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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 honours and/or awards.

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

Throughout the past three years, the Federation has continued, through its Executive Committee and Standing Committees, to endeavour to meet the objectives laid down almost 50 years ago. You will have in other sections of this Triennial Report, details of the Committees’ activities and achievements and the groups are to be commended for their efforts.

From my perspective, progress has been made in the following areas:-

The generous and substantial donation of 20,000 pounds provided by M. Yves Piaget gave the Executive Committee a challenge to investigate the beneficial use of these funds to promote the Federation’s goals and ambitions. Several projects have been approved, and will be implemented in the near future. Allocation of the remainder of the funds continues to be under investigation.

The International Rose Trials Committee developed a universal scorecard for voluntary use at Trial Grounds around the world. The introduction at a number of Trials has proven to be successful as has the People’s Choice Award. Certificates for public judging are available from the Executive Director. They are currently investigating a simpler Trials “Lodgement Form” that can be used by the Rose Breeder/Agent for lodging entries at multiple rose trials.

Communication throughout the Federation has been, and continues to be a concern. Whilst the language of the Federation is English, and is great for me, it is not the case for a number of our Member Countries. We must remain vigilant in allowing those non English speaking peoples to have the opportunity to express their opinion and needs.

The World Rose News continues to provide a wonderful avenue to disseminate information; however, the document is not as widely circulated as I would hope. Translating the material in World Rose News must be a priority in the future as is the circulation issue. The work undertaken by our entire Publication Committee is appreciated.

The Conservation and Heritage Committees continue to work together in this very important area. They are currently working toward the upgrading of the WFRS data base – an exacting, time consuming task.

The Rose Shows Standardisation Committee introduced a class of International Rose Judges and we now see almost 30 Judges from 8 countries included on our Register. These judges are eligible to be included in the judging panel when rose shows are conducted at international events. The Certificate of Excellence has been used by a number of Member Countries at their national events for successful exhibitors in the WFRS International Challenge Classes. These certificates are also available from me.

Following the successful World Rose Convention in Sandton South Africa, Regional Conventions have been held in India, New Zealand and Spain and an International Heritage Conference in Germany. These events have been well attended and were of an exceptional standard. The Federation is indebted to the Organising Committees for running these events, and contributing to the Federation’s funds.

The Breeders’ Club continues to provide a link between the professional rose breeder and the Federation. Their deliberations have been productive, and we are hopeful that more non professional breeders and associations will be able to join the group in the future.

The introduction of the “Friends of the Federation” donors’ scheme has proved to be most beneficial, not only financially to the Federation, but especially as it allows this group of generous benefactors to meet at WFRS events. The current number of almost 80 individuals has experienced wonderful camaraderie as the group has grown. The “Friends” is open to all individuals – and lasts from one World Rose Convention to the next. Donor forms are available on our website.

As I relinquish my role as Executive Director at the end of June 2015, the Federation’s plans for the future are exciting and extensive, which include a combined International Heritage Conference and Regional Convention in China, Regional Conventions in Uruguay and Slovenia and the 18th World
Rose Convention in Denmark. The World Federation will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during 2018, and preparations are underway to ensure this milestone receives the celebrations it deserves.

We are thankful that in 1968 rosarians who attended the 4th International Rose Conference in London accepted the challenge to form this Federation. Through that decision, we have been able to regularly meet fellow rosarians (who now represent 39 Member Countries, 22 Associate Members and 14 Breeders’ Club Members) at various venues around the globe - irrespective of the barriers of national character.

Malcolm Watson
WFRS Executive Director
PREFACE

At the inception of the World Federation of Rose Societies in London in 1968 it was agreed that every three years one of its members, national rose societies, should host a World Convention with the intent of bringing together rosarians from around the globe to meet and discuss issues pertaining to the Rose, facilitating the exchange of information and goodwill amongst the likeminded, be they amateurs or professionals.

The first of these Conventions was hosted by the New Zealand Rose Society in 1971 and since then other rose societies from the five continents have regularly followed suit. Over the years, the number of national rose societies’ members increased steadily and by the mid-eighties it was felt that smaller Regional Conventions, which focused principally on matters of local interest concerning the Rose, should be encouraged. The first of these was hosted by the Bermuda Rose Society in 1987 and, a number of years later, by the Italian Rose Association. Since then these Regional Conventions have become ever increasingly popular.

On the other hand, contemporarily to these events, the Publications Committee made slow progress. Having been established as early as the second World Convention, held in Chicago in 1974, the Committee encouraged a system of free distribution and exchange of literature between members. Hosting societies were requested to publish records and lectures of each Convention.

At the fourth World Convention in Pretoria in 1979 the Chairman of the Publications Committee lamented the general lack of communication between members. However soon afterwards a first newsletter was published, initially with minimal support from members, so that its potential remained dormant and disheartening. Once more in Baden Baden in 1985 the Chairman lamented the difficulty of obtaining news items from the majority of members, however in 1988 in Sydney, Australia, the Chairman reported the publication of a regular newsletter entitled Rose News and later World Rose News, which had received a favourable reception. Also a List of Gardens and Calendar of Events had been printed and distributed. During the subsequent years biennial editions of World Rose News, all increasingly appreciated, were circulated to WFRS members, with the intent that they be passed on to members of the national and local societies.

At the 1997 World Convention in the Benelux the Federation’s Directory, assembled from information gathered from members by vice presidents over the previous period, was presented with the intension that it be updated annually and, hopefully, expanded to include all information useful to members and individual rose lovers. World Rose News became a regular printed biennial – in colour – although still sent to members by post, and thus expensive for the WFRS’ limited budget.

Naturally a major improvement came with the electronic post – World Rose News and the Directory went online. The WFRS produced its own website and as such, its possibility of circulating information became infinitely greater. Additionally, other associations, non national rose societies, could enroll as Associate WFRS members, while a group, Friends of the Federation, opened even further to a wider reading public.

The WFRS Triennial Report on Roses was conceived in 2000 and has since, with only one exception, accompanied each World Convention, firstly in printed form, and since 2009 as a CD, being offered to all participants of the Conventions. Hopefully this present number will find the favour and approval of all rosarians gathered in May, 2015 in Lyons - the birthplace of Antoine de Saint-Exupery - on the threshold of the WFRS’s fiftieth anniversary.

“It is the time you have spent with your rose that makes your rose so important. Man has forgotten this truth, but you must not forget it. You will become responsible for everything that you have domesticated. You are responsible for your rose.”

The Little Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Helga Brichet
WFRS Past President,
Chairman of the Publications Committee
The Lyons WFRS World Convention marks a bittersweet time in my life. It is a time to celebrate with all of our friends at the grandest convention in our organization. It also marks the end of my term as your President. Luckily we will have a very able person in Kelvin Trimper continuing on as your next President. And we say good-bye to one of the most able Executive Directors, Malcolm Watson and his equally capable secretary, his wife Ruth. They have held the helm of our organization for the past nine years and had everything well organized and it ran smoothly. We do get to welcome the new Executive Director, Derek Lawrence, of Bristol, England, who is equally capable and well qualified.

During my term as your President, we accomplished many of my goals for the organization. The first was to increase the Friends’ of the Federation, which has been highly successful. I wanted to promote this group and to make it fun for all to be a member, such as establishing Friends dinners at each convention. We started my term in South Africa with 16 members which grew to 28 by the end of the convention and now we are almost 80 with many Life Members. I also encouraged all WFRS Vice Presidents to be members as well.

My second goal was to have Executive Committee meetings at all conventions, even if we did not have a quorum. It was a good idea to meet with each other, see what is happening in their areas, get ideas about what is working or not, discuss upcoming conventions, discuss possible changes in the standing rules, and disseminate information. We were fortunate to have a quorum in Sangerhausen and Barcelona. Emails are fine, but to talk face-to-face is priceless.

Most of my third goal involved election reform, including the number of proxies a person can represent, standing procedures, and award requirements. Many of these will be voted on at our Council Meeting in Lyon’s. One change that was accepted was a universal scorecard for rose trials which was 12 years in the making. We are also investigating an easier application system for roses to be entered.

We were blessed to have five conventions during my term. In 2013 we had a Historical Rose and a Regional Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany and Palmerston North, New Zealand. In 2014 Regional Conventions were held in Barcelona, Spain, and Hyderabad, India, and of course, Lyons, France in 2015. Each of the conventions were wonderful including the pre- and post tours. The organizers did an excellent job of the speakers, visits to gardens, and co-ordination for everyone to have a memorable time as evidenced by the articles in World Rose News. I leave office with two conventions scheduled in 2016 with Beijing, China and Montevideo, Uruguay, one in 2017 in Slovenia, and the World in 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark, all thanks to our Convention Chairman, Gérald Meylan. I am looking forward to attending each of these conventions.

As your President, my travels were not just confined to these activities. Susie and I travelled to many places, the first of which was the seven week Presidential Tour to Australia prior to the convention in New Zealand. The tour was organized by Kelvin and Melanie Trimper of Salisbury Heights. We were warmly welcomed as we travelled across this amazing country. The people were so kind and helpful. It is nice to see a country so enthusiastic about roses and each other’s companionship. We started by travelling to the Australian Rose Convention in Penrith, organized by the very capable Doug and Glynis Hayne. A highlight was a surprise for my 60th birthday when a singer dressed as Marilyn Monroe sang Happy Birthday Mister President as only Marilyn can. I never did finish my speech that evening. It was great seeing our Aussie friends again. The top event was my 60th birthday party at Kelvin and Melanie’s home. The food, wine and company were the best! We then travelled to other parts of the country and spoke with local rose societies and heritage rose groups. The latter groups in Perth and Tasmania were amazed to find that I was an old garden rose enthusiast. I especially enjoyed the many interviews on local radio channels and newspapers. You learn quickly that rose knowledge is pretty universal, just some of the roses and insects change.
During my term, we were fortunate to participate in many rose trials across the United States, New Zealand and Europe, including Biltmore, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Lyons, Bagatelle, Geneva, Baden Baden, Saverne, Barcelona, Kortrijk, Rome, Monza, La Tacita and Monaco. The latter was especially wonderful as we got to meet and visit with Prince Albert, Princesses Charlene and Caroline, and spend more time with Yves Piaget, a great benefactor to the rose and WFRS. Our travels also allowed us to participate in judging rose shows, especially in Australia and New Zealand. On our way to other trials and events, we visited many other wonderful rose gardens throughout the world.

Although I did not have a chance to visit all of the WFRS member countries, we did visit quite a few including Slovenia and Serbia. During one visit in Belgium, I was thrilled to visit with Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, our founder, the first WFRS President and current President Emeritus and Baroness Mary Louise Velge at their wonderful homes and gardens. At her home during a luncheon, Lily presented me with the Lily de Gerlache Award, which I have proudly on display in my office.

There were also chances to speak at different functions and events other than rose conventions and trials. One was a short speech at the rededication of the rose garden at Malmaison, whose noted rose garden was in shambles when we last saw it. Due to the generosity of the House of Piaget, the garden was totally restored with as many roses that would have been there as they could determine. Another was to meet in Changzhou, China with Madame Jiang Zehui, who is the sister of past President and Communist Party Leader Jiang Zeman and who is the President of the China Floral Association and a renowned environmentalist, for the start of the 8th Floral Exposition, a wonderful event held at the new Changzhou convention centre. After that Mme Jiang and I helped unveil the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence for Zijing Park despite the rain. Another time I got to meet with the members of the Japan Rose Society in Chiba and the mayor and his staff at Sakura Rose Garden. Of course, no trip to Japan is complete without a visit to the wonderful rose garden at Keisei where we met with their staff during Rose Days, featuring 50 years of cooperation between Meilland Roses and Keisei Roses. Alain Meilland was the guest speaker during the events.

I was pleased to see the public so interested in roses as evidenced by the many television and newspaper interviews I conducted, especially in China, Australia, India, Japan, and in Europe. I loved speaking about the love of roses and our organization.

Steve Jones
WFRS President
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Sheenagh Harris
South Africa 2012 -2015

After three exciting, stimulating and challenging years as President the triennial to follow could have been an anti-climax. However, the WFRS gives the Immediate Past President a role to play and I have been very happy to continue to participate wherever I was required.

Apart from judging at Rose shows and giving talks to Rose Societies and Garden Clubs in my own country, I was fortunate to be able to attend the WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany in 2013 – the Mecca of the rose world.

To get there, I flew to Zurich where I was invited by members of the Swiss Rose Society, and was particularly delighted, to attend the celebration arranged at Schloss Heidegg for Gret Sutter-Suter, as she retired as Chairman from the Swiss Rose Society she started 20 years previously. One of the many things that Gret was commended for was the Guggi Rose Garden she designed and made for the people of Zurich to enjoy. I then joined Kelvin Trimper’s Australian group tour and travelled to Mainau on Lake Constance where some of us were fortunate to be invited to the Rose Ball by Countess Bettina Bernadotte – a special and privileged experience. The tour continued to Baden Baden where I was once again excited to be part of the International Jury for the fourth year in succession.

We then travelled through beautiful countryside to Sangerhausen, a quaint and small town with its world famous Rosarium of 75,000 roses - the largest collection of roses in the world. The conference, in what was East Germany, was most enjoyable and informative, not forgetting the camaraderie that rosarians enjoy. It was also possible to have 2 WFRS meetings. Among other beautiful and interesting places we visited on the post convention tour and the Trimper tour was a visit to Tantau and Kordes – well known German rose breeders.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend VP Kelvin Trimper for the enormous encouragement he gives Australians to travel to conventions by organising exciting tours as a prelude to these all important WFRS functions. Rosario Algorta de Carrau is equally successful in this respect as VP for South America. There is always good support from Uruguay despite the fact it is a small country. There is no doubt this is the best way to increase numbers attending conventions and hopefully more VP’s will be doing the same.

From Sangerhausen I travelled to Luxembourg as this is one of the countries I was unable to visit while President. I enjoyed the warm hospitality of the members and of Mireille Stiel with whom I stayed. I found them to be enthusiastic rosarians who were also knowledgeable about the WFRS, which to my disappointment is not the case everywhere!

In Denmark I stayed with Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society and she gave me a taste of this beautiful country in the 8 days I was there. With the WFRS World Rose Convention taking place in Copenhagen in 2018, in order to help where I could, we covered a great deal of what delegates can look forward to – a thrilling boat trip on the canals of Copenhagen passed elegant buildings; Tivoli Gardens; Royal Palaces with special rose gardens; quaint villages with roses growing over doorways; private rose gardens of treasured old roses and much, much more. The Danish Rose society has a wonderful programme planned for delegates in 2018.

The last port of call on this visit to Europe was The Hague, where I was invited to be a judge at the International Rose Trials in the WFRS Award of Excellence Rose Garden, Westbroek Park. Once again it was special to be among rose friends and beautiful roses.

That year there were two Conventions and the second was held in Palmerston North, New Zealand where I was delighted to be a moderator for some of the lectures and had the honour of unveiling the plaque for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden.
Early in February, 2014 I was honoured to be part of the Bermuda Rose Society 60\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary celebrations making their society older than the WFRS. I was asked to give 2 presentations and judge their beautiful Mystery Roses at their regular rose show, which was a new experience for me. The enthusiasm, friendship and hospitality in this well organised rose society is to be commended. The Peterich’s made me very welcome and comfortable in their beautiful home and appeared to be unperturbed when my flight was delayed due to bad weather in Atlanta and my stay was extended by 3 days!

In May 2014 rosarians once again had the opportunity to meet, this time at the Regional Convention in Barcelona where we were able to attend the International Rose Trials at Cervantes Park – another WFRS Garden of Excellence. On the post convention tour, which included private gardens we were able to see how roses are grown in a very hot and dry climate and even in arid soil.

Having been invited to give a presentation at the Heritage Roses in Australia Twelfth National Conference in Tasmania in December, I was invited by a number of Australian Rose friends in the Adelaide, Mt. Gambier, Coonawarra and Mornington areas to visit them and enjoy beautiful rose gardens in the vicinity. It never ceases to amaze me how Australians, with little or no help can develop and maintain their magnificent park-like gardens to a very high standard.

I enjoyed producing the 2009 – 2012 Triennial in time for the World Convention in South Africa and now the next chapter in the WFRS is nearly complete, 2012 – 2015. I hope all delegates to Lyons and rosarians further afield take the trouble to read it as this is after all our history. Producing World Rose News during the last three years has been quite a challenge which has made me realise that even at 79 you never stop learning! I have enjoyed the contact with fellow rosarians and very much look forward to the next term of office.

I am most grateful for the warm welcome received everywhere and the very generous hospitality. Not only have I made some wonderful friends around the world but it has given me the opportunity to see parts of the world I might not otherwise have visited.

One of my goals as President and during the last three years has been improved or better communication. I thought it would be easy with modern technology, however I keep hearing from fellow office bearers that there is a definite lethargy to replying to communications, making our job just that much more difficult. In all my travels I have been surprised to find how few rosarians were conscious of the WFRS, the organisation to which their country belongs, let alone the work of the organisation. I am grateful to the countries that kindly sent me copies of their publications which I enjoyed and nearly always manage to read from cover to cover. However, again I was surprised to see the lack of reference to the WFRS. This is an excellent medium through which to educate the members as to what is happening in the rest of the rose world. I would like to suggest that all publications should display a list of Member countries and above all the WFRS website address. Our website, thanks to Ethel Freeman is a fund of information and contact details are there for all member countries plus much more. I am also making a strong plea to all Vice Presidents to publicise forthcoming conventions and to record the happenings after all conventions and in particular after a World Convention when the new President should be announced, the World’s Favourite Rose for the Hall of Fame and other awards. It is also disappointing to meet rosarians who have never received World Rose News. I remind all Member Countries it is your duty to pass WRN to members with a message of encouragement to read it.

Last, but by no means least, the WFRS would not function without our exceptional Executive Director. Malcolm’s knowledge of anything to do with the Federation combined with his charming, patient and diplomatic manner when dealing with people is everything we could hope for, for the smooth running of our organisation.

For me it wasn’t only the roses, but the many rose friends I saw and the new ones I made. Thank you for your friendship, support and tolerance. If we all work in the interests of the Federation and for the love of the rose, the WFRS, as we approach our half century can only go from strength to strength.

Sheenagh Harris
WFRS Immediate Past President
WRN Editor
Unfortunately for the Vice Presidents of Africa, this post carries a heavy burden. Other than South Africa itself, none of the countries north of the Limpopo River have formal rose societies. The continent is riven with conflict, disease, corruption and times for the niceties of life are rare if not totally non-existent. Another problem experienced by this VP has been the problem of attending conventions worldwide. Whilst this can be seen as one of the ‘perks’ of the job – the opportunity to attend lectures, meet fellow rosarians, participate in rose trials and generally represent one’s country has been something denied to this VP, other of course than attending South Africa’s very own international convention – ROSAFRICA 2012 in Johannesburg in October of that year. South Africa is at the very tip of the continent and given the parlous state of the South African Rand, air fares are prohibitively expensive. It was certainly not for the lack of enthusiasm but the lack of travel money that prevented me from taking my rightful place and representing my country at the many and varied conventions held during this period. It is with a feeling of regret that I have missed the essence of being a VP and have now relinquished the post.

Africa is not devoid of rose growers and countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia, the Sudan, Zimbabwe and Egypt have flourishing rose producing businesses that provide both Europe and the United States with many of their rose blooms as well as other flowers. It was my idea to contact companies such as Findlays in Kenya, but the airfares to Africa are more expensive than those to Great Britain and Europe. Findlays have been marvellously generous in providing up to 2,500 gratis rose blooms for the Garden and Leisure Show, South Africa’s major garden show, but even they did not have the funds to send a speaker to the Rose Festival, held outside Howick, and organised by the Midlands Rose Society in October 2015. What a missed opportunity to deny us the chance of hearing how roses are grown elsewhere in Africa - and my plea is for a fund that can assist rosarians, where the need is great, not to simmer in isolation, but to be part of the wider rose community. A bursary that educates and exposes people to the workings of the rose world could surely not come amiss.

Every attempt was made to encourage South Africans to attend Rose Conventions and pre- and post Convention tours; each Rosa Annual attests to flyers and advertisements to attend conventions in Sangerhausen, Palmerston North, Barcelona, Hyderabad and Lyon. South African Sheenagh Harris, our stalwart Immediate Past President has filled the lacunae on several occasions and attended all conventions, except Hyderabad, when she was invited to give a talk at the HRIA Conference in Tasmania. South Africans have attended some of the Conventions, albeit in small numbers. Sangerhausen scored 2 and Hyderabad scored a noteworthy 4 South Africans, attending with great enjoyment, the Convention in December 2014.
Much has been written about South Africa’s ROSAFRICA 2012 International Convention held in Johannesburg and it does not seem necessary to reiterate what has become part of our rose mythology. Over 368 international delegates attended the diverse and fascinating programme put together by Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood. Speakers came from all over, none more widely applauded than South Africa’s Gwen Fagan, the doyenne of Old Roses in South Africa. She spoke articulately and without notes; any mention of age inconsequential to this doughty rose lover. The pre- and post convention tours ranged from a game reserve to Cape Town’s mighty Table Mountain with rose gardens to delight and educate and can be considered a model of how conventions can play and important role in fostering the love of the rose.

At the Opening Ceremony of ROSAFRICA 2012, Di Girdwood received the WFRS Silver Commemorative Medal for her enormous contribution in co-convening ROSAFRICA with Sheenagh Harris, while Georgie Currie received the WFRS Bronze Commemorative medal for her invaluable contribution to the convention. South Africa was further honoured as Sheenagh Harris and Jacqueline Kalley received the WFRS Literary Award for their publication *Veld, Vlei and Rose Gardens: Inspiration for South African Gardeners*. Sheenagh Harris, whose three-year term of office as President had come to an end was awarded the WFRS Gold Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose. She was elected to become Editor of World Rose News for the next three years. Never before has SA received so many awards at one convention!

South Africa has six branch societies serving some 556 members: The Gold Reef Rose Society, Heritage Rose Society, Knysna Rose Society, Midlands Rose Society, Rose Lovers Society and the Western Cape Rose Society. The Heritage Rose Society spans the country nationally and the Chairmanship has just been taken over by Rae Gilbert. All these societies play a seminal role in educating members and keep the spirit of the rose alive and strong at the tip of Africa.

Jackie Kalley  
*WFRS Vice President, Africa*
I am one of two WFRS Vice Presidents for the Australasia Region which comprises the countries of Australia and New Zealand. As WFRS Vice President, Peter Elliott, represents New Zealand, my report will focus on WFRS activities related to Australia.

The rose remains very popular in Australia and enjoys excellent support from the horticultural media. Dedicated Horticultural and Garden magazines frequently include news stories and articles on roses and the daily newspapers also feature rose related stories. Television and radio interest also remains high. Increasingly, the newer digital/social media is also featuring roses.

Membership in each State Society is fluctuating with some increases and some decreases. Total memberships are 2,300. Total individual membership in Australia is around 3,000, as some memberships are couples or households. South Australia remains the strongest society with a membership of 966, of which 272 are couples, implying a total individual membership of 1,238.

In 2012, fifty Australians attended the WFRS World Rose Convention which was held in Sandton, South Africa and attracted 360 delegates. Australia was the most represented country which was a great effort. Most Australians attended the Pre-Convention Tour to the Pilanesberg National Park and Post Convention Tour to Cape Town and Bloemfontein.

During the Convention programme there was a lovely flower arranging presentation given by David Ruston. Melanie Trimper joined with Michael Marriott (UK) to give a presentation on David Austin Roses which was well received. I had the honour of chairing the Breeders’ Panel. At the Opening Ceremony our own Ruth Watson was given a World Rose Award (WFRS Commemorative Bronze Medal) to recognise her outstanding service to the WFRS, particularly her support of her husband, Malcolm, in his role as Executive Director. Other notable achievements recognised at the Farewell Dinner were WFRS Gold Medals to Professor Akira Ogawa and Mrs Sheenagh Harris for their outstanding contribution.

The South Africans were congratulated for hosting and staging an outstanding Convention. Particular praise was given to Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood for the many hours contributed to ensure a successful event.

At the World Convention in South Africa, a number of Australians either completed Committee or Administration roles, continued in existing roles or were appointed to new roles in the WFRS. These included:

- **Malcolm Watson** who was appointed to continue his role as Executive Director of the WFRS. He was also appointed to the Honours Committee as a voting member.
- **Ian Spriggs** completed a second successful term as Chairman of the Awards Committee. Ian having completed 6 years, stood down from his role on this Committee.
- **Richard Walsh** completed his first term as Editor of World Rose News from which he has now stood down. He successfully oversaw the transition of WRN from paper to electronic.
- **David Ruston**, Emeritus President of WFRS, completed his first term as Chairman of the Heritage Rose Committee. He was elected for a further three years and Di Durston was elected his Deputy Chair. (Subsequently, David retired from this role and Di assumed the role of Chairman before resigning due to health reasons. David continues his role as Emeritus President.)
Richard Walsh was elected to serve on the Publications Committee and Shows Committee. Richard was Australia’s first accredited International Judge. (Richard has subsequently resigned from the Publications Committee.)

Kelvin Trimper - I continued as one of two WFRS Vice Presidents for Australasia, the other being Mr Peter Elliott from New Zealand. I also became Deputy Chairman of the Convention Committee and Deputy Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee.

2013 was another busy year for WFRS activities. A very successful WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference was conducted in Sangerhausen, Germany in June 2013. 46 delegates attended from Australia – a great achievement considering Australia’s distance from Germany.

A total of 37 Australians participated in a custom made Pre-Conference Tour to Lake Konstanz, Baden Baden and other scenic locations on the way to Sangerhausen. They were joined by three Canadians and two South Africans. This group, plus two additional Japanese ladies then completed a Post Conference Tour to Dresden and Hamburg where they visited Kordes, Rosen Tantau and the beautiful rose garden at Uetersen.

This trip would not have been possible without the excellent assistance of our German Rosarian colleagues, Markus Brunsing and Hans Schreiber, and our travel agent, Oliver Travel.

We then moved into the National Rose Society of Australia’s Annual General Meeting in Penrith, New South Wales. The meeting was a key event in the Centennial of the Rose Society of New South Wales. WFRS President Steve Jones and wife, Susie, were guests of honour on this significant occasion. Steve used the opportunity to promote the WFRS and its various activities and upcoming events in Palmerston North, New Zealand and Barcelona, Spain (Regional Conventions) and Lyons, France (World Convention). He encouraged Australians to attend these conventions.

Steve and Susie then travelled to each state with a Rose Society – Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia and Victoria. They also visited Tasmania. They spread the WFRS message in each state and strongly promoted the Conventions. We thank the Jones’ for their tireless efforts and time they committed to their Australian visit. Like past President, Sheenagh Harris, who also visited Australia as President, we believe the visits by the WFRS Presidents are important to maintain interest in WFRS activities and to promote attendance at future WFRS Conventions. The number of Australians attending WFRS Conventions is a testament to the effectiveness of these visits by our Presidents.

In November 2013, 38 Australians attended the WFRS Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand. The excellent Convention, Roses Down Under – The Kiwi Experience, was convened by WFRS Vice President, Peter Elliott, and his hard working committee. Extensive Pre- and Post Convention Tours were also supported by many Australians, who experienced some outstanding gardens in the North and South Islands of New Zealand, as well as beautiful scenery. Hayden Foulds arranged an engaging lecture programme. In the lecture programme, presentations were made by Australians Anthony Tesselaar and myself.

Everyone who attended the Convention had a great time and New Zealand was commended for hosting a well-managed, informative and friendly Convention.

2014 was also very busy for Australians involved in WFRS activities.

The Spanish Rose Society hosted a delightful WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona in May. Appropriately themed Roses in the Sun, the Convention focussed on roses in hot, dry Mediterranean climates. Ten Australians attended the Convention and most participated in the Pre-Convention Tour around Barcelona and Post Convention Tour to Valencia and Madrid. The organisers did a great job and the lecture programme was very informative (given our similarity in climates) and tours most interesting. I had the pleasure of providing a lecture on growing roses in hot, dry, Mediterranean climates.

The Spanish hospitality was fantastic and minor language challenges quickly overcome (their English was much better than our Spanish or Catalan). Considering the relatively modest size of the Spanish Rose Society, they together with their partner, Barcelona City Council, were thanked and
congratulated for staging a great Regional Convention. All Australians who attended had an enjoyable experience.

The National Rose Society of Australia Annual General Meeting was held in my home city of Adelaide, South Australia, in October. This was well attended, with WFRS activities well reported and upcoming Conventions promoted. Importantly, the meeting resolved that Australia bid to host the 2021 World Rose Convention and we look forward to seeing if our bid is successful at the World Convention in Lyons, France. We thank the Bid Committee for their efforts in compiling this bid.

Following the Adelaide Meeting, 4 Australians travelled to India to participate in the Regional Convention and Pre- and Post Convention Tours in India. Those who attended have indicated that the Convention was excellent and hospitality very welcoming.

We now look forward to Lyons and the next World Rose Convention. To date, over 100 Australians have registered. Many of these are also participating in Pre- and Post Convention Tours. Approximately 80 are also doing a tour prior to Lyons Tour of Italian gardens and we thank Helga Brichet for her great support in assisting to organise this tour.

We are delighted with the number of Australians attending and we believe the quality of the Convention, Pre- and Post Tours, combined with good promotion within Australia over the past five years, has all contributed to this attendance.

Over the past three years, many Australians have participated in Rose Trials in Europe, New Zealand and Australia. The National Rose Trial Garden of Australia has adopted the judging criteria recommended by the WFRS and we look forward to the assessment of roses using the same criteria, in different countries.

Finally, we must pay a special tribute to the WFRS Executive who has kept us well informed of upcoming events and activities. We particularly thank Malcolm Watson, the Executive Director, ably assisted by Ruth, for his outstanding effort over 9 years in this role. Malcolm is stepping down from in June and we wish him well in his “retirement”.

Australia looks forward to maintaining a strong and prosperous relationship with the WFRS over the coming years.

Kelvin Trimper  
WFRS Vice President, Australasia
Eight New Zealanders attended the ROSAFRICA WFRS World Rose Convention held in Sandton in October 2012 and the pre- and post tours associated with it. A marvellous time was had by all – from the lectures to the floral displays, the rose gardens, private and commercial - everything was spot on and the icing on the cake was the tours with so much fauna and flora to see. Hayden Foulds gave a presentation of the forthcoming WFRS Regional Convention to be held in New Zealand. He also gave an illustrated lecture on the roses and breeders from New Zealand. At the closing dinner I accepted the WFRS Garden of Excellence Award for the Trevor Griffiths Rose garden in Timaru. I was also there in person to accompany Sheenagh Harris and Damon Odey – local Mayor at the official presentation in November 2013.

Three New Zealanders attended the Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen in 2013. There was also strong support from New Zealand rosarians for the WFRS Regional Convention held in Palmerston North in November 2013 with 125 rosarians from 24 district rose societies attending. Unfortunately no New Zealanders were able to attend the WFRS Regional Conventions in Barcelona and Hyderabad, India.

NZRS President Doug Grant and NZRS Webmaster Hayden Foulds visited Adelaide in October and attended the National Rose Society of Australia National Rose Show, AGM and other associated events in Adelaide. They also visited David Ruston in Renmark.

Norma Manuel from the Auckland Rose Society passed away in July 2013. A stalwart of the Auckland Rose Society for many years, Norma also convened the very successful WFRS Regional Convention held in Auckland in 2004 and was a recipient of the WFRS Bronze Medal. A tireless promoter of the rose who is greatly missed.

The 2013 Regional Convention (Roses Down Under – The Kiwi Experience) was hosted by my own rose society (Manawatu) and the memories of our wonderful event are still vivid in the minds of many. There was great support from N Z rosarians with 126 registering and 92 overseas registrants. The convention has been well reported in many international rose annuals. I was awarded a WFRS Silver Commemorative medal as Convenor of the convention but I pay tribute to our committee for such a job well done.

The N Z Rose Society holds regular National Conventions – usually 2 per year. The Waikato Rose Society in Hamilton has hosted the most recent – the spring in 2014 and will again in the Autumn of 2015.

A highlight for those interested in breeding roses are the Trial Ground awards in Hamilton and in Palmerston North. Winning cultivars are usually published in the WFRS list of trial winners. At the 2014 awards in Palmerston North a special award was made to Glyn Saunders – the TA Stewart Memorial award for services to the rose in Australasia. Glyn is also the President Emeritus of the N Z Rose Society.

There will be more in depth comment on all the N Z activities elsewhere in the Triennial Report. Thank you to Hayden Foulds for his input into that report.

Rosarians from around the world are eagerly looking forward to the upcoming WFRS World Rose Convention in Lyons, France in May 2015. At the time of writing, there will be 17 New Zealand
rosarians in Lyons, France for the World Rose Convention in 2015. In Lyons I will be stepping down as a WFRS Vice President as I will have completed three x three year terms. I would like to wish the incoming VP for our region all the best for a successful term of office.

Peter Elliott
_WFRS Vice President, Australasia_
A team of eight members from India participated in ROSAFRICA 2012, the 16th WFRS World Rose Convention held at Sandton, South Africa from 11th to 18th October, 2012. We enjoyed the magnificent floral art and the lectures at the Rosebank Union Church Complex; had a wonderful time visiting Ludwig’s Rose Nursery. Some beautiful gardens were on display within the City of Johannesburg. Visit to Cape Town was magnificent.

I visited Islamabad in 2013 to hand over the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence, awarded to Gulab Bagh. On this occasion I had the opportunity to meet and deliberate with the members of the Pakistan National Rose Society.

I, accompanied by 5 members from India, attended the WFRS Regional Convention ‘Roses Down Under’ at Palmerston North, New Zealand, from 22nd to 27th, November, 2013. We enjoyed the International Rose Show where a spectacle of roses, flower arrangements, and trade displays were arranged in the spacious Arena 2 stadium. The International Rose TrialS Ground at the Dugald Mackenzie Rose garden was spectacular. The lecture series were interesting and very well attended. Power point presentation of the WFRS Regional Convention ‘Rose Eternal’ to be held in India in 2014 was made during the lecture sessions.

I attended the WFRS Regional Rose Convention ‘Roses in the Sun’ at Barcelona from 12th to 14th May, 2014, accompanied by six delegates from India. The lecture sessions and Exhibition were arranged at Palau de Pedralbus. With ‘Roses in the Sun’ as their theme, the convention sessions focused on aspects relating to Roses in the Mediterranean climates around the World. Power Point presentation of the WFRS Regional Convention – India - 2014 was made during the lecture sessions. The Indian Rose Federation hosted and organized the WFRS Regional Convention for Central Asia ‘Rose Eternal’ in India at Hyderabad, from 29th November to 2nd December, 2014. The Convention was well attended with 418 registered delegates and a few hundred invited guests. There were 56 International Delegates from different countries. The pre- tour and post tours were also arranged for the benefit of the delegates to visit important rose gardens and places of historic importance across India.

Ahmed Alam Khan
WFRS Vice President, Central Asia
I have much enjoyed the last six years as a Vice-President for Northern Europe, despite the fact that my travelling has been restricted more recently due to unexpected bouts of ill health – not life threatening, just debilitating. I fear the cause could partly be something to do with undertaking very heavy gardening over the last couple of years in the construction of a new rose garden, so no sympathy from anyone unfortunately!

The Spring of 2013 was marred by the passing of my dear friend and world rosarian “par excellence”, Peter Beales, whose knowledge of roses – and the older varieties which he particularly loved – was second to none. Wherever I went in the world his name would crop up in conversation, and it was clear he was held in great affection by all who knew him. At a rose show in Tokyo – supposedly the largest in the world – the staff on his stand referred to him as the “King of Roses” and his battered old straw hat had pride of place amongst the rose plants for sale.

In June that year a famous garden was celebrating its 110th anniversary – Sangerhausen in Germany, which houses the largest collection of roses in the world and was the venue for the WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference over six days. Rosarians from around the globe gathered for what can only be described as an unforgettable event; the gardens looking at their best with roses billowing everywhere, interesting lectures each morning, garden tours, a rose procession through the town, an organ recital in an ancient church with the most amazing acoustics, and evenings spent under the stars. As usual, some of us had to attend obligatory meetings but President Steve Jones managed to keep them as short as possible before heat-induced lack of concentration took over and sent us all to sleep!

Ten years previously Jill Bennell and I had travelled to Sangerhausen for the centenary celebrations and the opening of a brand new part of the gardens – shiny steel structures for climbers and empty beds waiting for planting. It all looked quite stark and raw then, and nothing could have prepared us for the sight which awaited us this time. Each huge structure was completely clothed with roses, the beds filled to capacity with every conceivable type of bush rose and companion planting, wonderful design combinations, and no weeds! The total dedication of the garden staff was obvious by the standard of excellence achieved over the last decade, with still more projects planned for the future.

A month later, here in England, the presentation of the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence awarded to the Royal National Rose Society took place at an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of our gardens at Chiswell Green. As with Glasgow four years previously, getting the plaque to its final destination this time was unusual – brought to Sangerhausen by Helga Brichet, put into Jill Bennell’s suitcase for the flight home (causing quite a stir at Leipzig Airport where it was thoroughly examined!) and finally passed on to me at Heathrow Airport for the last leg to St Albans. Unfortunately WFRS President Steve Jones was unable to attend the ceremony 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 it should take place exactly fifty 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 August 2013 the City of Glasgow hosted its annual International Rose Trials event and celebrated their 25th anniversary. As always we were treated to outstanding Scottish hospitality and 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, at which there will be a special celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the WFRS.
For the first few weeks of 2014 the UK was battered by ferocious storms, the aftermath being flooded homes, burst river banks and fields completely under water, but eventually Spring arrived with roses throwing out sturdy new shoots, the dark days of winter forgotten, and the promise of a visit to Belfast in July once again to judge at their International Rose Trials in Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park - a world class garden awarded the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence in 2000, which gave well deserved recognition to the high standard of horticulture achieved by endless hard work and a passion to succeed.

2014 was a very special year as the Rose Society of Northern Ireland celebrated its 50th anniversary, as well as the inauguration of their International Rose Trials, both in 1964. To mark the occasion a very successful one-day conference took place in Belfast City Hall with lectures followed by a Rose Question time, and finally the presentation of a congratulatory document from the WFRS to reflect the high esteem in which the Rose Society of Northern Ireland is held by rosarians around the world. I had been greatly looking forward to being part of the Conference, but my husband unexpectedly developed some health problems at the last moment so with much regret our trip to Belfast had to be cancelled.

Last year, a group of around 60 people from the Danish Rose Society visited the Gardens of the Rose at St Albans – luckily both the weather and the roses were excellent. They arrived in a fantastic shiny black double decker coach which had some difficulty negotiating the narrow lanes around Chiswell Green, and never will I forget the sight which greeted me as they arrived in the car park. The entire lower deck was completely full of rose plants which had been purchased at various gardens they had visited, and all the passengers were sitting on the top deck! The coach driver, who spoke perfect English, told me they had travelled all the way in the coach from Denmark, by ferry across the North Sea, and would be returning via the same route, with the extra cargo of roses!

I have been very privileged to serve as the WFRS Vice-President for Northern Europe for the past six years, and although I am now standing down from this role I hope to be involved with trials judging again in the future – if asked, of course!

Ann Bird
WFRS Vice President for Northern Europe

The double decker coach from Denmark crammed full of Rose plants, inside the bus and with the luggage!

Rosario Algorta, Ann Bird, Sheenagh Harris and Jill Bennell enjoying time together at Sangerhausen
EUROPE (SE Europe)
AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GREECE,
HUNGARY, ISRAEL, ROMANIA, RUSSIA,
SERBIA, SLOVAKIA AND SLOVENIA

Breda Bavdaž Čopi (Slovenia) 2012 - 2015

The 16th World Federation of Rose Societies Convention in South Africa marked the beginning of my Vice-presidency for the region of SE Europe. The Convention was a grand and brilliant educational event about the various rose types of the world and its organisers did an excellent job.

Three years have passed and the mandate is by all means too short for one to learn everything about this job and most of all how the countries of the region work.

Countries with societies, which are members of the World Federation as part of the region of SE Europe are rather diversified and their approaches are quite different. Taking into account the distances between these countries, organising meetings and participation at WFRS events in general also presents a problem.

During the three years of my official activities I learned a lot about the countries that are regularly active in the World Federation, such as Austria, Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and Serbia. In the same period, I learned almost nothing about Greece, Israel and Russia.

All these countries face the same sort of problems, extremely low number of members with the exception of Romania - it has a huge membership of 1,700 members!

Austria has a surprisingly low member count, where the Rose Society is part of the Horticultural Society leaving very few potential members for the WFRS member society. In particular, the Hirschstetten garden collection - which has collapsed because of the cold and disease - is quite a problem. The Society itself does not have the means to restore it and the city of Vienna does not seem to be interested in the restoration of the project. As President of the Slovenian Rose Society and Vice-President of WFRS I have addressed a letter and request for help to the Mayor of Vienna, but there was no response.

As part of my Vice-Presidency, I took it upon myself to establish a Society in Croatia and have it join the WFRS, but the project has not yet succeeded. We are still conducting talks, but there is no genuine interest. We are currently making good headway in establishing cooperation with the tourism organisations in Istria - the most popular tourist region of Croatia.

Our cooperation with the societies of the neighbouring Italy are excellent and we have managed to give the WFRS a new associate member - La Compagnia delle rose in Pordenone, Italy - with which we plan to continue our cooperation in integrating our rose gardens.

Starting from 2012, I visited member states of the World Federation in the SE region of Europe as Vice-President and familiarised myself with their activities.

As part of my WFRS Vice-Presidential activities in the society, I have facilitated important contact between members of the Slovenian society and neighbouring societies, meaning that a professional excursion to one of the neighbouring countries and the regionally connected countries has been organised annually. This enabled us to establish contacts, which will serve us in the future integration of our activities.

In 2013, I visited the rose garden of Radoslav Petrović (May 2013) and the head office of the Serbian society - the Royal Serbian Rose Society (Kraljevsko Udruženje Ljubitelja Ruža Srbije).
I travelled around Romania and studied the local rose growing methods. I met the President of the Romanian Society - Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania - Adriana Hoban and Stefan Wagner in Barcelona, where we also agreed to cooperate.

In June 2013, I attended the WFRS 13th Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, which was an especially important event in my schedule of activities. Wonderful weather and roses in full bloom brought out the full beauty for all the participants of the conference.

In 2013, a group of our members visited the Czech Republic in Hradec Králové, where we met Dr Stanislav Konštacky and attended the International Rose Trial event. The President of the Czech Rosa Club Society, Josef Thomas treated us with a tour of all rose gardens of Prague.

In 2014, a group of our members visited Hungary and attended the opening of the rose garden in Kecskemét thereby paying tribute to our neighbours. I familiarised myself with the activities of the Hungarian Rose-Friends Society and Mr Ágoston Hegedüs who was the main organiser of the event.

In 2014, our society established contact with the Slovakia - the Slovak National Rose Society. We attended the exhibition close to Bratislava with the society's president Mr Glvác.

As President of the Slovenian Rose Society and as WFRS Vice-President South East Europe I attended all the major rose events in Europe during the 2012-2015 period and took part as an international judge in the rose trials that took place in Monza, Baden Baden, Barcelona and Château de Bagatelle in Paris.

In 2014, I attended the WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Barcelona. A total of three members of the Slovenian Rose Society attended the convention.

During the 2012-2015 period, our society mostly established contacts with other societies in the SE European region. Through group excursions we attempted to connect the members of the country societies with the hopes this would generate a response and result in future visits to our country and our rose parks and gardens.

In particular, we are counting on cooperative assistance with our planning and organising of the WFRS Regional Convention that is scheduled for June 2017. The convention is going to be dedicated to roses and countries of Eastern Europe, which are, due to the conditions under which they work fairly unknown to the WFRS and as such a very interesting topic for all members of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Welcome to the world of roses in the tiny country of Slovenia in 2017, at the Rose Convention in Ljubljana - the crossroads between the Mediterranean, the Alps and the Urals.

Breda Bavdaž Čopi
WFRS Vice President, Europe (South East)

Sheenagh Harris, Miguel Albequerque, Arthur Dixon and Markus Zieler, at the trials in Baden Baden admiring the rose which was later named ‘Portorž’ – a Kordes rose
EUROPE (Southern)
BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY,
LUXEMBOURG, MONACO, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND
Henrianne de Briey (Belgium) 2012 - 2015

I was appointed Vice President for south Europe in 2012 at the South African World Convention and for a first VP Triennial report I must say that all the countries I visited in my region are always so welcoming that it is a great pleasure for me to visit as much as I can those countries from year to year.

2012 was the year of the WFRS 16th World Rose Convention in Sandton, South Africa. We had a fantastic time over there, but that was another story which is not the purpose of the Southern Europe report.

In 2013 the trials season was a little bit special in our region due to very bad weather, but it was a great year full of rose travels. I visited Spain flying to Barcelona for the 13th International Rose Trials. A few days later I flew to Italy for the La Tacita Trials which took place in a natural valley overlooking the pretty landscape north of Rome and I was surprised to be elected President of the Jury. Then a train to Paris for Bagatelle, which were very special, cold, windy and cloudy Trials. I was asked to chair the international Jury as well- a great honour for me. Unfortunately I couldn’t attend the Baden Baden and Geneva Trials in 2013, but I went very shortly to Sangherhausen for the WFRS 13th Heritage Rose Conference.

Afterwards Steve and Susie Jones and Malcolm and Ruth Watson gave me the pleasure of spending a couple of days in Belgium before the Belgian 52nd Trials in Kortrijk where Steve Jones presided over the trials and unveiled the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in Kortrijk, voted during the World Rose Convention in 2012 in South Africa.

Then in September we had the Rose Trials at Le Roeulx which for them was the 50th anniversary of their trials. The roses were in full bloom and the weather was sunny. We were honoured by the presence of Princess Claire de Belgique, sister-in-law of our King Philippe de Belgique. Rosario Algorta was President of the jury. Then I spent some days at home with Helga Brichet and Rosario Algorta and we had a fun time.

Then last but not least for 2013, my mother, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, the WFRS founder and WFRS President Emeritus turned 90 years and she was so happy to receive lots of rose friends from all over the world - USA, Australia, Japan, Denmark, France, Switzerland, Italy and Uruguay. Thanks to all who visited her!

If 2013 had bad weather for the roses in Europe, 2014 has been much more enjoyable with roses blooming earlier than usual from April until November.

2014 was a great year for Spain with the Regional Convention - Roses in the Sun - held in Barcelona which included the Cervantes 14th Rose Trials. This WFRS Regional Convention was the first hosted by Spain. There were lots of high quality lectures and more than 25 countries attended the Convention.

Then I went to Monza in Italy to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the famous trials organised by Silvano Fumagalli. We had a splendid sunny day and the roses were really superb. Steve Jones was given the presidency of the International Jury.

In France I couldn’t attend Bagatelle nor Lyons trials because of too much work at my office but I went to Saverne for the first time - a beautiful city called ‘city of roses’. The rose garden is quite old, created in 1898 and very well restored and preserved. Walking in the rose garden you feel in harmony with the old, new and incredibly perfumed roses.
Unfortunately, due to illness, I missed the inauguration of the new rose garden of La Malmaison, the property of Josephine de Beauharnais who had a very big collection of roses.

Monaco was a great moment! The Princess Grace Rose Garden has been completely restored, with a new landscape of 300 different varieties and more than 8000 roses. On the highest part of the garden there is a dedicated place for the roses of the Grimaldi Family and also a place for several roses with famous names of well known people. On the 14th of June we had the second international Monaco Trials. The 67 varieties we had to judge were all cultivated and blooming in pots.

The President of the trials was Yves Piaget and it is thanks to him this project of the new rose garden has taken place. In the afternoon we had the inauguration of the rose garden with Prince Albert de Monaco and his wife Princess Charlene. In a very private ceremony at which Steve and Susie Jones, Yves Piaget, Gérald Meylan, Alain Meilland and I were present. That night we had a Gala dinner in the presence of Princess Caroline de Hanovre.

In Switzerland, it is always a pleasure for me to go to Geneva and the trials took place in the rose garden itself in front of the Lake Leman. From my point of view this gives a new dimension to the trials.

In Germany we had a splendid time and good weather in Baden Baden. I had the great honour to be President of the International Jury of the trials.

In July I went to the trials of The Hague in Holland.

Last but not least, in Belgium, my country I was present at both International Trials - Kortrijk in June and Le Roeulx in September.

To summarise the activities:

The world convention in South Africa in 2012 was a great moment to share with all rose friends.

2013 - I attended 5 trials, visited 5 countries and participated in the Heritage Rose Conference in Sangherhausen.

2014 I attended 9 trials, 8 countries and the Regional Convention in Barcelona.

Henrianne de Briey
WFRS Vice President, Europe (Southern)
The Chinese Rose Society consists of mainly 90 institutions as a group member. They are from companies, nurseries, universities, governmental bodies and some individuals. The Japan Rose Society has approximately 700 individual members.

16th World Rose Convention in South Africa. 11th – 18th October 2012. From Japan 14 rosarians attended the Convention. Among them Yuki Mikanagi (Japan) gave a lecture, entitled “Roses in Japan in the Edo Period 1607-1868”. WFRS Gold Medal was awarded to Akira Ogawa. From China about 20 members attended the Convention including the President Zhang Zuo Shuang. Zhao Shiwei (China) gave a lecture entitled “Rose - the flower of over 50 cities in China”. At the Executive Committee Meeting, the Regional Rose Convention in Beijing in 2016 was approved. And later the Council Meeting gave its approval.

5th China Rose Exhibition and 1st Sanya International Rose Festival. 12th – 15th December 2012. Past President Helga Brichet and an Australian rosarian team - Ian Spriggs, Laurie Newman, Peter Burton and Warren Millington and I (from Japan) attended the events.

13th International Heritage Rose Conference 19th – 23rd June 2013. The Conference was held at Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen, Germany. From Japan 19 rosarians participated in the Conference, and from The Chinese Rose Society 10 members attended and Wang Guoliang (CRS) gave a very interesting lecture about old and species roses in the wild mountains in China. I attended the Executive Committee meeting.

The Chinese Rose Society held a meeting on the 26th September 2013 in Beijing. The agenda was how to combine the 14th International Heritage Rose Conference with the Regional Rose Convention in May 2016 in Beijing. After much discussion it was decided to organise them jointly to be held at the same time. The attendees were CRS President, Zhang Zuo Shuang, Executive General Zhao Shiwei and a couple of officers from the administration of Beijing city. WFRS President Steve Jones, Past Presidents Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan, Executive Director Malcolm Watson and V.P. Far East Takamasa Tsuge were in attendance.

The Ceremony to unveil the WFRS Garden Excellence to the Jijing Park in Changzhou, China took place on 28th September 2013. Attendants were the Mayor of the city of Changzhou, CRS President Zhang Zou Shuang and, Executive General, Zhao Shiwei. From WFRS - President, Steve Jones and his wife Susie, Past Presidents, Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan, Executive Director, Malcolm Watson and VP for Far East, Takamasa Tsuge. A group of members of the American Rose Society, headed by the first Vice President, Pat Shanley also attended the ceremony.

The 100th Birthday Ceremony Celebrations for the late Seizo Suzuki, Mr. Rose, an outstanding breeder in Japan took place on 3rd November 2013 at the City Hall in Sakura city. Alain Meilland, a long standing business partner and also a good friend for decades, gave a memorable speech.

Regional Rose Convention in Barcelona, Spain. 11th – 14th May, 2014. From Japan Yuki Mikanagi and I attended. From China, Zhao Shiwei and his colleagues were there and Zhao made a presentation on both the Regional Rose Convention and the 14th International Heritage Conference to be held in Beijing, May 2016. At the Executive Committee meeting, to which I attended, the above event proposed by the Chinese Rose Society was approved.

Takamasa Tsuge
WFRS Vice President, Far East
October 2012 – I attended the World Federation 16th Triennial Convention in Sandton, South Africa. What a fabulous location! All the events were well supported and their hospitality was wonderful. During this Convention I also toured with the World Federation attendees. One of the most memorable outings was the visit to the Cradle of Mankind. This was a fascinating trip into the past – and walking through the caves where some of the fossils were discovered was exhilarating. I know that I was almost the last one to emerge from the depths at the end of the tour. Forty-three American attended ROSAFRICA.

Leaving Johannesburg after the convention I travelled with the American tour group, visiting the Knysna Rose Society where we were able to sail about on the Bay while feasting with the members of the Rose Society.

I was mesmerized by the breathtaking views from the Storms River Bridge and very much enjoyed taking a whale-spotting trip in Hermanus. Our tour group ended our trip in Cape Town where we enjoyed going to the top of Table Mountain as well as meeting elephants, ostriches, baboons and emus while touring the Cape of Good Hope. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch in Boulders and then watched the Penguins on the beach. The group also had a memorable tour and luncheon at the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and then we ended our stay in South Africa.

Once back in the United States I assumed the duties and obligations of the President of the American Rose Society. This is a large organization – close to 8,000 members – but the Board of Directors is well-organized and the committee structure takes care of a lot of the “hobby” side while the staff at our American Rose Centre in Shreveport, Louisiana takes care of the “business” side of the organization.

2013

March 2013 – I visited the Yankee District (in the US) and spoke about the Convention in South Africa.

April 2013 – I visited Bermuda to help teach a judging course. The Bermuda Rose Society made sure I had a wonderful time while there and toured me around the Island, asked me to judge their benched show at their meeting, invited me to dinners and made sure I saw as much of their lovely island as possible.

I also visited the Great Lakes District (in the US) and again entertained them with a lecture about the Convention in South Africa.

May 2013 – I attended the Biltmore Rose Trials in Asheville, North Carolina in the USA. I enjoyed visiting with the International Judges who attended this event and President Steve Jones and his wife, Susie.

Six Americans were delegates in Sangerhausen.

June 2013 – I visited the North Central District (in the US) and spoke about International Rose Trials and invited their members to travel to Hyderabad to the Regional Convention.
August 2013 – I travelled to Glasgow for the International Rose Trials at Tollcross Park.

November 2013 – I and 5 other Americans travelled to New Zealand to attend the WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North. I met a wonderful group of people to travel with! We toured both North Island and South Island and visited gardens, wineries, rose societies, museums, historic places, lakes and beaches and had a wonderful time.

2014

January 2014 – In January I travelled to New Mexico (in the US) to speak to the Albuquerque Rose Society. My topic was International Rose Trials. I explained how they worked (thank you for your excellent ground work Markus!) and then showed them slides from my 2013 trip to Glasgow and the Trials at Tollcross Park. I hope that some of the members of this large rose society will become interested in the WFRS.

I also travelled to Florida to speak at the Deep South District Mid-Winter meeting. The Deep South District is one of the largest Districts within the American Rose Society encompassing 27 active local rose societies. Several of the members have travelled for WFRS events in the past and there are many who have judged at Rose Trials. They were very interested to hear about current discussions within the WFRS.

February 2014 – I took a cruise with the American Rose Society. We visited the Western Caribbean island of Jamaica and parts of Mexico. While on board there were several seminars about roses. I taught a short course on exhibiting roses in boxes and bowls. After the seminars several people took the handout advertising the Regional Convention to be held in New Zealand and I was pleased to find some of them at the Convention in Palmerston North.

March 2014 – I travelled to Southern California to speak to three local rose societies about the Conference held in Sandton. They were interested in travelling to Spain so I also told them about the Regional coming up in Barcelona. At the Yankee District Conference late in March I talked about Rose Trials and encouraged those who were Horticulture Judges to meet with me if they were interested in becoming an International Judge. Two members accepted an Invitation to judge at the Biltmore Trials.

April 2014 – I spoke in April to two groups about the WFRS Regional Convention in New Zealand. They were very interested in the events to be held in Lyons during the WFRS 17th Triennial Convention and I was able to direct them to the Convention website. UC Davis held a Rose Conference at which Peter Boyd spoke about the Scottish Roses. Many members of Heritage Roses were in attendance and we all enjoyed his programme and the slides to illustrate his remarks.

May 2014 – I travelled to the ARS Spring Convention in San Diego. There were many opportunities during this Convention to speak to the attendees about WFRS and the coming events – especially Lyons.

Also in May I judged at the Biltmore Trials. It was great fun and a very warm reunion with some of my WFRS friends. While in North Carolina I spoke to the Asheville Rose Society and explained to them about International Rose Trials and what significance they played for our breeders and the rose vendors. At the end of May I taught at a Horticultural Judging School and explained that after the newly accredited judges for ARS had gained some experience and if they wanted to explore the bigger world of roses, they should talk to me about becoming a judge at an International Rose Trial.

I received two invitations from local rose societies to come to them and speak about the Regional Convention that was held in New Zealand.

September 2014 – I again spoke to local rose societies about the Regional Convention in New Zealand.

At the end of September I judged at the Rose Trials held at Rose Hills in Southern California.
October 2014 – I was in Texas for the ARS Fall Convention held in Tyler, TX. Many of the speakers addressed the issue of the current research into rose diseases, particularly Rose Rosette Disease and possible preventative measures a rosarian could take to protect their rose garden from this disastrous disease. We also spoke to a small group of interested rosarians about the coming Convention in Lyons. We were thrilled to have Alain Meilland in attendance at this Convention.

November 2014 – I missed going to Hyderabad but at least 6 people from North America were in attendance.

2015

January 2015 – I was kept busy teaching at and attending other pruning classes, while still working in my own garden to prune all of my own roses before the end of the month. The western edge of the United States had very warm weather from December through mid February and the roses were reacting to this by coming out of their dormant period too early. The pruning was taking off canes that had already pushed out buds and some small leaves.

Jolene Adams
WFRS Vice President, North America
The WFRS North American Region has two Vice Presidents to cover three countries. These are Bermuda, Canada and the United States of America.

To the best of my knowledge the Bermuda Rose Society has about 80 individual members. The Canadian Rose Society has 130.

In all my travels I have been accompanied, and supported by my wife Crenagh. In 2012, 13 Canadians attended the World Convention in South Africa and immediately after returning to Canada we attended the Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver Rose Society in Vancouver BC Canada. Here I spoke briefly and presented Brenda Viney and Darlene Sanders with the WFRS Bronze Medals which had been awarded to them at the 2012 Triennial Convention for their organization of the 2009 Vancouver Triennial Convention.

In March of 2013 we attended the Annual General Meeting of the Calgary Rose Society to speak on the WFRS and I presented the authors of Growing Roses In Calgary with the WFRS Literary award which had been awarded in South Africa in 2012. We also attended the Calgary Garden Show where the Rose Society had a stall. Held in the horse barns at the international horse jumping facility we assisted the CRS members. It snowed!

In May/June of 2013 we travelled to Europe where we had been invited to judge at the Baden-Baden, German Rose Trials. A well run and enjoyable occasion held in 30 degree heat. A bus had been arranged to take about 20 of us to the WFRS International Heritage Conference in Sangerhausen at which 3 Canadians attended. A well run conference where we met old friends and made new ones. During this conference we attended the Heritage Rose Groups meeting and I attended the WFRS Executive meeting. After this conference we spent two days in Holland and visited two botanical gardens where there were roses.

In November 2013 3 Canadians travelled to Auckland, New Zealand to attend the New Zealand Regional WFRS Convention. This started with a Pre-convention tour travelling from Auckland to the convention in Palmerston North through North Island. On the way we took part in the judging of the rose trials in the Hamilton botanical gardens. These tours give us the chance to meet and get to know other rosarians from many parts of the world. The convention in Palmerston North started with a major rose show which included an interesting section on Heritage roses put together by Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc. During the convention I attended the WFRS Executive meeting and a meeting of combined Conservation and Heritage groups. The post tour took us from Palmerston North to Christchurch on South Island and we took a further three days there meeting members of HRNZ and discussing their Rose location data base.

In March 2014 we travelled to Seattle, Washington USA to speak to Heritage Roses North West who made us welcome.

In June 2014 we flew first to Bermuda, and spent 5 days being shown their roses especially the Bermuda Mystery Roses. I was asked to deputise for the Governor’s chatelaine and present the prizes for the Bermuda Rose show. Bermuda has been visited by both North American Vice Presidents during this period. We then flew to Barcelona, Spain, for their Rose trials and Regional Convention and then to Toronto to attend, and speak to the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian
Rose Society. In Barcelona I attended an Executive meeting. Only 2 Canadians attended this convention.

The final Regional Convention of 2014 was in Hyderabad, India at the end of November and 3 Canadians were able to attend. Both the pre- and post tours showed us the facets of India and the great rose gardens of Ooty and Delhi. The convention itself had a record attendance, influenced to some extent by the fact that some of the member rose societies in the Indian Rose Federation chose to have their annual meetings at the same time and place. The Executive meeting here had an attendance of only 3 voting members.

We are both involved with the WFRS Heritage group handling distribution of the WFRS heritage news letter for those who prefer to get it through email group.

Overall a busy two and a half years activities but we take great pleasure in the people we meet.

David Elliott
WFRS Vice President, North America

Canadian Delegates at the Opening Ceremony – ROSAFRICA - 2012
Uldis Broks, Gloria Broks, Crenagh Elliott, David Elliott, Gail Robertson, Elaine Senft, Sanda Simic, Carolyn Withers, Tatiana Kochanska, Johanne Patenaude, Ethel Freeman. The two gentleman in the back are Helmut Schleicher and Roland Stichelbaut - photographer – Elizabeth Schleicher

A large contingent of South Americans attended the 16th World Rose Convention in South Africa, 10 from Argentina, 7 from Chile and 24 from Uruguay. In South Africa at the ROSAFRICA 2012 Convention I was elected Vice-President of the WFRS for South America. Isa María Bozzolo from Chile was awarded the WFRS Silver Medal for outstanding service to the Federation and Nilda Crivelli from Argentina received the World Rose Award, Bronze medal in recognition of dedicated service to the Rose. Two books entitled El Rosedal de Palermo de Buenos Aires, compiled by Sonia Berjman and Roxana di Bello from Argentina received the WFRS Literary Award. WFRS Award of Garden Excellence was bestowed on Rosedal de Palermo, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2013 In March the WFRS Council approved the application from the Asociación de la Rosa de Coyhaique of the south of CHILE, to become an associate member. We are all very happy to have new members from South America.

In May 2013 Isa María Bozzolo from Chile attended the New Roses Trials of Monza, Rome and La Tacita.

In June 2013 I travelled to Europe and took part in the Rose Trials at Baden Baden with Marta Blanco from Uruguay. From Baden Baden we continued to the WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen. There were also 5 delegates from Argentina.

In August I went to Buenos Aires, Argentina, to present two power points. One on ROSAFRICA 2012 and another on the WFRS to the student judges of the Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura. A week later, I also presented them to the judges of the Uruguayan Rose Society, so that all know the importance of the WFRS and its Conventions.

In September I had the honour of presiding as President of the International Rose Trials in Le Rouelx, Belgium. Henrianne de Briey kindly took me to visit her mother Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, WFRS founder President at her home in Mullem, Belgium.

Back in South America in October, I had the pleasure of judging roses at the Rosicultura’s Rose Show in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Isa María Bozzolo from Chile, a previous WFRS VP for South America also attended this function. We visited the Palermo Rose Garden, which had been awarded the WFRS Award of Garden of Excellence at ROSAFRICA 2012.

In April 2014 the WFRS Executive Committee approved the application of Rosas Antiguas en Argentina (Heritage Rose Group of Argentina) to become an Associate Member of the Federation. Once more we are glad to have more members from South America.

In May 2014 22 South Americans (4 from Argentina, 4 from Chile and 15 from Uruguay took part in the Rose Trials at Cervantes Rose Garden in Barcelona, which took place during the WFRS Regional Convention Roses in the Sun: Wonderful organization of Matilde Ferrer, LLuis Abad and members of the Spanish Association. After the Convention I took a tour of 16 Uruguayans to Slovenia and Croatia. The tour was organized by Breda Copi (VP for SE Europe) and Vladimir Vremec, who also took us to see the Saint Giovanni Rose Garden in Trieste, where Vladimir is the Curator.

In October, I travelled to Dolores to judge roses at the Western Branch of the Uruguayan Rose Society. The Eastern Branch of the Uruguayan Rose Society held a Show in Punta del Este in October, where I judged.
In November the Uruguayan Rose Society held a Show in Montevideo. In November-December a Uruguayan Delegation of 6 members attended the Regional Convention, Rose Eternal in Hyderabad-India.

Rosario Algorta de Carrau
WFRS Vice President, South America

Some of the 24 members of the Uruguayan delegation to ROSAFRICA 2012 with Sheenagh Harris

Henriane de Briey, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Rosario Algorta Carrau in Mullem

The unforgettable party in Uzma and Ahmed Alam Khan’s Rose Garden in Hyderabad.
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Awards Committee - Monique de Clarens

For our next convention in Lyons in 2015, there will be a substantial committee meeting because 21 gardens and 12 books will be presented, so delegates will have a very interesting task.

In this short report I would like to warmly thank Malcolm Watson for his invaluable help in collecting the information and especially for the Rose Halls of Fame.

WFRS Award of Garden Excellence

The main goal of the Awards Committee is to reward well maintained rose gardens. So during this triennial period (2012-2015), I tried to visit as many gardens as possible: Bagatelle, L'Haî les Roses, Baden-Baden, Barcelona, Geneva, Lyons, Sangerhausen, Monaco; gardens which have already received an award or not. I would like to point out that gardens honoured by the WFRS award are now better appreciated, in the meantime it also helps the WFRS to be better known.

I want to encourage National Societies to promote such awards and to suggest new gardens. Nevertheless, it is very important that gardens that have received an award should remain very well maintained. And to guarantee this label, I will ask the Executive Committee to entrust the WFRS Vice-Presidents with the task of visiting gardens once every 3 years. The purpose here is to be sure that they deserve their awards but also to maintain the good reputation of the WFRS. If they don’t meet the requirements, ask them for modifications and if nothing is done why not reconsider their award?

WFRS Literary Award

On the topic of books, it's easier, but it is still very important that authors or publishers mention somewhere that the book has received an award. By doing that it will increase their visibility.

WFRS Rose Hall of Fame and Old Rose Hall of Fame

I wish to place on record that Malcolm Watson took full responsibility for notifying the member countries, receiving their votes and counting them. He attained a 79% return and I am most grateful to him.

Monique de Clarens
Chairman Awards Committee
BREEDERS’ CLUB – Gérald Meylan

INTRODUCTION:

My activities are related to the Convention Committee, Breeders Club, International Rose Trials and the restoration of several rose gardens.

BREEDER’S CLUB

The WFRS Breeders’ Club held five meetings during which the following items were discussed:

- Experimental Station in Shenzhen (China)
- Other experimental stations in China
- Rose trials in Monaco
- Rose trials in Beijing
- Collaboration with WFRS website
- Collaboration with World Rose News
- Standardization of the rules and regulations of international rose trials

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Experimental Station in Shenzhen

Testing will continue in 2016 for a period of three years in the region of Beijing with the same 65 varieties as in Shenzhen. The different climatic conditions will enable more interesting varieties to be determined.

The standardization of the rules and regulations of International Rose Trials was carried out in collaboration with the Chairman of the International Rose Trials Committee, Markus Brunising. The members of the Breeders Club are extremely satisfied that the criteria of appreciation have become standardized in the different trials. Results can now be compared more easily. The WFRS webmaster, Ethel Freeman, has compiled a list of the results of those trials registered with the WFRS for the period 2009-2014, thus illustrating the breeders’ work and highlighting the results according to varieties.

The 2nd International Rose Trials of Monaco took place on 14 June 2014. 19 breeders from 8 countries presented 67 varieties, cultivated in pots. The Barni Company in Italy won the PIAGET Rose Trophy with the floribunda – ‘Ali Dorate’, (BARaldo). The 3rd International Rose Trials will be held in Monaco in 2016.
A project to establish rose trials in Beijing is being studied. The breeders are in favour of this initiative. In the beginning these trials will only be for Chinese breeders, after which the trials could become International.

Gérald Meylan
Chairman Breeders’ Club

CONVENTION LIAISON COMMITTEE - Gérald Meylan
(in collaboration with WFRS Vice-President, Kelvin Trimper, who is Deputy Chairman of the Convention Committee).

Four Regional Conventions were held in 2013 and 2014:
- WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference, Sangerhausen, Germany, June 2013
- ROSES DOWN UNDER, Palmerston North, New Zealand, November 2013
- ROSES IN THE SUN, Barcelona, Spain, May 2014
- ROSE ETERNAL, Hyderabad, India, November 2014

The reports of these four conventions have been published in World Rose News.

17th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION, LYONS, FRANCE,

Preparations for the organization of this convention have entailed, as usual, a gigantic amount of work along with many meetings of the organizing committee. Lyons 2015 has the full support of the City of Lyons, professional and amateur associations and societies, and also French breeders and rose growers. Up to the present time, more than 500 delegates, representing 31 Countries, have already registered. The choice of the site and theme of the lectures, excursions and events should leave delegates with fond memories of their stay in Lyons, a region where the history of the rose is particularly important.
Several Regional Conventions are in preparation:

**Regional Convention and Heritage Rose Conference, Beijing, China, May 2016**

Rose Festival, Beijing

**Regional Convention, Punta del Este, Uruguay, November 2016**

Rose Garden, Montevideo

**Regional Convention, Ljubljana, Slovenia, May 2017**

Valdoltra Park, Slovenia

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

The WRC Group meeting has already had the opportunity of presenting their programme during the different Regional Conventions. More details will be given to delegates during the World Convention.
in Lyons. The Danish Rose Society, together with the collaboration and support of the Nordic Societies of WFRS, will take all possible steps to ensure that this convention, which will also mark the 50th anniversary of our Federation, will be an outstanding success.

Rosenborg Castle built by King Christian IV in 1606

19th World Rose Convention, 2021

The deadline for applications for the World Convention in 2021 has now passed. The National Rose Society of Australia has presented a bid which will be studied carefully by delegates during the Convention Committee in Lyons.

Gérald Meylan
Chairman Convention Committee

OTHER ACTIVITIES – Gérald Meylan

Restoration of the Empress Josephine Rose Garden, Malmaison:

The inauguration of the restored rose garden took place on 4 June 2014, in the presence of WFRS President, Steve Jones and his wife, Susie. The many guests admired the work undertaken by Dominique d’Heygère and his team of gardeners with the technical support of the WFRS.

Rose Garden, Malmaison
Restoration of the Princess Grace Rose Garden, Monaco:

The inauguration of the restored and enlarged rose garden took place on 14th June 2014 in the presence of HRH Prince Albert II, Princess Charlene and Princess Caroline. Steve Jones represented the WFRS along with his wife Susie and representatives from Belgium, Spain, France, Japan and Switzerland.

300 varieties and 10,000 roses planted in an area of 5,000 square meters can now be admired by many visitors. The WFRS and Maison Meilland were associated with the work which was carried out under the supervision of the Director of the Gardens of the Principality, Georges Restellini.

![Princess Grace Rose Garden](image)

Restoration of the Old Rose Garden in the Botanical Garden of Geneva:

The inauguration of this restored rose garden will take place on Tuesday 2nd June 2015 during the visit of delegates on Post Tour No 3.

Donations:

The period 2012-2015 was marked by the important sponsorship of Yves Piaget, whom I have had the honour of collaborating with for more than 40 years. Mr Piaget has been an enthusiastic rose lover since 1977. Appreciating the mission and work of the WFRS, he has contributed financially towards the restoration of three gardens - Malmaison, Monaco and Geneva. He has also shown great interest in research and development and has presented a donation to the WFRS in order for scientific research to be developed in the field of roses.

- Malmaison: € 150'000.-
- Monaco: € 150'000.-
- Geneva Botanical Garden: CHF 20'000.-
- WFRS: £ 20'000.-

The WFRS is extremely grateful to Mr Piaget for his unconditional support of the rose and for his tremendous generosity.

CONCLUSION:

After 6 years as Chairman of the Breeders’ Club and Convention Committee, I will terminate my term of office for both these positions in Lyon’s. Thanks to these two activities, I had the pleasure of undertaking several interesting projects with the breeders, including the experimental test station in China, the standardisation of judging criteria in rose trials and the development of the Breeders’ Club page on the WFRS website.

I also enjoyed immensely collaborating with the organizing committees of two World Conventions in Sandton and Lyons; four Regional Conventions in Changzhou, Palmerston North, Barcelona and
Hyderabad and two Heritage Rose Conferences in Sakura and Sangerhausen. It was an interesting experience to bring together in the different programmes the particularities of the organizing Member Country, whilst abiding by the rules and customs of the WFRS.

Finally I would like to mention that it is a privilege and an honour to be in the service of the WFRS. Thanks to these two positions and that of president, I have been able to create a magnificent network of rosarian friends amongst National Society members. I wish to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely the two presidents for whom I developed these activities, Sheenagh Harris and Steve Jones, and especially for the confidence they placed in me. Last but not least, I wish to thank from the bottom of my heart a faithful fellow traveller from the beginning of my presidency in 2006 up until the present time - Malcolm Watson. Without Malcolm’s help and unconditional support, I could not have accomplished all that I did, and thanks to our regular contacts by Skype and emails, there are no longer any secrets between the two of us!

I sincerely hope that the chairmen, who will take over from me, will enjoy as much pleasure as I had and experience the same passion, in order to accomplish this wonderful mission linked to the activities of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Gérald Meylan

CLASSIFICATION and REGISTRATION – Helene Pizzi

CONSERVATION – Yuki Mikanagi

At the 16th World Rose Convention in South Africa in October 2012, I was elected as the Chairman, and Brigid Quest-Ritson as the Vice-chairman, of the Conservation Committee. The Rose Locator Data base has not been updated since 2009. At the Heritage Rose Group meeting in Sangerhausen in June 2013, we discussed whether we should renew the database, and asked Di Durston to make an assessment of the new database system as well as the cost that would be involved for the renewal.

In May 2014, at the Barcelona convention, we decided to select necessary items for the rose list to be included in the database, and to ask the WFRS Vice Presidents to collect lists of roses planted in important rose gardens in their areas. However, since we took time in deciding on the necessary items for the lists, we are obliged to start the work of collecting rose data after the Lyon convention. We are hoping to have the kind cooperation of rose gardens of the world.

Yuki Mikanagi
Chairman Conservation Committee

HERITAGE ROSES - Dianne Durston.

This report will be condensed because my health prevented me attending the Barcelona and Hyderabad Conferences.

Just weeks after the very successful South African Convention held in 2012, David Ruston the Heritage Roses Committee Chairman found it necessary to retire from this position at the Dunedin National Conference in New Zealand. As Vice Chairman I was appointed at Sangerhausen to the position until the Heritage Committee Meeting at the Lyon Conference in May 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David for the immense amount of energy, knowledge and time that he contributed to the group.

The Sangerhausen Conference 2013 was a very successful event and enjoyed by all who attended. Heritage Roses along with the Conservation Committee held an open meeting that was well attended. The main point of discussion being to recommence work on the Data Base for the Conservation
Committee. A brief was prepared and presented at the Barcelona Conference. Further discussions are ongoing.

The City of Hyderabad hosted WFRS Regional Convention for Central Asia. Once again Old Roses featured strongly on the Lecture Programme, reinforcing the interest in old roses.

I would like to thank Fiona Hyland from New Zealand, the outgoing Editor for the eNewsletter ‘By Any Other Name’ for her amazing skills in producing this newsletter in such a high standard. The eNewsletter is a professional publication with quality articles. I was able to help with the collating of these article from contributors around the world. At Lyon a new Editor for the eNewsletter will be appointed, I wish them every success for this enjoyable task.

Dianne Durston  
Chairman – WFRS Heritage Roses Committee

HONOURS – Steve Jones

Most of our activities are currently in progress for the Lyons convention and will be released during the closing ceremony.

Steve Jones  
Chairman Honours Committee

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – Markus Brunsing

In the triennial period from October 2012 to May 2015 I attended 10 International Rose Trials in 8 different countries. In 2013 I joined the trials in Monza, Lyon, Baden-Baden, The Hague, Le Roeulx and the award show in Palmerston North as part of the WFRS Regional Convention in New Zealand. The rose trials in Le Roeulx were a special highlight because of the celebration of the 50th jubilee of rose trials.
In 2014 my first trials event was in Barcelona in combination with the WFRS Regional Convention. It was my first visit in the Mediterranean Parc de Cervantes, where the trial roses grow up framed by cypresses and olive trees. It is a wonderful place to start the rose trials season in Europe. Later in 2014 I attended the Jubilee Trials in Monza in Italy in May and Belfast in Northern Ireland in July. At both places the 50th anniversaries of the trials were celebrated. In Monza all members of the jury enjoyed a great day and were grateful to the Fumagalli family, who have made these important trials possible for the long period of 5 decades. The WFRS president, Steve Jones represented the World Federation of Rose Societies at this event. In Belfast many breeders and rose experts from Great Britain, Ireland and the United States celebrated the trials jubilee together with the 50th anniversary of the Rose Society of Northern Ireland in a peaceful and familiar atmosphere. The City of Belfast International Rose Garden is really worth visiting by many rose friends from all over the world.

![Parc de Cervantes](image1)

![Prize Giving Ceremony – Monza 2014](image2)

Steve Jones, Beatrice Barni and Silvano Fumagalli

![Sir Thomas and Lady Dixon Park, Belfast](image3)

![Arthur Dixon, Stephen Quinn and Catherine Dixon](image4)

Finally it has to be noticed that in 2013 the Biltmore Rose Trials were founded in Asheville by Paul Zimmermann. And in 2015 the biennial rose trials in Monaco got a new garden opened by the Prince and the Princess of Monaco. Unfortunately I had to organize the Baden-Baden rose trials and couldn’t be present in Monaco.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Lectures are a very helpful way to inform rose friends and rose experts about the work and the importance of International Rose Trials and to communicate the results of the trials. After giving a lecture at the World Convention in South Africa about rose trials in Europe, I got invitations to talk about this topic in Luxembourg, Denmark and Germany. Several Rose Annuals and Rose Magazines in different countries published articles about the results of judging roses in International Rose Trials. Another important point is the WFRS’s website. Since the last World Convention, Ethel Freeman and I have worked closely together collecting trials’ dated and trials’ results. Since that time all trials’ dates and results are published by Ethel Freeman on the WFRS’s website.
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

In February 2014 and in November 2015 I attended the meetings of the Breeder’s Club in Lyon and learned a lot about some important topics the breeders were discussing. These meetings were a good chance for me to present the main topics of the work of the Rose Trials Committee.

The most important part of my work as the Chairman of the Rose Trials Committee was the development of International standard judging criteria. I organized two meetings - in Le Roeulx and Palmerston North together with Gérald Meylan and Kelvin Trimper for members of the Rose Trials Committee and the Breeder’s Club. In total more than 40 people from 15 countries under the organizers of 15 trials and many breeders were engaged in these discussions to simplify and clarify the rules. In these meetings I presented the results of an enquiry I had made previously, asking all trials worldwide for sending me their rules and forms. And I suggested the contents of a standard application form and a standard scorecard of rose judging. We had a very intensive and long discussion ending to results to which all members of the meetings agreed. In spring 2014 all organizers of rose trials were informed about the results and were requested to comment the new scorecard.

I’m very pleased that the WFRS Executive Committee approved the results of the discussion during their meeting in Barcelona in May 2014. All International Rose Trials under the umbrella of the World Federation of Rose Societies are invited to apply the standard criteria. Since that time 10 International trials decided to use the new WFRS Standard Criteria. And I hope that some others will follow them in the months ahead. All trials which have adopted the new criteria are identified on the WFRS website.

THE WFRS ROSE TRIALS JUDGING CRITERIA

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OUTLOOK

The next items for the Rose Trials Committee are the introduction of a standard application form for the rose trials, the development of a definition for a WFRS special rose novelty award and the description of guidelines for International Rose Trials. These are some of the themes we need to discuss in Lyon. And of course I am looking forward to meeting many rose breeders and rose friends at the coming Rose Trials 2015.

Markus Brunsing
Chairman International Rose Trials

PROMOTIONS – Steve Jones

During the three years since the Sandton Convention, the main promotions were for Friends of the Federation, encouraging member countries to use our logo for events, and seeking projects to be funded by the House of Piaget monies. On the latter, we have two Executive Committee approved projects being finalized. The first is participating in the rose database with the Europa-Rosarium at Sangerhausen, Germany, and the second is working on decoding the rose genome with Lyons
University. It is important to show the WFRS is involved in all aspects of roses, may it be research or education.

Steve Jones
Chairman Promotions Committee

PUBLICATIONS – Helga Brichet

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 and educational objectives over the past three years.

World Rose News has appeared three times during the year 2013 under the control of our Editor, Sheenagh Harris, who although new to the job, has shown exception 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 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 of enjoyment for readers.

The third number of our magazine gave extended coverage to the Federation’s Regional Convention in New Zealand – Roses Down Under - the Kiwi way. 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 Editorial Board decided to publish a special number of world rose news in January, 2014 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. Hopefully this praxis will be continued in the future.

The 2014 summer number was dedicated principally to the European Regional Convention hosted by the Spanish Rose Association in Barcelona and entitled Roses in the Sun. The convener was the Society’s President, Matilde Ferrer. The main body of the convention was well attended, as too the pre- and post tours. An extra tour organized by the Slovenian Rose Society to their part of the Mediterranean.

The January, 2015 issue of WRN covered, above all, the third Asian Regional Convention staged in Hyderabad by the Indian Rose Federation and convened by its President, WFRS Vice President, Ahmed Khan. A pre- tour took numerous groups of rosarians to Southern India, whilst the post tour included Delhi, Jaipur and Agra.

Lectures inevitably centred, for the most part, on the history of old roses and their contribution to the evolution of the modern roses. Importantly delegates from Thailand, Malaysia and Korea were able to participate in a WFRS event, and will surely be encouraged to form their own rose societies and become Federation members.

Throughout the three year period WRN and our website have updated readers as to forthcoming events, and naturally most particularly the World Rose Convention to be staged in Lyon in May and June of this year by the French Rose Society.
The WFRS Website has maintained the high standard of information in numerous fields, information which is constantly updated, thanks to our Webmaster, 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. After six years as Chairman of the Publications Committee, I wish the incoming Chairman inspired innovation and an ever increasing reading public.

**Helga Brichet**
*Chairman Publications Committee*

**SHOWS STANDARDISATION – Elizabeth Schleicher**

The Committee Members have continued to encourage interest and support of rose shows in their respective countries.

Some National/Regional Societies have added a selection of the WFRS rose classes to their shows with welcoming interest by the membership.

Potted rose classes are especially attractive to exhibitors who are now living in homes with smaller gardens or whose gardening is limited to high-rise balconies.

Since the last World Rose Convention in 2012 there have been ten new judges granted accreditation. They are from Argentina, Australia, South Africa, Bermuda and the U.S.A.

In total we now have 29 International Judges.

We were saddened to hear of the death of the previous Chairman, Ed Griffith of the United States of America. His many contributions to the W.F.R.S. are greatly appreciated.

**Elizabeth Schleicher**
*Chairman Shows Standardisation*
MEMBER SOCIETIES

The World Federation of Rose Societies, also known as the WFRS, is the umbrella organization for thirty-nine national rose societies around the world. Taken together, these member societies have about 100,000 members, all of whom share a love of the rose.

Argentina  Rose Society of Argentina
Australia  National Rose Society of Australia
Austria  Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
Belgium  Société Royale Nationale ‘Les Amis de la Rose’
Bermuda  Bermuda Rose Society
Canada  Canadian Rose Society
Chile  Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
China  China Rose Society
Czech  Czech Rosa Club
Denmark  The Danish Rose Society
Finland  Finnish Rose Society
France  Société Française des Roses
Germany  Gesellschaft 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  Associazione Italiana della Rosa
Japan  Japan Rose Society
Luxembourg  Luxembourg Rose Society
Monaco  Société des Roses de Monaco
The Netherlands  Nederlands Rozenvereniging
New Zealand  New Zealand Rose Society
Northern Ireland  Rose Society of Northern Ireland
Norway  Norwegian Rose Society
Pakistan  Pakistan National Rose Society
Romania  Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
Russia  Russian Association of Rosarians
Serbia  Royal Serbian Rose Society
Slovakia  Slovakia Rose Club
Slovenia  Slovenian Rose Society
South Africa  Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
Spain  Asociación Española de la Rosa
Sweden  The Swedish Rose Society
Switzerland  Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde
USA  American Rose Society
Uruguay  Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

Australian Rose Breeders Association          Australia
Heritage Roses Australia Inc                  Australia
Agency for Nature and Forest – Flemish Government  Belgium
Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany      Belgium
Montreal Botanical Gardens                   Canada
Association de la Rosa de Coyhaque           Chile
Changzhou Gardening and Greening Management Bureau China
Laizhou Chinese Rose Garden                  China
Shanghai Botanical Garden                    China
Shenzhen Remin Park and Shenzhen Rose Centre China
Taicang Rose Society                         China
Les Amis de la Roseraie du Val de Marne à L’Haÿ-les-Roses France
Roses Anciennes en France                   France
Fondazione Roseto Botanico “Carla Fineschi” di Cavriglia Italy
La Tacita S.r.L.                             Italy
“Hana no Miyako Gifu” Centre for Promotion of Flowers and Greenery Japan
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Quinta do Arco Rose Garden                  Portugal
Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc.              New Zealand
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In this, the 21st Century, when communication between different parts of the world is available at the click of a button, and travel between countries seems to be easier and more affordable, global friendships forged upon a shared interest in the rose are growing rapidly. The World Federation of Rose Societies has been the catalyst for many of these friendships, via its Conventions.

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

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

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

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

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

Benefits include –
   Exclusive invitation to ‘Friends Only’ activities;
   Individual electronic copy of World Rose News;
   Opportunity to correspond with ‘Friends’ to exchange
   rose growing knowledge, information on rose gardens,
   accommodation and other points of interest relative to their region.
   Donor forms can be downloaded from the Federation’s website.
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### HONOURS AWARDS

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

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2012  Sheenagh Harris  South Africa
2012  Akira Ogawa  Japan

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

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

**ROSE PINS** - For Service to the WFRS

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

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

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AKIRA OGAWA is a leading and senior member of his National Society and is an accomplished rosarian, a knowledgeable botanist and a person who has done more to promote the love of the rose than any other in Japan. He has worked tirelessly and selflessly to promote Japan as a nation of rose lovers and as a worthy Member of the WFRS. This work culminated in the awarding of the 2006 World Rose Convention to the city of Osaka. (A huge success which owed much to his skilled organisation.)

He has been helped in his many endeavours by his innate generosity and politeness. This has been a major factor in the success of his many world-wide rose tours. His careful attention to detail, his personal kindness and his friendly approach have made him the tour leader 'sans pareil.' He has helped all WFRS Presidents in one way or another in their understanding of Japan. He attended the Pakistan Regional Rose Convention in 2004 in Islamabad as one of three overseas' delegates and has been the ever-present friend and help-meet for countless rosarians who have visited Japan for rose trials, conventions and other events. This remarkable man, who is well on in age and wonderfully supported by his wife Ryoko, is a leading world rosarian.

SHEENAGH HARRIS Like her mother Mary Wise, before her, has worked tirelessly for her own National Rose Society. Mary received the World Federation’s Gold Pin in 1985 and Sheenagh deserves to be similarly honoured.

She was President of The Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA) in 2004-2006 and more recently Honorary Secretary and Editor of the ROSA Annual. She was WFRS Vice President for Africa for one term of office and has organised tours within South Africa and overseas for ROSA members. Now she has turned her organisational skills to co-ordinating the 2012 World Rose Convention in Johannesburg.

As WFRS President, Sheenagh has travelled throughout Europe and beyond. She had made various presentations including the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence in Spain and Madeira. She attended the Regional Convention in Changzhou, China and the Heritage Rose conference in Japan, many Rose Trials requiring her to make speeches, all of which she did with charm and eloquence, to mention a few of the many functions she has attended since becoming President.

She has conducted the business of the Federation with tact and diplomacy and has managed to be both firm and decisive without ever being officious or overbearing. She is charming and amusing when called upon to make presentations, speeches and the like and always looks fresh and ready for action even though she may have been travelling non-stop for many hours.

There will be many other ‘hats’ Sheenagh has worn during her happy association with and love of roses and is a worthy recipient of the Gold Medal.
WFRS SILVER MEDAL
In recognition of outstanding service to the Federation.

ISA MARIA BOZZOLO has travelled the world - and still continues to do so - to attend Rose Trials, conferences and other functions and events; she works tirelessly to maintain and increase rose friendships and goodwill around the globe; she has served as President of her Society; as Vice President for South America of the WFRS and convened the first WFRS Regional Conference hosted by the Chilién Rose Society, the third in South America.

MAURICE JAY served as WFRS Vice President for Southern Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland) for nine year and was very active in promoting the rose. He attended many International Rose Trials, Regional and Triennial Conventions and as President of the French Rose Society is hard at work preparing for the World Rose Convention to take place in Lyons in 2015.

WFRS WORLD ROSE AWARD
In recognition of dedicated service to The Rose by officers of The Federation and in particular officers of our National Member Societies.

NILDA CRIVELLI served as WFRS Vice President for South America from 2009 to 2012 and in this capacity invited Sheenagh Harris and organised an excellent and comprehensive tour which included judging at the rose show and a presentation in Buenos Aires and made arrangements for Uruguay and Chile to do the same. She instigated the nomination of the Rosedal de Palermo for a Garden of Excellence award. She has been a member of the Argentinian Rose Society – Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura since 1989, and a member of its Committee since 1993. She is an accredited rose judge and has been a member of the International Jury of the Buenos Aires Trial Garden since 2000.

RUTH WATSON has been active in the ‘Rose World’ since joining the Rose Society of South Australia 25 years ago. Not only did she give her husband, Malcolm her full support in all his work in various roles for the National Rose Society of Australia, the Rose Society of South Australia and the WFRS, but she undertook many roles in her own capacity which included service to the National Rose Society and the Rose Society of South Australia. She was an invaluable member of the co-ordinating committee of the hugely successful WFRS Regional convention in Adelaide in 2008.
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**WFRS AWARDS OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE**

**FOR OUTSTANDING ROSE GARDENS**

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If anybody can produce a photograph of the WFRS painting of ‘Fragrant Cloud’ and ‘Double Delight’ to complete this collection for the Triennial it would be much appreciated.

OLD ROSE HALL OF FAME

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

- **Cecile Brunner**
- **Gloire de Dijon**
- **Souvenir de la Malmaison**
- **Old Blush**
- **Gruss an Teplitz - 2000**
- **Madame Alfred Carrière - 2003**
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS
Best Roses 2012 to 2014 (Gold medal winners)

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS AUSTRALIA
National Rose Society of Australia - Adelaide

2012

Code: KORpauvio
Name: Perfume Passion
Category: Highbred Tea
Breeder: Kordes

2013

Code: WEKjunjuc
Name: No name chosen
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Christian Bedard (Weeks Rose)

2014

Code: WEKcobeju
Name: Cinco de Mayo
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Christian Bedard (Weeks Rose)

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - AUSTRIA
City of Baden Bei Wien – Badenbei Wien

2012 - June

Code: HUBar 2008-3
Name: HT
Category: Highbred Tea
Breeder: Huber, Switzerland
2013 - June

Resources are not adequate.

2014 - June

Resources are not adequate.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - BELGIUM
Rosarium West-Vlaanderen – Kortrijk

2012 – June – 58 rose novelties from 15 breeders

Resources are not adequate.

2013 – June - 61 rose novelties from 15 breeders

Resources are not adequate.
2014 – June - 63 rose novelties from 16 breeders

Ville Du Roeulx - Le Roeulx

2012 - September

Code: KO 04/1553-01
Name: Ville Du Roeulx - Le Roeulx
Category: Shrub rose
Breeder: Kordes

2013 September

Code: MEIpeporia
Name: Cherry Bonica
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland, France

2014 September

Code: KORhopiko
Name: Flamingo kolorscape
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - CZECH REPUBLIC
Rosa Club - Hradec Králové

2012 - June

Code: KORkosieb
Name: Cherry Girl
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes

2013 – June

Code: MEIkanaro
Name: Raphaello (Sunshine Daydream)
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Alain Meilland, Meilland, France

2014 - June

Code: Stadt Rom| Tan00999
Name: Německo
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Rosen Tantau

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – FRANCE
Société Alsacienne et Lorraine des Amis des Roses – Saverne

2012

No trials on account of bad weather conditions

2013

Code: MEIradena
Name: Raphaello (Sunshine Daydream)
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland, France
City of Nantes – Nantes

2012 – June

Code: ADAlegski
Name: ADAlegski
Category: HT
Breeder: Adam, France

2013 – June

Code: MEIradena
Name: MEIradena
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland, France

2014 – June

Code: MEIanycid
Name: MEIanycid
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland, France
City of Orléans – Orléans

2012 – September - 46 rose novelties from 17 breeders

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2013 - September – 49 rose novelties from 16 breeders

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2014 – September - 40 rose novelties from 12 breeders

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City of Paris – Bagatelle

2012 - June

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Name: Cherry Bonica
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meiland, France

2014 - June

Code: EVEflor
Name: Académe d'Orleans
Category: HT
Breeder: Eve and Rateau, France

Société Française des Roses ‘Les Amis des Roses’ – Parc de la Tete D'Or - Lyon

2012 - June

Code: KO99/1407-01
Name:
Category: HT
Breeder: Kordes

2013 – June

Code: ADAruocal
Name: Amour de Molene
Category: HT
Breeder: Adam, France

2014 – June

Code: EVEflor
Name: Académe d'Orleans
Category: HT
Breeder: Eve and Rateau, France
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – GERMANY

City of Baden-Baden – Baden-Baden – Buitig

2012 – June - 132 rose novelties from 33 breeders

Code: KORbyloseng
Name: Schöne vom see
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany

2013 – June - 124 rose novelties from 36 breeders

Code: Jennifer Rose
Name: Schöne vom see
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany

2014 – June - 146 rose novelties from 37 breeders

Code: Peace in You
Name: Peace in You
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Novaspina, Italy

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - GREAT BRITAIN

Glasgow City Council – Glasgow, Scotland – Tollcross

2012 - August

Code: POUlcy
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Category: Climber
Breeder: Poulson, Denmark
2013 - August

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Royal National Rose Society – St. Albans, England -

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INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – ITALY
La Tacita S.R.L. Società Agricola – La Tacita

2012 - May

Code: LENsec
Name: Hedi Grimm
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Lens, Belgium

2013 - May

Code: MEItroni
Name: Prince Jardinier, Francis Meilland, My Garden
Breeder: Meilland, France
Category: Hybrid Tea

2014 - May

Code: KORtramielo
Name: Florentina
Breeder: Kordes, Germany
Category: Climber

Associazione Italiana della Rosa – Il Roeto Niso Fumagali - Monza

2012 - May

Code: POULren022
Name: Naomi
Breeder: Poulsen, Denmark
Category: HT
2013 - 77 rose novelties from 27 breeders

Name: des Parfum  
Breeder: Orard, France  
Category: HT  
Code: ORA 9898 B

2014 – May - 73 rose novelties from 20 breeders

Name: AM122  
Code: AM122  
Breeder: Meilland, France  
Category: HT

City of Rome – Rome

2012 – May

Name: Adam, France  
Breeder: Adam, France  
Category: HT  
Code: ADAmariat

2013 - May

Name: Kordes, Germany  
Breeder: Kordes, Germany  
Category: Floribunda  
Code: KO 04/1867-01

2014 – May

Name: Embriaco, Italy  
Breeder: Embriaco, Italy  
Category: Floribunda  
Code: EMB 1277
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – TOKYO - JAPAN

2012 – May to October

Code: POUtren 021
Name: Aya
Breeder: Poulsen, Denmark
Category: HT

2013 – May to October

Code: WS.09-34
Name: Sato, Japan
Breeder: HT

2014 – May to October

Code: YT-8-7-1
Name: Ihatov'nokaze
Breeder: Yoshike, Japan
Category: HT

National Echigo Hillside Park – Nagaoka-City

2012 – June to October

Code: YELAIXIANG
Name: Aoki, Japan
Breeder: HT

2013 – June to October - 64 rose novelties from 30 breeders

Code: RT02733
Name: Gospel
Breeder: Tantau, Germany
Category: HT
2014 – June to October 74 rose novelties from 36 breeders

Code: HUBar20009-2  
Name: Etienne  
Breeder: Hubar, Switzerland  
Category: HT

Hana no Miyako Gifu – Flower Festival Commemorative Park -Gifu

2014

Code: DELmovi  
Name: Claude Monet  
Breeder: Delbard, France  
Category: Shrub

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - THE NETHERLANDS
City of The Hague – Westbroek Park

2012 - July

Code: VISsnowit  
Name: Midsummer Snow  
Breeder: Visser, Belgium  
Category: Floribunda

2013 - July

Code: KORpauvio  
Name: Beverly, Perfume Passion, Pink Perfume  
Breeder: Kordes, Germany  
Category: HT
2014

Code:               Name:   Deseo
Breeder:            Noack, Netherlands
Category:           Floribunda

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - MONACO

2012 – May

Code:               MELguimov
Name:               Astronomia, Sweet Pretty
Breeder:            Meilland, France
Category:           Shrub

2014 - May

Code:               BARaldo
Name:               Ali Dorate
Breeder:            Barni, Italy
Category:           Floribunda

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - NEW ZEALAND

Hamilton – Roger’s Rose Garden

2012

Code:               MACnijm
Name:               My Girl
Category:           HT
Breeder:            McGredy, NZ
2012

Code: SOMskyred
Name: Wild Cherry
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Somerfield, NZ

2014

Code: SOMsirwith
Name: Love Heart
Category: HT
Breeder: Somerfield, NZ

PALMERSTON NORTH – Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden

2012

Code: ADAbaring
Name: Red Flame
Category: Climber
Breeder: Adam, France

2013

Code: KENtrooper
Name: Shrub
Category: Shrub
Breeder: Kenny, Ireland
2014

Code: SOMcrimart
Name: Christchurch Remembers
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Somerfield, NZ

NORTHERN IRELAND – BELFAST

2012 - July

Code: KORaruli
Name: Sunny Sky
Category: HT
Breeder: Kordes, Germany

2013 - July

Code: POUlht007
Name: Princesse Marie
Category: HT
Breeder: Poulsen, Denmark

2014 - July

Code: SOMcrimart
Name: Christchurch Remembers
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Somerfield, NZ
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – SPAIN
City of Barcelona – Parc Cervantes

2012- May

Code: AM916
Name: 
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland, France

2013 – May

Code: AR010
Name: 
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Meilland/Radler France/USA

2014 - May

Code: Y1271
Name: 
Category: Ground cover miniature
Breeder: Lens, Belgium

CITY OF MADRID
2012- May – 85 Novelties from 8 Breeders

Code: ADAphyri
Name: 
Category: 
Breeder: Adam, France
2013 – May – 81 varieties from 23 Breeders

Code: DORthui
Name: 
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Dorieux, France

2014 – May – 83 varieties from 20 Breeders

Code: ADAinalu
Name: 
Category: Climber
Breeder: Adam, France

SWITZERLAND - Geneva

2012 - June

Code: RT02-733
Name: Gospel
Category: HT
Breeder: Tantau, Germany

2013 - June

Code: MR011
Name: 
Category: 
Breeder: Richardier, Meilland
2014 - June

**Code:** SB 09.86  
**Name:** Alizée  
**Category:** Ground Cover  
**Breeder:** Sauvageot

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**  
**All American Rose Selection**

**2012**

**Code:** MEIkanaro  
**Name:** Sunshine Daydream, Rafaello  
**Category:** HT  
**Breeder:** Meilland, France

**2013**

**Code:** MEItroni  
**Name:** Prince Jardinier, Francis Meilland, My Garden  
**Breeder:** Meilland, France  
**Category:** Hybrid Tea

**American Rose Society Miniature Award of Excellence**

**Code:** WEKsacgoma  
**Name:** Ann Hooper  
**Category:** Miniature  
**Breeder:** Carruth, USA

**Code:** WEKpivoom  
**Name:** Butter Me Up  
**Category:** Miniature  
**Breeder:** Bedard, USA
Code: ZLEmarianneyoshida
Name: Oso Happy Petit
Category: Miniature
Breeder: Zlesak, USA

2013

Code: WEKwibypur
Name: Diamond Eyes
Category: Miniature
Breeder: Carruth, USA

Code: WEKtaclagoma
Name: You’re the One
Category: Miniature
Breeder: Carruth, USA

Code: WEKtebodoko
Name: Whimsy
Category: Miniature
Breeder: Bedard, USA

Rosehills

2012 - October

Code: WEKmemolo
Name: Sugar Moon
Category: HT
Breeder: Bedard, USA
2013 - October

Code: WEKzazette
Name: Ketchup & Mustard
Category: Floribunda
Breeder: Bedard, USA

2014

Code: DEStania
Name: Tania Norris
Category: HT
Breeder: Desamero, USA

ASHVILLE

2013 – MAY

Code: ATHYfalaa
Name:
Category: Climber
Breeder: Athy, NZ

Code: Miracle on the Hudson, Bartholomew, Green Patriarch, Zeelandia
Category: 
Breeder: Rippetoe, USA
WORLD ROSE CONVENTIONS

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

World Rose Conventions have been held in:

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

The 2018 World Convention has been awarded to Copenhagen, Denmark
The WFRS invited ROSA through Sheenagh Harris at the World Rose Convention in Osaka, Japan in June, 2006 to hold the World Rose Convention in South Africa in October, 2012. With Ludwig Taschner’s support and later ROSA’s endorsement this was accepted, sealed and signed that the Northern Rose Society and Gold Reef Rose Society, led by Ludwig Taschner and Sheenagh Harris respectively would organise the 16th World Rose Convention. There were 360 delegates from 26 countries.

Convenors Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood were the Committee for this most successful convention which was organised over a period of 6 years. It was hosted by the Gold Reef Rose Society on behalf of the Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA)

One hundred and twenty delegates led by Sheenagh Harris and Jill Hughes took part in the Pre-tour to the well known Pilanesberg Game Park near Rustenburg. The first stop was a 30 acre private estate near Hartebeespoort Dam where guests were able to enjoy the beautiful garden of roses and many other plants prior to a delicious lunch served on a deck over a dam. Two nights in an excellent lodge in the Game Park gave everybody a taste of the African bush with its own variety of indigenous vegetation and the possibility of the Big Five plus much, much more, which included game drives in open vehicles, an illustrated lecture and a typical South African meal under the stars in the enclosure of a boma.

The Meet and Greet function was held at the convention venue, Rosebank Union Church, where the arrangements of flowers were breathtaking and delegates were also able to enjoy a photographic competition, rose themed cake icing exhibition, quilt exhibition, 16 flower arrangements depicting the 16 World Rose Conventions held in different parts of the world, and sales tables laden with rose themed items for sale, including ROSAFRICA memorabilia.

Friday 12th October was the formal Opening Ceremony which was held at Vodacom Vodaworld, who also provided a very good lunch. Guests were welcomed by marimbas played by the Masimambane school band. Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery formally opened the convention ‘by video’ and welcomed all those present. A number of awards were presented and a delicious lunch followed.

Vodacom Vodaworld boasts 15,000 roses which delegates enjoyed during the afternoon.

The next morning, included in the registration fee was a visit to Ludwig’s Rose Farm to see the thousands of roses in full bloom. A flower arranging demonstration with David Ruston as keynote arranger and local Floral Artists was held at Rosebank Union and a rose themed orchestral concert followed that night.

On Sunday 14th delegates were given the choice of an extra optional tour to Soweto or The Cradle of Humankind – the tourism component of the convention.
Another extra optional tour was to Pretoria, where the white and blue jacarandas were in full bloom and was followed by an evening meal at the Pretoria Zoo and this was well supported.

The last three days offered 12 lectures given by rosarians from 11 different countries followed by visits to 8 beautiful private rose gardens in Johannesburg. As always the all important 10 WFRS meetings were held at different times during the week to fit in with excursions. At no time did meetings overlap with excursions.

The closing ceremony was a very dignified affair with beautiful roses and candles on the tables, a delicious meal ending with a pudding decorated with sugar coated rose petals and delightful entertainment. A number of awards were presented and the evening ended with the traditional handing over of the WFRS flag from South Africa to France reminding us the next World Rose Convention will be held in Lyons in June, 2015.

The post convention tour took 70 delegates to Bloemfontein led by Sheenagh Harris for the rose show and on to Cape Town where they joined another 70 delegates led by Di Girdwood, visiting beautiful rose gardens, wineries and glorious scenery. The Western Cape Rose Society gave a cocktail party to welcome the delegates.

The Vancouver Rose Society generously sent more than sufficient chocolates for each delegate with Vancouver Rose Society embossed on the chocolates. A great deal of thought and planning went into the details for this convention. All helpers wore navy golf shirts with the ROSAFRICA logo so were easily identified; each delegate received a little vase of roses in their hotel rooms; delegates who celebrated a birthday during the convention were recorded in the delegate hand book; delegates flying to Bloemfontein were welcomed on board in the name of roses; the WCRS had a gift for each post convention delegate; the 16 flower arrangements depicting the 16 World Rose Conventions was a great attraction.

A Kordes rose, named by Ludwig Taschner for ‘ROSAFRICA’

Gwen Fagan and David Ruston – doyennes of the rose world
The great number of about 240 rose lovers from 27 countries worldwide attended the 13th International Heritage Rose Conference, entitled Collecting, Identifying and Maintaining Heritage Roses in the Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen. The rosarium was in full bloom and the participants used any break in the programme of lectures in order to visit the famous rose collection, taking thousands of pictures. The convention started with the opening ceremony, where among others, the organizers Eilike Vemmer, Karla Wagner and Barbara Nasarian-Eckstein welcomed the participants in the large glasshouse of the Rosarium.

During the convention eleven lectures were given by rose experts from various countries starting on Thursday 20th June the first speaker, Thomas Hawel, is the Head of the Rosarium Sangerhausen, and he presented a lecture on the Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen – collecting and preserving historical roses – the concept of a gene bank of roses. The lecture was presented in German language, but was translated simultaneously.

Prof. Andrew Roberts from the University of East London in Great Britain, referred to Ploidy Determination as an Aide in the Identification of Relationships between Historical Roses. It was an excellent introduction into the world of rose chromosomes and of their extraordinary means of combination, which allowed us to identify and discriminate the famous classes of historic roses and also provided deep insights into the unexpected variability of the wild roses of the Rosarium Sangerhausen.

Dr. Guoliang Wang gave a brilliant description of Some Mystery Old Rose Groups Both in the West and in China. His fantastic expedition into the incredible wealth of species roses in the wilderness of China was really inspiring.

Charles Quest-Ritson, very well-known in the community of rose lovers delivered a lecture entitled From Hybrid Perpetual to Hybrid Tea. His vivid presentation and the excellent decipherment of the many complex interactions in the development of Hybrid Teas provided a fascinating new look on the birth of modern Hybrid Teas.

In the evening (rainy but very warm), dinner was organized by the Lord Mayor of Sangerhausen, Ralf Poschmann. It took place in an old stylish building, located downtown of Sangerhausen.

On Friday morning, June 21, the lecture on Rose Gardens in Italy was presented in wonderful pictures by Helga Brichet. She gave a beautiful overview about Italian rose gardens and the interesting insights into the garden history from the ancient Roman gardens through the Middle Ages to the Renaissance gardens and modern times.

The scheduled lecture of Paul Zimmermann was given by WFRS President, Steve Jones. The title was Historical Roses in America – New Beginnings in a New World. A lot could be learnt about American rose breeders, the story of historical roses in America, and the dramatic outbreak of Rose Rosette Disease, a virus disease ravaging many rose gardens.

A lively illustration of the great Nabonnand dynasty of rose breeders and their beautiful creations was provided by Patricia Cavallo and Dominique Massad in their talk on Nabonnand Roses. They gave us also an insight into the efforts of the association Friends of Nabonnand Roses to resurrecting and maintaining this precious heritage.

Odile Masquelier spoke about Historical Personalities whose Names were Used to Baptize Roses. She brought us very close to the destinies of three Ladies who were immortalized in roses such as ‘Lady Waterlow’, ‘Duchess de Berry’ and ‘Comtesse du Cayla’, called The Last Favourite.

A public event, open to the citizens of Sangerhausen and to the attendants of the Heritage Rose Conference took place on Friday evening. It was within this ceremony that WFRS President Steve Jones called the Rosarium Sangerhausen “the Holy Grail of Roses”. During this event the Lord Mayor
of Sangerhausen, Ralf Poschmann, awarded the Golden Rose of Sangerhausen to Eilike Vemmer, because she did so much to promote the Rosarium Sangerhausen.

Saturday, June 22, was kept free for excursions. One group headed to the marvelous city of Weimar, the other one drove to Kassel to visit the historic rose garden Park Wilhelmshöhe. The castle of Belvedere close to Weimar was visited and among the important sites in the city of Weimar, private gardens could be seen.

On Sunday morning, 23 June, a lecture on Identification of Historic Roses according to Ancient Rose Depictions was presented by Hella Brumme and Eilike Vemmer. They showed us how to identify old roses with the help of contemporary paintings delineating how much information about historical roses can be hidden in ancient illustrations.

Ann Velle-Boudolf from Belgium told us all that should be known about Hybrid Musks. Ann Velle-Boudolf is a renowned breeder of Hybrid Musks and the follower of Louis Lens. Her clear presentation of the history of these lovely roses and her beautiful pictures of old and new Hybrid Musks were enjoyed by all.

In the last lecture Pirjo Rautio from Finland took us to the North of Europe, where many old and species roses are found. Historic Roses in Finland was the title of her very interesting lecture. She made us familiar with species roses, foundlings of interesting natural crossings and old hybrid roses in Finland, illustrated by superb photographs.

During the convention a memorial tablet to honour Peter Lambert, one of the founders of the Rosarium Sangerhausen, was established, and at the end of the convention a new rose from Ann Velle-Boudolf was baptized on the name ‘Eilike’ to honour Eilike Vemmer.

All participants were happy for the excellently organized conference, which brought together rose gardeners, scientists, rose breeders and rose lovers from all over the world.
The WFRS Regional Convention was held in Palmerston North, New Zealand from 22nd – 27th November, 2013. A small committee, led by Peter Elliott had spent the last three years planning for this event which was hosted by the Manawatū Rose Society (Inc.) on behalf of the New Zealand Rose Society (Inc).

The convention started on Friday, 22nd November with a meet and greet at Arena 2, site of the International Rose Show over the next two days. New Zealand rosarians from all over the country had brought blooms to exhibit, aided in no small way by near perfect weather in the lead up to the show.

Saturday 23rd November saw the judging of the rose show by New Zealand and International judges before the show opened to the public in the afternoon. Arena 2 had been transformed into a spectacle of roses of all shapes, sizes and colours. In addition to the show, there was a floral art display, a display of heritage roses by members of Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc), trade exhibits, rose stamps and a display of International Roses. The convention banquet dinner was held that night at the Awapuni Function Centre with Mrs Vicki Lee providing entertainment to those present.

The following day, Sunday 24th November, saw delegates head off on the City East Garden tour which visited the garden of Peter and Elizabeth Elliott near Ashhurst before the buses travelled to the top of the Te Apiti wind farm to get up close to the large wind turbines. Following lunch at the Palmerston North Community Leisure, the tour stopped at the magnificent Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden, a WFRS Garden of Excellence.

Lectures were held all day Monday 25th and on the morning of Tuesday 26th November at the Palmerston North Convention Centre. Lectures were presented on a range of topics and were all well presented.

Mr Steve Jones (USA) - A history of American Rose Hybridising
Mr John Ford (New Zealand) - The legacy of Nola Simpson and her roses
Mr Kelvin Trimper (Australia) - Maintaining the popularity of the rose – the down under experience
Mr Doug Grant (New Zealand) - Sam McGredy and his roses
Mr Thomas Proll (Germany) - Creating beautiful, fragrant, healthy roses – the Kordes way
Mrs Fiona Hyland (New Zealand) - Conserving old roses in New Zealand
Mr David Kenny (Ireland) - Amateur Rose Breeding in the UK and Ireland
Mrs Ann Chapman (New Zealand) - For the love of roses – a personal journey
Mrs Jolene Adams (United States) - From up there to down under and back
Mr Bob Matthews (New Zealand) - The evolution of the New Zealand Rose growing industry
Mr Anthony Tesselaar (Australia) - What consumers want and how Flower Carpet® gave them what they wanted.

Eileen Wilcox, Sheenagh Harris, Merv. and Wendy Trimper were moderators.

A panel discussion moderated by Hayden Foulds (New Zealand) with panellists Matthias Meilland (France), Murray Radka (New Zealand), Richard Walsh (Australia) and Rob Somerfield (New Zealand) discussed Were Roses are Heading.

The City West tour headed off for garden visits at the conclusion of the lecture programme visiting three gardens including those of local rose society members John and Chris Ford and Bruce and Ingrid Lambie with the tour concluding at the magnificent Highden Country Estate for afternoon tea.

The final day of the convention travelled to the Hawkes Bay region two hours away. Although usually known for its sunshine, it was a wet day. The venue for lunch was Sileni Winery and then it was on to the garden of Gary and Georgina Campbell featuring an extensive collection of heritage roses and roses bred by the McGredy family inter-planted with a wide range of shrubs, perennials, bulbs and annuals. A special surprise for many was meeting Sam and Jillian McGredy who had travelled from...
Auckland to be in attendance. Under cover, members of the Hawkes Bay Heritage Rose group and the Hastings and Napier Rose Society had prepared a display of roses and served afternoon tea before the buses departed for Palmerston North and a farewell dinner brought the convention to a close.

PRE-CONVENTION TOUR

Thirty three rosarians under the guidance of Peter Elliott as tour leader met in Auckland to begin the pre-convention tour to Palmerston North. A day in Auckland saw the group visit the Sky Tower, the tallest structure in the Southern Hemisphere followed by visits to the Parnell Rose Garden and the Auckland Botanic Gardens. Heading south, the tour stopped at the Te Awamutu Rose Garden and the tourist attractions of Waitomo Caves and the Otorohanga Kiwi House before arriving in Hamilton. While in Hamilton, the group visited the spectacular Waikato Rose Show and took part in judging the 2013 New Zealand Rose of the Year competition held at Rogers Rose Garden, a WFRS Garden of Excellence.

From Hamilton, the tour was led by Eileen Wilcox, President of the New Zealand Rose Society (Inc.). Travelling to Matamata, the tour visited the Hobbiton Village, one of the sets for the Lord of the Rings movies and then headed to the tourist city of Rotorua for a couple of days. While there, the tour visited geysers and boiling mud which Rotorua is famous for, plus a sheep shearing demonstration and tour of the local museum.

From Rotorua, the tour travelled to Huka Falls and then on to Taupo before arriving in the city of Napier. A tour of the city famous for its art deco architecture was a highlight of the time spent there before the tour travelled through to Palmerston North in time for the convention to begin.

POST CONVENTION TOUR

Thirty-eight rosarians under the guidance of Charles Foulds left Palmerston North and travelled south to the town of Levin for the opening of the Nola Simpson Rose Garden and then on to the famous Southwards Car Museum near Wellington. While in Wellington, the group visited the Wellington Botanic Gardens and the National Museum of New Zealand before boarding the ferry across Cook Strait to the South Island.

In Blenheim, the tour visited four beautiful local gardens, a local winery for lunch and was hosted for afternoon tea by members of the Marlborough Rose Society. Heading south, the tour visited the town of Kaikoura before heading to Christchurch where time was spent at the Antarctic Centre, the Botanic Gardens and touring the city observing the recovery from the recent earthquakes that devastated much of the city.

The final day of the tour headed south to Timaru to visit the local botanic garden and its well-known collection of species roses. There was also a visit to the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden where the WFRS Garden of Excellence plaque was unveiled by WFRS Immediate Past President Sheenagh Harris in the presence of the Mayor of Timaru, Damon Odey and Peter Elliott. The tour concluded with a farewell dinner in Christchurch that evening before rosarians headed home or continued their travels in New Zealand.
Roses in the Sun. Roses in the Mediterranean climates around the world, particularly in the Mediterranean Sea area, Barcelona and neighbourhood regions. This was the first WFRS Convention to be held in Spain.

Convenors – Matilde Ferrer and Lluis Abad
Number of participants: 161
Number of Countries: 25

Co-organizers: Asociación Española de la Rosa and Ajuntament de Barcelona (Barcelona City Council). With participation of Ajuntament de Sant Feliu de Llobregat, Ajuntament de Reus and Associació d’Amics de les Roses de Sant Feliu de Llobregat and Vivers Roses Dot (Dot Roses Nursery).

The lectures took place in the Palau Reial de Pedralbes –

Kelvin Trimper - Growing Roses in hot, dry Mediterranean Climates - the Australian experience.
Steve Jones - The best beautiful Roses in USA warm climates.
Oriol Marfà - Closed Soilless technique for growing Roses and effects of oxifertigation.
José I. Cubero - Genética y Rosas.
Javier Spalla - Rosalistas Españoles.
Jaume Garcia – La llum de la Mediterrània a les Roses de Pere Dot
Marlise Fertig – Ellen Willmott and her Roses.
Matthias Meilland –The Meilland Roses for the Mediterranean
Becky Hook - Heritage Roses for sunny climates
Pere Cabot – Els Rosers Silvestres a Catalunya i la seva aplicació als jardins.
Helga Brichet - Noisette Roses - There is much to discover.
Shiwei Zhao Modern Roses bred in China

Presentations were made during the Barcelona Rose Convention for the forthcoming conventions:

Hyderabad (India)
Beijing (China)
Copenhagen (Denmark)
Lyon (France)

TECHNICAL VISITS: Roserar del Parc Cervantes, Roserar Amargós (Jardins del Teatre Grec), Vivers Dot (Begues), Roserar Doti Camprubí (Sant Feliu de Llobregat)

OPENING CEREMONY: Closing with Technical visits: Roserar del Parc Cervantes, Roserar Amargós (Jardins del Teatre Grec), Vivers Dot (Begues), Roserar Doti Camprubí (Sant Feliu de Llobregat)

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Welcome Cocktail at Pavelló Mies van der Rohe,

CLOSING CEREMONY: with dinner, and tourist visit at Sagrada Familia temple.
Henrianne de Briey, Malcolm Watson and Rosario al Gorta at the Meet and Greet

Dot i Camprúbí Rose Garden, in Sant Feliu de Llobregat

Matilde Ferrer receives the WFRS Silver Commemorative Medal from President Steve Jones
The WFRS Regional Convention for Central Asia ROSE ETERNAL was hosted and organized by The Indian Rose Federation and The Hyderabad Rose Society in Hyderabad, Telangana State from 29th November to 2nd December, 2014. The Convention was well attended with 418 registered delegates and a few hundred invited guests. There were 56 International Delegates from different countries.

The Pre-tour organized for the delegates began on 23rd November from Bangalore, also known as ‘Garden City’. 31 delegates representing 9 different countries, participated in the pre-tour. On their excursions they were taken to the famous Lal Bagh Botanical Garden and Rose Garden at Bangalore and local sightseeing of the city, Tipu Sultan's Palace and the Maharaja's Palace (Amba Vilas Palace) at Mysore and the Wild Life Nature Park at Bandipur. At Ooty the delegates were highly impressed after visiting the Centenary Rose Garden, which was awarded the WFRS Garden of Excellence in Japan 2006. This Rose Garden has around 27,000 plants of 4,200 cultivars. In the evening a reception was hosted by the Nilgiri’s Rose Society. Next day was a visit to the Government Botanical Garden at Udhagamandalam, which is more than 160 years old and has a wide collection of exotic and indigenous specimens of old plants, trees, shrubs, ferns etc. Later there was a visit to a tea factory and in the evening a visit to the garden of Meboob Alam Khan. This one hectare farm had 1,550 varieties of roses, besides orchids, cyclamen, ferns and fruit trees. In the evening the visitors participated in mixing the cake with the cook of the hotel for Christmas. The delegates left the next morning for Hyderabad.

The delegates started arriving on 28th November and settled in their respective Hotels. Most of the delegates were housed in the Novotel Hotel which is attached to the venue. There was a shuttle service from the convention hotels to the convention venue starting from 07:30 Hrs. Registration/Information Desks were open at the venue at 08:00Hrs. Delegates, after registering joined the Meet and Greet arranged at the pool-side adjacent to the venue at 12:30 Hrs. A preview of the Rose Show was open for the delegates from 14:00 - 14:45 Hrs.

The WFRS Regional Convention Rose Eternal and the 33rd All India Rose Show was inaugurated by the Honourable, Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana State at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre on 29th November, 2014. During this event, the Indian Rose Annual - 2015 published by IRF and edited by M.S. Viraraghavan and Girija Viraraghavan, with a special emphasis on New Light on the Old World of Roses and towards the creation of Pan - Asia consciousness of the Rose, was released. The Rose Show was a big attraction especially the replica of the famous historic monument Charminar.

Rosarians from all over India brought roses and participated in the competition in various sections and categories. After the inaugural function there was a Cultural programme depicting the Indian culture portrayed by talented artists followed by dinner. On the following three days technical sessions were planned in the forenoon and visits to local rose gardens were arranged after lunch. We had eminent speakers whose papers were very interesting.

The four day event at Hyderabad comprised of a grand rose show, with participants coming from different parts of India with their roses, a replica of the Charminar was erected using 85,000 green house roses. Technical sessions took place over the four days, with visits to public rose gardens and city tours. On the concluding day, the farewell programme at the Rose garden on the farm of Ahmed Alam Khan was attended by about 2,000 invitees including the delegates. The majority of them were Rose lovers and Garden enthusiasts.

On the inaugural day - 29-11-2014, after the formal introductory function, the keynote speaker was Dr. William A. McNamara, USA - a presentation on Collecting Rose Species in Asia and their Conservation in Quarry Hill. Since Dr. McNamara could not attend, the paper was read by Helga Brichet.
The 2nd day of the convention started with a joint presentation by Mrs. Girija and Mr. Viraraghavan, India, entitled Born in the Forest, Reborn in the garden - a tale of two Indian Rose Species. The next presentation was by Dr. N. K. Dadlani, India on Indian Rose Breeders. Dr. T. Janakiram, India spoke about Rose Research in India. A video presentation was sent by Mr. Robert Mattock, U.K. on The Silk Road Hybrids and was the last for the day.

The 3rd day of the convention consisted of four major presentations from International speakers - Mrs. Helga Brichet, Italy gave a presentation on Italian Rose Hunters in the East. Prof. Wang Guoliang, China spoke about Miraculous Old Rose ‘Baoxiang’ in China and ‘Kakinada Red’ in India.

Natural Habitats of Wild Roses in Japan and their conservation was presented by Dr. Yuki Mikanagi, Japan.

Dr. Mhmooda Hashmi, Pakistan presented Roses in Pakistan and the Indian Sub-continent. After these technical presentations, there were presentations on future conventions to be held in France, China and Uruguay by representatives of the respective countries.

Tulips, Traders and Roses by Mr. Behcet Ciragan, Switzerland and Roses in Singapore by Mr. Tuan Ching, Singapore were the two technical lectures presented on 2nd December - the last day of the Convention.

The Post Tour - A total of 36 delegates participated in the post tour. They left for Delhi on the 3rd December. After arriving in Delhi the delegates were taken to Agra, after a night stay the visitors were taken to the Taj Mahal and later in the day to the Agra Fort. In the evening there was a visit to a theatre for a play on the Taj Mahal. The next day they departed for Jaipur known as the pink city and famous for its Palaces. A visit to the Hawa Mahal (Palace of Wind) and Amber Fort, overlooking the Maota Lake. Elephant rides were organized and an evening visit to carpet factories and back to the Hotel. Next day the delegates visited the Jantar Mantar and the Palace of Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II and the museum located therein before leaving for Delhi. In Delhi they visited the Jama Masjid, Raj Ghat, the President of India’s residence, known as Rashtrapati Bhavan. Later a visit to a rose garden organized by the local rose society and next day a visit to the Qutub Minar was arranged with shopping sprees for the delegates and preparing to depart for their homes.

On the final day of the Convention the delegates were taken to the large private Rose Garden of Ahmed Alam Khan at his farm located about 40 miles away from the city. The first garden visited was of Indian bred roses numbering 2,500 planted in the lawns sand surrounded by exotic palms. There were several other exotic palm trees and seasonal flowers planted in massive beds on the lawns. The second garden was Green Valley Farm planted with roses of all species, such as Hybrid Tea’s, Floribundas, numbering 18,500 spread over an area covering six acres in massive beds - Grandifloras, Polyanthas, Miniatures, Talk Series, Standard Roses, Rambler Roses, Hybrid Perpetual, Wild Roses, All American Rose Selections, English Roses etc. Every rose bed was edged with petunias of vibrant colours. The roses were in full bloom and it was a feast to the eyes of every visitor. The number of plants planted is 18,500 of 1,500 varieties spread over an area covering six acres. This extended garden was developed by Ahmed Alam Khan for the Regional Convention. The third and original Rose Garden is on the other end of the farm with 10,000 plants, HT’s and Floribunda planted on the periphery of lush green lawns punctuated with exotic plants. The concluding farewell programme was arranged on the flood lit lawns and a massive stage for the entertainment and gala dinner hosted by Ahmed Alam Khan. There were several hundred garden lovers and rose lovers in addition to the official delegates of the convention who visited and enjoyed the evening.
ARGENTINA
Rose Society of Argentina
Asociacion Argentina de Rosicultura

PRESIDENT: 2012 – 2015 – Bettina Crosta
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 115
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 3

2012
In August the Executive Committee was renewed at the Annual Ordinary General Meeting. Bettina Crosta was elected new President of our organization. The conference Old forgotten roses in Argentina, - a Seeker’s Memories, given by Rafael Maino, was very interesting to the audience.

October: A Group of Members attended the WFRS Convention in South Africa. Our traditional Spring Rose Show took place on the 25th at the Air Force Club in Buenos Aires City, this was, of course, the highlight of the year. Next day, 26th, the 11th New Rose Trial took place at the Trial Grounds of Park 3 de Febrero´s Rosedal in Palermo, with the participation of National and International Juries, plus a Jury of Honour and a Jury of local Rose Dealers.

As usual, in November we had our annual group outing, where we visited several private gardens, lunch included.

2013
On February 7th, at a small ceremony held in the grounds, we delivered the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence to the Authorities of the Environment and Public Areas office. This was granted to our Rosedal at the WFRS World Convention 2012 in South Africa.
April: first outing of the year was a day long visit to private gardens in the Northern Suburbs of Buenos Aires.

Monthly meetings and Conferences were very successful, as well as the pruning workshops - 2 were held in July in private gardens of our associates and in June a public one in Villa Ocampo, an historical villa that was owned by the famous the writer Victoria Ocampo, who donated it, and now it is the property of UNESCO.

October - we had our Spring Rose Show and Flower Designs, for the first time at the San Isidro Hippodrome on the outskirts of Buenos Aires City.

After 2 years of study, from May to October, one morning a week, the course for New Judges came to an end. 14 new judges graduated.

Five members attended the conference in Sangerhausen.

For our annual end of year outing, we had a very interesting day - in the morning we had a guided tour by one of our members, visiting the Historical San Isidro district. We had lunch in an historical restaurant in Tigre. Afterwards we went by boat to El Descanso Island, where we went over a private island of 14 hectares, full of small streams, bridges, sculptures, hundreds of azaleas, hydrangeas, wisteria, ferns, native grasses and trees, pergolas, and more than 500 hundred roses !!!!

A Secondary Agricultural School of Azul City, 300 Km from Buenos Aires, asked the Association to give a talk about roses, because every year the Cervantes Festival is celebrated there. They wanted to organize a Rose Show among other activities but they had no idea how to do it. Nilda Crivelli represented the Society. The talk was given to the students and the Community as well as a demonstration on exhibiting.

2014

April: The 14 new Judges received their Diplomas and Brooches in a friendly and warm ceremony
This year we decided to make a change and have of our monthly meetings out of town, in the suburbs, in an attempt to make it easier for members who live there to attend. The initiative was very well received and new members were enrolled. In this month expert Violeta Hisaki’s talk “Propagation of Roses, budding and cuttings “ was very much enjoyed, as well as “Roses and their Escorts”, in May.

Two members and the Rosedal Manager attended the WFRS convention in Barcelona.

July - Nilda Crivelli was invited by the Agricultural School in Azul to give a talk and practical demonstration on pruning to the Community. After lunch, they practiced it on a field of roses in the rain. The monthly meeting was in Pilar, also in the suburbs, where we had a demonstration of Modern and Traditional design styles.

September – a working day was organized by the Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura and the Friends of the Botanical Garden Fund, about roses and was held in the Sarmiento Theatre where almost 200 people showed great interest in the event. They have requested a second day.....

The Spring Rose Show took place in October in an art-deco house in Puerto Madero. Besides the roses and design exhibition, there were talks about miniature Roses and a visit to the surroundings by the Rio de la Plata, which made an enjoyable afternoon. We had a record public attendance, who also enjoyed an excellent tea. The prize award ceremony was held on the terrace, overlooking the river, at sunset, while strawberries and champagne were being served in the best “Roaring Twenties” style... an afternoon to remember....

November - the last outing of the year, we visited private gardens in western private villages in Bella Vista, 30 Km from Buenos Aires. Lunch and tea were superb.
November 25th the plaque for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence was placed in our Rosedal, celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Many members of our Association and from Chile and Uruguay and important authorities of Buenos Aires Government participated in the event.

2015
March - For the first meeting we invited a Garden Designer and Garden Tour Organizer. Her photos showed us beautiful gardens all around the world.

An Autumn, non-competitive, Rose Show was held in the Botanical Gardens House. It was visited by many Botanic Garden visitors, who enjoyed it and voted for their favourite rose and design. We have already begun to organize the Second Rose Workshop Day, to be held in August, and many other interesting activities.

Rosedal de Palermo

'Pierre de Ronsard'

'La France'
The Annual General Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia was held in November 2012, in Melbourne, and was hosted by the Rose Society of Victoria. This meeting received reports on the activities of the WFRS including forthcoming conferences, which Australians were encouraged to attend. At this meeting Australian Rose Awards (Australia’s highest rose award) were presented to Veronica O’Brien, Angus Irwin and Kelvin Trimper. Laurie Newman received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award (a combined New Zealand and Australia award). This meeting also resolved to support an invitation to WFRS President, Steve Jones and his wife Susie, to visit Australia in 2013 for the Centennial of the Rose Society of New South Wales and to visit other states.

At the NSW National Meeting, Australian Rose Awards were bestowed on Judith Oyston and Max Marriner. Kelvin Trimper received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award. Richard Walsh received the National Rose Society of Australia Service Award.

At the Adelaide Meeting, David C.H. Austin OBE (England), Joyce Chapman and Ruth Watson received Australian Rose Awards. Glyn Saunders from New Zealand received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award.

THE QUEENSLAND ROSE SOCIETY Inc.
The Queensland Rose Society (QRS) celebrates its 85th year in 2015. Combined membership with the regional affiliate societies, the Gold Coast Rose Society and the Darling Downs Rose Society, at 350 memberships with 410 members.
2013 saw our long standing President of 15 years, Mr Tony Stallwood ARA, retire in his duties as President of the Society. Tony continues on the committee and remains an active member of the Society. Tony was National President twice and was awarded the Australian Rose Award in 2010 in recognition of the outstanding service he has given to roses. Tony has spent many years talking at garden club events and cultivating close personal friendships with those in the garden industry.

Paul Hains was elected as the new President of the Queensland Rose Society. He had previously been the QRS Secretary and President of the Australian Rose Breeders’ Association. Paul has a garden of over 500 roses and is an amateur rose breeder with roses being released into the market in 2015.

In the last three years Queensland has experienced challenging weather conditions with long periods of drought followed by flooding rains. Despite the weather conditions, QRS has held very successful rose shows twice a year with the largest number of exhibits seen in many years.

At the end of 2013 a new initiative was started. The best Novice exhibitor at each monthly show wins a $50 gift certificate to Donelle’s Gift Garden and Florist Rose nursery, a great supporter of the club. News of the new prize spread quickly and we had a sea of new exhibitors at our monthly shows. Experienced members helped them put their exhibits out and a different new exhibitor has won almost every month since.

In 2013 we hosted the World Federation of Rose Societies President, Mr Steve Jones and his wife Susie. They visited many gardens in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Steve took many photos through the gardens and was impressed by how well the roses have grown, given the climactic challenges. QRS hosted a members’ dinner at the top of Mt Coot- with views of our capital city.

November 2014 saw a new rose book released for the Queensland climate. Written by the QRS President, Paul Hains, it is titled Growing Roses in Subtropical Climates. This book is being used by the society as a fundraiser to help provide services to the community to encourage rose growing. Sales of the book have been very strong and the feedback from Queensland rose growers has been overwhelmingly positive.

The Society also received a grant from the government to purchase some modernised equipment such as a fully enclosed trailer and new lightweight tables to assist with rose shows.

2015 has seen the society working to provide more open gardens and activities for members to enjoy. There has been a steady growth in the number of members attending monthly meetings and activities, along with a growth in memberships in the last two years. The National Rose Society of Australia AGM and National Show will be held on the Gold Coast in 2015 for the first time. This will be a very well managed event with some magnificent gardens to visit in this area of Australia.

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc.

The last three years have been busy and successful with, as you would expect, a number of challenges. We have approximately 1200 members, of which many are joint memberships, which has been constant for some time.

We have been grateful for the support shown to us by our then Patron Liz Scarce, the wife of our State Governor and our Vice Patron, Stephen Forbes, the Director of the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. They have both attended our Autumn and Spring Shows, which continue to be very well attended by the South Australian public. Our Spring Show 2013 coincided with a visit by the World Federation President, Steve Jones, and his wife Susie. We were delighted that he opened our Rose Show in the presence of our Patron, Liz Scarce.

A new initiative has been a lecture to honour one of our esteemed past members, Dr Allan Campbell. The first lecture was held in May, 2013, at Lyndoch Hill and Barossa Chateau, in the beautiful Barossa Valley, and was delivered in the presence of Dr Campbell’s two daughters. The keynote speaker was Tom Carruth, who is the EL and RB Shannon curator of the rose collection at the Huntington Library Art Collection and Botanical Gardens, West Virginia, USA. A second lecture was
given at the Spring Show in 2014, when we also hosted the Annual General Meeting of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Two of our former life members, Paddy Muecke and Ralph Lucas have died. They were both active members of the Society and great ambassadors for the rose.

Over the past 3 years Kelvin Trimper, Robert Gregory, Mary Frick, Merv. Trimper, Sue Zwar and Maureen Ross have been awarded life membership for their outstanding services to the Society.

The new branch of the Society, Roses in the Heartland, centred in the Barossa Valley, has steadily grown, and our South East branch has celebrated their 20th anniversary.

Neutrog has introduced new products and our relationship with them is strong. We appreciate the generosity of the Managing Director, Angus Irwin, who provides sample packs of fertiliser to new members and whose very generous sponsorship of all state society’s as well as the national body makes many of the activities financially possible.

We also have a strong relationship with the Woodville Academy of Floral Design, who provide us with the most amazing themed floral displays at our shows.

A volunteer group comprising both Society members and members of the public has been formed to work on Friday mornings at the International Rose Garden, located within the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. This has been of great assistance to the staff of the Botanic Gardens. A second group cares for the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, also located within the Botanic Gardens. Members of our Society have filled the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer of the National Rose Society, and internationally, the positions of Vice President (Australasia), Treasurer and Executive Director of the World Federation of Rose Societies, which is a major contribution in the promotion of the rose.

Back Row: Glynis Hayne, Peter Burton, Doug Hayne, Gavin Woods, Terry Burke, Laurie Newman, Carl Ellefsen, Colin Hollis, Graham Wright, Rosalie Vine Front Row: Sandy Beverley, Jim Cane, Mary Frick, Kelvin Trimper, Jill Meyer, Paul Hains, Vivienne Etter, Veronica O’Brien
AUSTRIA
Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:
NUMBER OF SOCIEITES:

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BELGIUM
The Royal National Rose Society of Belgium
Societe Royale Nasionale ‘Les Amis de la Rose

PRESIDENT: Frans Thomas
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 260
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

PARTICIPATION IN WFRS CONVENTIONS:
During the last three years the Royal National Rose Society of Belgium attended the following WFRS Conventions:

The WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany in June 2013 – 6 members
The WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North, N.Z. in November, 2013 – 1 member
The WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona Spain in May 2014 – 2 members
The WFRS Regional Convention in Hyderabad, India in December 2014 – 1 member

PARTICIPATION IN ROSE EVENTS:
In 2013 we organised a Rose Salon at Le Roeulx to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the International Rose trials.

Every year we attend the rose happenings at the Castle of Hex. We are also present at the garden days at Celles, Beervelde, Putte and others.

Ingrid Verdegem, member of our board gave talks at various venues, not only in Belgium.

Our Board Members take an active part in Rose trials as members of the International juries throughout Europe.

At the end of June 2013 the President Steve Jones and the Executive Director, Malcolm Watson of the WFRS and their wives visited Belgium and attended the Rose Trials at Kortrijk. Steve unveiled
the plaque for the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence which had been awarded during the Convention in Sandton.

Prizes obtained at the International Rose Trials:

Rose creations of Rudy and Ann Velle Boudolf (Lens Roses)
2012 - Lyon 'La Feuillerie' 3rd prize landscape
   Paris 'Jean Stephenne' - landscape
2013 - Barcelona 'Y185' Best rose miniature-groundcover
   Rome 'VEL11' Best shrub
   Hradec Kralove 'La Feuillerie' certificate
   Baden-Baden 'Y1259' bronze medal
   Saverne 'Y1217' certificate
   Kortrijk 'Grand Duc Jean' and 'VEL11mkazz' silver medal
   The Hague 'Maria Mathilde' public's prize; 'VEL10kgual' certificate climbing
   Le Roeulx 'VEL11btare' certificate - groundcover

2014: Barcelona 'Y1271' Prize of the city of Barcelona, prize best groundcover and prize Spanish Society of public Parks and Gardens; 'Y232' Prize best Landscape Rose

Monza 'Y232' - silver medal - shrub
Madrid 'Poppy Rose' Certificate
Hradec Kralove 'VEL10kgual' Honourable mention
Kortrijk 'VEL2mreba' Silver medal
Le Roeulx 'VEL11Btare' Rose Elite du Roeulx. Martin Vissers

2012: Monza 'Esprit d'Amour' Gold medal
   Kortrijk 'VMZ1011' Golden medal; 'Vis Amabili' Silver medal
   The Hague 'Midsummersnow' Golden Rose of The Hague and Gold certificate Floribunda
   'Sweet Blondie' Public award

2013: Lyon 'Taxandria' first prize Landscape Roses
   Paris 'Europa Nostra' certificate shrub
   Baden-Baden 'VISwirosa' Honor prize German Rose Society and Gold medal - shrub
   Kortrijk 'VISraporch' Silver medal
   Le Roeulx 'Esprit d'Amour' Silver medal ; 'New Dreams' Silver medal

2014: Monza 'VISvioli' Gold medal
   Hradec Kralove 'VM8000' Honourable mention Climbing; 'Taxandria' First prize shrub
   'Esprit d’Amour' Honourable mention

2013: Kortrijk '04-121' Gold medal De Gaer

2014: La Tacita 'Yellow Surprise' Prize Best Rose of the amateur.

**Frans Thomas**
President – Belgian Rose Society

Baroness Marie-Louise Velge and and Prince Wauthier de Ligne discussing roses at the Trials in Kortrijk

Steve Jones, Marie-Claire Van der Stichele-De Jaegere Bart Naeyaert at the presentation of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence at Kortrijk
BERMUDA
The Bermuda Rose Society


NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 100
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 1

The BRS meets on the 1st Friday of each month from October through to May when the AGM is held. At each month’s meeting, we have a bench and flower arrangement competition along with a guest speaker. Annually we hold a Rose Plant Sale, which is a major fund raiser for the BRS.

October 2012: A local delegation of 12 BRS members attended the 16th WFRS Convention in South Africa.

April 2013: The BRS hosted a judging course with visiting judges Jolene Adams (President, American Rose Society), Lois Fowkes (ARS Judge, RNRS Judge, WAFA Floral Art Judge), Linda Kimmel (ARS Lead Exhibition Gulf District) and Lois-Ann Helgson (ARS Chair of Old Garden Roses). 30 individuals signed up for the course. Also in April, Mr. Jeff Wyckoff was invited to Bermuda by BRS, to be a judge at our Annual Agricultural Show.

September 2013: On the 17th September, BRS officially launched the much anticipated new book ROSES IN BERMUDA - Revisited, with a public book signing and cocktail party. A 10 year journey, the end result, a book that the membership and all those involved in its publication can be proud of.

November 2013: BRS produced its first ever Rose Calendar for 2014, highlighting photos of our Mystery Roses. 21st November was the official first day cover release of the Bermuda Mystery Roses’ stamp issue by the Philatelic Bureau, using photos from the BRS new book, featuring ‘Pacific’, ‘Maitland White’, ‘Soncy’, ‘Spice’ and also included a very informative sheet about the roses and BRS. Also in November, a local delegation of 7 BRS members attended the Heritage Rose Foundation Conference, held at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

December 2013: During the month of December, BRS had a presence at numerous Christmas craft markets and functions throughout the Island to promote and sell the new book and 2014 calendar.

February 2014: In February, the BRS was honoured to have Sheenagh Harris from South Africa, Immediate Past President of the World Federation of Rose societies as our guest speaker. During the monthly meeting, Sheenagh gave a slide presentation on Rose Gardens of South Africa. On Sunday,
9th February, BRS members and guests, gathered at the Southampton Princess for a lovely luncheon to celebrate the Societies 60th Anniversary. Sheenagh again treated us to a most interesting talk and presentation on Royal Roses - roses named for British Royalty from King Arthur to the present.

April 2014: BRS members were treated to an afternoon tea party at Fennel Heights, the home of BRS President Diana Antonition, touring the rose gardens and orchid house. Also in April, another successful Annual Agricultural Show was held, with a large number of rose entries.

May 2014: David and Crenagh Elliott, visited Bermuda and presented the awards at our AGM. David is the WFRS VP for North America.

October 2014: Rose gardens throughout Bermuda were devastated by 2 Hurricanes that hit the Island - Hurricane Fay on 12th October and Hurricane Gonzalo on 17th October.

November 2014: A local delegation of 7 BRS members attended the Heritage Rose Foundation Conference, held in New Orleans.

December 2014: After the success of the 2014 Rose Calendar, another calendar was produced for 2015 featuring a selection of roses that grow well in Bermuda. 18th December was the official first day cover release of the 2nd series of Bermuda Roses stamp issue by the Philatelic Bureau, again using photos from our new book, featuring ‘Lover’s Meeting’, ‘Carnation’, ‘Baronne Henriette de Snoy’, ‘The Brownie Rose’ and ‘William R. Smith’.

February, 2015: Dr. Malcolm Manners was invited to Bermuda to be guest speaker. At a luncheon, attended by over 70 BRS members and guests, Dr. Manners gave a talk and slide presentation on the new rose garden at Florida Southern College. The luncheon was followed by a tour of member's rose gardens. The next day, Dr. Manners gave another talk and presentation, open to the public, on rose cuttings and grafting roses.

In corroboration with the Bermuda Tourism Authority, BRS President, Diana Antonition and Vice President, Peter Holmes, have graciously opened up their homes and rose gardens to Island guests as part of Love Month. Each Monday in February, at Fennel Heights, Diana gives a talk and demonstration on how to propagate Old Garden Roses and her husband Steven, gives a tour of his Orchid house. At Barngrove, Peter gives a talk on Bermuda’s Mystery Roses and his wife Felicity gives a demonstration on rose arrangements, using a shadow box. The tours have been a resounding success.

Diana Antonition
President – Bermuda Rose Society

BERMUDA ROSE SOCIETY PRESIDENTS – PAST AND PRESENT
Back row: Sally Madden, Eugene Rayner, Marijke Peterich, Elizabeth Carswell, Sheenagh Harris, Diana Antonition,
Front Row: Essie Hans, Margaret King, Molly White, Liesbeth Cooper.
CANADA
Canadian Rose Society

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

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CHILE
ASOCIACIÓN CHILENA DE LA ROSA

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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CHINA
Chinese Rose Society

PRESIDENT: Zhang Zuoshuang
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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DENMARK
Danish Rose Society
Det Danske Rosenselskab

http://www.rosenselskabet.dk

PRESIDENT – 2009 – 2015 - Inger Schierning
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 15
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 2000

There is an extraordinary interest and enthusiasm in Denmark for the Queen of Flowers, the rose, and much time and energy is devoted to her. The 2000 members of the Danish Rose Society manifest this passion for the Queen of the Flowers.

The DRS is presently organized throughout Denmark into 15 local branches that work individually and cooperatively. They arrange meetings, exhibitions, tours and garden visits as well as inviting national and international lecturers to rose events. But first and foremost these 15 groups of rose ambassadors work tirelessly to spread the happy news about roses. It is our good fortune that this deep interest in roses and their care is nurtured and led by the guiding inspiration of our honorary member, Her Majesty Margaret II.

Denmark is recognized worldwide in the field of roses. With an annual production of 65 million roses and an impressive history, the award winning Danish company Poulsen Roser A/S is a unique beacon among rose breeders. Established in 1878, its founder, S. Poulsen, introduced his first Floribunda, 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Ellen Poulsen' in 1911/12. It soon became the standard for Modern roses. Today the fourth generation of the family continues the remarkable rose breeding work of Poulsen Roser A/S.

THE NORDIC ROSE WEEKEND 2014 IN FINLAND

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

In 2014 Finland hosted the Nordic Rose Weekend from 11-14 July 2014 in Aabo. More than 100 Rosarians from the 4 sister countries joined with about 50 members of the Finnish Rose Society to enjoy three full days of conferencing, banqueting, visiting rose gardens and sightseeing in the rather exotic warm summer climate by the sea (30+) Matthias Meilland from France was invited to give a presentation of the WFRS 17th World Rose Convention to be held in Lyon.-, Lyon – Roses 2015. He
and his wife were enchanted by the ambiance of the Finnish archipelago. They both enjoyed the warm light Nordic nights where a few hours of twilight was superseded by a new hot summer day.

In 2016 The Nordic Rose Weekend will take place in Bergen in Norway. We were given a presentation of a city surrounded by fjords, mountains and beautiful rose gardens, with a pleasant climate blessed by the warm seawater from the Gulf Stream.

THE ANNUAL FAVORITE ROSE OF THE YEAR:

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


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

At the 16th World Rose Convention, ROSAFRICA, in October 2012, the Danish Rose Society presented their bid to host the WFRS 18th World Rose Convention in Copenhagen in 2018 with A Fairytale of Roses. This will be the first opportunity for the WFRS to hold a convention in this northern part of Europe. The delegates voted in favour of the Danish bid and we very much look forward to welcoming rose lovers from all over the rose world in 2018.

Every second year we have an International Lecture, Saturday in Aarhus and Sunday in Copenhagen.

In 2013 Inger Schierning and Jens Otto Pedersen narrated their participation in ROSAFRICA 2012, so the topic was kind of international – not the lecturers.

In February 2015 Markus Brunsing from Baden-Baden (Chairman of the International Rose Trials Committee) came and gave his splendid lecture: The Future of Modern Garden Roses - Impressions of the International Rose Trials – with great success in both Aarhus and Copenhagen.

Since ROSAFRICA 2012 Inger Schierning has participated in all WFRS Regional and Heritage Conventions (except India) as well as European rose trials in Monza, Baden-Baden, The Hague, Glasgow and Belfast.

A special highlight was when Sheenagh Harris, Immediate past President and Convener of the WFRS 16th WRC ROSAFRICA accepted an invitation to visit Denmark from 2 July 2013. Together with Inger Schierning, they visited many locations planned for the programme of the 18th WRC in 2018 - A boat trip on the Canals – the waterways of Copenhagen, Tivoli Gardens, H.C. Andersen’s Castle, Christiansborg Castle, Rosenborg Palace with the Crown Jewels and her Majesty the Queen’s residence at Amalienborg Palace. All in walking distance in the centre of Copenhagen.

Denmark has many allotments, for people who live in apartments. On 4th July, all sails were set at Rose Group Leader, Karenolilia’s charming allotment. It was a beautiful summer evening and Sheenagh was thrilled to meet the many members who had been invited to meet her. The next morning we set out on a Tour de Force to experience Denmark in 3 days. It was only 8 months after the successful ROSAFRICA 2012, for which Sheenagh was responsible. Inger drove the car and
Sheenagh entertained with numerous good advice like pearls on a string. We learned that three days are not enough. There is so much to discover that we now have decided that the pre/post tour around Denmark must be 5 days.

First stop was at Torben Thim’s Cultural Centre, originally built by rose collector Valdemar Petersen in 1930 with a rose museum and a library of 2,000 books on roses, including first editions of Redoute. Torben is an artist trained in Rome, philosopher, landscape designer, lecturer, author of numerous articles, several books and a number of television broadcasts on ROSES. It was hard to leave the good company. The ferry had sailed and we had to speed up on our way across the bridge to reach the idyllic Ebeltoft for dinner and an overnight stay in Birthe Olsen’s romantic timbered house and gorgeous garden in the middle of the small town with cobbledstone streets.

Next morning we visited Knud Pedersen, Rosenposten.dk. He has bred many lovely pimpinellifolia roses, and he has succeeded in breeding the first remontant pimpinellifolia roses. From Knud’s nursery we drove through the rolling landscape towards Sonderskov Castle. For many years the local rose group has arranged a rose exhibition and competition. Guests vote for their favourite rose in each category.

Next stop was Trappendal on the east coast. This is the home of Jens Otto and Gunnar. The stately farmhouse dates back more than 200 years. The old outbuildings are covered in ramblers growing in and out of the roof - a stunning sight. All that freedom in growth has resulted in quantities of seedlings, and some are very promising. Next morning Jens Otto gave us a tour through the Geographical Gardens in Kolding, the huge Rosarium and a modern Rose Garden second to none. After some hours we moved on to the stately Hotel Kolding Fjord, overlooking the belt to Fyn, where the delegates will be staying during the pre- and post tours in Jutland. Heading back towards the capital city we made several stops to visit private gardens.

On the last evening a picnic was organized in Queen Louise Rose Garden, with only standard roses cut to look like ladies’ skirts around 1850. Again a beautiful summer evening and the twilight began 10.30 pm until 3.30 am. The sun is just under the horizon for a few hours in midsommer and it is never really dark. In the North of Finland, Sweden and Norway the sun never sets in summer. One of the post tours in 2018 could be a cruise to the North to see the midnight sun dancing.

Preparations for the 18th WRC in 2018 are underway throughout Denmark, and a number of well-known European rose breeders have agreed to establish a brand new rose garden in Copenhagen – the green, clean capital of what several international surveys confirm to be the happiest people in the world. The pre- and post convention tours will give delegates the opportunity to experience the roses and culture of our fairytale country as well as those of the other Scandinavian countries.

The Danish Rose Society magazine, RosenNyt, is issued in March, June, September and December.
FINLAND
Suomen Ruususeura r.y.
Finska Rosensällskapet r.f.

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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During the last three years a lot of events and works have taken place.

Every two years we publish two issues of our review Les Amis des Roses: one in spring with four topics: rose cultivation, famous breeders, genetics, rose and business; the other one in autumn describing the activities of our Society and showing a photo gallery from the results of rose trials in Europe.

Our international rose trials of Lyons allows judging of about 90 varieties every year from twenty breeders. The permanent jury, with twenty four members grants ten awards and the international jury on the day when the results are proclaimed, give 4 awards and among them the fragrance cup. This last jury was allowed to invite some VIPS from the WFRS: Sheenagh Harris, Steve Jones etc.

We have introduced two novelties:

A new award (RR price) in order to give special importance to two features: repeat flowering and disease resistance. In 2013 the Variety ‘Sonnenwelt’ from Kordes was awarded, and in 2014 it was ‘Cherry Bonica’ from Meilland.

A new marking guideline was proposed to the permanent jury taking into account the most crucial features for the garden roses today. Each group of roses - Grandiflora, Floribunda, climbing, Landscape and Miniature Roses, has a special grading scheme.

Our Society had a presence at the most important rose trials in Continental Europe: FRANCE - Bagatelle (Paris), Orléans, Saverne; SWITZERLAND – Genève; BELGIUM – Le Roeulx; SPAIN – Barcelona; GERMANY – Baden-Baden. We also participated in the Biennale de la Rose Parfumée. organized in 2012 (for the last time and the next one is in June 2015) by the city of Nantes in the famous Beaujoire Park. About thirty new or recent varieties are chosen among the best perfumed roses and observed during two years and an expert jury determines the fragrance, notes and the note harmonies and decides on the four most valuable varieties that are distinguished by a special award: ‘Pink Paradise’ from Delbard, ‘Sagesse de Lune’ from CROIX, ‘Wollertone Old Hall’ from AUSTIN, ‘Frederic Dard’ from GUILLOT.
According to the well known tradition of our Society, we have participated in the promotion of new varieties from the European breeders: Firstly, every year we present a photo gallery in our review les Amis des Roses which shows the best genetic novelties awarded in all European rose trials. Secondly, every year in May we organize a famous exhibition called Altera Rosa, located in the Benoit XII cloister of the Palais des Papes in Avignon. About 30 to 40 varieties are cultivated in containers and are shown just before the first marketing takes place the following autumn. Twenty thousand visitors view this exhibition, and can meet and have discussions with the breeders.

Another application to the rose promotion is the involvement of Société Française des Roses in the elaboration of the Red Label mark which is going to distinguish the superior quality roses in the market; the Lyons Rose Trial is also a selection tool for the varieties competing in the Red Label.

The roses were used to celebrate remarkable events involving the Société Française des Roses...The rose Souvenir de Joséphine from Laperrière was baptized at Malmaison in June 2014 for the 200th anniversary of the death of Joséphine de Beauharnais, wife of Emperor Napoléon I. At the same time, the rose garden of Malmaison et Bois-Préaux château was restored and became a very nice place giving again the both faces of this garden. A line of roses cultivated in large containers like in the rose conservatoire of Josepine at the beginning of the 19th century, and a garden à la Française for remembering the rose garden designed by Jules Gravereaux at Malmaison at the beginning of the 20th Century.

The rose ‘Jubilée Laperrière 150’ was baptized in 2014 at the time of the 150th anniversary of the breeder and nursery Laperriere which was founded by Joseph Marin Laperriere in the XIXth Century

The rose garden of the Valsaintes Abbaye in Provence inaugurated in 2014, the Voie des Roses that the pre-convention tour to Provence, will visit during the 17th World Rose Convention. It is an historical and pedagogical way with six pictures and six paths going from rose species to the most recent varieties of Hybrid Teas.

Thanks to the support of the Caluire and Cuire municipality, a new rose garden was created close to the banks of the Rhone river. It is a botanical rose garden with a collection of 90 species of the genus Rosa and 50 primary hybrid varieties. The WFRS delegates of the 17th World Rose Convention will have the opportunity to visit this new garden - probably the first public one in France with this kind of content.

Roses and Rose bushes have allowed to give many lectures and to hold many workshops everywhere in France and more especially with recurrence at Avignon with the Altera Rosa exhibitions, and in Villa Ephrussi at St Jean Cap Ferrat with its annual plant fairs.

We have attended several WFRS conventions: Sandton (2012), Sangerhausen (2013), Barcelona (2014) and Hyderabad (2014), each time with an important French delegation.

Sadly, two of our rose breeders have passed away: Joseph Orard (2014) and François Dorieux (2015). These two people were well known on the rose breeders and rose nurseryman world and much appreciated. It was the same for their rose novelties that were distributed all over the world. These friends of the Société Française des Roses gave important support to our society for many years.
Finally time and energy have been invested in the preparation of the 17th World Rose Convention that will be held in Lyons from 27th May to 1st June, and in France from 24th May to 5th June including pre- and post-convention tours. The main committee of 9 people with more than 100 voluntary workers, have put together the programme and are ready to welcome the delegates of the WFRS. Their efforts are receiving large support from many French friends involved with roses: amateur societies, city parks and rose gardens, horticultural companies and other companies from many business sectors, politicians, etc. all hoping the 17th World Rose Convention has a very successful time for the rose world and for the rose actors.

Maurice Jay  
President Societe Francaise des Roses ‘Les Amis des

Altera Rosa

‘Souvenir de Joséphine’

Villa Ephrussi at St Jean Cap Ferrat

Joseph Orard  
Francois Dorieux
The 122nd German rose convention was held in the city of Erfurt, the capital of the country Thuringia in the eastern part of Germany. A ‘Story book of German History’ by the writer Arnold Zweig, the historic and well preserved centre of the city. The ‘ega’-park, erected in 1961, was home to the first International Garden Show in a socialist country and is still a reservoir of unknown products of rose breeding behind the iron curtain. The congress programme included interesting sessions, a number of excursions to marvelous rose cities such as Bad Langensalza, and a visit of the Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen.

Another highlight was the 25th ‘Kasseler round table’, which was part of a series of seminars founded by the renowned rose expert Hedi Grimm. The theme of this seminar was Roses for Small Gardens, giving credit to the increasing demand for small roses for terrace and balcony. It was excellently organized by Eilike Vemmer and Karla Wagner and held in Hohenheim near Stuttgart.

Two rose journeys were organized by the German Rose Society. The first one in May 2012 led rose lovers from Germany to Spain, where the wonderful cities of Barcelona, Granada, Valencia, Seville and Cordoba with their impressive architecture and lovely rose gardens were visited.

During October a delegation of German rose lovers attended the 16th World Rose Convention in South Africa. Among others, Ludwig’s Rose Farm was visited, run by Ludwig Taschner, a German rose gardener, who had immigrated to South Africa more than 40 years ago. The Kordes rose ‘ROSAFRICA’ (the symbol of the convention) was produced on his farm. Altogether, the spectacular landscape and the warm hospitality of the South African rose friends made this journey an unforgettable event.

The celebration of the centenary of the rose garden in Forst, Lusatia, Brandenburg, was the first exceptional highlight in 2013. This rose garden is famous for the almost completely preserved original design of an Art Nouveau garden with wonderful fountains, statues and pergolas. The event was
celebrated with a rose show together with the 123rd German rose convention. For the first time after the Second World War a so-called German rose show was held at this marvelous place. The Rose Show presented more than 10,000 rose plants - the best novelties of the last ten years - and was organized by the city of Forst under the patronage of the German Rose Society.

The second remarkable event was the 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen in June. More than 300 participants from 48 countries worldwide came together in the famous Europa-Rosarium of Sangerhausen, which WFRS President Steve Jones called 'the holy grail of roses’. Very interesting lectures were given by rose experts from all over the world, provoking engaged discussions. Excursions to the historic rose park Wilhelmshöhe in Kassel or to Weimar were also included. During this event the Golden Rose of Sangerhausen was awarded to Eilike Vemmer in order to recognize her extraordinary engagement for the Europa Rosarium.

Among our regularly appearing publications such as the quarterly ‘Rosenbogen’ and the yearly published ‘Rosenjahrbuch’, the GRF released a new guidebook entitled Rosengärten in Deutschland (Rose Gardens in Germany). The book immediately won the third prize in the category Best Garden Guide, granted by Deutscher Gartenbuchpreis.

2014

The centenary of the rose garden in Zweibrücken in Rhineland-Palatinate was celebrated together with the 124th German Rose Convention in the superb decorated Festival Hall of Zweibrücken. The amazing rose garden presented itself with thousands of roses in full bloom. During the event Countess Bettina Bernadotte of Mainau Island baptized a new Hybrid Tea rose from Meilland ‘Belle de Deux Ponts’ ('Belle of Zweibrücken'). Excursions to private rose gardens in the vicinity of Zweibrücken and a highly informative tour through the nice ‘Garden of Wild Roses’ in the Fasanerie area, guided by Hella Brumme and Eilike Vemmer, completed the programme.

Since our President Bernd Weigel had decided to retire after 18 years of very successful organizing and representing the German Rose Society, Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Mühlbach, Molecular Biologist and rose lover from the small town Uetersen in Northern Germany, was elected as the new President.

The 27th ‘Kasseler Rundgespräch’ was included in the convention programme. Lectures and discussion were focused on the Future of Garden Roses and how to get reliable information on roses. Invited experts and the participants concluded that new rose varieties should be resistant to fungal infections to avoid any use of pesticides and that gardeners should plant rose varieties producing hips to feed the birds. Also, a uniform labeling system for disease resistance in catalogues would be highly appreciated.

Persia (Iran) was the destination of the rose journey in May 2014. The group of rose lovers visited numerous palaces, gardens, museums and marvelous landscapes. *Rosa foetida* ‘Persiana’ was found at 2,500 m in the mountains. A very impressive journey full of unforgettable discoveries and memorable encounters with Iranian people.

Through the whole period our PR was completely updated by preparing new attractive flyers on planting and maintenance of roses, information about our German rose society, newly designed posters, beach flags etc..

We are now on Facebook, which appears to be a very fine platform to facilitate the communication with rose lovers. It might also be helpful to find new members for us and for other rose societies. We would appreciate it if more rose societies worldwide would use the potential of such social networks in order to intensify international communication and cooperation.

Hans-Peter Mühlbach

President
GREAT BRITAIN
Royal National Rose Society

PRESIDENT: Bernard Williams
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NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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GREECE
Hellenic Rose Society

PRESIDENT:
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HUNGARY
Hungarian Rose-Friends Society

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
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ICELAND
The Rose Club of the Horticultural Society of Iceland

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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Let every home bloom with Roses

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES - 19
NUMBER OF MEMBERS - 1438

2012

The Indian Rose Federation hosted its 30th All India Rose Convention at Jamshedpur, organized by Tata Steel, JUSCO and Horticulture Society of Jamshedpur, from 6th to 8th January, 2012. The delegate registration was 418, surpassing all former records; massive displays of potted roses were put up at the venue, which was a breathtaking site for the delegates and the citizens of Jamshedpur. People were mesmerized to see the plants bearing trusses of flowers from the Hybrid Tea to Floribunda and miniatures. The cut flower section too was a captivating site. The organizers had arranged for an air-conditioned enclosure. Entries came from all parts of India., The King of the show was ‘Carmousine’ ‘Sophia Loren’ judged the Queen. His Excellency, Governor of Jharkhand opened the show.

2013

Ahmed Alam Khan took over the reins as President of The Indian Rose Federation, from out going President B. S. Thipse, at the 31st Annual Convention held at Jabalpur. The total number of delegates stood at 344, a special enclosure was erected for the rose show with participation from all over India. After the Convention local rose shows organized by affiliated rose societies continued till February with the new management. The website was revamped.

2014

The 32nd All India Rose Convention of The Indian Rose Federation, organized by the M. P. Rose Society, Bhopal, was held on 4th and 5th January, 2014 at the Rose Garden for the third time in Bhopal. There was an overwhelming response from the exhibitors of Bhopal and other parts of India. Delegate participation stood at 370 while the viewers amounted to 40,000. January and February are the two main months when rose shows are organized throughout the Country.
2013

Training Day – Pruning Roses for the gardeners of the Jerusalem Municipality

April – Installing new software based on weather data for the irrigation of the park computer.
Identification of roses at the old Wear Cemetery, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem.

May - Spring Blossom tours in the Park
Starting a new project of finding and multiplying old robust roses suitable for flowering in water deficiency.

July - Visit of Wohl Foundation’s Board of Trustees

November – Publication of an article on how to plant roses in the garden

2014

January – February - The Annual Training Day - Pruning Roses – Amateur Workshop

April – May - Spring Blossom Tours in the Park

June - About 100 books and magazines on roses were donated to the Wohl Rose Park library

October - Lecture on the cultivation of roses by the curator of the rose park.
Visit of the Governmental Botanical Gardens Committee to the Wohl Rose Park
Renovation activities of the Rose Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture

2015

January - Pruning roses is not carried out due to the Sabbatical year.
Extensive work on mulch distribution on roses and garden renovation

February – Hosting the Computer department of Jerusalem Municipality in the Rose garden
March - Tour of the Rose Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture to Carmiel.

'Happy Wanderer' and 'Altissimo' at the old War Cemetery, Mount Scopus, Jerusalem

Statue "Jerusalem ritual" in the Wohl rose park.

Spring Blossom Tour in the Wohl Rose Park

Mulch distribution in rose sections
ITALY
Associazione Italiana della Rosa

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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The International Rose and Gardening Show is an annual event held in May at a baseball dome in the outskirts of Tokyo. The Japan Rose Society is one of the co-sponsors of this show, in which it displays members’ masterpieces of rose decorations, spring competition of cut rose flowers and potted roses.

The show in 2013 featured a special garden entitled “Turkey, a Home of Roses”. Legend has it that during the Middle Ages, crusaders brought home some oriental roses from this region. The small garden planted with roses and other plants had a pleasant Oriental atmosphere reminding us of this legend. Mr. Serdar Kiric, the Turkish ambassador to Japan, and his wife Mrs. Sinem Kiric, were invited to this show, and a dark red HT rose with a pleasant damask fragrance newly introduced that year by Hiroshi Ogawa, was presented to Mrs. Kiric as a symbol of friendship between Turkey and Japan. Mrs. Kiric then named this rose ‘Ertğrul’.

In 1890, a Turkish warship Ertuğrul was shipwrecked in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Kushimoto Town, Wakayama Prefecture. In spite of the desperate effort of the townspeople to rescue the crew of the warship, more than a hundred sailors’ lives were lost in the accident. Later, a memorial monument was built on the shore to console the spirits of the dead, and this monument has been considered a symbol of friendship between Turkey and Kushimoto townspeople. Mrs. Kiric made an appropriate choice of the name for this rose: the name which symbolizes the warm friendship between the two countries.

The Turkish military band from the city of Isparta, known as the oldest military band of the world, gave a gorgeous performance at the site of the show, receiving long and loud applause from the visitors.

The Japan Rose Society presented dozens of the plants of this rose to the mayor of Kushimoto Town. They were planted in a park and the high school ground in the city. They were also given to rose-loving citizens in order to decorate the town, as well as the memorial monument, on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the shipwreck in June 2014.

Mr. Seizo Suzuki (1913 - 2000) was a leading rose breeder from Japan known as “Mr. Rose” for his extensive research on roses and his active breeding work. He introduced more than 130 new varieties of roses, some receiving important awards from different countries of the world: ‘Seika (‘Olympic Torch’), Gold Star of the South Pacific (NZ) 1970; ‘Kampai’ (meaning “Cheers!”), Gold Medal, Rome, 1983; ‘Kosai (meaning “brilliancy”, ‘Mikado’), AARS 1998.
He used to work for many years at the research institute of Keisei Rose Nurseries, one of the largest rose nurseries in Japan, where he collected species roses from all over the world as the gene pool for his breeding work. Mr. Peter Harkness, who saw this collection in 1993, wrote in the Christmas 1993 issue of The Rose, the journal of the Royal National Rose Society, “For quality of the growth and richness of variety I have never seen its like. … I could have stayed for days.” This collection, as well as many roses he raised, were handed over to the NPO Rose Research Institute, an associate member of the WFRS, and can be seen in the City of Sakura Rose Garden in Chiba Prefecture.

In the autumn of 2013, Memorial Events for Mr. Suzuki’s Birth Centenary were held in Sakura City, Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara, the chief of the Rose Research Institute, convened the events with his friends. They planned lectures, discussions, and an exhibition, to commemorate the work of Mr. Suzuki, and to consider the future of rose breeding. Many rose experts from Japan were invited as lecturers and to discussion panels. Mr. Allain Meilland kindly came over to Sakura, and gave the keynote speech after the memorial ceremony, and also joined the breeders’ panel discussing rose breeding in Japan, with representative raisers of Japan today. The events ended successfully, attracting many rose lovers every day. On this occasion, Mr. Kojiro Kobayashi, one of the grandchildren of Mr. Suzuki, presented the City of Sakura Rose Garden with a bronze panel with the figures of Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki in relief. The panel is now placed near the entrance of the Rose Garden.

The Japan Rose Society organized a group tour for its members to attend the World Convention to be held in Lyons, France, in May, 2015. Unfortunately, after the ISIS terrorists’ attack on the Charlie Hebdo office in Paris, many who had intended to travel to Lyons decided to refrain from taking the tour to Lyons, and the JRS was obliged to cancel the plan. Still, we know there are forty or so Japanese rose lovers, including a considerable number of JRS members, who have registered for the events of the convention. We regret that we have been unable to send the JRS tour group to Lyon, but are sincerely praying for the success of the convention.

The WFRS Convention in South Africa 2012
15 Japanese rose lovers attended this world convention, and fully enjoyed its well-organised events, visiting many beautiful public and private rose gardens, and renewing their friendship with rose lovers from different countries of the world. They also learned a lot about roses through its lecture programme. Yuki Mikanagi gave a lecture on roses in the Edo Period (1603 – 1867), quoting various botanical writings of the period and showing interesting pictures. She was also made chairman of the Conservation Committee. It was our pleasure that Mr. Frantsek Glvac’s book The Queen of Flowers, featuring many roses raised by Japanese raisers as well as rose gardens in Japan, received a WFRS Literary Award at this convention.

The International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany, 2013
The Europa Rosarium, Sangerhausen is one of the rose gardens many rose lovers in Japan are longing to visit. It was no wonder that as many as 19 rose lovers from Japan attended this conference held in this small German city. The Conference, celebrating the 110th anniversary of the rose garden and the 26th Kassell Colloquium, was a significant rose event for them. They learned a lot from the lectures taking up various topics on heritage roses and visiting the rose garden and finding rare roses they can hardly see in their own country. There was also a discussion by the combined Heritage Rose and Conservation Committees on various problems they face. Yuki Mikanagi was one of the organisers of this discussion.

The Regional Convention in Barcelona, Spain, 2013
Yuki Mikanagi attended this convention, and discussed the future activities of the Conservation Committee with other members.

The Regional Convention in Hyderabad, India, 2014
Three Japanese rose lovers attended this convention. Yuki Mikanagi gave a lecture on the problems in preserving wild roses and their habitats in Japan, and people’s activities for this purpose. After the convention, they visited the noted breeders Mr. and Mrs. Virugahavan’s home, and enjoyed seeing their garden and their collection of rare wild roses and original varieties they have raised.

From the Editor: Akira Ogawa received the prestigious WFRS Gold Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose. He also received the coveted Pakistan Friendship Medal.
PRESIDENTS:  2012 -2013 - Annette Block
           2014 – Hely Heldenstein
           2015 – Mireille Steil
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:  250
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:  2

October 2012
16th World Rose Convention in Sandton (South Africa) -
Mireille Steil and Louise Schmit, committee members of the Luxembourg Rose Society were
delegates in South Africa.

January 2012 – 2013 - 2014
Public lectures and presentations regarding roses.

February 2012 – 2013 - 2014
Annual General Meeting with welcome dinner for all attending members.

March 2012 – 2013 -2014
Pruning lessons and tips on rose care.

May 2014
To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Luxembourg Red Cross, our association launched a new
red floribunda rose, bred by ORARD France, in the name of ‘Aline Mayrisch Rose’. Participation in the WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona - delegates from Luxembourg were -
Mireille Steil, Vice President, Nicole Trossen, Secretary and Annick Meyers, Treasurer.
June 2013
Garden trip to Meran (Italy).
Participation in various International Rose Trials.
Each year we present an award in the name of Award of the Luxembourg Rose Society to a specific rose on the International Rose Trial at Baden-Baden (Germany).
Rose launch to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the City of Luxembourg. This red moschata rose called ‘Bonjour Luxembourg’ is bred by Mela-Rosa France.
Participation in the 13th WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference at Sangerhausen. Delegates: Mireille Steil and Annick Meyers.
Visit from Sheenagh Harris, WFRS Immediate Past President, to Luxembourg.

June 2014
Trip to England to visit the famous gardens of the Cotswolds and Highgrove the personal garden of HRH the Prince of Wales.
Participation in various International Rose Trials, including presenting the Luxembourg Rose Society Award at Baden-Baden.

September 2012 -2013-2014
One day trips to famous gardens in France and Germany.
Participation in various International Rose Trials.
Every year, we organised a photo contest for our members.
Information desk at the Luxembourg Eco-Fair.

October 2014
Public lecture and friends dinner.

November-December 2013
Participation in the WFRS Convention in New Zealand. Mireille Steil was the only delegate from Luxembourg

November-December 2014
Participation in the WFRS Regional Convention in India.
Mireille Steil and Nicole Trossen were the delegates from Luxembourg
Every year, we publish and distribute free of charge our quarterly journal and a Yearbook to all members.

Markus Brunsing, Mireille Steil, Stanislas Zyla, Michael Schiem at the Rose Trials in Baden-Baden

Mireille Steil, Mathias Meiland, Claudia Hacker, Kelvin Trimper and Maria Marta Alvarez
The activities of the Rose Society of Monaco, presided over by Yves Piaget, concern the organisation of the International Rose Trials in 2012 and 2014, and, with the collaboration of the Department of the Gardens of the Principality, the renovation and extension of the Princess Grace Rose Garden.

The Piaget Rose Trophy 2012 was awarded to the rose ‘Astronomia’, MEIguimov Meilland France and the fragrance cup 2012 to the rose ‘Jet’, LAPra, Laperrière, France.

In 2014, the rose ‘Ali Dorato’, BARaldo, Barni, Italy, won the Piaget Rose Trophy and ‘Purple Lodge’, ORA2437, Orard, France received the fragrance cup.

The next International Rose Trials will take place in May 2016.

Work was undertaken between 2012 and 2014 to extend and renovate the Princess Grace Rose Garden. 300 varieties and 10,000 roses were planted in an area of 5,000 square meters and are now admired by many visitors. The WFRS, along with the Rose Societies of Monaco and Maison Meilland, were associated with the work which was supervised by the Director of the Gardens of the Principality, Georges Restellini. Manufacture Piaget made a magnificent donation of 150,000 Euros towards the renovation of the garden.
The inauguration of the rose garden took place on 14 June 2014 in the presence of HRH Prince Albert II, Princess Charlene and Princess Caroline. Steve Jones represented the WFRS along with his wife Susie and representatives from Belgium, Spain, France, Japan and Switzerland. On this occasion, a new rose was dedicated to HRH Princess Charlene and received the name of ‘Princesse Charlène de Monaco’.

Over the next few years, the Rose Society of Monaco will continue its activities organising classes for pruning and the maintenance of roses, lectures and visits of the rose garden. The Third International Rose Trials of Monaco will be held in May 2016.
THE NETHERLANDS
De Nederlandse Rozenvereniging

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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New Zealand Rose Society Inc

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

PRESIDENTS: 2011 - 2014 Eileen Wilcox
2014 – 2015 Doug Grant

NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 29
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 1200

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

International Conventions

Eight New Zealanders travelled to South Africa for the WFRS World Rose Convention held in Sandton in October 2012 and the pre- and post tours associated with it. All that attended had a great time in South Africa. Three members attended the Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen in 2013. There was also strong support from New Zealand rosarians for the WFRS Regional Convention held in Palmerston North in November 2013 with 125 rosarians from 24 district rose societies attending.

At the time of writing, there will be 17 New Zealand rosarians in Lyon’s, France for the World Rose Convention in 2015.

National Conventions

A National Spring Rose Show and Convention is held each year in November and is hosted by a district rose society. Sometimes an autumn convention is held as well, as was in March 2013 in Nelson and 2015 in Hamilton.
The Horowhenua Rose Society hosted the 2012 National Spring Rose Show in Levin, a small town between Palmerston North and Wellington. The local society did a fantastic job of organising this event with the hall packed with people viewing the many beautiful roses on display.

In March 2013, the Nelson Rose Society hosted the National Autumn Convention at Nelson, the top of the South Island. Despite drought over much of the country, there were some beautiful roses on display.

The 2013 National Spring Rose Show and Convention was held as part of the International Rose Show which formed part of the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention in Palmerston North. The show was a great success with many beautiful roses on show that were enjoyed by local, national and international visitors. We were honoured to have Steve Jones, WFRS President, accompanied by his wife Susie in attendance at the convention along with WFRS Vice Presidents Kelvin Trimper (Australasia), Ahmed Alam Khan (Asia), Jolene Adams (North America) and WFRS Immediate Past President and World Rose News Editor, Sheenagh Harris of South Africa.

The 2014 National Spring Rose Show was hosted by the Waikato Rose Society in Hamilton who always put on a great show and this year was no different. Hamilton also hosted the 2015 National Autumn Show, a much smaller event but still some great roses on display.

Later on in 2015, the National Spring Rose Show will be held in Timaru from the 20th to 22nd November while the 2016 event will be held in Feilding 19th and 20th November.

Local Society Events

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

Trial Grounds

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

New Zealand Rose of the Year results 2012 to 2014.

These trials are by the Rose Introducers of New Zealand (RINZ) and are for varieties already commercially sold in New Zealand. Judging is done by public vote and a VIP panel in mid November each year.

2012

New Zealand Rose of the Year, Best Hybrid Tea and Best New Zealand Raised Rose: ‘My Girl’ (Macnijmeg) Hybrid Tea, Sam McGredy, New Zealand.
Best Floribunda: ‘Honeymoon’ (Camcream) Floribunda, David Benny, New Zealand.
Most Fragrant Rose and Best Climber: ‘Climbing Blackberry Nip’ (Somwallip), Climber, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Childrens Choice Award: ‘Star Quality’ (Somsmoko), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2013

New Zealand Rose of the Year, Best Floribunda, Best New Zealand Raised Rose and Childrens Choice Award: ‘Wild Cherry’ (Somskyred), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Best Hybrid Tea: ‘Modern Miss’ (Campink), Hybrid Tea, David Benny, New Zealand.
Best Climber: ‘Cherry Kisses’ (Grachloe), Climber, Doug Grant, New Zealand.
Most Fragrant: ‘All Mau’ (Tan 97-150, Floribunda, Rosen Tantau, Germany.

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2014
New Zealand Rose of the Year, Best Hybrid Tea and Best New Zealand Raised Rose: ‘Love Heart’ (Somsirwith), Hybrid Tea, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Best Floribunda: ‘Little Miss Perfect’ (Somgle7), Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Most Fragrant: ‘Loving Care’ (Athymovi), Floribunda, Mike Athy, New Zealand.

Rose Society International Rose Trial Ground winners 2012 to 2014.

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

2012
‘Red Flame’ bred by Michel Adam of France became the first climbing rose in 32 years to win the Gold Star of the South Pacific.
Gold Star of the South Pacific and June Hocking Fragrance Award: ‘Red Flame’ (Adaba ring), Climber, Michel Adam, France.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Looking Good’ (Somannmac), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2013
The awards were presented as part of the WFRS Regional Convention and those in attendance were able to judge the roses, selecting the lime green ‘Sompounamu’ as the best looking rose of the day. A very surprised David Kenny from Ireland was able to come forward and accept the Gold Star.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Scott Base’ (Somfrilla), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Somtopteen’ Hybrid Tea/Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
WFRS People’s Choice Award: ‘Sompounamu’ Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2014
Rob Somerfield continued his recent success capturing three awards, including the Gold Star of the South Pacific for ‘Christchurch Remembers’ which commemorates the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010 and 2011.

Gold Star of the South Pacific: ‘Christchurch Remembers’ (Somcrimart), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Eye Candy’ (Somshabar), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Hot Topic; (Somshabar), Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
Certificate of Merit: ‘Christophe’ Floribunda, Colin Dickson, Northern Ireland.

Awards
Life membership of the New Zealand Rose Society was conferred on Dawn Eagle from the Canterbury Rose Society in 2013. Eagle is a past President of NZRS and a former editor of the New Zealand Rose Annual.

In 2014, Life membership was conferred on Peter Elliott of the Manawatu Rose Society. Peter, also a past NZRS President, was convenor of the WFRS Regional Convention held in Palmerston North in 2013.

The Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a District Rose Society was presented to Peter Elliott (2013), Norm and Letty Thawley (2014) and Ann Watt (2015).

The New Zealand Rose Award for service to the rose has been presented to Glyn Saunders of the Wairarapa Rose Society in 2013 and Mr Doug Grant of the Franklin Rose Society in 2014.
At the 2013 New Zealand Rose Society AGM, Glyn Saunders of the Wairarapa Rose Society was appointed as President Emeritus of the New Zealand Rose Society. The T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for service to the rose in Australasia was also awarded to Glyn in 2014. Glyn Saunders, a past President of the New Zealand Rose Society, is still active in his local rose society and is an elder statesman of roses in New Zealand.

Other activities

The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc.) continues to be in good heart and although membership is still decreasing, it is at a slower rate than in the past few years and we are optimistic for the future. There is still much interest in roses by the general public and sales of rose plants have increased over recent years. Roses are also getting more publicity through the media, in particular, the Weekend Gardener magazine which includes a number of features each year on roses.

Our website www.nzroses.org.nz continues to be an important resource for promoting roses and the New Zealand Rose Society. Many of our new members are joining online through the website and we are also selling copies of the ‘New Zealand Rose Review’. We also have a presence on Twitter and Facebook.

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

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

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

Dugald Mackenzie Rose Garden – Palmerston North

Roger’s Rose Garden - Hamilton

Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden - Timaru
NORTHERN IRELAND
Rose Society of Northern Ireland

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The Norwegian Rose Society (NRS) was founded in 1982. Our aim is to promote interest in and knowledge of garden roses.

NRS has a centrally elected board of eight members, seven local divisions and seven other contact people from all over Norway. The membership has been stable at approximately 1,200 over the last years.

Our publication, *Rosebladet*, is issued four times a year. In addition, meetings, lectures, courses and tours are arranged every year. The Norwegian Rose Society is a member of the Nordic Rose Society, and has the opportunity to join the Nordic Rose Weekend every second Year.

There are several Rose Shows and activities for members around the country.

Members of the Norwegian Rose Society have participated in a project collecting gene samples of old and unknown roses. The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU) has established a growing field for these rose samples, aiming to take care of old roses and make the best roses for commercial use. The project is ended and hopefully we will be able to produce some of the best varieties in the future.

One member was a delegate at the WFRS Regional Convention in New Zealand.

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On the WEB-site you can follow the different activities carried out both centrally and locally.
PAKISTAN
Pakistan National Rose Society

Presidential Seal

Friendship through Roses

**President**: 2012 – 2015 - Amir Gulistan Janjua

**Number of Members**: 787

**Number of Societies**: 7

**Functions** - Rose Festival, Rose Annual, Meetings, Lectures, Demonstrations. Lecture by Dr Mahmooda Hashmi at WFRS Regional Rose Convention at Hyderabad.

Mahmooda Hashmi
PRESIDENTS: Maria Cantor 2012 - 2013
Adriana Hoban 2013 – 2015
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 750
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 15

The branches organize a series of activities, such as pruning courses each spring, rose exhibitions in June, rose festivals (3 in each year), private gardens visits, visits in private and state rose collections.

In 2013 we organized a new branch, in Dolj county.

Beyond these activities we can report that the number of members is decreasing, in three years we lost 300 members. Despite this, the association is living and does well, but the prospects are not bright.

ALBA COUNTRY ROSE FESTIVAL 2014

Displays of roses of different varieties

A bride built from roses
RUSSIA

Report not available at time of going to print
SERBIA
Royal Serbian Rose Society

Report not available at time of going to print
SLOVAKIA
Rosa Klub

PRESIDENT:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

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The Slovenian Rose Society was founded in 2003, with the aim of bringing together rose lovers and encouraging the development of rose gardens and the dissemination of knowledge on roses, helping the protection of natural and cultural heritage, providing training and offering professional assistance in the creation and reconstruction of rose gardens.

The programme of work and the activities of Society is prepared and it is confirmed on general assembly every year.

The work is progressing with the Managing Board of Society. The members of Managing Board are from all over Slovenia. The meetings are held in the premises of the Botanical Garden in Ljubljana. The members of Managing Board are from all over Slovenia so it is difficult to attain the quorum as some members simply fail to attend. Last year, the Management Board held 6 meetings where the quorum was attained.

The Society’s activities cover the whole territory of Slovenia, unfortunately membership is not evenly distributed and this is reflected in the work carried out in some regions. However, sections in some of the regions are doing a really good job.

Society's activities seem to have suffered from the fact that some members have to travel some distance to the place where meetings or events are being held.

**MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES**

The membership of Society, for small Slovenia country, is very good. Presently or for last three year the number of members is constant: 130 -140 members every year.

The membership fee is constant for last three years. Single membership is 20 euro and 30 euro family rate.

**THE PROGRAMME OF THE ROSE SOCIETY 2012 – 2015**

The programme and activities for the members is constant. Every rose season, we try to prepare new events in the rose gardens of the whole of Slovenia.
WORKSHOPS:

All planned training workshops for members have been carried out:

Trimming practical work was done in Valdoltra (Southern Primorska), Arboretum Volčji potok near Ljubljana, Tivoli Rose Garden in the main park of the city Ljubljana. New points of workshops are in the Botanical Gardens in Maribor and in renovated rose garden Tivoli in Ljubljana.

LECTURES AND EXCURSIONS:

Lectures are very popular with our members and other lovers of roses. They are constantly organised in all important rose points all over Slovenia. We invited several speakers from Slovenia and from other countries.

Vladimir Vremec, member of Slovene Rose Society and also Italian, presented Rose gardens of San Giovanni in Trieste; Hans Haage from The Netherlands presented ecological roses from his nursery.

The most important programme last year was the guided tours for members in to rose gardens all over Europe. With Members we visited important European rose gardens, where we met rose colleagues from other Rose Societies. In this Triennial we organised the excursions mostly in the country of Eastern Europe, because of communication with neighbourhood Societies.

2012 - We visited Italy, Umbria and all the nice rose gardens and collections of this region, it was very nice.

2013 - We visited Czech Republic and Hradec Karlovy, international rose Trial and Prague rose gardens. It was good opportunity to make friendship with members of Czech rosa Club members.

2014 - We were in Hungary on the important rose event: the opening of the big rose garden in the city Keckemé. Such tours, are the most important outings for the propagation of members of the Slovenian Rose Society.

ROSE SHOWS IN SLOVENIA:

‘Walking among roses’ in the Valdoltra rosarium and we started with the same programme also in Tivoli in the year 2013 and 2014.

The Slovenian Day of Roses in the Arboretum Volčji potok is a traditional event, held in early summer (3rd week in June) The event is organized in the evening, and it is warmly welcomed by the members. The collection of roses is bigger and bigger every year.

The Ljubljana section is more and more active. The rosarium in Tivoli is quite refurbished and we hope to finish it this year. The meetings with modern rose collection will be welcome by the members of whole Slovenija. It is a big pleasure as the Mayor of the City of Ljubljana, offered breakfast with sweets and coffee in the rose collection in park Tivoli in 2014. It is the beginning of cooperation between the Rose Society and the City of Ljubljana. It is a very nice event and we are grateful to Mayor Janković and his staff.

A NEW ROSE VARIETY:

In the year 2011, the most important tourist place in Slovenia, Portorož had a rose named ‘Portorož’ from the rose house of Kordes. It is an interesting sunny floribunda, which presents the sunny place in Slovenia.

In the year 2014 we started to find a nice new rose, named Ljubljana. The event is still in progress.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY OF DLVS (SLOVENIAN ROSE SOCIETY)

The Slovenian Rose Society participates in the WRFS from 2004 and keeps regular contacts with its members and its president.
in 2012 Slovenia participated in the 16th World Rose Convention in South Africa, and the President of Slovenian Rose Society, Breda Čopi, became WFRS Vice President Europe, region East Europe. In 2013 we participated in the International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen and in 2014 in the WFRS Regional Rose Convention in Barcelona.

Slovenian representatives, were members of the International Jury at Rose Trials in Europe and other parts of the world. Every year they try to participate in International Trials in Monza (Italy), Baden Baden (Germany) Cervantes in Barcelona (Spain), Bagatelle in Paris and in Geneva.

The Slovenian Rose Society was honoured to host the WFRS President, Steve Jones, with his wife Susie.

Breda Čopi, Vladimir Vremec and Steve Jones in the Saint Giovanni Rose Garden in Trieste
SOUTH AFRICA
Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa

PRESIDENTS: Stefanie Seydack – 2011 – 2013

MEMBERS: approx. 550
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES: 6

Societies in South Africa consist of:

- MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY: in the province of KwaZulu-Natal
- KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY: coastal area of the Southern Cape
- WESTERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY: in and around Cape Town
- GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY: around the Johannesburg area
- ROSELOVERS ROSE SOCIETY: covers the Free State
- HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY: caters for the whole of South Africa, but as the name implies, specialises in Old Garden Roses.

All the Societies organise their own pruning demonstrations in summer and winter, finger pruning, talks on rose care and presentations and visits to interesting gardens.

Big towns are fortunate enough to have Ludwig Taschner do demonstrations at his various nurseries throughout the year. He is always willing to help and give advice on all rose growing problems and generously assists rose societies with donations of cut roses to support rose shows and special events.

2012

FREE STATE ROSE SOCIETY - 72 WFRS Convention delegates attended the Rose show in Bloemfontein where a rose carpet comprising seven thousand roses was eye catching. Queen of the Show, was ‘Pascal’.

GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY - held all their usual functions and helped with ROSAFRICA 2012. A Gold Reef Rose Society member had the honour of painting the rose ‘Sally Holmes’ for the Hall of Fame.

HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY - Their members living in the Eastern Cape continued to work in the newly planted Rosarium.
KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY - The autumn rose show held in April attracted 33 exhibits with 360 entries. The Queen of the Show – ‘St John’s College’. At the same show a Photo Challenge also attracted many entries.

MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY – The theme for the Sunday Tribune Garden Show “Be Yourself” - was a Beautiful Proud Peacock. The face of the peacock was beaded and thousands of roses were used to complete the exhibit. Here again Gold was awarded. This society is very active with enthusiastic members.

SOUTHERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY – closed down on account of insufficient members, probably due to the fact it is so difficult to grow roses in that region.

WESTERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY – The Western Cape Rose Society helped organise the Post convention tour to the Cape and hosted a Cocktail Party for the 140 guests. Sheenagh Harris had the honour of presenting Bill Horwood with the prestigious Zoe Gilbert Award.

WFRS 16th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION – ROSAFRICA 2012 was held at the Rosebank Union Church, Sandton. 360 delegates from 26 countries attended the convention. Di Girdwood received the WFRS Silver Commemorative medal and Georgie Currie the Bronze for their enormous contribution to the convention. At the closing banquet the programme included the presentation of WFRS awards of honour. Sheenagh Harris received the WFRS Gold Medal for Service to the Rose and in recognition of outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose and was made an Honorary member of the Bermuda Rose Society. Jackie Kalley and Sheenagh Harris received a WFRS Literary Award for their book *Veld, Vlei and Rose Gardens*. Sheenagh was appointed Editor for WRN for the ensuing three years. Jackie Kalley was nominated WFRS Vice President for Africa for another term of office.

Sheenagh Harris was the only South African to attend the 12th WFRS International Heritage Rose conference in Sakura, Japan. She also travelled to England where she was looked after by WFRS Vice President for Europe, Ann Bird and was fortunate to be entertained by the President of the RNRS and have lunch with David Austin and Peter Beales at their respective nurseries. She continued to Baden Baden to be a judge at the International trials, where she was asked to propose the toast for the 60th Anniversary of Baden Baden Trials and the 125th anniversary of Kordes.. Stefanie Seydack was also a judge. Sheenagh continued to Israel where she met the rose society organisers at The Whol Rose Park, Jerusalem where there are 15,000 roses.

2013

FREE STATE ROSE SOCIETY – held their most successful annual rose show. Unfortunately they then resigned from ROSA due to lack of interest.

GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY – Farewell function for Sheenagh and Rob Harris at which Sheenagh was made Honorary Life Member. A visit to the SA National Herbarium to view Redoute paintings, followed by lunch at Spiced Coffee – Ludwig’s Roses Pretoria. A picnic at Rudi’s Roses with a presentation by Barbara Wood on the SA Rosarium.

MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY – Once again this society entered the Sunday Tribune Garden and Leisure Show and the theme was "Out of the Paint Box", interpreted as a French rose artist – the perfect place to be inspired, with 4000 roses on the stand - A gold medal once again.

Sadly, South Africa lost well known Bill Horwood in August. Bill was a long standing member of the WCRS and the HRS - he was their representative on council for some years and part of the organising Committee for the WFRS Regional held in Somerset West.

WFRS Sheenagh Harris travelled to Zurich where she was asked to make a speech at the retirement party for the President of the Swiss Rose Society in Zurich after 20 years as chairman. She and Di vd Hoven travelled to Germany for the 13th International Roses Conference in Sangerhausen. From there Sheenagh went to Luxembourg and was taken care of by the Luxembourg Rose Society. She had a week in Denmark helping the President of the Rose Society with plans for the World Rose Convention in 2018. The last port of call was The Hague in Holland where she was one of many judges at Westbroek Rose Park – WFRS Garden of Excellence. In November Sheenagh attended
the WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand where she was a moderator for some lectures and had the honour of unveiling the plaque for Garden of Excellence in the Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden.

2014

**GOLD REEF ROSE SOCIETY** – Keith Kirsten, a well known gardening personality in South Africa, gave an interesting talk on David Austin roses and the importance of companion planting. ‘Madams’, a new rose was named for Chris and Margaret Dams. Margaret was the first Chairman of Gold Reef Rose Society and was President of ROSA from 1992 – 1994.

**KNYSNA ROSE SOCIETY** – At the autumn rose show there were 538 rose entries from 43 exhibitors and Queen of the Show, was ‘Pristine’ exhibited by Rae Gilbert of Boskydell.

**MIDLANDS ROSE SOCIETY** – The ROSA NATIONAL CONVENTION - was held in Hilton, Natal, hosted by Midlands Rose Society. There were visits to the Underberg gardens which included neighbouring farms and members’ gardens and the HIMEVILLE museum where Joy Taylor gave an interesting talk on the Heritage rose garden. The Festival of Roses at Piggly Wiggly where the Midlands Rose Society decorated a marquee with roses was mind boggling. The Hilton gardens were also stunning. Barbara Long was the recipient of the prestigious Zoe Gilbert award.

**ROSE LOVER’S SOCIETY** – This Society was started in the Northern Free State with 20 members.

**WFRS** – In February Sheenagh Harris was invited to Bermuda for the Rose Society’s 60th anniversary. She gave 2 illustrated talks and was a judge at their rose show. In May she attended the WFRS Regional convention in Barcelona, Spain. In November she was invited to the Heritage Roses Conference in Launceston, Tasmania where she gave her talk – Royal Roses and gave the convention summary. ROSA had 4 delegates at the Indian Convention in Hyderabad.
SPAIN
Asociacion Espanola de la Rosa

PRESIDENT: Matilde Ferrer
MEMBERS:
NUMBER OF SOCIETIES:

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SWEDEN
The Swedish Rose Society

PRESIDENT: 2012 – 2013: Bodil Carlsson
                2013 -2016: Henny Johansson

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: about 1100
NUMBER OF ROSE SOCIETIES: 15

Sweden is a long country with very diverse climatic conditions and our journal aims at giving advice on rose growing to members from all parts of the country. The growing climate in Sweden may vary from zone 1-8, but roses are most common in zone 1-5 (equivalent American zones 7-3). This is a challenge to our writers.

In 2012, the Swedish Rose Society celebrated its 25th anniversary and has released three different cultivation brochures for cultivation in southern, central and northern Sweden. The information in these contains several annual surveys sent in by members, evaluating the health and hardiness of their roses. The goal is that in the years to come this may be developed further through our website and our rose database.

In 2014, the Swedish Rose Society produced brochures for cultivation of roses for new and old members, information about old and modern roses, climbing roses, species roses, how to grow roses etc. It will be printed in February, 2015.


During the period 2012-2015, many of our members continued to participate in the national rose project. The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Swedish Biodiversity Centre is responsible for the work related to POM, Programme for Diversity of Cultivated Plants. This programme aims at identifying and preserving cultivated plants in general.

The rose project, started during 2004, aims at identifying and preserving old cultivated roses in Sweden. The Swedish Rose Society and its members, together with rose gardens, botanic gardens,
museums, etc., play a large part in this work by identifying and locating cultivated roses which can be of interest to POM.

Member involvement has also meant that the project has been very successful. Work has intensified in recent years. The collection of roses ended in 2011. Now the studies of these roses will continue. Members have participated in annual seminars in the autumns where we presented the materials gathered from all over Sweden.

Member involvement has also been a success in another project - the Swedish Rose Society is involved in (ca 2012-2015), to evaluate modern roses from Tantau, Kordes, Easy Elegance roses and roses from Poulsen. A great work has been done by our member Helena Verghese Borg who is now studying the information and results from this project. During 2015 she will write about the results in our journal.

In July 2012 a regional clone archive was opened in the Rosenlund Rosarium, Jönköping. Earlier others were one in the Cultural Botanical Garden in Lycksele, and in 2012 a regional clone archive was planted in Gothenburg Rosarium, opened in July 2013. In 2014/2015 the Swedish Rose Society started to organize the Post Tour to Sweden, after World Rose Convention in 2018 in Copenhagen, when the bus for example will stop at Fredriksdals Rosarium, Gothenburg Rosarium, and Rosenlunds Rosarium.

Henny Johansson
President the Swedish Rose Society

For more information:
The Swedish Rose Society http://svenskros.se
The Swedish Rose Society in English http://svenskros.se/srs_english
Date for main bloom and zones I Sweden http://svenskros.se/rose_and_botgardens (below)
POM http://www.pom.info/english/what.htm

Gothenburg Rosarium – ramblers blooming in July
The Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde was founded in 1959 with the aim of dissemination of knowledge on roses and rose lovers. The members receive a monthly publication, *Rosenblatt*, and the annual *ROSA HELVETICA*.

Today there are 10 regional groups in Switzerland. They organize trips, lectures and workshops. These events are open to all members of the GSRF. The annual meetings are held in different regions of Switzerland and are organized by the local group.

The Société Romande des Amis des Roses (SRAR) looks after rosarians in the French part of Switzerland and was founded in 1967. Every year in June Rose trials take place in Geneva.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS**


**WFRS CONVENTIONS** - During the last three years members of the Swiss Rose Society attended the following WFRS conventions -

2012 - 16th World Rose Convention ROSAFRICA in Sandton, South Africa
*Roses d'excellence tout naturellement* by Isabelle Erne and Alain Tschanz received the WFRS Literary Award.

2013 - 13th International Heritage Rose Conference in Sangerhausen, Germany
Regional Rose Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand

2014  Regional Rose Convention in Barcelona, Spain.
Marlis Fertig gave a presentation about Ellen Ann Wilmott and her Roses
Regional Rose Convention in Hyderabad, India
Behcet Ciragan gave a presentation about Tulips, Trader and Roses

**PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS**

Swiss representatives were members of the International Juries at Rose Trials throughout Europe Geneva; Monaco; France; Germany and Spain.
THE FOLLOWING SWISS ROSES RECEIVED AWARDS AT INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS –

2012
Baden b Wien Austria
1st Hybrid Tea - (HUBar 2008-3) Huber

2014
Baden b Wien Austria
4th Hybrid Tea - Christine Egersezegi Huber

2014
Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan
Gold Award Hybrid Tea – Etienne- Huber

Baptism of Schloss Heidegg
Breeder – Huber Dottikon

Merlise Fertig in Barcelona

Heed Matter, Nivia Sierra de Salaberry, Christine Keuk, Judy Barrett, Rosario Algorta and Sheenagh Harris in Zurich prior to Sangerhausen at the home of Beatrice Halter and Hans Peter Kunz
The American Rose Society is comprised of 270 local rose societies grouped into 18 Districts across 50 States. The headquarters is located in Shreveport, Louisiana. Business operations are under the supervision of Executive Director, Jeffrey A. Ware. The Gardens of the American Rose Society at the American Rose Centre in Shreveport is a WFRS Garden of Excellence (2003).

The local rose societies are located from Alaska to the Mexican border (North to South) and from the Hawaiian Islands to Maine (West to East). There are over 60 affiliated members living in Canada and 120 affiliated members living in countries outside of North America.

The American Rose Society holds a Members Meeting at each National Convention. The District Societies usually hold meetings twice a year for their membership. The affiliated local rose societies hold monthly meetings during the year.

The National Rose Shows are usually held in Spring and Fall with a National Miniature and Miniflora Rose Show held in the summer.

Two International Rose Trials are held in the United States – the Biltmore Trials in May and the Rose Hills Trials in October. The Biltmore Trials are held at the Biltmore Estate Rose Garden in Asheville, North Carolina and the Rose Hills Trials are held in the Pageant of Roses Garden at Rose Hills in Whittier, California.

The American Rose Society is a registered 501(c)(3) educational charity in the United States. We publish educational materials for the public and for our members:

- The bi-monthly magazine, American Rose
- American Rose Annual, published in November-December
- The Handbook for Selecting Roses – published in September of each year and listing over 3,000 varieties currently in commerce in the United States, with garden ratings
- The Official List of Approved Exhibition Names
- Guidelines for Rose Society Leaders
- The Official Registry and Checklist ROSA
- ARS & You, a free electronic publication for members of ARS and the leadership in local societies.
For members only we publish:

Mini/Miniflora Rose Bulletin
The OGR and Shrub Journal
Rose Arranger’s Bulletin
Rose Exhibitors’ Forum
Singularly Beautiful Roses

The American Rose Society has established protocols for the training and continuing education of Horticulture and Arrangement Judges and for Consulting Rosarians. Numerous Schools (all day events for accrediting new Judges and Consulting Rosarians) are held in Districts all across the country. One-hour and two-hour seminars are also held by local societies and Districts as refresher courses for the Judges and Consulting Rosarians. Manuals for Judges and Consulting Rosarians are kept updated and are posted on the website for downloading by members.

The American Rose Society funds several grants for investigating rose diseases, rose genetics, rose physiology and allied research about roses. Research reports and Abstracts can be found in our magazine, American Rose.

The following National and International events have taken place since October 2012 -

Shortly before the convention in South Africa, I attended the International Rose Trials that were held at Rose Hills in Whittier, California. The Golden Rose of Rose Hills was ‘Sugar Moon’, hybridized by Christian Bédard of California. Several ARS members attended the 16th WFRS Convention in South Africa.

Ghouls in the Garden – a safe and fun venue for families to “trick-or-treat” in the gardens of the American Rose Society was held on the weekend of October 27th.

November 2012:
Christmas in Roseland was held each Friday-Saturday-Sunday from 23rd November through to 23rd December. This is a public event with hundreds of displays of greeting cards made by local school children, Christmas lights and a glistening tree at night, carollers and strolling players.

March 2013:
ARS held a Board Meeting and a Planning Meeting in Franklin, Tennessee. Committees reported on their plans for the three-year term which ends in mid-September 2015. A Members Meeting was held with approximately 100 members present.

The Annual Spring Egg Hunt at the American Rose Centre was held on Saturday, 23rd March. A fun-filled time for all the children (and many of their parents) who live in the area.

April 2013:
The annual Spring Bloom Celebration and a Green Thumb Seminar on Care and Pruning of Roses and Fruit Trees were held at the American Rose Centre on 20th April.

May 2013:
I judged the International Rose Trials which were held at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. The Most Outstanding Rose was ‘Athyfalaa’, a white climber from Mike Athy of New Zealand.

A large tornado (EF-1) with 100 mph winds swept through the Gardens of the American Rose Centre causing extensive property damage but no loss of life and only minor injuries. More than 35 trees were knocked down; roses were stripped of leaves and small branches. Some buildings and fences were damaged.

June 2013:
Several members travelled to the WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference, Sangerhausen, Germany.

A Green Thumb Seminar From the Garden to the Table, was held at headquarters on 22nd June.
August 2013:
I was invited to judge the International Rose Trials at Tolcross Park, Glasgow, Scotland. I had a lovely time exploring the Park and the city of Glasgow along with the other invited guests. The Golden Prize of the City of Glasgow was awarded to ‘Smiles’ from Kordes.

September 2013:
The National Miniature and Miniflora Rose Conference and Rose Show were held 17-24 September. A Board Meeting and a Members Meeting were held during the Conference. This was an outstanding meeting with a large attendance and a wonderful rose show. Many prizes and awards were given.

October 2013:
International Rose Trials were held at Rose Hills in Whittier, CA. The Golden Rose of Rose Hills was ‘Ketchup & Mustard’, hybridized by Christian Bédard of California.

Ghouls in the Garden was held on Saturday, 26 October. Hundreds of people enjoyed an evening in the gardens. Many wore costumes to celebrate Halloween.

November 2013:
A large number of ARS members travelled to New Zealand for the WFRS Regional Conference in Palmerston North. We toured before and after the Regional meeting and had a wonderful time with the members of the New Zealand Rose Society and several of the other rose societies we visited while sight-seeing.

30th Annual Christmas in Roseland was held every Friday through Sunday, from 29th November until 2nd December.

February 2014:
The American Rose Society offered a cruise in the Western Caribbean to members. A large group enjoyed the warm weather and calm seas while visiting Miami, Jamaica and Mexico. While on Board between ports, several lectures were held and I taught a short seminar on exhibiting roses in boxes and bowls.

A Green Thumb workshop and a Pruning and Planting Party was held on Saturday, 15th February.

Construction began on the new trails and walkways being built in the Garden. These new pathways will greatly enhance the viewing experience of visitors to the Garden.

March 2014:
The 28th March hail storm damaged all roofs, 4 HVAC units, a window in the shop and 12 light poles and fixtures, along with pummelling the roses in the Garden. Spring bloom was very weak after this storm. Many of the garden plantings needed to be replaced.

April 2014:
The Annual Spring Egg Hunt and the Celebration of Spring Bloom was held on 12th April.

May 2014:
The American Rose Society Spring Convention was held in San Diego, CA. A Board Meeting and a Members Meeting were held during the Convention.

International Rose Trials were again held at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina. The Most Outstanding Rose was ‘Miracle on the Hudson’, hybridized by Robert Rippetoe of California.

June 2014:
Summer’s Green Thumb Seminars were held on Saturday, 21st June. The topics were “Bugs, Bugs, Bugs! The Good, The Bad and The Ugly”, “Where Have all the Butterflies Gone?”, and “How to Build a Bug Hotel.”
July 2014:
The National Miniature and Miniflora Rose Conference and Rose Show were held in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. Several members from other countries joined us.

August 2014:
On 28th August a large 18-wheeler truck crashed into and destroyed our beautiful, carved entry sign to the gardens. Damages included irrigation, electrica, and roses that were destroyed, as well as metal edging. The driver did not stop.

October 2014:
International Rose Trials were held at Rose Hills in Whittier, California. The Golden Rose of Rose Hills was ‘Tania Norris’, a sport of ‘Gentle Giant’.

The American Rose Society Fall Convention was held in Tyler, Texas. A Board Meeting and a Members Meeting were held during the Convention. Our 40th Anniversary Barbecue Bash was held at the Centre in Shreveport on Sunday, 19th October. The President and Vice President rode in the traditional Rose Parade in a large Cadillac with steer horns mounted on the front.

November 2014:
Christmas in Roseland was open to the public from 28th November through 21st December, every Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.

January 2015:
The 2015 Planning Conference and Staff Appreciation Day was held on 16th January.

February:
A Green Thumb Gardening Seminar was held on 28th February. The topic was Pruning Old Garden Roses.

March 2015:
The Annual Spring Egg Hunt is set for 28th March. This year, the festivities will include a lady bug release in the garden.

June 2015:
More than 81 members of the American Rose Society are attending the 17th WFRS Triennial Convention in Lyon, France.

The ARS Spring Convention and the Miniature and Miniflora Conference will be held in Columbus, OHIO. A Board meeting and Membership Meeting will be held during the Convention.
URUGUAY
Asociacion Uruguaya de la Rosa

PRESIDENTS: 2012-2013 - Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira
2013 -2015 – Rosario Enriques de Fazzio

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 500

BRANCHES:
- Eastern Branch - Punta del Este, Maldonado
- Western Branch in Dolores, Soriano
- Friends of the Rose in Tarariras, Colonia
- Northern Branch in Tacuarembó, Tacuarembó

October, 2012 - Twenty-four delegates from Uruguay attended the WFRS 16th World Rose convention in South Africa.

November - A Rose Show was held and a season’s greetings card was sent to all friends.

December - The end of year assembly.

April 2013 - Members were welcomed to the first meeting of the year with visits to member’s gardens. Outing to Colonia visiting an Estancia.

May - Plant Market with the Garden Clubs of Uruguay and conference by Mrs. Cuqui Fernandez on Gestalt Laws of Perception applied to Garden Design.

June - Mary Santarelli from Argentina gave a lecture on Noisette Roses. Trip to the East Coast of United States organized by the AUR to visit rose gardens. Two members attended the WFRS International Heritage Roses Conference in Sangerhausen.

July - Pruning and rose planting demonstration at a member’s garden.

August - The Members who travelled to the States gave a presentation on the trip. Introduction of the new Rose judges who had passed the final examination.

September - Together with the Garden Clubs we invited Mr. Trevor Nottle from Australia to give different conferences in Montevideo, Punta del Este and Paysandú so friends and members from all the country could assist. At our monthly meeting Patricia Cummins de Uberti showed members her research essay on Weeks Roses and Annemarie Engel de Jude her presentation on Knock-Out Roses. These were part of their finals to become judges.
October - Pamela Corbett from Argentina was invited to give her lecture on Roses Galore. Rose Garden Contest together with The Garden Clubs of Uruguay. Outing to Soriano, visiting the estancias of Oenone Aenlle and Jean Pierre Hounie.

November - Flower Show together with the Garden Clubs of Uruguay to celebrate our 30th anniversary.

December - Assembly and a change of Office holders. Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira was thanked for her term of office as President and Rosario Enriquez de Fazzio was welcomed as President.

April 2014 - Members were welcomed at the start of another year with a lecture on Miniatures and Miniflora by Mrs. Marita Lindner, Mrs. Lillian Peña and Mrs. Stella Mondueri.

May - Lecture on Growing organically by Mr. Esteban Erricalde and Mr Gonzalo Leiva.

June - Lecture by Mrs. Marion Staehle on the gardens of the WFRS Awards of Garden Excellence. Fifteen members from Uruguay went to the WFRS Regional Convention in Barcelona accompanied by the President of the Association, Mrs. Rosario Fazzio.

July - Pruning demonstrations at a member’s house by Martin Spoturno and Esteban Erricalde, in the rain.

August - Conference by Rafael Maino from Argentina on Old Garden Roses.

September - Mrs. Elisabeth Plennerth gave a power point presentation of the roses in her garden.

October - Round table meeting to explain how to exhibit roses at a show. Mrs. Rosario Algorta Carrau gave a lecture on growing roses for all audiences at the Sofiel Casino Carrasco. Rose Garden Contest of members’ gardens.

November - Annual Rose Show. The President and a group of members went to the Rosaleda de Palermo, Buenos Aires for the presentation of the WFRS plaque.

December - Rosario Algorta was a delegate at the Regional Convention in Hyderabad, India. End of year assembly.

For the year 2015 we are planning two outings to visit gardens in the countryside and different lectures that all members enjoy. A group of associates will be attending the World Convention to be held at Lyons in May/June.
Patricia Cummins and Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira welcomes Rosario Enrique de Fazio – the new President.

Scenes from the Rose Show in 2014.