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To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.

To assist in coordinating the registration of new rose names.

To establish a uniform system of rose classification.

To grant international honors and/or awards.

To encourage and advance international cooperation on all other matters concerning the rose.
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Slovenian Rose Society
Rosa Klub
South Africa Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
Spain Asociación Española de la Rosa
Sweden Svenska Rosensällskapet
Switzerland Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde
United Kingdom Royal National Rose Society
United States of America American Rose Society
Uruguay Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa
Zimbabwe Rose Society of Zimbabwe

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1968   Lily de Gerlache de Gomery Belgium
1971   Douglas Butcher New Zealand
1971   Richard C. Allen United States of America
1971   F. M. Bowen United Kingdom
1976   F. Ziady South Africa
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1981   Lily de Gerlache de Gomery Belgium
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1994   Ethel Freeman Canada
1997   Helga Brichet Italy
2000   Kenneth J. Grapes United Kingdom
2003   Thomas Cairns United States of America
AWARDS

Gold Medals
“For Service to the Rose and to the WFRS”

1979  A. S. Thomas  Australia
1981  Lotte Guenthart  Switzerland
1983  Lily de Gerlache de Gomery  Belgium
1985  Richard C. Balfour  United Kingdom
      David Gilad  Israel
1988  Ralph Moore  United States of America
1991  Pat Dickson  Northern Ireland
1994  Jack Harkness (posthumously)  England
1997  Sam McGredy IV  New Zealand
2000  Helga Brichet  Italy
      Ethel Freeman  Canada
2003  Kenneth J. Grapes  United Kingdom
      Wilhelm Kordes  Germany

Silver Medals

2003  Takeo Nagata  Japan
      Rein Lae Solberg  Norway

Rose Pins
“For Service to the WFRS”

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

World Rose Awards  
(Bronze Medal)

2000 Louis Lens  
James Naylor  
Ann-Marie Trecshlin  
Stefan Wagner  
Milly Weyermann  
Belgium  
United Kingdom  
Switzerland  
Romania  
Switzerland

2003 Jacqueline Humery  
Heather Macdonell  
Frans Thomas  
Malcolm Watson  
France  
New Zealand  
Belgium  
Australia
WFRS Plaque of Merit
“For Outstanding Rose Gardens”

1995  La Roseraie de l’Haÿ du Val de Marne  L’Haÿ-les-Roses, France

1996  II Roseto Botanico “Carla Fineschi”  Cavriglia, Italy

1998  The Garden of Roses at Hex Castle  Hex, Belgium

2000  The City of Belfast International Rose Garden,  Belfast, Northern Ireland
       Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park

2003  Rosarium Sangerhausen  Sangerhausen, Germany
       Victoria State Rose Garden  Victoria, Australia
       The Rose Garden at Vrijbroek Park  Mechelen, Belgium
       The Rose Garden at the Montreal Botanical Garden  Montreal, Canada
       Rosennieuheitengarten Beutig  Baden-Baden, Germany
       The Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem  Jerusalem, Israel
       II Roseto “Niso Fumagalli”  Monza, Italy
       Dugald Mackenzie Rose Gardens  Palmerston North, New Zealand
       Fresh Woods  Elgin, South Africa
       Inez Parker Memorial Rose Garden  San Diego, United States of America
       The Gardens of the American Rose Society  Shreveport, United States of America
       Flower Festival Commemorative Park  Gifu, Japan
**WFRS Rose Hall of Fame**

The “World Favourite Roses”, as chosen by popular vote in the member countries of the World Federation of Rose Societies and announced at World Rose Conventions.

1976  ‘Peace’ (Gioia, Gloria Dei, Mme.A. Meilland)
Large Flowered /Hybrid Tea, yellow blend, introduced in 1945
Hybridized by Francis Meilland of France

1979  ‘Queen Elizabeth’
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, medium pink, introduced in 1954
Hybridized by Dr. W. E. Lammerts of the USA

1981  ‘Fragrant Cloud’ (TANellis) (Duftwolke, Nuage Parfumé)
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, orange, introduced in 1963
Hybridized by M. Tantau of Germany

1983  ‘Iceberg’ (KORbin) (Schneewittchen, Fée des Neiges)
Clustered Flowered/Floribunda, white, introduced in 1958
Hybridized by Reimer Kordes of Germany

1985  ‘Double Delight’ (ANDeli)
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, red blend, introduced in 1977
Hybridized by Herbert Swim of the USA

1988  ‘Papa Meilland’ (MEIsar)
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, dark red, introduced in 1963
Hybridized by Alain Meilland of France

1991  ‘Pascali’
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, white, introduced in 1963
Hybridized by Louis Lens of Belgium

1994  ‘Just Joey’
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, orange blend, introduced in 1972
Hybridized by Roger Pawsey of Cants of Colchester of England

1997  ‘New Dawn’
Large Flowered Climber, light pink, introduced in 1930
A sport of ‘Dr. W. Van Fleet’, introduced in 1930 by Dreer of Somerset
Rose Nursery, United States of America

2000  ‘Ingrid Bergman’ (POUlman)
Large Flowered/Hybrid Tea, dark red, introduced in 1984
Hybridized by Olesen of Denmark

2003  ‘Bonica ‘82’ (MEIdomonac)
Shrub rose, medium pink, introduced in 1982
Hybridized by Alain Meilland of France

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

‘Cécile Brunner’
‘Gloire de Dijon’
‘Old Blush’
‘Souvenir de la Malmaison’
‘Grüss an Teplitz’
‘Mme. Alfred Carrière’
World Rose Conventions

World Rose Conventions are now held every third year, and any WFRS member society may bid to host one.

World Rose Conventions have been held in:

1968    Founding Meeting in London, England
1971    Hamilton, New Zealand (Roseworld '71)
1974    Chicago, United States (Roseworld '74)
1976    Oxford, England
1979    Pretoria, South Africa (Rosafari)
1981    Jerusalem, Israel (Rose Pilgrimage)
1983    Baden-Baden, Germany (Roseromantic)
1985    Toronto, Canada (Rosecapades)
1988    Sydney, Australia (Rosa Australis)
1991    Belfast, Northern Ireland (Rose Emerald)
1994    Christchurch, New Zealand (Roseworld '94)
1997    The Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands & Luxembourg jointly)
2000    Houston, United States of America (Texas 2000)
2003    Glasgow, Scotland (Glasgow, City of the Rose 2003)
2006    Osaka, Japan (Melody of Oriental Roses)

The 2009 convention has been awarded to: Vancouver, Canada
FOREWORD

The first objective of the World Federation of Rose Societies has always been to “encourage and facilitate the exchange of information about and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies”. We do this in several ways: we ask our member societies to distribute their publications to each other, we publish an annual Rose Directory with current rose information about each member country, and we publish the semiannual World Rose News to report on major events and developments in the rose world as they occur. In addition, our website (www.worldrose.org) contains much of the information from the Rose Directory and World Rose News, as well as links to rose societies and the results of rose trials around the world.

In the year 2000 we expanded the scope of our communication efforts with the publication of the first issue of the WFRS Triennial Report on Roses. Conceived and edited by Dr. Thomas Cairns, its aim was to provide a written history of the World Federation of Rose Societies, as well as an ongoing record of international rose trials. It succeeded admirably.

While the original intention was that a new issue of the WFRS Triennial Report on Roses would be released every three years, in conjunction with each WFRS convention, there was no issue in 2003. Therefore this WFRS Triennial Report on Roses 2006 takes up where the first edition left off, and brings us up to the present day. Sincere thanks must go to The Japan Rose Society for their commitment to continuing this valuable project and for producing this outstanding publication.

It is our hope that this volume will add to your awareness of roses and rose events around the world. The Rose, truly the Universal Queen of Flowers, is celebrated everywhere, and our aim is to gather and disseminate as much information about it as we possibly can.

Ethel Freeman
Chairman
WFRS Publications Committee
President's Message

Many people walk in and out of your life
but few people leave footprints in your heart
Eleanor Roosevelt

The World Federation of Rose Societies, as an international organization representing 37 National Rose Societies around the world, and comprising of more than 100,000 individuals, was founded on the basic principle of encouraging and promoting freedom of informational exchange about roses between Nations. Fifteen Presidents have served the Federation faithfully in this prime directive improving the stature and significance of the organization as it has flourished over the past 40 years.

This venerable list records the great names of our past history, celebrations, jubilations and most of all the rise to current day popularity and status of the WFRS. Each President with their personal judgment, added significantly to our collective strength. They have been triumphant. However, while to learn from the past is wise advice, to succeed in the future does require a competitive mind and a willingness to try new ideas, to adapt to changes, to use new technology and most of all to use people skills to the benefit of the federation. For my own part, I have enjoyed the experience for it has left its mark on my character, and like Eleanor Roosevelt remarked, I have lots of footprints in my heart to help me bring back memories into sharp focus when one day I too will be content to enjoy a warm fire, a good book and a glass of brandy!

On May 17th, 2006 at Closing Ceremonies in Osaka I shall relinquish the WFRS Presidency in a simple ceremony of orderly transition of leadership to the 16th President. Thus the tradition and dedication will continue into the next millennium.

As titular leader of the Federation, each President has been confronted with a daunting challenge calling for tenacity and the overriding will to succeed during their three year term. However, Presidents are capably sustained by a team of committee chairmen who perform the fundamental tasks to encourage and promote advancements. This sharing of the burden of office through a team effort is the key to advancing the Federation. To my team of chairmen and editors, I now offer my sincere appreciation to all you have accomplished for the Federation in the name of service. You are to be congratulated on your volunteer
service provided with honor, dignity and commitment. The phrase "communication is the breakfast of champions" echoes in my mind every time volunteer services are recognized. For it is this communication between Nations that is the backbone strength of WFRS. Whether as an official delegate to a regional or
world convention or an officer or a chairman or just an interested rose lover, the benefits of personal contact and communication cannot be over-stated.

In an effort to capture the rich tradition of the WFRS before it became ancient history, the publication of the “Triennial Report on Roses” was initiated in 2000 by the American Rose Society. This landmark report was a definitive chronicle of the history of the WFRS narrating not only the key events since its formation, but also the individuals who helped stimulate the organization into a cohesive body with a constitution, standing orders and representative global structure. Furthermore, this inaugural report allowed for the establishment of a historical record of winners of international rose trials - a comprehensive data base not listed in any other publications.

So often, when experiencing events in our own lifetimes there is little attention paid to documentation for future generations to read. When the Japan Rose Society indicated their willingness to continue with the cataloging of WFRS history, events, decisions, and rose trial results, I was delighted. To Dr. Takeo Nagata, Chief Executive Officer, and the Editor, Mr. Takamasa Tsuge, I commend their diligence and dedication to continuing with this valuable report.

The written word is still a very powerful medium in this ever increasingly digital world. For these reasons, this triennial report has been formulated to carry out the tradition set by the inaugural edition in the hope that future generations will glean a sense of belonging to a great organization knowledgeable in its history, its personalities, its regional and world conventions, and its wonderful legacy to succeeding new generations of rose lovers throughout the world.

And so I take my leave of you. Your consent to grant me the opportunity to serve as your 15th President has been a rewarding period in my rose life for which I am grateful and pleased. The burden of responsibility was a wonderful experience and a glorious feeling of achievement. My final parting words are neatly expressed in a favorite quote for it sums up all the rose emotions and feelings for which WFRS stands for:

“Roses belong to the whole world
and before them vanish the barriers of Nationality”.

Dr. Thomas Cairns
WFRS President
Editorial

The World Federation of Rose Societies, which was founded in 1968, now has 37 members, and has so far held thirteen world conventions hosted by different member societies. In May, 2006, another world convention is going to be held in Osaka, Japan. This convention, we consider, is of particular significance in that it is the first ever held in Asia, and also is the first ever held in a country with a non-European cultural tradition. Rosarians in Japan consider that hosting this convention is a great challenge, as well as a great honour, to them, and in cooperation with the City of Osaka and its Parks Association, are doing their utmost for the success of this auspicious event.

The achievements the member societies of the Federation have so far accomplished in their respective histories, including the thirteen world conventions, comprise a valuable cultural asset not just for rosarians but for all the human beings. We regard it as our duty to record these achievements in an official document for reference of the later generations, and have been working on the compilation of the 2006 issue of The WFRS Triennial Report on Roses, to be published on the occasion of the world convention in Osaka.

Since the convention is the first one ever held in East Asia, we would also like to include in the Report some information on roses in this area. However, the space is too limited to give detailed accounts on the state of arts of the studies on this broad subject. What we present here is just some introductory work, and we would like to place hope on the future publications on this subject.

We are all lovers of the rose, a flower with many excellent qualities. In the past two centuries, efforts have been made to produce new varieties with improved qualities, including that of repeat-flowering. To evaluate the merits of new roses, trials have been conducted in more than thirty trial grounds around the world. It is also an important task of the Triennial Report to record the results of these wonderful contests. Please find in this issue the detailed reports from the trial grounds in recent years.

Breeders around the world are making constant efforts to raise roses harder and more disease-resistant, so more people can enjoy roses with less troublesome care. Rose lovers in Japan, however, often find it difficult to enjoy good roses without spraying them regularly at short intervals, since they live in a country with a subtropical climate – warm and humid in summer. We know that
on the other hand, some rose lovers around the world have to grow roses in even warmer climates, or contrariwise, in areas where they and their roses have to go through extremely severe winters. Each area needs roses suited to their particular climatic conditions.

We are happy to report that one rose trial ground has been added to the two we already have in Japan. Besides the contest at Jindai Botanical Gardens in Tokyo, and the one at the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Gifu, a new contest, with a special emphasis on fragrance, has been inaugurated in Echigo Hillside Park in Nagaoka, a city in the central area of Japan. This might give impetus to breeders' efforts to produce roses with better qualities.

The news of a "blue rose" produced by the use of gene-recombination techniques, in which Japanese scientists are said to have played significant roles, also predicts the wider use of scientific technology in rose breeding. This topic is also included in the Report.

We truly appreciate the kind cooperation of Dr. Tommy Cairns and all the other people who sent their reports for this special publication. We are also very grateful to all the authors of the articles on roses, particularly to Professor François Joyaux, who contributed a highly informative and interesting article on the roles Japanese roses played in the history of horticulture and art in France; and to Kodansha Press, for kindly permitting us to reprint Mr Ogisu's essays in this Triennial Report.

The world convention in Osaka also provides a lecture programme in which each lecturer discusses his or her own approach to many different aspects of rose culture. We think this will also be a feature of the convention. We hope all the delegates will fully enjoy the 14th WFRS World Convention in Osaka.

Dr. Takeo Nagata: WFRS Triennial Report Editor in Chief
The Chief Executive Director, the Japan Rose Society
Introduction

The capturing or recording of the past history of the WFRS was initiated in 2000 when Helga Brichet undertook a colossal task in gathering together information on the origins, conventions, and regional conferences since 1971. This wealth of data was conveniently published in a concise report form in the *WFRS Triennial Report on Roses 2000*. Continuing that tradition, the report below contains our most recent history of events occurring from 2000 up until December 2005.

**12th World Rose Convention - Houston, Texas - 2000**

In Houston, Texas it was the beginning of Easter Week and the balmy temperatures were already rising along with the relative humidity as nearly 1000 delegates arrived in Houston from around the world to celebrate the WFRS 12th World Rose Convention, "Texas 2000 - World of Roses", 19??-24 April, 2000. For the second time the American Rose Society (ARS) had hosted this triennial event (the first being the 2nd World Rose Convention in Chicago in 1974), in conjunction with its normal annual Spring Convention and Rose Show. Under the expert direction of Co-Conveners, Deb and Rob Mock, of the Houston Rose Society along with their supporting cast of hundreds, an exciting and diversified program of tours, lectures and special events had been arranged for attending delegates. During the convention the Heritage Rose Foundation had been invited to hold their annual general meeting where they promised closer cooperation with the WFRS.

Two terrific pre-Convention tours, one to California called "Rose Odyssey 2000" held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Pacific Southwest District of the ARS and sponsored by the Tinseltown Rose Society gave visiting delegates a closer look at how roses grow in Hollywood. Held under the direction of then ARS Vice President Dr. Tommy Cairns and Mr. Luis Desamero, delegates were treated to a day trip to Wasco where 40 million rose plants are grown annually. In the Southern States tour, delegates were treated to a garden tour by ARS Director Oline Reynolds who showed them real southern hospitality.

Convention headquarters was the J W Marriot Hotel, where dozens of bouquets of roses adorned every nook and cranny of the hotel and meeting rooms. The registration office, a Howdy information desk, gift shop, Yellow Rose Cafe, as well as trade exhibits were easily accessible to
participants during the week. On the first day tours started with a real treat for old garden rose enthusiasts by a visit to the well-known Antique Rose Emporium.

**Opening Ceremonies**
In the evening of day one, the Convention was officially opened in the Main Ballroom by ARS President, Dr. Jim Hering, followed by a charming musical interlude. The WFRS President, Helga Brichet, introduced the members of her Executive Committee to the audience, after which the official delegates of 26 Member Countries entered the ballroom accompanied by a girl scout carrying their national flag. This parade of the nations brought the audience to their feet with much applause.

For the first time the announcement of the latest inductee to the "WFRS Hall of Fame" was made at these ceremonies and to a delighted audience, the rose selected was 'Ingrid Bergman'. Pernille and Mogens Oleson of Poulsen Roser APS, Denmark proudly accepted their portrait of the winning variety, a watercolor by Anne Marie Trechslin, the renowned Swiss artist. The world's favorite old garden rose, 'Gruss an Teplitz' by Rudolf Geschwind, was also announced. Cards with the portraits of both varieties proved most popular with enthusiasts.

After the opening reception the official delegates from each member Country were invited to dinner at the private and enchanting home of Mary and Roy Cullen, where a sumptuous feast was served making everyone relaxed and enjoying the company and rose talk.

**Educational Lecture Programs**
The very next day the lecture series started with an "Old Rose Symposium", followed by "Growing Great Roses", "Exhibiting Roses in the Garden, Home and in a Show" and lastly "Horizon Roses", particularly appreciated since it involved breeders from around the world.

For delegates in the tour mood, there was a wide choice to choose from, such as the NASA Space Center, the Moody Gardens or the museum as well as numerous private gardens. On Wednesday, 21st April the ARS Spring National Rose Show took place providing a wonderful competitive display for delegates and members of the public.

The social programs were equally exciting with such attractive events as "Meet the Authors" while indulging in a calorific "A Dessert Party", or attending "The Truly Texas Evening" with a rodeo and barbecue for a memorable experience.

**Awards Banquet**
The final banquet aptly called an "Evening of Roses and Friendship Banquet" was an elegant
event providing a fitting conclusion to a most wonderful week full of roses and friendship. A highlight was the exhibit of the National Trophy winners of the rose show, arranged as a picturesque display to give the exhibitors their much deserved recognition. ARS President Jim Hering then announced that the first ever "Klima Medal" for "Excellence in Rose Education" was awarded to Dr. Tommy Cairns.

The WFRS awards were then presented by Founding President, Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery as the incoming WFRS President Ken Grapes announced the winners:

**WFRS Gold Medal:** Helga Brichet and Ethel Freeman  
**WFRS Rose Pin:** Ester Geldenhuys, Lois Tabb, Baroness Marie Louise Velge, Mercedes Villar  
**World Rose Awards:** Louis Lens, James Naylor, Anne Marie Trechslin, Dr. Stefan Wagner, Milly Weyermann

**Closing Ceremonies**  
On the evening of the 24th April the World Convention was formally brought to a close with the promise to meet again in three years time in the City of Glasgow, Scotland to celebrate the 13th World Rose Convention. In 2006 the convention city was selected as Osaka, Japan.

**Official Business**  
During the convention the various committees conducted the administrative functions of the Federation.

Since 1997 the WFRS, a Registered Charity in the United Kingdom, has been dedicated to such projects as the advancement of education to the benefit of the public, and also to encourage and sponsor rose research projects. Members voted to sponsor, over the next three years the co-location of the Miessler Lexicon for inclusion into the Conservation Committee's International database and thus *Modern Roses XII*, to be published in 3 or 4 years time. Each Member Country, however, was subsequently presented with a copy of *Modern Roses XI* to encourage and facilitate collaboration with the Conservation Committee.

Application for full membership from the Rose Societies of Bangladesh, Chile and Slovenia were approved, as were applications for associate membership from Heritage Roses Inc. of Australia and the French National Horticultural Society (SNHF) with a view to opening associate membership to a larger audience of rose-oriented organizations. Members agreed they be "requested to apply for membership of their own National Rose Society".
Elected Officers for 2000-2003

Members also agreed to increase the number of Vice Presidents to nine, and to divide the former region of Asia into those of Central Asia (Bangladesh, India and Pakistan) and Eastern Asia (China and Japan). The following officers were elected at Council II.

President: Lt Col Ken Grapes (UK)
Hon.Treasurer: Mr Damianos Constantinou (Greece)

Vice Presidents

Europe: Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg (Norway), Prof. Josef Thomas (Czech Republic), Mr Bernd Weigel (Germany)
North America: Dr Thomas Cairns (USA)
South America: Mr Jean-Pierre Hounie (Uruguay)
Africa: Prof. Johan Moll (South Africa)
Australasia: Mrs Margaret Macgregor (Australia)
Far East: Dr Takeo Nagata (Japan)
Central Asia: Dr (Mrs) Meena Pimpalapure

Committee Chairmen:

Awards: Dr. Gerald Meylan
Publications: Mrs Ethel Freeman
WRN Editor: Dr. Tommy Cairns
Fund-Raising: Mrs Marijke Peterich
Classification & Registration: Marily Young
Convention Liaison: Mrs Lois Tabb
Conservation: Mrs Helga Brichet
Judging: Mr Edmund Griffith

Application to hold Regional Conferences received from Argentina (October 2001) and Pakistan (April 2002) were approved. Guidelines for WFRS Regional Conferences were updated and distributed to all Members.

Awards Committee
Members ratified the substitution of the Awards Selection Committee by the WFRS Honors Committee with the responsibility of selecting recipients of awards to individuals. A new award was also agreed to - the World Rose Awards, in recognition of dedicated service to WFRS. Six nominations had been received for the "WFRS Plaque of Merit". It was decided to present this award to the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen on the occasion of its centenary in 2003. After the presentation made on behalf of the five other gardens a ballot decided in favor of the rose garden in the Sir Thomas and Lady Dickson Park in Belfast, Northern Ireland. WFRS President Ken Grapes made the formal presentation to this garden in July, 2000.

Classification Committee
This committee was merged with the Registration Committee. The main consensus voted that the recently modified IRAR Classification System proposed by the American Rose Society be adopted and that either Classification, IRAR or WFRS could be used, whichever terms were favorable around the world. The Committee also recommended that the classification Shrub be amended to Ground Cover/Shrub.

Conservation Committee
The long-term projects undertaken by the Specialized Conservation Committee would continue with regular meetings several times a year. The rosaria of Sangerhausen and Cavriglia as well as members who conducted censuses in their countries were thanked for their support.

Convention Liaison Committee
Although three Member Countries had applied to host the 2006 World Rose Convention, the rose societies of India and South Africa withdrew in favor of the Japan Rose Society. It was recorded that this Society had graciously withdrawn its bid in 1997 in favor of the Royal National Rose Society. The 2006 World Rose Convention was granted to the Japan Rose Society with the host city as Osaka, Japan in May 2006.

Fund Raising Committee
Some funds were expected from levies of the Regional Conferences as well as the new and already popular "Hall of Fame" cards. Small porcelain boxes with portraits of the winning roses and bearing the WFRS emblem would also be available for sale through Member Societies, the profit being divided equally between the WFRS and the member Societies. A new program for Patrons was under consideration by the Executive Committee.
Publications Committee
Each delegate to the Convention received a copy of the *WFRS Triennial Report on Roses 2000* which was also placed on sale to the general public. The American Rose Society deserves special thanks for the financing of this first edition of many to come. Directories had annually been updated while the WFRS website, thanks to web mistress, Jolene Adams, had proved a great success. Dr. Tommy Cairns was reappointed Editor of *World Rose News* and congratulated on the quality of this bi-annual publication.

Registration Committee
This committee recommended that cut flower varieties too should be registered and that breeders be encouraged when registering their varieties to include their parentage. Nurserymen should also be urged to include both the unique breeders' code names as well as the commercial names in their catalogues and on labels.

Vice Presidents Frank Benardella, Ether Geldenhuys, Lois Tabb and Baroness Velge as well as Hon. Treasurer James Naylor have left office after many years of dedicated work in furthering the goals of WFRS. All members are undoubtedly most grateful to them and offer them their particular thanks.

"Texas 2000 - World of Roses" indeed maintained its promise to be a wonderful Convention. The WFRS and all rose lovers who participated congratulate and thank the American Rose Society and the Houston Rose Society, but especially Deb and Rob Mock and their committees, for making it such a happy and enjoyable event.

**WFRS REGIONAL CONFERENCES 2000-2003**

**Second South American WFRS Regional Rose Conference**
**Buenos Aires, Argentina, 28th October to 1st November, 2001**
This conference celebrating the 50" anniversary of the Buenos Aires Rose Society was held in the Hyatt Hotel in Buenos Aires, the land of the tango, from 28 October to 1 November 2001. Under the direction of WFRS Past President, Susan Begg, the event was organized with impeccable taste. It was spring time in Argentina and Buenos Aires had an unusual amount of rain leading up to the conference.
For delegates arriving a few days earlier, judging the First International Rose Trials was a delight. The judges arrived at the gardens with the stopping of a torrential downpour as they were off loading from the bus. In spite of the heavy rain the roses held up very well. The winner of the overall ‘Rose of Buenos Aires’ Gold Medal was a Poulsen Rose. The certificate for fragrance went to a Meilland Rose.

The opening formal event of the conference was the Rose Show. Dr. Tommy Cairns did not get his miniature roses past inspection at the airport. However, Tommy did accomplish the task of obtaining the first authorization to import roses to Argentina from the USA. All the roses were well groomed and no less for the wear of heavy rains. Special attention should be made to the displayed exhibits of ‘Graham Thomas’. During the judging there was a tour of Buenos Aires including the trial Rose Garden.

The conference was formally opened with remarks from Michael Berger of the US. WFRS Vice President Jean Pierre Hounie of Uruguay gave a presentation on "Roses of Chile, Uruguay and Argentina". Rein Solberg of Norway with his dry sense of humor showed us views of some of his favorite rose bushes.

The evening was declared "Night of the Tango". The event was held at a new Night Club, Carlos Gardel, named after a famous Argentine Tango singer. Dick Balfour who it had been rumored had been taking special Tango lessons restrained himself from dancing on the stage with the performers.

Peter Harkness gave an account of his family and their rose story. Bob Mathews of New Zealand talked on roses in New Zealand while Lt. Col. Ken Grapes, the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies told us that growing roses was easy and backed up his statement from studies he conducted during his long tenure, eighteen years, as Director General of the Royal National Rose Society. The closing talks were a panel of Diana MacGibbon, Ricardo Boutell, Vladimir Kosic and Delia Caminotte, all of Argentina. They presented Pruning, Fertilization and Watering as well as the Rose the Emblem of Hope and Peace. Susan Begg and her committee deserved kudos for organizing such a wonderful event.

First African WFRS Regional Rose Conference & 11th National Rosa Convention
"Roses at The Cape of Good Hope 2002",
Cape Town, South Africa, 29th October to 2nd November, 2002
The site for this WFRS Regional Convention was The Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West just outside of Cape Town itself. The grounds of the hotel contained massive plantings with lots of ‘Iceberg’, proving that it was indeed one of the world's favorite roses.
The Convention started off on Tuesday evening with a wonderful bus ride through the countryside to a famous local winery and here again ‘Iceberg’ plants abounded. At the end of each row of grape vines, which largely dominated the landscape, there was either a bush of ‘Iceberg’ denoting grapes for white wine or ‘Europeana' for red wine. At the Backsberg Wine Estate we were treated royally to a variety of first class wines, loads of savory delights and finger food and a wonderful rendition by a band of rose society singers of famous songs both international in origin as well as South African culminating with the National Anthem.

**Educational Lecture Program**

Promptly at 8:30 am on Wednesday morning Dr. Ian Findley, Convention Convenor, called the delegates into session followed by the opening address by Des Wright, recently appointed WFRS Vice President for South Africa, who stressed in a short speech of welcome the historic importance of this 1st African WFRS Regional Convention. Then immediately following Dr. Findley presented a dazzling photographic display of rose blooms of all shapes and colors shown to the dramatic opening sound track of the movie, "Space Odyssey 2001".

Dr. Findley then introduced the ROSA keynote speaker for the Convention, Dr. Tommy Cairns, President of the American Rose Society who proceeded to present his program entitled "Great Roses of the 20th Century - A Hundred Years of Evolution and Advancement". Following this unique and wonderful address, Ludwig Taschner, the new President-Elect of ROSA, presented a program on "Climbing Roses" with a convincing argument that the rose of the future will be predominantly climbers. Continuing the educational program, Duncan Henderson of "Duncan's Roses" presented an interesting slant on "Understanding the Control of Pests and Diseases in Roses". The next presentation was by Thomas Proll from Kordes in Germany on "Rose Breeding for the Future". However, the most interesting news was that Kordes had selected a new variety to be called 'Fairest Hope' in honor of this convention revealing the exact genealogy leading to this splendid floribunda. This first full day of lectures ended with the feeling that you were attending a World Convention and not just a Regional Conference. The quality and diversity of the presentations were truly first class, all presented with authority and clarity.

The second day of educational programs started off with a terrific inspirational program from Sean McCann (Ireland) entitled "The Spirit of The Rose". Following the dramatic speech by Sean was hometown favorite, Gwen Fagan who spoke to the subject "The Relevance of Old Garden Roses in the Modern Garden". After the mid morning tea break, Michael Marriott of
Austin Roses entertained us with an illustrated talk on "New Roses in the Old Style". Then Dr. Peter Knox-Shaw gave us all a wonderful insight into a garden we would later visit the very next day, "The Freshwoods Collection".

In the evening the "Mayoral Convention Dinner" was held in the grand ballroom with most of the Cape Town City Council in attendance. After brief remarks by the Deputy Mayor, the delegates enjoyed a marvelous feast dining on crusted roast rack of lamb and creme brulee. WFRS President Ken Grapes then addressed the delegates summing up the events to date and stressing what a fun time we were all experiencing in this remarkable country. Then Dr. Tommy Cairns announced that this evening was to be historic in that the Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA) and the American Rose Society (ARS) were to ceremoniously sign "The Rose Treaty of Cape Town" signifying their agreement to exchange rose information on a regular basis. After reading the terms of the treaty, Esther Geldenhuys signed on behalf of ROSA and Dr. Tommy Cairns for ARS, much to the delight of the assembled delegates and the city council! Then, to the surprise of the ROSA delegates, Dr. Tommy Cairns read and presented Esther Geldenhuys with an "ARS President's Special Citation"for her devoted lifetime achievement in spreading the love of the rose. Esther was taken totally by surprise and she received a standing ovation. The evening concluded with the induction of the incoming ROSA President, Ludwig Taschner and the presentation of the trial winners at Durbanville trial grounds. The evening was full of drama, pomp and circumstance, and lots of fun. The delegates all retired for the evening anticipating the next day's events - the spectacular garden tours.

**Garden Tours**

The first tour took place at Duncan's Nursery and homestead gardens. The pergola covered with 'Iceberg' was absolutely stunning. It is no wonder that 'Iceberg' was voted one of the world's favorite roses! Everywhere in the garden were prime specimens growing at their peak bloom. Obviously Cape Town has the ideal climate for growing great roses. The next visitation was at "Fresh Woods", a meandering large garden set among other plants and trees to give the ideal setting of a chapter from "Alice in Wonderland". It was truly difficult to leave this wonderful setting and get back into the bus. We were then taken to visit Elgin Roses where we discovered the art and science of growing roses for the cut flower industry. The day ended with a lunch and tour of the Elgin Festival offering a wide range of horticultural booths and products.

On the final day of the convention delegates were treated to viewing various home gardens - all beyond belief in their ambiance and horticultural excellence of the rose plants. To finish off a
perfect rose day, delegates viewed the Cape Horticultural Society Rose & Flower Show, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens for lunch, and the Durbanville Rose & Trial Garden for tea and wine tasting. Later that evening the convention concluded with an informal meal at Cloetenburg, Somerset House School.

The Western Cape Rose Society under the leadership of the Convention Convenor, Dr. Ian Findley, have to be complimented on their wonderful hospitality, organization and most of all for sharing with us their friendship and passion for our hobby!