduced by Meilland and Radler. This rose received 6 awards at Rose Trials in Europe in 2013



Monique de Clarens and Alain Meilland

After the vote, the International Jury was invited to Roserar Armargos in the Parc of Montjuic in the open air Greek theatre for the presentation of the new variety named 'Georges Moustaki' from the breeder Matilde Ferrer, unfortunately shortly after the singer's death.

At the end of the day Gérald Meylan and I joined the meeting organised by Lluís Abad and his team to discuss the first organisational steps of the WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona in 2014. Barcelona is one of my favourite cities in Spain and I was delighted to take time to visit the Sagrada Familia as well as the breathtaking architecture of Gaudi.



'Georges Moustaki'

ITALY



La Tacita

In June, I took a one day flight to Italy to participate in the recently established International rose trials at the private property of La Tacita, not far north of Rome. Kindly, a daughter of the owners picked me up at the airport early in the morning and drove me up in time for a welcoming coffee. The day was officially opened by the organiser, Helga Brichet, who introduced the landowners, Dr. and Mrs. Mece to the numerous members of the International Jury.

Then we were given a short presentation of rose gardens around Trieste in north eastern Italy by Dr. Vladimir Vremec, former Director of Parks and Gardens of that city.

Then the rules of this fifth year of trials for new rose varieties in commerce, for not more than five years were explained. I was surprised but delighted to be elected President of the Jury for the day. The voting papers were distributed and we all proceeded to the trial grounds. The weather was fine and

although the season was relatively late, a large number of blooms could be examined. The jury flocked through the beds of some 60 varieties in competition. A particular interest has been shown in the amateur rose breeders who can't send more than three plants per variety as compared to the professionals who can send up to ten plants.

After the work of the International Jury we were invited to a lunch during which the results were announced. After lunch, the guests were happy to have the opportunity to wander in the modern permanent rose garden which has a collection of more than 5,000 varieties. I was really impressed by the beauty of La Tacita rose garden, which is established in a natural valley overlooking the pretty country landscape.

Flying back home that evening I thought about the great efforts and continued progress which is being made for this quite young trial despite the difficulties of the present time!

Last but not least, many thanks to Helga Brichet for having given me the opportunity to preside over the jury, as it was for me the first time and good experience.



Helga Brichet and Jacques Mouchoutte at La Tacita

FRANCE

Because of extremely bad weather conditions during the first two quarters of 2013, the first blooming was seriously compromised, particularly in France and Germany. Consequently, the June trials in these countries were incomplete or biased. At the famous rose trial of Bagatelle in Paris, the 106th edition was rather cold, windy and cloudy. However, I was very honoured to have been asked to Chair the International Jury. It was quite impressive for me because I represented the third generation of my family being involved in this great jury!



Bagatelle

The trials took place on the 14th of June with a hundred rose lovers: International Jury, landscape specialists, gardeners, perfumers and some political representatives.

We had to judge 73 varieties presented by 30 breeders coming from 9 countries. Due to the bad season, the first and the second prize, as well as the perfume prize have not been awarded. Such a pity!

Luckily, we had the chance to deliver certificates for the categories of Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, climbing, as well as the prize of the public. Congratulations to Jean-Pierre Lelievre and his team. The atmosphere at Bagatelle is always fantastic!



GERMANY

Unfortunately, I couldn't participate in Geneva and Baden Baden Rose Trials but Frans Thomas was be present at both.

On my side I went for the first time to Sangerhausen. Obviously, I knew that I would see a huge collection of roses but I couldn't imagine the charm of Sangherhausen, which is a real pilgrimage site for rose lovers! Unfortunately, I was unable to stay more than one day at the 13th International Heritage Rose Conference. There were more than 225 delegates from 27 countries. Lectures were given in the morning while the afternoons were free to walk around between the old and historical species and new varieties of roses through a picturesque landscape. A delegation of 10 people from Belgium were present at Sangerhausen.



Sangerhausen

BELGIUM

Coming back to work, we had the pleasure to invite, after Sangerhausen, our President Steve and Susie Jones for a couple of days in Belgium. First of all, they came over to our place called Betho, which is located near Hex. Together we got the chance to visit the beautiful garden of Hex, driven by the Count Ghislain d'Ursel himself. Then, back to Brussels, we had dinner in the city centre with Steve and Susie Jones and Malcolm and Ruth Watson who were just returning from the post tour of the Sangerhausen Conference.

The next day, as I had to work at the office, Frans Thomas and Ingrid Verdegem organised a private visit of the famous *Serres Royales de Laeken* culminating in a lunch at the top of the *Atomium*. Later on in the afternoon, they went to the botanical garden of Meise. Then our friends were invited to Baroness Marie Louise Velge's house to overnight before the trial of Kortrijk. The 52nd Kortrijk International Rose Trials took place on the 28th of June. During the World Rose Convention in South Africa in 2012, Kortrijk was awarded the Garden of Excellence.

Steve Jones, our WFRS President, was pleased to give the award to Mrs. van der Stichelen, President of the Kortrijk rose trials for many years.

In spite of the bad winter and spring conditions, the roses were in really good shape. We had a very good lunch during which, Steve Jones, President of the International Jury, gave the results.

On Saturday 29th of June, my mother Lily received her rose friends who came from far away (USA, Australia, Japan, New Zealand) to visit her at her home. She was so happy to meet our new WFRS President Steve Jones and impressed by the superb chain in which all the names of past and the present presidents of the WFRS are engraved. She laughed when Steve, wearing the chain, showed her that her name appeared twice on him; on his shoulder and heart! She was so pleased to see Malcolm Watson again and Akira Ogawa and the Japanese delegation and to meet Ingrid Verdegem. Frans Thomas and I were also present.



Georgina Campbell, Ingrid Verdegem and Rudi Velle



Akira and Ryoko Ogawa, Lily de Gerlache, Yuki Mikanagi



BACK ROW: Georgina Campbell, Ruth Watson, Ingrid Verdegem, Susie and Steve Jones, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Malcolm Watson, Yuki Mikanagi FRONT ROW: Akira and Ryoko Ogawa, Kazuko Ozeki, Henrienne de Briey, Frans Thomas



Malcolm Watson, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Steve Jones

LE ROEULX



Jean Jacques, Claustriax Benoit Friart, Princess Claire, Tommy Leclercq, Henrienne de Briey and Manu Delhove

The 7th of September 2013 was a great year with the 50th anniversary of the *Le Roelux* trials. At the beginning of September the flowers were in full bloom and the weather was sunny. We had the great honour of welcoming Princess Claire of Belgium who baptised a new rose under the name 'Princess Claire'. This is a creation of the Belgian breeder Martin Vissers.

During the trials she received some explanations from Alain Meilland as well as from two perfume experts i.e. Mr. Sauvegrain and Mr. Nuyens. She also visited the exhibition of roses, which was organised by our Belgian Royal Rose Society in collaboration with *Le Roelux*. Rosario Algorta de Carrau, President of the International Jury gave us the results during the delicious lunch. The quality of the trials grows from year to year, thanks to Mr & Mrs. Benoit Friart, both Presidents of the trials,

Mr. Manu Delhove and his team. In addition, a meeting was organised by Gérald Meylan and Markus Brunsing to discuss how to bring more uniformity to the way points are attributed to the new varieties that are judged at trials.

Helga Brichet, Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Gérald Meylan and Alain Meilland, present at the *Le Roeulx* trials took time to visit Lily, which was for her a priceless attention. Helga & Rosario spent a couple of days at home and we went very well along all together! These few days flew at top speed with a very loaded programme of visits and a lot of friendship.

Last but not least I would like to congratulate Frans Thomas who did a splendid job for our Belgian Royal Rose Society: 2 rose exhibitions in 2013, which brought us more than 30 new members and many trips all around Europe and recently, to the WFRS Regional convention in New Zealand.

Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery and Helga Brichet



FAR EAST CHINA AND JAPAN – Takamasa Tsuge – Japan

The 16th WFRS World Rose Convention held in Sandton, South Africa, in October, 2012 - ROSAFRICA 2012

I attended the Convention together with 14 delegates from Japan and more than 10 from China. At the Council Meeting, after withdrawing from bidding to host the 18th World Rose Convention in 2018, The China Rose Society applied to hold a Regional Rose Convention in Beijing in 2016 and this was agreed to a majority of votes from the member societies.

Dr. Yuki Mikanagi, Japan and Dr. Zhao Shiwei, China delivered excellent speeches during the lecture session.

At the Banquet, Prof. Akira Ogawa, Japan was awarded the WFRS GOLD MEDAL in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose along with Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, Convenor of the Convention.

The 5th China Rose Exhibition and 1st International Rose Festival Sanya, Hainan China December 2012

Mrs. Helga Brichet and I attended these events together with five prominent Australian rosarians and a professional rosarian from Thailand and needless to say members of The China Rose Society from all round the country. The municipal government of Sanya is very ambitious to establish the rose industry in these tropics. We understand this is really an experimental project but we need to see and hope it will succeed.

The First New Rose Trial at Shenzhen in China April, 2013.

On 5th April, judging of the first new rose trials was carried out at the trial ground in Shenzhen which was organised by the Shenzhen City Horticultural Department headed by Mr. Wang Hui, Director. I participated in the trial as a judge along with Dr. Zhao Shiwei, Prof. Ge Hong and Dr. Gérald Meylan, Mrs. Helga Brichet and the other Chinese experts.

The WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference at Sangerhausen, Germany - 19th~23th June, 2013

The Groups of 19 Japanese, 12 Chinese and a Korean rosarian from our region participated in the Conference. The Executive Committee meeting was held on 20th June which I attended. Dr. Zhao Shiwei, Executive Director of Chinese Rose Society, delivered a presentation on the WFRS Regional Convention combined with promoting the 14th International Heritage Rose Conference in Beijing in 2016.

On the way to Sangerhausen, I was invited by Mr. and Mrs. Helmut and Renate Peters of the Hanover Rose Society. At the beginning of June, I enjoyed the blooms of hardy roses in the cold area. 'Lykkefund' and Rosa Californica plena were unforgettable.



Renate and Helmut Peters, Takamasa Tsuge, Eilike and Herwart Vemmer, Anne and Eberhard Hentschke

The Meeting with the China Rose Society and the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Parks Afforestation in Beijing, China.

On 26th September at Daxing District in Beijing the meeting was held. The participants of the meeting were Ben Quanmin, Deputy Director General, He Rui, Director, Zhang Zuoshuang and Zhao Shiwei of CRS and WFRS officers, President Steve Jones, Executive Director, Malcolm Watson, Gérald Meylan, Chairman of the Convention Committee, Helga Brichet, Chairman of the Publications Committee and myself.

We agreed that the Regional Convention and the International Heritage Conference be jointly organised and performed at the same time. In the afternoon, we made an inspection tour of proposed venue of the convention - an ancient huge natural park nearby.



The Ceremony for the WFRS Garden Excellence Award to the Zijing Park in Changzhou, China

Patricia Shanley, Peng Zhenhua, Yan Li, Steve Jones, Jiang Zehui, Zhang Zuoshuang

On 28th September, from overseas countries, the officers of WFRS, Steve and Susie Jones, Malcolm and Ruth Watson, Gérald Meylan, Helga Brichet and I and a group of 17 people of the American Rose Society headed by Patricia Shanley, the Vice President and Marilyn Wellan, Past President and the others attended.

The Ceremony took place at the International Rose Garden in the Zijing Park. Welcome speech was made by Mr. Yan Li, Secretary of Changzhou Municipal Committee. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Malcolm Watson, Executive Director and Mrs. Patricia Shanley and Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang, President of the Chinese Rose Society. Mrs. Patricia Shanley of ARS expressed their interest in DNA research on china rose in cooperation with CRS.

The plaque was unveiled by Steve Jones, President and Jiang Zehui, President of China Flower Association, followed by the planting ceremony of *R. odorata erubescens* 'Li Jiang Road Climber' introduced by Wang Guoliang, Vice President of China Rose Society in commemoration of this event. Recently, a heritage rose corridor has been developed in this garden under his expert guidance.

The 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Mr. Seizo Suzuki.

Seizo Suzuki (1913~2000) was a legendary rosarian. His achievements were outstanding for the benefit of rose lovers in Japan. Seizo Suzuki had bred 129 varieties in his life and some of them had got awards in the International Trials, such as 'Seika' the South Pacific Gold Star Award, N.Z. 1972, 'Kanpai' Gold Medal at Premio Roma 1982 and 'Kosai' AARS 1988.

And also, Suzuki was enthusiastic about preserving species of roses and his collection has been inherited to Katsuhiko Maebara, president of the Rose Culture Institute. The collection, eventually, has become key components of the Sakura city Kusabue-No-Oka Rose Garden. In addition, Seizo Suzuki played an important role to make the right of breeder into a law and the law was enacted in 1978.



"Mr. Rose" is a nickname for Seizo Suzuki, named by The Timaru Herald in New Zealand in its welcome column when he visited Trevor Griffiths 1986.

The Ceremony, Seminar, Exhibition and Celebration Party were held for two weeks at the Sakura Museum, near his hometown. Hundreds of rosarians participated in the events. The motto of the celebration is "Rose Dreams to be Handed Down to Future Generations."

Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki with Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Griffiths

On 3rd November 2013, at the memorial ceremony, Alain Meilland was the main guest speaker and he gave us an unforgettable remark, through their friendship for decades.



What a gentleman...

His vision became his passion.

His vision has been naturally making friends with foreigners in different directions.

His passion was plants and specially roses.

In order to make friends with foreigners, he travelled and visited the world to invite them to visit Japan and him.

He cooperated with rose societies and participated at rose trials in Japan...But also abroad.

His vision and his basic idea has been to fulfil his passion, to obtain recognition in Japan.

Patents for Japanese varieties and foreign varieties.

An achievement.

His wish: Japanese rose varieties to the world, foreign rose varieties to Japanese rose lovers.

His vision and passion achieved, yes, you deserve your name: Mister Rose. **Alain Meilland**

Prior to this event, on 23rd May, the Keisei Nurseries Inc. for which Mr. Seizo Suzuki worked as Director of Research, held a commemorative celebration.

NORTH AMERICA BERMUDA, CANADA, USA – David Elliott - Canada

This report covers from the start of the WFRS South Africa Triennial Conference 2012 in Sandton to the end of December 2013. In the course of this period I have been ably supported by my wife Crenagh.

Thirteen Canadians attended the conference in Santon, South Africa, from Toronto and Vancouver. Attendees included Ethel Freeman whose knowledge of the WFRS, as a Past President, was invaluable to me both prior to and during the conference. Also taking an active part was Elizabeth Schleicher from the Toronto area who was appointed Chairman of the Classification Committee. Sanda Simic of Vancouver got first prize for her photograph - the first time she had entered. Most Canadians took part in both the pre- and post tours and many attended the lecture series. During the conference Brenda Viney and Darlene Saunders of the Vancouver Rose Society were awarded Bronze Commemorative medallions for convening the 2009 WFRS Triennial convention in Vancouver. Representatives of the Calgary Rose Society were awarded a literacy award for their book 'Growing Roses in Calgary'. I was privileged to accept these awards on behalf of the recipients. This was an excellent convention with welcoming people and a great lecture series. There were twelve delegates from Bermuda.



**Sanda Simic among the Leucospermum
at Kirstenbosch – South Africa**
(Sanda Simic's camera)

In November 2012, we travelled to Vancouver BC to attend the Vancouver Rose Society's Annual General meeting and to present the medallions to Brenda Viney and Darlene Saunders which had been awarded at the South African Triennial Convention.

In March we attended a meeting of the Mid Island Rose Society in Nanaimo British Columbia and spoke on the WFRS and the rose conventions we have attended.

In April 2013 we travelled from Victoria, British Columbia, to Calgary Alberta, to attend the Calgary Rose Society's Annual General Meeting. The purpose of this trip was to present the WFRS Literacy Certificate which had been awarded to the authors of 'Growing Roses in Calgary' at the WFRS triennial Convention in South Africa in October 2012. The presentation on Rose Conventions we have attended was also part of the programme. We stayed on to meet with Canadian prairie rosarians and to attend the Calgary spring garden indoor show. Outside it was snowing and our hostess' roses were still under their winter frost protection!

In June 2013 we travelled to Europe to attend the Baden-Baden Rose trials as we and Sanda Simic had been invited to be part of the judging group by Markus Brunsing. This was our first occasion judging at rose trials and though very hot (37 C) was most educational, made more so by the rest of the team. From Baden-Baden we travelled to Sangerhausen to attend the WFRS Heritage Rose Conference. This was a very good conference and it was gratifying to have a quorum at the Executive Meeting and a good attendance at a meeting of the Heritage Rose Group. Another Canadian delegate was Sanda Simic of Vancouver who then went on to tour British gardens with the German Rose Society. It was our pleasure to have dinner with attending Friends of the Federation.



The formal dinner held after the Rose Trials in Baden-Baden.
Back Row – Di Durston, Bernd Weigel, Sanda Simic, Inger Schierning
Front Row – Crenagh and David Elliott, Sheenagh Harris
 (Sanda Simic's camera)

In November 2013, we and Lorna McIlroy and Terry Martinich from Canada and Peter and Felicity Holmes from Bermuda attended the Regional Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand. This was a well run conference with good tours when we could discuss rose matters. Again we attended the Friends of the Federation evening dinner and social.



Matthias Meiland accepts the WFRS flag on behalf of Barcelona from Peter Elliott. Steve Jones makes the announcement. (photo – Glynis Hayne)

We have continued to act as communications for the WFRS Heritage Rose Group and I have taken part in various discussions within the Executive.

To cover the whole of North America for the two Vice Presidents is difficult. Mostly, Jolene Adams represents the USA and I represent Canada with some overlap and both of us try to represent Bermuda. Canada is a very wide country. It is four and a half time zones wide and it takes over eight hours to travel by air from Victoria on the west coast to Saint John, Newfoundland, on the east. Our plans for next year are to travel to Bermuda via Toronto and then on to Barcelona, Spain for the WFRS Regional Convention in May 2014. We will return home via Toronto for the Canadian Rose Society's AGM.

NORTH AMERICA

BERMUDA, CANADA, USA – Jolene Adams - USA

The WFRS Convention in South Africa was fabulous! North America had a large contingent of members present to enjoy the lectures, festive occasions and the many tours of the country during this meeting.

Once we all returned to our own countries, we celebrated the Christmas Season with loved ones and then moved into the New Year of 2013.

January brought cold across the continent – and the drought continued in the west while floods and winter storms beleaguered the east.

The American Rose Society held a Spring Board Meeting in March in Franklin, Tennessee as an introduction for the term of their new President, Jolene Adams. Several issues with membership and finances were discussed and dealt with along with the scheduling of future conventions, conferences and educational seminars. It was decided that a scientific-based trial would be held in the United States to determine what – among several choices – potential members would value in a membership with the American Rose Society. The trials were extended to include several different scenarios for membership and should be concluded by mid 2015. This research will prove invaluable to building a membership base for the organisation.

Several other membership incentives were presented during 2013 which resulted in a slight increase in membership (over 8000 members in ARS) during 2013.

Spring brought the many visitors to the Educational Centre at the American Rose Centre where the Green Thumb series of horticulture lectures are held each year. Top speakers are engaged during the season to bring regional gardening education to the surrounding towns and cities. These lectures are funded by a grant from the Northwest Louisiana Master Gardeners.

An annual event for the American Rose Society is the celebration of Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the American Rose Centre. This is also an outreach to the community and it involves multitudes of the children in the local schools. The event was celebrated with festive treats and the appearance of the Easter Bunny.

A Judging School was held in Bermuda in April with seminars on the many aspects of judging roses. It was a “refresher” for already qualified judges and also offered the necessary seminars and a test for candidates who wished to become judges. This event was a great success (as reported in a previous *World Rose News*) and there are now many qualified judges in Bermuda for their rose shows. At the time of this School the idea of becoming an International Rose Judge was presented and several people asked for further information. Ultimately, three people qualified to become an International Rose Judge with the World Federation of Rose Societies.

In May the American Rose Centre (the home of the American Rose Society) was struck by an EF-1 tornado. Damages exceeded \$125,000, but there was no loss of life or significant injuries to staff or visitors. Trees fell, damaging buildings and fences, roofs were torn up, machinery was tumbled about and there was a tremendous amount of damage to the roses in the garden due to the high winds and heavy rain and hail that pounded the bushes. The Committees of the American Rose Society and the members themselves sprang into action with donations to mitigate the expense of the repairs and to undertake the renewal of the gardens that were affected.

The American Rose Society has successfully implemented a Planned Giving program to supervise the soliciting and proper handling of bequests and gifts made to the Society and its educational outreaches. The Research Endowment Trust has issued grants for several research teams who are studying rose rosette disease, spot diseases of roses and a few DNA projects to ascertain the parentage of specific cultivars. The Educational Endowment Trust has funded some projects that related to education of the public about roses. The ARS has a special committee that has Kidz ‘n’ Roses as a special outreach to children under the age of 18 – it attempts to engage them in the fun and excitement of growing roses and exploring the many aspects of the hobby.

A National Rose Show was held by the American Rose Society in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in September. It featured Miniature and Miniflora roses. Several hundred people attended and enjoyed the show, the seminars that were taught during the event and the various garden tours and parties that occurred.

At the Conference in Winston-Salem, the winner of the Klima Medal (an honour awarded for lifetime service to education about roses) was announced. Mr. Philip Schorr of St. Louis, Missouri was the honoree. He gave a lecture outlining his path to becoming the Chair of the Roses in Review committee and his lifetime of service to education about roses.

Also at the Winston-Salem Conference the winners of the David Fuerstenburg Award for an outstanding rose best suited to the American climate conditions and the James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award for a new, very fragrant rose found in public garden plantings during the past five years were announced. The Fuerstenburg was awarded to Ernest Earman for his hybridizing of 'Let Freedom Ring' (WEKearman), a tall-growing Hybrid Tea of strawberry red that does well in the many and diverse microclimates in North America. The Gamble was awarded to Tom Carruth for his rose 'Wild Blue Yonder' (WEKisoblip), a very fragrant mauve grandiflora with blooms of about 30 petals held in large clusters on a sturdy cane.

Across the country there were many District Meetings held during the year – at least 18 in all. Roses and seminars about roses were featured and attendance was high.

The American Rose Society also held a Halloween Event called Ghouls in the Garden. The staff dressed in scary costumes and the gardens were open to the public during the evening hours of Halloween weekend. Local music groups played and many other local associations presented festive and fun events for the children who attended.

The December classic event for the American Rose Society is always Christmas in Roseland at the American Rose Centre. The event in December 2013 was the 30th Annual hosting of this Christmas spectacular. The weather was not conducive to massive public attendance but the staff persevered and the event was held amongst music and joyful games held by local merchants and civic groups. Santa Claus was present for the many children who attended on the weekends. The grounds of the Centre were decorated with lights, action figures and large cards decorated by the local schools with Christmas Greetings. A contest was held for the school children and a winning card was announced. The event was deemed a financial and publicity success.

Numerous Schools for recruiting and qualifying new Judges and Consulting Rosarians were held throughout the country in the many Districts of the American Rose Society and several new judges and CRs were added to the roster of ARS Judges and Consulting Rosarians.

A group of 7 from the United States, 3 from Canada and 2 from Bermuda travelled to Palmerston North in New Zealand in November for the Regional Convention. We toured most of the North and the South Island with many stops along the way for rose gardens, rose trials, rose shows, cultural sites, museums and other tourist attractions. A wonderful four weeks of meeting and greeting other Rosarians from around the world!

The members of the many individual rose societies in North America (in Canada, the USA, and Bermuda) are busily planning for further success in spreading the word about the joy of growing roses, the love of the rose, and the friendships that endure among Rosarians. We look forward with delight to 2014.

THE 75TH BERMUDA ROSE SHOW

Jeff Wyckoff – Immediate Past President American Rose Society- USA

Things that most people would associate with the island country of Bermuda might include Bermuda onions, Bermuda shorts and, heaven forbid, the Bermuda Triangle. However, rose people are not like most people and the thing many of us think of in this regard are the Bermuda Mystery Roses. These are varieties that have arisen from natural crosses of plants, primarily Chinas and Teas, brought into the country many years ago, or from named varieties whose identification was lost. As the International Judge for the 75th Bermuda Rose Show, I had the opportunity to see many of these when Kathy and I visited Bermuda this last May.

The 2013 Bermuda Rose Show was staged as part of the country's 75th Agricultural Exhibition, very similar to the U.S.' county or state fairs. It was housed in a rather small building in the grounds of the Bermuda Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. On account of the limited space, the exhibits were arranged in tiers, a set-up that provided a beautiful display but made retrieving an exhibit for closer inspection somewhat daunting. In addition to the competitive entries, the Bermuda Rose Society provided an excellent display of blooms for public information.



'Mary Jean'

Entries in the competitive show consisted almost entirely of Mystery Roses, Teas, Chinas and Noisettes, as did those specimens in the display section. Modern roses from the United States *are* available in Bermuda, but they are few and expensive. The primary reason for this is Bermuda's very stringent import regulations for plant material. With a total area of c. 21 sq. mi., any plant or animal pathogen that makes its way into the country could rapidly cause havoc with the ecosystem and the agriculture industry. In the display section, Peter Green, who commissioned the naming of the Harkness hybrid tea 'Mary Jean' for his wife, brought in a nice selection of modern roses.

Since Chinas and Teas, which would include the majority of the Bermuda Mystery Roses, do not grow all that well in the cool Pacific Northwest, many of the varieties were entirely new to me. One of the most impressive was 'Lady Waterlow', a climbing hybrid tea bred by Clement and Paul Nabonnand in 1902. Its near-translucent petals of white with pink edges and a yellow center were a real eye-opener.



'Lady Waterlow'



Among the Mystery Roses, one of the more intriguing was 'Smith's Parish', described by Charles Walker as having "red-tinged buds open to fairly double creamy white blooms. The irregularly-shaped inner petals are initially blushed with faint pink at their edges, which have a somewhat tattered aspect. Some of its blooms are vividly striped in varying degrees with red. More rarely, an entire bloom will be red, pink, or perhaps a combination of the two." It is now classed by the ARS as 'Fortune's Five-Colored Rose', which it apparently has not definitively proven to be.

'Smith's Parish White'

However, in the Bermuda Show, this variety was divided into 'Smith's Parish Red' and 'Smith's Parish White', the former being almost entirely red while the latter, seen in many gardens across the island, invariably had a small touch of pink on its otherwise white blooms. Sometimes this took the form of a narrow petal edge, at other times just a sort of beauty mark that can appear anywhere on the bloom. Very unique!

The best exhibit in the show was 'Bermuda's Anna Olivier' which tends to have softer pastel colouration than the Jean-Claude Ducher tea from 1872. Help Me Find™ states, without documentation, that "this rose has been identified as 'Etoile de Lyon'", a Guillot *fills* tea from 1881. However, the *Combined Rose List* lists 'Bermuda's Anna Olivier' without synonyms, while the MR12 data base lists no synonyms for 'Etoile de Lyon'. Yet another Bermuda rose mystery.



Despite its failing to win top honours, the most intriguing rose in the show was, for me, 'E. Veyrat Hermanos', a climbing tea introduced by Jean Alexandre Bernaix in 1895. The combination of deep pink and apricot colors was stunning. Before its positive identification, it was known in Bermuda as simply 'Sunset'.

'E. Veyrat Hermanos'

We were hosted in our week-long stay in Bermuda by the Dutch Honorary Consul, Marijke Peterich and her husband George in their beautiful home and garden, Woodlands. We would like to thank them for their gracious hospitality, as well as thanking Essie Hans, Eugene Rayner, and the other members of the Bermuda Rose Society who invited us to their gardens and chauffeured us on our sightseeing excursions.

For those of you fascinated by Bermuda roses (and who isn't?) the 3rd edition of *Roses of Bermuda* is now available. For information and pricing, contact Marijke Peterich at 9 Middle Rd., Paget. Bermuda PG 01 or at mpeterich@northrock.bm



Display of roses that grow well in Bermuda

SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA, CHILE, URUGUAY Rosario Algorta de Carrau - Uruguay

My name is ROSARIO, which means GARDEN of ROSES, my parents didn't know when they chose it in honour to the Virgin of the Rosary, how much it would mean in my life!

In October 2012 I attended ROSAFRICA 2012 World Rose Convention, where I met old friends and new ones as well. Upon arrival at the airport in Johannesburg and while waiting inside the bus to be taken to our respective hotels, I started talking with my neighbour and asked him: "Where do you come from?" He said: "Chicago" "Ah" I replied. "The windy City! I advise you not to miss the lecture on Knock – Out Roses, which will suit your weather very well," and he started laughing, and said "I'm Mr KNOCK OUT!"



Rosario Algorta and Bill Radler, the 'Knock Out' man

At the Opening Ceremony, two South Americans were presented with WFRS Honours Awards - Isa María Bozzolo from Chile - WFRS silver medal and Nilda Crivelli from Argentina - the WFRS World Rose Award. During the Convention a South American garden obtained a WFRS Garden Award of Excellence .



The Rosedal de Palermo in Buenos Aires, Argentina

A WFRS Literary Award was presented to two South Americans, Dra Sonia Berjman and Roxana Di Belloh for their book - Historia del Rosedal de Palermo. Inés Díaz de Licandro from Uruguay and Isa Maria Bozzolo from Chile received prizes for their photos in the photographic competition.

Although Uruguay is such a small country, its delegation was one of the biggest, after Australia and USA. Delegations from the three South American countries which are part of the WFRS, attended ROSAFRICA 2012.

**Delegates from Uruguay who attended
ROSAFRICA 2012
together with President Sheenagh Harris**





Delegates from Argentina at ROSAFRICA

Standing: Mercedes Angelinetti, Leonor Giusti, Rosario Algorta de Carrau and Maria Eugenia Jorgensen

Sitting: Beatriz Kaufmann, Maria Cristina Martinez, Nilda Crivelli, Lillian Brown and Perla Olascoaga



Florencia Pinuer (Chile), Nilda Crivelli (Argentina), Rosa Arteaga (Chile), Rosario Algorta de Carrau (Uruguay), Matilde Ferrer (Spain), Isa Maria Bozzolo and - -

The Uruguayan Rose Society meetings are in Montevideo, (the capital city) and it has 4 branches - one in the east, two in the west and the other in the north of the country. The interest in roses increases and we have many new members.

I was elected WFRS Vice-President for South America in South Africa. Since then, I have tried to invite Perú, Ecuador, Paraguay and Brasil to be part of the WFRS, but until now, I have not been successful.

In March 2013 the Council of the WFRS approved the application from the Association de la Rosa de Coyhaique of CHILE to become an Associate Member.



Two 'greenhouses' built with recycled plastic bottles where the Association de la Rosa de Coyhaique will grow roses

In April I went to Patagonia on holiday, where some friends introduced me to Rafael Maino, who is an expert in Old Garden Roses and I told him about the International Rose Heritage Conference in Sangerhausen. In the Sangerhausen Rosarium he noticed that many of the varieties that the European immigrants had brought with them in the 19th Century and were cultivated in South America

were not there, so he offered to send cuttings to that wonderful Museum of the Rose and it was very much appreciated.

Later in April, The Uruguayan Rose Society organized a tour to Colonia (SW of Uruguay) where all our members enjoyed the beautiful rose garden of Isabel de Alzaga de Anchorena. From there I crossed to Argentina to give a power point presentation at the Cameron's farm: "Towards success with roses..." and I was interviewed by the magazine EL JARDÍN from Argentina. I told them about the WFRS, future Conventions and my duties as Vice President. During the year, I also presented my lecture in Artigas (North of Uruguay) and at the West Garden Club of Montevideo.

While celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Uruguayan Rose Society, in May, a group of 20 ladies visited gardens in the eastern coast of USA - Philadelphia and New York, where Stephen Scaniello guided them to different private gardens.

In June, I was invited to judge at the Rose Trials of Geneva and was so sorry they were cancelled as there were no roses open due to the cold winter. In Baden-Baden, where it was so warm, the roses were as beautiful as always.



From there, I went to the 13th International Heritage Roses Conference in Sangerhausen, where I attended the WFRS EC meeting and learnt so much attending very interesting lectures and admiring the wonderful collection of roses.

Rosario Algorta de Carrau at the entrance to the Europa Rosarium

In August I went to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to present a Power Point on ROSAFRICA 2012 and talk about the WFRS to the Student Judges of Rosicultura, also many Judges were present. A week later, I also presented it to the Student Judges and Uruguayan Judges, so they all know the importance of the WFRS and its Convention. Next year I am planning to go to the Association de la Rosa de Coyhaique in Chile to meet its members and give lecture.

In September I was invited to Le Rouelx Rose Trials and what a surprise when they told me I was going to be the President of the Jury



Rosario Algorta de Carrau with Martin Vissers, the breeder of the rose in honour of Princess Claire of Belgium

I was invited to stay chez Henrienne de Briey, one of the Vice Presidents for Europe and I enjoyed so much when we visited her mother, Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, the founder President of the WFRS. She was about to celebrate her 90th birthday. She looks magnificent as you can see in the picture.



Henrienne de Briey and Rosario Algorta de Carrau with Lily de Gerlache de Gomery

In October, I was invited to judge at Rosicultura's Rose Show in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where I judged together with a WFRS Past Vice President, Isa María Bozzolo (Chile) and Nelida Santarelli (Argentina). I also judged at our Rose Show, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Uruguayan Rose Society.



Awards Table at the Uruguayan Rose Society Rose Show



Rosario Algorta de Carrau (Uruguay), Nélida Santarelli (Argentina) and Isa María Bozzolo (Chile)



Last October I went to The Rosedal de Palermo in Buenos Aires when all the roses were in bloom. I met Mr Petracchi who is in charge of the maintenance and he is doing an excellent job. The only problem is the geese, who come from the lake and like eating the roses! But if they do anything against them, they will have a problem with the Animal's Protection Society.

Rosario Algorta de Carrau and the rose eating geese

Now, I am very busy trying to organise a big group from South America to attend the WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona in May 2014. It is very important to attend different conventions, where you interchange information and get to know people from different parts of the world. That is the Spirit of the Rose.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

October 2012 to November 2013

SHOWS STANDARDISATION

Elizabeth Schleicher (Canada)

It is with great pleasure we welcome the following members who have earned WFRS International Rose Judge status since the convention in South Africa.

Ted Morphett, Australia; Stefanie Seydack and Sheenagh Harris, South Africa; LoisAnn Helgeson, Robert Myers and Eddy Krauss USA.; Diana Antonion and Peter Holmes, Bermuda; Nilda Crivelli, Argentina.

There was a question about the rose Bloomfield Abundance. Di Durston, kindly offered this clarification.

"The original Bloomfield Abundance Hybrid Tea 1920 Cpt. Thomas appears to be extinct. DNA analysis by Florida Southern College has shown that Mlle Cecile Brunner, widow Ducher 1880, Clg. Cecile Brunner, Hosp 1894 and Spray Cecile Brunner are genetically virtually identical, with the latter two being sports of Mlle Cecile Brunner. The Bloomfield Abundance grown today and Spray Cecile Brunner, Howard 1941 would be the same rose."

It is with great appreciation to Di for this information.

The year has passed quickly and there are many projects yet to accomplish.

In the new year of 2014 we hope to review rose show schedules from various societies around the world and try to find common threads which would help update future WFRS schedules. This year I have been reviewing schedules in my own country. With the vast geography and climate of Canada it is very interesting to see how rosarians meet the challenges of rose growing and what they can produce for the show table and the show schedules reflect these diverse situations.

Promotion of rose shows is also one of our committee's objectives. I hope each rosarian can help with this project. Roses the world over are a favourite addition to any garden and what better venue to promote their beauty and versatility than a rose show or an exhibition of blooms. Encourage your local society to consider promoting this Queen of Flowers this year by hosting a public display of these beloved blooms. Through education and promotion it may encourage more people to grow roses. It is certainly worth a try.

Potted roses are very popular, especially in countries without much space for a garden, and can certainly be included in any rose show or exhibition. Just turn back time to Osaka and what lovely specimens they had on display at their rose show in 2006.

If you have experienced rose judges in your country who wish to apply for WFRS International Judges' Status they can apply to Malcolm Watson and myself for further details.



Enjoy the following photos I have included with this report. I hope it provides you and your rose society with inspiration to host a rose show this year.

Roses among the branches at the Bloemfontein Rose Show in South Africa



Miniature Rose Section



Red Roses at the Bloemfontein Rose Show

HERITAGE ROSES

Di Durston – Australia

Amongst many enthusiasts, David Ruston has been a force to ensure that Heritage Roses throughout the world are kept in safe hands for future generations to have and enjoy growing. I convey my very special thanks to David for his amazing energy and passion as he passes the baton to me to continue the diligent work. As a group of devotees, we are aware of saving this remarkable gene pool of Old Garden Roses for the new generation of rose breeders to weave their magic and to introduce new varieties for the future.



It is pleasing to see that all classes of roses are included for study when inviting speakers for WFRS Conference programmes and this was evident at the very successful ROSAFRICA in 2012. Gwen Fagan one of the Old Garden Rose lecturers at this conference inspires me. Gwen is one of my rose hero's and has made a remarkable influence worldwide with her considered research of Old Roses in South Africa. Two rare roses that Gwen has found are the old Tea Rose 'Archimede' and a rose from 'Mill River Farm', in the Langkloof Valley, that could well be the lost 'Rosa Odorata'. Mike Shoup from Texas and I happily spent time in the garden photographing these roses to add to her research at a later date.

Gwen Fagan and Mike Shoup in Jessie Walton's garden - Elgin

2012 was certainly a very busy Old Rose Celebration year for conferences. The Heritage Roses Conference in Sakura Japan was followed by ROSAFRICA and then two National Heritage Roses Conferences. The HRIA Conference that was held at Mt. Gambier in South Australia was skillfully convened by Sue Zwar. Mike Shoup from the Antique Rose Emporium in Texas, was the Key Note speaker. Mike is a gentle spirit with mountains of knowledge and he owns a large private collection of Old Garden Roses. Fiona Hyland our editor of the eNewsletter 'by any other name' who lives in New Zealand, also presented a fascinating paper.

The enthusiastic New Zealanders hosted their National Heritage Roses Conference in Dunedin just weeks after the Australian conference. Gregg Lowery and Peter Boyd captivated their audience along

with many other excellent local speakers. The pre- and post conference tours are such a treat in New Zealand as the climate is perfect for growing huge cascading and rambling roses that look so much at home in the picturesque surroundings.

Sangerhausen in Germany was granted special compensation outside the normal rotation to convene a Heritage Rose Conference for their rose garden's one hundred and ten year celebration in 2013. The conference was held in the last European summer, with the weather being unseasonably hot, but it turned out to be just how the roses liked it. This was a fabulous celebration with many Old Rose experts from across the globe giving superb lectures. Much has been written about the programme in other reports so I will leave the details from this report.

The Heritage Roses Committee Meeting at Sangerhausen with myself as Chairman, attracted much interest and was jointly held with the Conservation Committee with Dr. Yuki Mikanagi as Chairman. It was decided at this meeting that a brief would be prepared and presented to the Executive Committee with regards to the recommencement of work on the WFRS Rose Locator data-base that has not been updated for some time. This brief will be presented at Barcelona in 2014. These two Committee's will be working together with this project under the careful guidance of the Executive.

Listed below are the present committee for

Heritage Rose -

Chairman - Di Durston
Vice Chairman - Helga Bricet
Vice Chairman - Patricia Cavallo
Editor - Fiona Hyland

Conservation Committee -

Chairman - Yuki Mikanagi
Vice Chairman - Brigid Quest-Ritson

Palmerston North in New Zealand hosted the WFRS Regional Rose Convention in December 2013 with rose enthusiasts arriving from all over the world to enjoy the famous New Zealand hospitality. From the local Heritage Rose group Fiona Hyland and Ann Chapman presented papers on Heritage Roses and Sally Allison the New Zealand Heritage Roses President was awarded the HRNZI Rose Bowl at the International Rose Show. The post conference tour visited the Species Garden at Timaru Botanic Gardens and also the Trevor Griffiths Garden at Caroline Bay as well as Georgina Campbell's private collection of Heritage Roses at Hawkes Bay. It is exciting to see the Old Garden Roses and the Modern Roses being so well represented at the New Zealand Conference.

In closing I would like to thank the Webmaster, Ethel Freeman for making this committee's twice yearly eNewsletter 'by any other name' accessible to readers on the WFRS Web-page. Lastly a gracious thank you to all those readers who have taken the time to email Crenagh with their appreciation.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

Markus Brunsing – Germany

2013 was my first year as Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee. Since the World Rose Convention in South Africa, where I started my work attending the committee meeting and giving a lecture about rose trials in Europe, I have continued my activities with several meetings and participations at International Rose Trials.

ROSE TRIALS 2013

The year 2013 was a difficult year for many International Rose Trials in Central Europe. The reason was a long lasting winter and cold and rainy weather in April and May. In May I attended the Italian rose trials in Monza. Every year it is a pleasure to be invited by the Fumagalli family for judging the rose novelties in the Roseto Niso Fumagalli. Even we missed a little bit of the abundance of flowering because of the cold and rainy weather conditions this year. The jury worked intensively and got good results.



Roseto Niso Fumagalli - Monza



The next trials I joined were in Lyon in the Parc de la Tete d'Or. Unfortunately only a few roses were in bloom and the judging by the International Jury was cancelled. At the prize giving ceremony the medals were given on the basis of the permanent jury's results from 2012. We hope this will be an exceptional case as the judging of roses should be over a period of two years.

Parc de la Tete d'Or - Lyon

Because of the difficulties of late flowering the Chairman of the Breeder's Club Gérald Meylan and I suggested to all trial organizers in June to give medals in a rose category only if more than 80% of the novelties exhibit one or more complete developed flower. According to this standard the meeting by the International Jury of the famous trials in Geneva was cancelled and the judging was done by a special jury some weeks later. In Paris the judging of the jury was possible with some confinements.



In Baden-Baden the international jury came together on an extremely hot day. But not all roses were in bloom. Together with the President of the International jury Kelvin Trimper, we decided to judge the hybrid tea roses and the fragrance prize ones a week later.

Beutig – Baden-Baden

Looking back to the main rose season in Europe we found some excellent new roses, got interesting results and had an important discussion about the preconditions for judging roses and awarding medals. This discussion could be helpful in similar situations in future.

In July I travelled to the Dutch rose trials in Westbroekpark in The Hague. It is always instructive proving new roses which are already introduced into the market during the last years planted in big rose beds with a large number of plants.



**Westbroek Park,
The Hague**



'Beverly'



The highlight of the late summer season 2013 was the 50th jubilee of rose trials in Le Roeulx in Belgium. Many breeders and rose experts from different countries followed the invitation of the City of Le Roeulx and judged the impressive second blooming of the roses at the beginning of September.

Le Roeulx

Finally I had the wonderful opportunity to visit the trial grounds in Palmerston North in New Zealand and to hand over the special prize for a novelty from Chris Warner for one of his new crossings with *Rosa persica* at the award show.



Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden – Palmerston North



Markus Brunsing, Ben Pratt and John Ford

In 2013 we were able to welcome a new trial event in the family of international rose trials. The Biltmore Rose Trials were founded in Asheville by Paul Zimmermann. I was glad to send a short welcoming speech which was read by the WFRS President Steve Jones.

Committee Meetings

In February I attended the meeting of the Breeder's Club in Lyon and learned a lot about some important topics the breeders were discussing. There I presented the main topics I am working on as the Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee: standardisation of judging criteria, standardisation of application forms and collecting the trial dates. In Lyon we made an appointment for the following meeting in Le Roeulx in September.



In Le Roeulx we had an important meeting of the Rose Trials Committee together with the Breeder's Club. It was the first meeting of the two groups together and was organized by Gérald Meylan and me with the helpful assistance of the City of Le Roeulx. 10 organisers of European rose trials and some important rose breeders like Meilland, Kordes, Lens and Vissers

attended the meeting. 23 participants from 11 countries were present. After presenting the results of an enquiry I had made some months before, asking all trials worldwide to send me their rules and forms I suggested the contents of a standard application form and standard criteria of rose judging. We had a very intensive and long discussion ending in results to which all members of the meeting agreed.

At the WFRS Regional Convention in New Zealand we continued the discussion on the basis of the results from Le Roeulx. Again a competent group of representatives of rose trials and rose breeders came together to a meeting managed by Hayden Foulds and moderated by Kelvin Trimper. The WFRS President, Steve Jones and the Immediate Past President, Sheenagh Harris took part in the meeting as guests. Once more after I had presented the results of our meeting in Le Roeulx we had a detailed discussion improving the results.



In total more than 40 people from 15 countries under the organisers of 15 trials and many breeders were engaged in these discussions. I am glad to have good results for standardisation in International Trials making the work of the International Jury and the breeders easier and the results of the trials more transparent. I hope the WFRS Executive Committee will agree to recommend these suggestions to all International rose trials under the umbrella of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Outlook 2014

In 2014 there will be some special trial events: Barcelona combines the rose trials with the WFRS Regional Convention in May. Monza and Belfast are going to celebrate their 50th anniversaries in May and July. And a strong and intensive week will happen in the middle of June when trials will take place in Monaco, Baden-Baden, Saverne, Paris and Geneva - all in only one week. All trial dates are published by Ethel Freeman on the WFRS's website. See you again at the International Rose Trials all over the world in 2014!

PUBLICATIONS

Helga Brichet - Italy

Using the tools available to it, **World Rose News**, the **WFRS's website** and also the Federation's **Rose Directory**, the Publications Committee has continued to pursue its divulgative objectives.

The Editorial Board has decided to publish a special number of World Rose News at the end of each year in order to give office holders an opportunity to record their activities and endeavours on behalf of the Federation with regard to their various and specific areas of competence.

World Rose News has appeared three times during the past year under the control of our editor, Sheenagh Harris, who although new to the job, has shown exceptional ability in learning new skills with adeptness and competence. The first number naturally gave extensive coverage to the World Rose Convention, ROSAFRICA 2012, staged in Sandton, South Africa during the previous austral spring. Articles embracing the much appreciated pre- and post tours as well as the main body of the convention, with exhibits, garden visits, lectures and day tours were comprehensively covered by generous contributors.

The second number was principally dedicated to reviewing the WFRS Heritage Roses Conference celebrating the 110th anniversary of the Europa-rosarium Sangerhausen, situated in that city in the former East Germany. Naturally this unique, historical collection was the focal point, however informative articles regarding the history of the city itself, the lectures and the post tours to historical sites and cities added much enjoyment for readers.

The third number of our magazine gave extended coverage to the Federation's Regional Convention in New Zealand – the Kiwi Experience. Once again contributors of articles were most generous, and readers who had not been able to be present, received a full survey of the well-organized events and a flavour of the atmosphere of comradeship amongst participants.

The **WFRS Website** has maintained the high standard of information in numerous fields, information which is constantly updated, thanks to our Web mistress, Ethel Freeman and those rosarians who so generously supply data regarding rose-related activities worldwide. World Rose News and also the Heritage Rose Societies' biennial newsletter are available on the site.

The **Rose Directory** has also been updated and made available on line by its editor, Ethel Freeman. As always the accuracy and entirety of its information is dependent on the cooperation of our national member societies.

I should like to thank our editors, Sheenagh Harris and Ethel Freeman for their good work and dedication, the editorial board for its harmonious cooperation and, above all, our contributors for their enthusiasm and collaboration. The publications committee welcomes articles and stories from rose lovers wherever they may be.

BREEDERS' CLUB

Gérald Meylan - Switzerland

The **WFRS Breeders' Club** held four meetings - 1 February, 18 March, 15 June and 6 September, 2013. During these meetings, the breeders present requested that the following items be discussed:

- Report of the World Convention in South Africa
- Fees 2013
- Experimental Station in Shenzhen (China)
- Other experimental stations in China
- Rose trials in Monaco
- Rose trials in Beijing
- Collaboration with the WFRS website
- Collaboration with World Rose News
- Standardisation of the rules and regulations of international rose trials.

The experimental station in Shenzhen has been in operation for two years, studying the behaviour of different varieties of garden roses from the West. These varieties have been tested according to Chinese cultural techniques in a particular environment – hot and humid on the 20th parallel. The conclusions of these tests will be published at the end of 2014.



Experimental Station in Shenzhen

The 2nd **International Rose Trials in Monaco**, presenting garden roses cultivated in pots, is now under preparation and will take place in June 2014. The breeders participating in these trials, would like to put to the fore those varieties of roses cultivated particularly for terraces and small gardens.

The breeders are extremely interested in the work undertaken in collaboration with the International Rose Trials Committee under the chairmanship of Markus Brunsing. They are looking forward to seeing the simplified regulations being applied as soon as possible, concerning the registration of different varieties and identical appreciation tables to enable them to compare the behaviour of their varieties.

CONVENTION

Gérald Meylan - Switzerland

WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference, Sangerhausen, Germany - I was only concerned with a few details regarding the presence of WFRS President, Steve Jones. However, I was fortunate to be able to participate in part of the convention and visit the collection of this superb rose garden. Well done to the organisers for their excellent work!

Regional Convention, Palmerston North, New Zealand, ROSES DOWN UNDER - The Kiwi Experience - This convention has just finished with an outstanding success, largely commented on in the December issue of World Rose News. I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely WFRS Vice-President and Convenor, Peter Elliott, for having kept me regularly informed of his committee's work from August 2010 onwards. I was firmly convinced that seeing how well they prepared their convention, it would be a great success. And it was! Well done and many thanks to all the Kiwis concerned.

Regional Convention, Barcelona, Spain, 8–18 May 2014 - ROSES IN THE SUN -

I am in regular contact with the organising committee and have visited Barcelona twice to help with the planning of the different activities. The programme is well balanced and should prove interesting to many delegates. The pre- and post tours will enable participants to discover different aspects of the Spanish rose. The price is reasonable. The complete programme along with the registration form are available on the web.

The President of the Spanish Rose Society, Matilde Ferrer, and the convenor, Lluís Abad Garcia, are doing their utmost to ensure this Regional Convention will be a great success.



Barcelona International Rose Trials Parc Cervantes

Regional Convention, Hyderabad, India, 29 November - 2 December 2014 - ROSE ETERNAL –

A presentation took place during the Regional Convention in New Zealand and we are now awaiting details of the programme, including cost, (registration, hotel, excursions, etc.).

17th World Rose Convention, Lyon, France, 26 May - 4 June 2015 - LYON ROSE 2015 -

I am in regular contact with the organisers and on 17 December 2013 I participated in a meeting of the organising committee. Those present included the President of Lyon 2015, Alain Meilland, its Convenor, Maurice Jay and the President of the French Society of Old Roses, Josiane Pierre-Bisset. The programme for Lyon 2015 is practically finished, together with two suggestions for the pre-tour and three for the post-tour. A brochure for Lyon 2015 has been translated into French, German, Spanish, Russian, Japanese and Chinese. The final programme will be on the website in May 2014 and a complete brochure, including a CD, will be sent to all National Rose Societies and Associate Members.

The enthusiasm shown so far for this convention is really magnificent. Many rosarians are looking forward to discovering Lyon and its region, which is the cradle of old and modern roses and the birthplace of the rose 'Peace'. The organising committee is conscious that there is a great interest in this world convention and is making every endeavour to ensure its success.



Lyon Rose Garden Parc de la Tête d'Or

Regional Convention, Beijing, China, 18-26 May 2016

Steve Jones, Takamasa Tsuge, Helga Brichet, Malcolm Watson and I visited Beijing in September 2013. We were very pleased to note that the preparation of the Regional Convention in Beijing is progressing rapidly. For the first time a heritage rose conference will take place at the same time as a regional convention. There will be several pre-tours, followed by the Regional Convention and the 14th International Heritage Rose Conference and finally several post tours. Helga Brichet has been in close contact with the organising committee concerning the heritage conference and I have been working on the regional convention with those concerned, in particular Zhao Shiwei. We will be receiving more details over the next few months.

18th World Rose Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 June- 4 July 2018

The WRC Group Meeting has already had several meetings and details will be forwarded for discussion at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at the Regional Convention in Barcelona. The project was presented to those delegates attending the New Zealand convention and will also be shown in Barcelona.

Other Activities

I had the pleasure of participating in the rose trials held in Barcelona, Lyon, Geneva, Baden-Baden and Le Roeulx, where I met many rosarian friends who are members of the WFRS.



Daniël Masse, Danielle Geffroy-Konstacky, Rosario Algorta, Monique De Clarens and Gérald Meylan at the 50th International Rose Trials Le Roeulx Belgium

I visited Paris several times to collaborate in the restoration of the Malmaison Rose Garden of Empress Josephine. The work on the garden is now complete and the inauguration will take place in June 2014. A visit to this rose garden is part of one of the post-tours of Lyon 2015.



Restoration of the Malmaison Rose Garden

I am also collaborating in the restoration of the Princess Grace Rose Garden in Monaco. The new garden, which is made up of 10,000 roses and ornamental pools, will be inaugurated in June 2014.



Princess Grace Rose Garden

The Old Rose Garden of the Botanical Gardens of Geneva is also under restoration and its inauguration is planned for 2015. It is also on the itinerary of one of the post-tours of Lyon 2015

CONSERVATION

Yuki Mikanagi - Japan

In 2012, at the WFRS World Rose Convention in Johannesburg, I took over the job of Chairman of the Conservation Committee from Marijke Peterich. Helga Bricchet, the Vice Chairman of the committee, has kindly provided me with detailed information on the history of this committee. The following is a chronological table of its history:

- 1994 The Conservation Committee came into being at the instigation of Dick Balfour, its first Chairman. The object was seeking out rare and historically important roses and ensure that they are not lost to the world.

Members of the committee: the appointed representatives of the WFRS Members, national rose societies, as with all others of the Federation's Committees.

- 1997 The second Chairman: Helga Brichet
The Specialized Conservation Committee was formed and met twice annually. All WFRS Members were asked to participate in a joint project to gather information in their respective countries, contacting rose gardens, public and private, for their lists of content. Vice Presidents were responsible for collecting together all information, which thus brought together would then be combined to constitute an International Rose Data Base.

Members of the committee: representatives of the WFRS, large rosaria, scientific organizations, as well as other experts by invitation.

- 2000 The result of the Specialized Conservation Committee's work was incorporated into Modern Roses XI. The WFRS data base appeared on the website.

- 2006 The third Chairman: François Joyaux

- 2009 The fourth Chairman: Marijke Peterich

- 2012 The fifth Chairman: Yuki Mikanagi

With the cooperation of many rose gardens in the world, the database started to operate in 2009. However, we have had some difficulties in updating it. The Rose Locator is a useful system for finding which rose is planted in which garden, but it will not work without updating information from time to time. At the combined meeting of the Conservation Committee and the Heritage Rose Committee in Johannesburg in 2012, we decided to renew this database system and make it a simple one easier to update. The preparation for this new and better system is currently under way.

We are now preparing a progress report for the WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona in 2014 and would like to renew the Rose Locator by June, 2015, when the next world convention is held in Lyon. We would be much obliged if those in charge of rose gardens could provide their updated rose lists for our new system before we start it.

AWARDS

Monique de Clarens - France

The Awards Committee focuses on organizing the nominations and voting for both the titles of **Rose Hall of Fame** and **Old Rose Hall of Fame** from the WFRS Member Countries.

The committee also gathers the documents and prepares a presentation for the delegates for the voting of rose gardens and publications that will receive the title of **Garden of Excellence** and the **Literary Award**.

As far as the Garden of Excellence is concerned, I have submitted a proposition to the members of the Executive Committee to assure that rose garden holders of the **Garden of Excellence Award** always maintain the high standard for which the award was granted. This matter will be discussed during the Lyon 2015 convention.

Moreover, during my different trips related to rose gardens, Barcelona, Paris, Geneva, Baden-Baden, Le Roeulx and the Heritage Rose Convention in Sangerhausen, I had the opportunity to visit rose

gardens that had been rewarded with the **Garden of Excellence** and to talk to rose friends interested in the attribution of this prestigious award.

Thanks to the diligent collaboration of Malcom Watson, Executive Director, Member Countries will shortly be informed of measures to be taken for the nomination of rose gardens and publications wishing to apply for the relevant awards to be presented in Lyon 2015.

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Steve Jones - USA

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Our biggest promotion involves the Friends of the Federation, where we are increasing membership at each convention.

As a committee we have not formally met, but one is planned in the future.

CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

No report received.



'Fru Dagmar Hastrup'

BOOK REVIEWS

Breakfast With The Brontës

Written by Pamela Byrne Corbett

When Jeannie and Alastair take a leap of faith, leaving England and the corporate rat-race to settle in the Argentine outback, Jeannie describes the challenges in her letters home. There is plenty to cope with in their new life on a cattle-ranch on the edge of the pampa, ranging from arsenic and too much fluor in the water, rampaging storms with egg-sized hailstones, wild boar in the corn, pumas at the sheep, armadillos under the lawn, snakes under the sofa, and bees invading the bedroom, not to mention 'things that go bump in the night.' And the loneliness. But there is much to be learned and to explore, especially on their travels up-country to the northern provinces and down to Patagonia. For Jeannie, loneliness is kept at bay by the gardens she creates and fills with roses – every kind she can lay her hands on. Just as they are beginning to feel settled in, all hell breaks loose over some distant islands in the South Atlantic ...

About the author:

Born and educated in England, Pamela has lived in Argentina for over thirty years. An International Rose Society judge, she enjoys writing and lecturing about all aspects of gardening and especially roses. She is married with one daughter. Reading, singing and painting are among her hobbies. 'Breakfast With The Brontës' is her first novel to be published.

To purchase *Breakfast with the Brontës*, visit Amazon
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***Roses in Bermuda Revisited* reviewed by Heather Knowles**

In effect the third edition of the Bermuda Rose Society's 1984 publication (*Old Garden Roses in Bermuda*), *Roses in Bermuda revisited* is a handsome hard-covered eminently readable and informative book that sits comfortably in the hand, beside the desk or on the coffee table. It is a fitting tribute to the BRS on its sixtieth anniversary. It contains a wealth of material relating to the roses that grow on this group of humid sub-tropical Atlantic islands whose native flora includes primarily mangrove and endemics like the Bermuda cedar (*Juniperus bermudiana*) and Bermuda Palmetto (*Sabal bermudiana*). Bermuda is within the hurricane belt although the small total land mass means they rarely make landfall, the 2003 Category 3 Fabian a recent exception. Doesn't sound good for roses...

Bermuda was 'discovered' in 1503, the earliest documentary reference to roses growing there being 1639. In common with many countries settled/colonised by Europeans, roses have been found growing in cemeteries and churchyards and near sites of early habitation. Untended and unnoticed for many years, these resilient plants are Bermuda's Mystery Roses. With the exceptional dedication of The BRS and laudable cooperation of the authorities, these roses have been propagated and widely dispersed among Bermuda's gardening community and planted in many public gardens, including the Repository Garden at Waterville. Their 'names' usually reflect the location in which they were discovered growing: 'Smith's Parish', 'Alton', 'Miss Atwood', etc.

Much work has been done attempting to identify them; since the previous 'edition', several mysteries have been resolved, some after rigorous DNA testing have deepened, stories have emerged and more than one conundrum remains to tantalise. Is it possible that the iconic 'Smith's Parish' is 'Fortune's Five-Coloured Rose', or that the much loved and widely grown 'Spice' is the stud 'Hume's Blush Tea-Scented China'?

The content is not limited to the Mystery Roses and includes sections on Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Hybrid Perpetuals, Shrub, English and Miniatures, as well as the families represented by the identified Mystery Roses. Each rose is well-described, illustrated with a fine colour photograph and accompanied by easily understood symbols denoting aspects of its nature and nurture. An exhaustive Glossary, Index of Roses and Bibliography contribute to the reader's ease of access to information. Elizabeth Wingate's delightful drawings reappear from *Roses in Bermuda* 1997 to embellish chapter headings.

Even in this most conservation conscious country though, roses are under threat - the original 'Miss Atwood' bush was destroyed as a result of road-widening; vigilant BRS members had fortunately grown other bushes from slips. The more difficult to propagate have been lost. Between 2009-2011, the BRS in tandem with the Ministry of Environmental Protection conducted EarthKind Trials of some

of the Mystery Roses along with other EarthKind roses growing in Bermuda with very good results, furthering the cause of rose conservation.

The Bermuda Rose Society (BRS) is to be commended for having, in the 1986 words of Charles A Walker Jr, "played no small part in preserving these living museum pieces" and indeed for publishing a book rich in botanical and practical cultural guidelines, whether for exhibition, floral arrangement, landscaping or the unabashed joy in growing all members of this wonderful plant group, the rose.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

8 – 18 May, 2014	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Barcelona, Spain.
29 November – 2 December, 2014	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Hyderabad, India.
26 May - 1 June, 2015	WFRS 17 th World Rose Convention – Lyon, France
18 – 24 May, 2016	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Beijing, China WFRS 14 th International Heritage Rose Conference – Beijing, China
28 June – 4 July, 2018	WFRS 18 th World Rose Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark

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THE NEXT ISSUE OF WORLD ROSE NEWS

**will be in July, 2014 and will cover the
WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona.
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European Regional Convention in the beautiful City of

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PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Thursday 8 May – Registration and welcome

Friday 9 May - Participation in the Concurs Internacional de Roses Noves de Barcelona

Saturday 10 May - Rose Exhibition and town of Reus

Sunday 11 May - National Rose Competition - Exhibition in Sant Feliu de Llobregat and rose garden

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Sunday 11 May - Welcome reception

Monday 12 May - Opening ceremony, Lectures and garden visits

Tuesday 13 May – Lectures and garden visits

Wednesday 14 May – Lectures and Closing ceremony

POST CONVENTION TOUR

Thursday 15 May – Valencia – Visit the town of Valencia

Friday 16 May – Alicante – Visit to the garden

Saturday 17 May – Madrid - Visit to the Ramón Ortiz Rose Garden

Sunday 18 May - Madrid- Visit to the Botanical Gardens and Retiro Park



National Art Museum in Montjuïc Park





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A Rose conference in a timeless land
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Regional Convention of WFRS

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18th – 28th November, 2014

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3rd – 8th December, 2014



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la ville en **rose**

Provisional Programme for the 17th World Rose Convention

Lyon 2015 – France

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Tuesday, 26th May - All day

Delegates arrive in Lyon or return from pre-convention tours.
First contact with the registration desk in Palais des Congrès (Lyon district 6).

Wednesday, 27th May

Registration desk open from 9am to 3pm.
4pm-6pm - Opening ceremony.
6pm-8pm - Visit the 3 rose gardens of the Tête d'Or Park: Botanical, Historical and International rose gardens.
8pm-10pm - Dinner.

Thursday, May 28th - Optional visits

Morning - Optional sightseeing of Lyon (tours 1 or 2).
Afternoon - Optional sightseeing of Lyon (tours 3 or 4).
All day - Sightseeing of Cluny, a Roman art city 70km North of Lyon. On the way rose garden visits: Clé de la Rose, Bionnay Castle and Morisot Garden. Beaujolais evening party with local products and regional red and white wines.

Friday, 29th May

Morning - Lectures (programme no.1).
Afternoon - Sightseeing Lyon (tours 1, 2, 3 or 4).
All day - Garden Rose Trials at the Tête d'Or Park open to the delegates.
Late afternoon: Results of rose trials and meeting with the breeders.

Saturday, May 30th

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 2).
Afternoon - Sightseeing Lyon (tours 1, 2, 3 or 4) or Rose Festival inside Lyon open to delegates and to general public.

Sunday, 31st May

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 3).
Afternoon - Rose Festival inside Lyon (follow up).
Evening - Festival final: Show with ballet dancers dressed with roses and with glamour, models dressed in new rose design clothes.

Monday, 1st June - All day in Saint Galmier (France)

Morning - Lectures (programme no. 4).
Afternoon - Sightseeing of Saint Galmier (70km West of Lyon), with the well known Badoit mineral water spring, gambling casino and race course... Visit of rose gardens and Chamboeuf village from where the Meilland family comes.
Learn more about Saint Galmier and about the rose garden of Saint Galmier.
Evening - Closing Ceremony and Banquet in Lyon.



Parc Tête d'Or and Convention Centre



Parc Tête d'Or and Rose Trials Garden

Pre- and Post Convention Tours

Pre-Convention Tour - 2 optional visits of 2 days

- Alps with Chamonix and Mont Blanc... Fantastic view on a glacier valley.
- Provence with Avignon, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Grignan... Sun, olive oil, lavender fields, wines, roses and old cities.

Post-Convention Tour - 3 optional visits of 3 days

- Paris with visits of rose gardens: l'Haÿ les Roses (roseraie du Val de Marne), Bagatelle park and Malmaison Castle.
- Pays de Loire: with visits of rose gardens (Jardin des Plantes at Orléans, la Beaujoire at Nantes, Roseraie Loubert at Angers) and Loire valley castles (Chenonceau or Chambord).
- Geneva (Switzerland), Baden-Baden (Germany) and Saverne (France): 3 cities where roses are important with well known rose trials in stately resorts.

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Austria	Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
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Bermuda	Bermuda Rose Society
Canada	Canadian Rose Society
Chile	Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China	Chinese Rose Society
Czech Republic	Czech Rosa Club
Denmark	The Danish Rose Society
Finland	Finnish Rose Society
France	Société Française des Roses
Germany	Verein Deutscher Rosenfreunde
Great Britain	Royal National Rose Society
Greece	The Hellenic Rose Society
Hungary	Hungarian Rose Friends Society
Iceland	Icelandic Rose Society
India	Indian Rose Federation
Israel	The Jerusalem Foundation
Italy	Italian Rose Society
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Luxembourg	Luxembourg Rose Society
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