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- To encourage, and where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose.
- To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.
- To assist in coordinating the registration of new rose names.
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification.
- To grant international honours and/or awards.
- To encourage and advance international cooperation in all other matters concerning the rose.
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FOREWORD

Since its foundation in 1968 by representatives of a dozen or so countries, the World Federation of Rose Societies has become one of the world's most eminent specialist plant organisations. It now represents no less than 40 national societies from across the world, each with a membership ranging from a room-full to many thousands - a substantial constituency in anybody's terms. It is well respected by its peer organisations as serious, forward looking and progressive, tributes which, over its forty-four year existence, it has earned from its success in spreading information and knowledge about the Rose.

This happy situation has been brought about by the work of many, and in particular, by the dedicated and faithful service of those who have held offices of responsibility in the Federation. This latter is exemplified in the person of our current President whose devoted work and indefatigable and extensive travels have been an inspiration to all. She has taken on the responsibility for producing this report.

In 1997, it was realised that no permanent record of the Federation's affairs existed and it was resolved to remedy this by the publication of occasional reports. The first, published in 2000, included a history of the Federation and its work up to that date. Others have followed in 2006 and 2009. These reports are not only our history but a valuable resource for all members, and indeed, for horticulturists and all who love the Rose. They should form an important part of all keen Rosarian's libraries.

Although our Federation has serious aims and achievements, it is really all about enjoyment. Enjoyment of roses, rose places and rose people. And, lying behind the seemingly dry narrative of this report is a whole world of fun, of happy meetings and discussions and sheer pleasure at being closely involved with the world's favourite flower.

All as it should be.

Ken Grapes DHM
WFRS Past President 2000-2003
PREFACE

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I, born and raised in Cape Town, may introduce this fourth number of the WFRS TRIENNIAL REPORT ON ROSES, published in conjunction with the 16th World Rose Convention, hosted by the Federation of Rose Societies in South Africa at Sandton, adjoining Johannesburg in October, 2012.

South African rose lovers have traditionally been great supporters of the World Federation of Rose Societies, and at the very first World Rose Convention, staged in Hamilton, New Zealand, they were also represented by Mr. and Mrs. Wise, the parents of our actual President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris. Then the South African Rose Society itself hosted the 4th World Rose Convention, “Rosafari ‘79” in Pretoria, which proved to be an outstanding success.

In the intervening 33 years the WFRS has grown by leaps and bounds and today can count on 39 national Member Societies as well as the support of an increasing number of Associate Members and professional rose breeders.

Contact between members and supporters is maintained via the WORLD ROSE NEWS, available three times a year online, our web-site, www.worldrose.org, which is regularly updated with the latest news of rose trials and events occurring in countries around the globe, and also the WFRS ROSE DIRECTORY, annually available, also online.

The present WFRS TRIENNIAL REPORT ON ROSES follows its predecessors, published since 2000, in updating the history of the Federation and the rose gatherings which have occurred in its members countries, spread across five continents to the present date. We are indeed grateful to the Federation of Rose Societies in South Africa, ROSA, for continuing this tradition and for producing an admirable publication containing articles of such sweeping range and discerning content.

May all those attending the WFRS World Convention in South Africa, be it for the first time, or be they habitués to such events, including Regional and Heritage Roses Conferences, please remember to spread the word of the beauty of our favourite flower, the Rose.

Helga Brichet
Chairman – WFRS Publications Committee
President – WFRS President 1997 - 2000
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Sheenagh Harris
2009 – 2012

It is 3 years AND 4 months since you, the members of the WFRS, appointed me as your incoming President at the closing ceremony in Vancouver. It has been a most memorable time and I thank Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan who had the foresight (and courage!) to persuade me to stand. I might add it came as a complete surprise. For me, it has been a great honour and I like to think an honour for South Africa too. The only other time a South African has been President of our Federation was in 1976 when Professor Fred Ziady took on this role. As I have said before I believe I am the oldest President and the only one to be President and convenor of a convention at the same time! It has been an enormous undertaking and responsibility and something I do not recommend as I don’t believe I have done either job as well as I would liked to have done. At the same time I wouldn’t have missed it for anything.

I have learnt an enormous amount and had the privilege of meeting so many rosarians from all over the world. During my term of office I visited 24 countries, several more than once, and wish I had had time to visit more. Living at the bottom of Africa doesn’t make travel easy particularly when most of the rose world is in the Northern Hemisphere. I visited the countries that invited me and attended as many rose trials in Europe as I possibly could as this gave me the best opportunity of seeing the greatest number of Rosarians from around the world. I am most grateful for the warm welcome received everywhere and the very generous hospitality. In particular I would like to thank Gérald and Christina Meylan who made it possible for me to attend as many rose trials in Europe as I did. Not only have I made some wonderful friends around the world but it gave me an excellent opportunity to promote ROSAFRICA 2012 and I am convinced this is the best way of exposing or advertising a convention. I would like to take this opportunity of recommending that all future Presidents promote the following World Rose Convention where ever and whenever they are visiting member countries of the Federation.

I don’t really want to single out countries or rose functions but I cannot resist mentioning my ‘Royal Tour’ to Australia, which is how they referred to it. This was the initiative of the newly appointed VP for Australasia and it was my luck that the sculpture of our much loved David Ruston was completed during my ‘reign’ and needed somebody to unveil it. I shall always be grateful to have been given this honour together with visits to rose societies in all five States where I was welcomed like the Queen herself.
Improved or better communication was one of my goals for my presidency and I thought it would be easy with modern technology. I have learnt that for good communication there has to be the desire to do so both by the originator and the receiver and the essential spark to achieve this is enthusiasm. I believe it is essential that all Vice Presidents do their utmost to engender that enthusiasm in their own country and the countries in their area.

In all my travels I was 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 when time permitted managed to read them 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 would be announced, the World’s Favourite Roses for the Halls of Fame and other Honours and Awards.

Each year it has been possible to hold an Executive meeting – Changzhou in 2010, Geneva in 2011 and Sakura in 2012 and I thank the members who made the effort to attend. All Vice Presidents attended at least one of these meetings and in Sandton I am grateful to know that all but one will be present.

Thanks to a generous donation obtained by Gérald Meylan through his friendship with Mr Yves Piaget and a welcome donation from the Japanese Heritage Rose Society the finances of the WFRS are improving. I wish to thank our very conscientious Treasurer, Jill Bennell, for her meticulous control of WFRS funds. Jill is retiring after 6 years in this all important role. She will be missed, not only for the work she does but for her in depth knowledge of the workings of the WFRS and her wise counselling.

A new initiative under the banner ‘Friends of the Federation’ was introduced following the Vancouver Convention and has resulted in 16 individuals donating almost £1200 to assist the Federation achieve its goals. This group will meet for the first time in Sandton.

Reports from the various Standing Committees can be read in the Triennial and heard at the various meetings. Unfortunately not all Chairmen have sent reports and some Committees have been more active than others. I would like to thank Ian Spriggs who retires after this Convention for the exacting work he has done on awards and to congratulate him and Malcolm Watson for the excellent response they
received for the voting for the Halls of Fame. 81% must surely be a record! Despite losing a number of members, the Breeder’s Club is active and holds regular meetings under the leadership of Gérald Meylan. Judging by the high standard of International Rose Trials in Europe and the number of people who attend, this is a very active component and here I would like to thank Ethel Freeman who posts trial results to the web immediately she receives them thus keeping us up to date in this and all other rose matters. Gérald Meylan continues to advise and support convention convenors where needed. Helga Brichet’s role as Publications Chairman was a new one and the changes in the production of WRN brought about by electronic technology has had its challenges but has certainly allowed for much more information, lots of colour pictures and a wider distribution. The closer relationship with the Heritage Rose Society is a very welcome association and an addition to the WFRS. We now look forward to the inclusion of their excellent newsletter on the website.

Last, but by no means least, the WFRS would not function without our exceptional Executive Director. Malcolm’s knowledge of anything to do with the Federation combined with his charming, patient and tactful manner when dealing with people is everything we could hope for, for the smooth running of our organisation. I certainly could not have managed my role without Malcolm’s loyal support at all times and of course we all know that behind every successful man is a supportive wife.

It is hard to believe my term of office is almost over. Thank you for your friendship, support and tolerance. There was no training for this job, but all I can say is I did my best and whatever I did was in the interests of the Federation and for the love of the rose.

For me it wasn’t only the roses, but the many rose friends I saw and the new ones I made. Among them was the honour of visiting Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, our founder President on three occasions when she always made me very welcome.

Sheenagh Harris
OFFICIAL VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT

2009

JUNE
15th World Rose Convention – Vancouver, Canada
Attended celebrations for 250 year anniversary since the birth of Pierre Joseph Redoute in St. Hubert, Belgium, organised by the Belgian Rose Society. Unveiled plaque and baptised rose.

JULY
Visit to Harkness Roses, Hitchin, England with Peter and Margaret Harkness
Gave rose pruning demonstration to Gold Reef Rose Society, Johannesburg.

OCTOBER
Opened Grahamstown Garden Festival
Launched SA Rosarium at Bedford, South Africa

2010

APRIL
Regional Convention – Peace and Harmony – Changzhou, China.
Planted a rose – Peace. WFRS EC Meeting in Changzhou

MAY
President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials, Cervantes, Barcelona. Unveiled Garden of Excellence plaque – Cervantes
Official visit to Rose Show – St Filieu and unveiled plaque
International Rose Trials in Rome, Italy
International Rose Trials at La Tacita, Italy
Official visit to Carla Fineschi’s garden, Cavriglia
Trieste – official visit to San Giovanni gardens
Slovenia – official visit to Slovenia Rose Society – power point presentation of ROSAFRICA convention. Visit to Kostanjevidca Monastery, Slovenia.
President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials, Monza, Italy.
Official Opening of the Beijing Rose Garden Festival at the invitation of the Director of the Botanical Gardens, Beijing, China.

JUNE

JULY
Gave pruning demonstrations in Johannesburg, Kimberley, Bedford, Adelaide, Fort Beaufort and Plettenberg Bay.

OCTOBER
At the invitation of the National Rose Society of Australia made official visit to all 5 states - attended NRSA AGM and Rose show, gave presentations, opened rose shows, presented prizes, attended rose society meetings, visited beautiful rose gardens, attended Heritage Roses in Australia convention and unveiled sculpture of Emeritus Past President David Ruston in Renmark.
Knysna Rose Society National convention – Garden Route 2010 – as WFRS President opened the convention, Secretary at the ROSA AGM and ROSA Council meetings, gave presentation and made after dinner speech at the closing banquet.
NOVEMBER  At the invitation of Norma Manuel attended New Zealand Rose Society National Convention in Timaru and visited Peter Elliott and Nola Simpson at Palmerston North and Gerard Gardiner at Hamilton Gardens.

2011

FEBRUARY  Gave Rose talk to local group - Johannesburg  
‘Rose Romantique’, Gold Reef Rose Society function for 56 people at my home  
Power Point Presentation to Midlands Rose Society, Pietermaritzburg, Natal

MARCH  Power Point Presentation to Knysna Rose Society

APRIL  Power Point Presentation to Gold Reef Rose Society, Johannesburg.  
Power Point Presentation to Johannesburg South Garden Club.

MAY  Visited Canadian Rosarians Barbara Samerin, Patrick White, VP for  
Canada and David and Crenagh Elliott on Vancouver Island  
Unveiling of Garden of Excellence Plaque at Quinta Do Arco, Madeira.  
President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials in Madrid, Spain.

JUNE  International Rose Trials Geneva, Switzerland.  
WFRS EC meeting in Air le Villes, Geneva  
International Rose Trials Baden Baden Promoted ROSAFRICA  
President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials in Saverne, France.  
President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials in Kortrijk, Belgium.  
Visit to Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery at Mullem, Belgium  
with Baroness Marie Louise Velge.

JULY  Pruning demonstration for Gold Reef Rose Society, Johannesburg.  
Two rose pruning workshops at Harkerville, Cape

AUGUST  President of the Jury at the International Rose Trials at Toll Cross, Glasgow, Scotland.  
President of the Jury - International Rose Trials – Le Roeulx, Belgium  
Visited Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery with Frans Thomas, President of Belgian Rose Society.

SEPTEMBER  Launch of ROSAFRICA rose and promotion of ROSAFRICA 2012, Johannesburg  
CHINA – Shenzhen, Zijing Park in Changzhou, Laising, Beijing  
Judging rose garden for Garden of Excellence in Changzho  
Launch of Rose book at Agricultural show in Pietermaritzburg  
Launch of Rose book in Johannesburg.

Power Point Presentation promoting ROSAFRICA to Vancouver Rose Society

**Bloemfontein, South Africa** – ROSA AGM and Council meeting

**Buenos Aires, Argentina** – Power Point Presentation promoting ROSAFRICA and judged and presented prizes at rose show.

**Dolores, Monte Video, Punta del Este - Uruguay** – gave Power Point Presentations promoting ROSAFRICA and judged at rose show in Monte Video.

**NOVEMBER**

**Santiago and Vina del Mar, Chile** – Power Point Presentation promoting ROSAFRICA.
Launch of Rose book in **Cape Town**.
Power Point Presentation for Western Cape Rose Society, **Cape Town**.
Launch of Rose Book in **Knysna**.

**DECEMBER**

Addressed **Johannesburg** Garden Club

**2012**

**JANUARY**

Addressed Floral Affairs Club – **Johannesburg**

**FEBRUARY**

Question and Answer Panel for **Johannesburg** Garden Club

**APRIL**

Judged at **KNYSNA** Rose Society Autumn Rose show.

**MAY - JUNE**

Heritage Rose Society Convention – Sakura EC and HRS and Editorial meetings

**JUNE**

Official visits to Coughton Court and David Austin Rose Nursery with Ann Bird, Past President of RNRS and VP for Northern Europe and Peter Beales Rose Nursery with Rod Petty, Immediate Past President of RNRS and Chiswell Green, St Albans with Bernard Williams, President of RNRS and Jill Bennell Treasurer, WFRS.

Attended Rose Trials, Baden Baden to propose toast of 60th anniversary of Trials in Baden Baden and 125th Anniversary of Kordes Söhne.

Official visit to Wohl Rose Garden, Jerusalem.

**JULY**

Rose pruning demonstration for Gold Reef Rose Society, Johannesburg.

**AUGUST**

Pruning in Harkerville, Cape.

Power Point Presentation – Royal Roses – Country Garden Club

Power Point Presentation – Royal Roses – Headway Charity, Johannesburg.

**SEPTEMBER**

Addressed Garden Club, Midrand and Johannesburg.

**OCTOBER**

Convenor of 16th World Rose Convention, ROSAFRICA 2012, Sandton, South Africa together with Di Girdwood.
At the end of my term of office as WFRS President, I wrote a report in April 2009 which I terminated as follows: “I am about to close the book of my activities and open that of my memories, whilst still remaining at the disposal of the WFRS in my modest position as Immediate Past President. I will continue along the same lines which I imposed on myself since 2006, namely when one follows a passion, there is never a problem. There are only solutions to be found and when one serves others, one can only find true happiness”. In my capacity as Immediate Past President I had the privilege of continuing my work, with the agreement and under the presidency of Sheenagh Harris, and of carrying out a certain number of activities within the WFRS with the same passion. The following is a summary of my three years as Immediate Past President.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Rose Society of Monaco, under the chairmanship of Mr Yves G. Piaget, sent in its application form and was accepted as a new member of the WFRS. The cities of Changzhou and Laizhou in China were accepted as Associate Members.

PROMOTIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS:

The renowned company of watches and jewellery, Maison Piaget, whose headquarters are situated in Geneva, and which is presided over by Mr Yves G. Piaget, accepted my request to support the activities of the WFRS and decided to donate to the Federation the sum of 20,000 Swiss Francs ($US 20,500), 5,000 each year from 2012-2015 without compensation. I would like to thank most sincerely the General Management of Maison Piaget for this very generous financial contribution, which will be used to develop new projects relating to roses.

BREEDERS CLUB:

The members of the Breeders Club met twice in Paris and twice in Lyon. On these four occasions the following points were discussed:

- Standardization of judging methods for international rose trials: the majority of trials now use 100 points for judging varieties, thus enabling interesting comparisons to be made for the same variety in different trials. Stronger ties should be encouraged with the International Rose Trials Committee in order to draw up regulations which can be applied to all rose trials.
- A page for each member of the Breeders Club has been set up on the WFRS website. Each breeder has the opportunity to present his or her company and show new varieties. The page is brought up-to-date as often as necessary. The fact that it has to be written in English has slowed down the project, but it will be taken up again in the future.
- A page for each member of the Breeders Club has been programmed to be published in World Rose News.

This project has not yet started but it is still a topical subject.

European Rose of the Year: Based on the results of different European rose trials, the European Rose of the Year prize will be awarded to the variety which obtains the best average during a current year.
Regulations still have to be drawn up and this project will be taken up again in collaboration with the International Rose Trials Committee.

Experimental Station in Shenzhen (China): At the request of Shenzhen Urban Management Bureau, an experimental station to study the behaviour of varieties of garden roses with respect to climatic conditions in Shenzhen was set up. The tests cover a period of three years and started in spring 2011 with 85 varieties from 6 breeders. We are now waiting for comments and photos from the Chinese authorities in order to write up the first report after 12 months’ cultivation.

Rose Breeders Hall of Fame: On Kelvin Trimper’s proposal, the Executive Committee of the WFRS requested members of the Breeders Club to study a project in view of awarding a Rose Breeders Hall of Fame. This item was brought up on two occasions and the following is the reply of the breeders as reported in the minutes.

After a heated discussion, those breeders present, on Alain Meilland’s initiative, declared that they were all totally opposed to this initiative. They do not want their name, or their parents’, even their grandparents’ to be associated with this idea. In addition, they are convinced that depending on the name chosen, it will only create jealousy amongst them and the only thing which is important to them is to pay tribute to the rose and not the breeders and the Rose Hall of Fame is perfect in this respect. The Executive Committee decided in its meeting of 2 June 2012 not to proceed with the Rose Breeders Hall of Fame.

CONVENTION LIAISON:

The principal aim of this function is to facilitate the task of the organisers, give appropriate advice and be at their disposal for all questions relating to the preparation and organisation of the event. Two Regional Conventions took place during the period 2009-2012.

- The Regional Convention “Peace and Harmony” took place in April 2010 in Changzhou, China. The delegates of the 17 National Societies present appreciated the excellent programme laid on for them including the opening ceremony, magnificent rose garden, choice of excursions, interesting lectures, high class standard of the hotel, meals and transportation. The foreign delegates were also particularly touched by the happy smiles and kindness of the Chinese people, as well as their continual efforts to speak English to their visitors in order to ensure that their stay in Changzhou would be a very pleasant one.

- The 12th International Heritage Rose Conference took place in June 2012 in Sakura, Japan. The delegates of the 15 countries present enjoyed this extremely interesting convention dedicated entirely to heritage roses. The excellent program, high standard of lectures, interesting choice of gardens visited, the magnificent City of Sakura Rose Garden, the friendliness which prevailed amongst delegates and above all the warm welcome and kindness extended to everyone by our Japanese friends ensured that all the participants came away from the Land of the Rising Sun with many wonderful memories.

The following conventions are in preparation:

- 16th World Rose Convention, “ROSAFRICA 2012”, Sandton, South Africa – 11-18 October 2012. Preparations are well under way and we wish every success to the two convenors, Sheenagh Harris and Diana Girdwood, who are doing their utmost to put on a warm welcome for all those visiting the African continent.
- 13th International Heritage Rose Conference, “Collecting, identifying and maintenance of Heritage Roses”, Sangerhausen, Germany – 20-24 June 2013. This will be a wonderful opportunity to admire the famous collection of roses in Sangerhausen.
- Regional Convention, “Roses Down Under, the Kiwi Experience”, Palmerston North, New Zealand - 22-27 November 2013. The convenor, Peter Elliott, and his organising committee are in the process of preparing what will surely be a great convention.
- 17th World Rose Convention, “Lyon Rose 2015”, Lyon, France – 3-8 May 2015. The organising committee, under the chairmanship of Maurice Jay, has been working on the project for the past year and the program looks extremely promising.
- 18th World Rose Convention. During the next world convention in South Africa, delegates will vote for the National Society which will organise the world convention in 2018.

HERITAGE ROSES:

CHÂTEAU DE MALMAISON Rose Garden of Empress Josephine. The President of the French Rose Society, Maurice Jay, contacted the management of the Museum of the Château de Malmaison in order to propose a study for the restoration of the rose garden of the Empress. The idea having been accepted with great enthusiasm by the management, a financial plan of 130,000 Euros ($US 165,000) was drawn up. Thanks to the generosity of Maison Piaget, who will act as sponsor of the project, work on the project has already begun. The inauguration of the restored rose garden will take place in spring 2014 and delegates present at the world convention in Lyon in 2015 will have the possibility of visiting it. The WFRS is not involved in this project, but members of the Executive Committee are extremely pleased that this magnificent contribution will enable a historical heritage relating to roses to be restored.

BOTANICAL GARDENS OF GENEVA:

A project to restore the heritage rose garden and extend its collection is being studied at the present time. Work will begin next November and new roses will be planted in March 2013. The visit of this collection in the Botanical Gardens will be on the programme of a post tour for the convention in 2015.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS:

The possibility of participating in international rose trials is the perfect opportunity to meet many rosarian friends as well as being in close contact with rose breeders. During the period 2009-2012 I took part in rose trials in Barcelona (Spain), Lyon, Paris and Saverne (France),
Baden-Baden (Germany), Monza (Italy) and Geneva (Switzerland). Two new ones were held for the first time in Huis Ten Bosch (Japan) and Monaco.

HUIS TEN BOSCH, Japan: The 1st International Rose Trials in the Far East for varieties in commerce for less than 5 years took place in May 2011. 18 breeders from 6 different countries presented 65 varieties. Conditions were ideal and thanks to the excellent work of the gardeners, the judging panel was able to reward some magnificent varieties. It is not yet known when the trials will be held for a second time.

Huis Ten Bosch Rose Garden

Monaco International Rose Trials

MONACO: The 1st International Rose Trials took place on 5 May 2012 for varieties in commerce for less than 5 years and cultivated in containers. Under the patronage of HRH Prince Albert of Monaco, the honorary president HRH the Princess of Hannover and the chairman of the trials, Mr Yves G. Piaget, President of the Rose Society of Monaco, 18 breeders from 6 countries (France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Switzerland and USA) presented 67 varieties. The novelty of these trials stemmed from the fact that the roses were cultivated in pots and breeders, members of the judging panel and the general public were extremely enthusiastic about this new way of presenting roses in trials. The 2nd International Rose Trials of Monaco will take place in May 2014.

The website of the WFRS is the only one which publishes every year the results of all the different trials, thanks to the excellent work of Ethel Freeman.

CONCLUSION:

My period of six years as an active member of the Executive Committee – three years as President and three as Immediate Past President - will come to an end during the ROSAFRICA2012 world convention. It has been a great pleasure for me to carry out my work for the WFRS solely because I have a passion for this magnificent flower, which unites us all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those who made it possible for me to live this unique experience. I cannot quote the names of everyone, as I would no doubt forget some, but I would like to express my particular thanks to our Executive Director, Malcolm Watson, whom I worked with over the past six years in
complete and mutual confidence and friendship. My thanks also go to our President, Sheenagh Harris, for her understanding and support in my different undertakings for the WFRS and last but not least I wish to thank Helga Brichet who was the first person to ask me to stand as President of the WFRS. Finally my congratulations and sincere thanks are addressed to both professional and amateur rose breeders throughout the world. It is thanks to their research work that we are able to continue to be so enthusiastic about our favourite flower. I have very fond memories of my many trips and meetings with rosarian friends all around the world, my visits to beautiful rose gardens and the excellent ambience which surrounds rose trials.

May the rose “OUR ROSE” continue to unite us all in a spirit of tolerance, understanding, respect and friendship and long live the World Federation of Rose Societies!

Gérald Meylan
Geneva, July 2012

Parts of this report are repeated under STANDING COMMITTEES
VICE PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS
2009 – 2012

AFRICA
SOUTH AFRICA
Alan Tew – 2009 - 2011
Jackie Kalley 2011 – 2012

It was with regret and appreciative thanks that WFRS noted the resignation of Alan Tew for reasons of ill health from the post after serving two of his three year tenure as Vice President, Africa. His focus was mainly on South Africa for two reasons: firstly the difficulty in making contact with rose personnel in the rest of Africa given that it is only in South Africa that rose societies exist; and secondly, South Africa had been awarded the prestigious honour of hosting the 2012 World Rose Convention. Alan Tew was fully supportive of the planning and marketing of the forthcoming Convention through his numerous contacts, not least of all through the Knysna Rose Society which he founded and nurtured ensuring that roses became an integral part of community life in that part of the Cape and by extension to the rest of the country.

Jackie Kalley agreed to serve in the post for the remaining year’s duration. The difficulty of making progress in establishing rose contacts in a continent where only one country has roses societies has already been alluded to. In addition cognizance must be taken of the poverty prevalent in Africa and the ramifications that obviously follow. To date two attempts have been made to make meaningful contact. Jackie was an Election Observer in Egypt during the Shura Council (Upper House) elections held in January/February 2012. She made a concerted effort to make rose contacts and when all else failed, she went to the magnificent Library of Alexandria feeling sure they could help – even to pinpoint the rose growing areas. To no avail – all they could produce were the contact details of a local landscaper. Efforts to contact the landscaper proved fruitless. The second contact was more poignant. An email from a lady in Botswana, newly smitten by roses asked where she could buy seeds so that she, too, could have beautiful roses. Through a contact provided by Sheenagh Harris of a Botswana couple who had been with her on a convention tour to the convention in Glasgow, we managed to inform the lady where she could buy roses.

As indicated the difficulties in making an impact are difficult but not insurmountable. Strategy to contact rose growers seems the best alternative and a start has been in collecting information on growers in the major rose growing countries – Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia to name a few, prior to contacting them via email as travel to these countries is expensive – in most cases prohibitively so. The problem then manifests itself – what can WFRS offer these growers? Corporate membership would give them WFRS information and the right to use the logo but to date it seems that they have done perfectly well, in fact brilliantly in growing roses for export without WFRS intervention. What is the prid pro quo for them to join the Federation? Advice as how to proceed would be welcome. It is a challenge waiting for a solution.

Jackie Kalley
PREAMBLE
The drought which affected much of Australia for nearly a decade finally ended in 2010. Unfortunately, we had so much rain that we had floods in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. One highlight of the drought and the water restrictions which existed in most areas was that roses continued to perform very well in comparison to most other plants. This toughness, combined with great publicity and increasing preparedness to “take the rose to the public” has seen the rose maintain its popularity in Australia.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP
Total Society Membership in Australia is around 3,400 with membership in each State approximately as follows:

- Victoria: 1000
- South Australia: 1100
- New South Wales: 650
- Western Australia: 350
- Queensland: 300

While we have excellent membership and a small increase in numbers, all State Societies would welcome younger members, particularly 20 to 50 year olds. Various initiatives to maximise the exposure of the rose to people in this age group are being pursued including:
- Public Pruning Demonstrations
- Public Talks and Presentations
- Attendance at Garden Festivals
- Media via press, television and radio
- Rose Shows and Exhibitions

The garden media continue to be very kind to us with roses and rose gardens being regularly featured by all types of media.

EVENTS
Annual National Conventions were staged in Kiama (NSW) in 2009, Brisbane (Qld) in 2010 and Perth (WA) in 2011. These were well attended and the Australian Rose Championships, held in conjunction with these events, continue to attract interest and brings the best out of our competitors. I had the pleasure of presenting a WFRS Report at each of these events and these reports were also published in the Australian Rose Annual.

There is considerable interest in the activities of the WFRS and, despite our relative global isolation, good numbers of Australians attended the regional convention in Changzhou, China.

A reasonable group is attending the Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura, Japan and a large group is booked for the next World Convention in Sandton, South Africa. I have found that organising group bookings as well as tours has greatly assisted in boosting the numbers of Australians willing to participate in these international events.
WFRS PRESIDENT’S AUSTRALIAN TOUR – 2010
The National Rose Society of Australia, each State Society and Heritage Roses in Australia worked together to support a visit to Australia by our WFRS President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris in October, 2010.

Sheenagh kindly participated in our National AGM and Convention and Heritage Roses National Convention, both in Queensland, and then visited NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia. She gave many talks and presentations and spoke with hundreds of rosarians. Her tireless commitment, passion, warmth, enthusiasm and great communication skills never waned through what was a hectic schedule of activities. A highlight was the official unveiling of the sculpture dedicated to WFRS Emeritus President David Ruston in Renmark. I do hope we in Australia can foster future visits of WFRS officials.

DAVID RUSTON SCULPTURE
As publicized in various editions of WRN, a group including rosarians worked very hard to raise money for a sculpture located at Renmark to celebrate the achievements of David Ruston. I had the pleasure of chairing the fundraising group and sufficient funds were raised to realise our goal and the sculpture was officially unveiled by the WFRS President, Sheenagh Harris, in October 2010. It’s a striking piece of art, worthy of David’s legacy.

CONTRIBUTIONS
I would like to acknowledge the outstanding service and contribution a number of Australians have provided to the WFRS.

- Emeritus President David Ruston – David remains greatly interested in the WFRS and participates in Regional, Heritage and World Conventions. As a past President, his views and wise counsel are keenly sought. He is the Chairman of the Heritage Roses Standing Committee and has actively promoted the Heritage Rose Conference.

- Mr. Malcolm Watson – Executive Director, WFRS
  I am sure that most rosarians around the world do not realise how much time, effort and business acumen is given by Malcolm (with wife Ruth’s support) to the WFRS.
Malcolm is the consummate professional and gentleman and we acknowledge his outstanding contribution.

- **Mr. Ian Spriggs – Chairman, Awards Standing Committee**
  Ian, with support of wife Sadie, has given many hours of his time to support the WFRS in this capacity. Ian’s passion and thoroughness have been greatly appreciated.

- **Richard Walsh – Editor, World Rose News**
  Richard has been Editor of the World Rose News over the past three years. This requires a considerable commitment of time and effort. We always look forward to each edition of World Rose News.

- **Mrs. Mary Frick – Honorary Secretary, National Rose Society of Australia**
  Mary has kindly ensured all Australian States remain well informed regarding WFRS activities and news. Mary was also a key person in the formation of the WFRS “Friends” initiative.

### THE FUTURE

We are all looking forward to the WFRS World Convention in South Africa. We are positive it will be a great success.

The year 2013 marks the Centenary of the Rose Society of New South Wales and a number of activities have been planned to commemorate this important occasion. We also eagerly await the 2013 WFRS Regional Convention in Palmerston North, New Zealand. Our country’s neighbours have superb gardens, grow remarkable roses and are excellent hosts.

If any rosarians wish to visit Australia prior to or after the New Zealand conference, please contact me and we will try to assist you, where we can.

It’s been a pleasure to represent Australia over the past three years and I look forward to contributing further over the next triennium.

Kelvin Trimper
WFRS Vice President, Australasia
AUSTRALASIA

NEW ZEALAND

Peter Elliott (New Zealand)

I have attended several WFRS conventions and events in the last three years. The World Convention in Vancouver was thoroughly enjoyable, aided by the beautifully scenic location. An absolute highlight for many registrants was the visit to the famous Butchart gardens. They did not disappoint. Some of the NZ bred delphiniums looked magnificent amongst the roses. The Regional Convention in Changzhou, China was an important first for that part of the world. At this event I presented an application to WFRS from NZ to host a regional convention in 2013 and this was ultimately accepted. Whilst in China I became the self appointed aide de camp to Mrs Sheenagh Harris, the World President - no less. Several tourist areas that we visited had many steps, some quite steep, the Forbidden City in Beijing for example, and I was able to lend a helping hand to Sheenagh who was recuperating from hip replacement surgery.

It was a pleasure to attend the unveiling of the Ruston Sculpture in South Australia. I have always wanted to visit Renmark and see David’s collection of roses. It was a very special time. The Regional Convention in Adelaide was an extremely well run, and well planned, event. There were some very good papers presented at the technical sessions.

Work commitments prevented me from attending the National Rose Show in Timaru in 2010 and all reports are that the roses were beautiful. Sheenagh Harris was able to attend and I met with Sheenagh and Norma Manuel in Palmerston North on their way south. NZRS Patron, Nola Simpson, joined us for an inspection of the Dugald Mackenzie Rose gardens and Sheenagh was also able to see the trial ground roses which she thoroughly enjoyed. There were some very good roses on trial. Publicity material will be available shortly for the WFRS Regional Convention in NZ November 2013 and I hope to see you all there. I am the Convenor of the organizing committee and our plans are progressing well.

A party of kiwi rosarians will be attending the World Convention in Sandton, South Africa and October cannot come soon enough. We are very much looking forward to this trip.
CENTRAL ASIA

INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)

In this region (Central Asia) there are two countries Pakistan and India, we already have lost Bangladesh from this region showing no interest in WFRS activities and their membership is cancelled. IRF ‘Indian Rose Federation’ exactly is very active in this region specially Nawab Shah Alam Khan, who has started Hyderabad rose society very actively and a Rose garden in Hyderabad, which is progressing day by day, sponsored by Nawab Shah Alam and his family.

As usual in Pakistan PNRS ‘Pakistan National Rose Society’ held a Rose show from 10th – 15 April 2012. A Rose bulletin is issued regularly from time to time to educate the Rosarian. We have two seasons of Roses one in Nov-Dec and the other is End Mar-Apr according to different climate conditions of different areas of Pakistan. Quarterly lectures are also held by PNRS to educate Rose gardeners.

As Vice President (Central Asia) of the World Federation of Rose Societies, I have been invited to various Rose Events around the world every year. Each year over the last few years, I would get invitations from Italy, Spain, France, Germany, UK, India, etc. to congregate together with other rose aficionados from around the world and judge trial gardens; and each year I could not go due to business commitments and my health. This year however when I received these invitations I instantly and almost spontaneously decided to go. So came June 2011 and I along with my son Ashar (he wouldn’t let me travel alone and my wife didn’t have an EU visa) braved all our professional commitments and escaped to Europe for a week!!

On the first leg of our trip, we landed in Paris, France on a beautiful summer day to attend the ‘104th International Competition roses de Bagatelle’, I was invited as a jury member. The next day (16 June) was something I had been looking forward to all my life; a trip to the acclaimed Bagatelle Garden, which is actually in the city itself. There we were welcomed to the French Society of Roses. There we mingled with other invited judges from all over the world before we were divided into various judging groups. So as we moved from shrub to shrub and climber to climber, what I could not get out of my head was how hyped this garden actually was and how we underestimate and perhaps undervalue the beauty so evident in our own Pakistan. We of course could not stay so long so we begged our leave and found a taxi to take us to the Versailles Palace en route to the airport from where we would fly to London for a day, as a breather to the next leg of our rose trip to Geneva.

When we landed in Geneva, Switzerland we were looking forward to the beautiful locations. Once again, I remembered our beautiful Islamabad and the much underappreciated Margallas, which are no less than the Swiss Alps if you ask me. Our morning started at the Rose Garden for International Rose Trials of Geneva (18 June 2011). There we met Sheenagh Harris ‘President WFRS’ and were welcomed by Gerald Meylan, ‘Immediate Past President WFRS’ immediately upon our arrival. Gerald took us to the judging area where he showed us a flag of Pakistan amongst the flags of other countries whose participants were at the trial grounds in Geneva. It was definitely a proud and defining moment for me to see Pakistan’s flag standing tall in Geneva. The trial roses were beautiful, it was raining and we start judging roses in the rain under an umbrella. The next day on 19 June all the participants were invited for a WFRS Executive Committee meeting near Gerald’s house (Aire-la-Ville) where we discussed various problems facing the World Rose Federation.
The next morning we took a flight to Frankfurt, Germany from where we took a train to Baden Baden, here we were invited for ‘59th International Rose Trials Baden-Baden’, our final destination. It was definitely by far our most favourite destination on this trip. The next morning on 21 June we headed to the trial grounds on top of a hill. I was mesmerized by the beautiful garden of roses, by far the most beautiful garden on this trip of ours, overlooking valleys and hills of the picturesque Baden Baden. There I met several rose breeders from Germany, and most prominently the famous Mr. Kordes whose nursery’s roses are very popular in Pakistan; Since we had to take a flight back to Pakistan the same evening, we had to miss the actual ceremony but I managed to visit that garden nonetheless.

In May 2012, I visited China to attend the '4th Beijing Rose Culture Festival' invited by Chinese Rose Society. The arrangements for rose festival was excellent and Beijing was full of roses, I never saw such a beautiful gardens in my life. Chinese rose society is seriously working to promote the rose culture in the region and I think future of Roses would be in China. There I also met Legendary Gerald Meylan (WFRS Past President) and Helga Brichet.

2010, 2011 and 2012, it was heartening to note that all the Rose Societies affiliated with Indian Rose Federation have been holding successive Rose Shows, with excellent participation from the local citizens, Industries and Government Departments. Indian Rose Federation hosted its 30th All India Rose Convention at Jamshedpur, organized by Tata Steel, JUSCO and Horticulture Society of Jamshedpur, from 6 to 8 of January - 2012. The organizers had set a theme “Rose Cultivation and Marketing” for small commercial rose growers and students. “Scenario of Rose Cultivation in India”, “Roses and Economy”, “Microorganism and Roses” for researchers and students. “Mycorrhiza and Roses”, Organic Rose Growing and effective Microorganism Effect” and “Hybridization / Rose Breeding“ for rose breeders, The First Bloom and After.

IRF’s planned programme is as follows for this year.
- Making Indian Rosarians presence felt at Global Level.
- Reaching out to each and every rose grower (amateur/professional) across India.
- Supporting Rose Dependent activities like Rose Attar, Rose water & Gulkand, etc.
- Strengthening of Rose Societies.
- Involving Youth in the IRF activities.

Mian Zafar Iqbal
EUROPE (Northern)

DENMARK, FINLAND, GREAT BRITAIN, N. IRELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN

Ann Bird (Great Britain)

What a lot has happened in the last three years! The flight to Vancouver for the WFRS Convention in June 2009 gave time to reflect on a long Presidency of the Royal National Rose Society which would soon be ending, and did I really want another challenge if elected as VP in the WFRS – maybe it would be best just to go back to what I love best, cultivating and enjoying my own rose garden. However, my ideas soon changed once I was amongst my rose friends again and I felt very privileged to be elected to the position of Vice-President for Northern Europe and vowed to do my best for the countries under my remit, as well as greeting rosarians from round the world who visited England.

The first people who arrived were under the wing of Clair Martin, Curator (now retired) of the world-famous Huntington Gardens in California – 27 rosarians who had visited 15 major rose gardens in England and pronounced them to be spectacular. We met in Great Malvern and enjoyed a convivial evening discussing nothing else but roses – much to the amusement of fellow diners in the restaurant, who even seemed to be listening when I gave a short speech!

A few weeks later I was off to a gathering of rosarians from all the Scandinavian countries held in Gothenburg. The informality began immediately after a business meeting and I was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome I received, matched only by the very hot weather which I certainly had not anticipated. The main event took place in the Rosarium in the centre of Gothenburg – a wonderful garden full of roses, companion plants, and a huge glasshouse erected in the late 1800’s, which was a replica of the Crystal Palace in London built in 1851 for the Great Exhibition. On the final evening we had an informal candlelit dinner there, again devoted to roses and new friendships, although I felt I had known these rosarians for years. A short trip to Copenhagen followed to meet Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society, and the highly respected landscape architect and rose nurseryman, Torben Thim. The highlight of a magical day was a visit to the ancient Bernstorff estate nearby where Torben had designed a magnificent and unique garden in which all the roses (old and modern varieties) were grown as half or full standards in small beds, edged with clipped box, filled with the glorious purple heliotrope as ground cover, and a backdrop of “Alexandre Girault” tumbling over a large pergola in a billowing mass of bloom.

Visiting Glasgow later that summer for the International Rose Trial Judging in Tollcross Park I was able to present the second part of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence to the Lord Provost on behalf of the City of Glasgow – the plaque itself, the citation having been presented in 2009. I know this is greatly treasured as a recognition of the effort and achievement of all those involved.

Early in 2011 I was invited back to Copenhagen to do two rose lectures - the sun shone in a cloudless blue sky but the temperature was -10 degrees C with not a sign of frost on cars or rooftops! After the first presentation, Inger took us for a meal at which it was a real pleasure to meet the members of her committee who work so hard behind the scenes to keep the Danish Rose Society in good heart, and to talk about roses with them. The next day was spent in Denmark’s second city, Arhus, to be welcomed by another group of enthusiastic rosarians, but cut short immediately after my lecture by having to be whisked away to Billund Airport (near Legoland) to catch the flight home with minutes to spare!
Among the first visitors to St Albans that summer were 44 Japanese rosarians, some of whom I had met at the Gifu Gardens in central Japan. They were delighted to see what they described as the most wonderful display of roses in our gardens – all due to the efforts of our Head Gardener, his team, and volunteers. As the Japanese guests assembled to depart late in the afternoon I was given a simultaneous bow from them all, after which they told me they had been to the David Austin Rose Gardens that morning (a long journey) leaving London at 6 a.m. and arriving in St Albans after lunch. They must have been exhausted.

The Geneva Rose Trials took place later that week, somewhat dampened by torrential rain during judging, but soon replaced by sunshine, and certainly forgotten next day when WFRS Immediate Past President, Gerald Meylan and his wife Christina invited WFRS President Sheenagh Harris and the attending Vice-Presidents to his home in nearby Aire-la-Ville. It was business before pleasure with an Executive Committee Meeting in the village hall where we were greeted by the Mayor, followed by an excellent barbecue in Gerald’s garden.

Despite President Sheenagh’s heavy travelling schedule to so many parts of the world, she was determined to find the time to visit the International Rose Trials in Glasgow in August and was given a very warm Scottish welcome. At the Civic Lunch in City Chambers she and the Lord Provost both wore their Chains of Office and looked pretty spectacular! An unusual highlight of this trip was filming taking place right in the centre of the city of a Hollywood “blockbuster” movie starring Brad Pitt who appeared quite often to do his “takes”, bringing everything to a complete standstill!

And so to 2012. The biggest talking point this year has been the extraordinary weather – we seemed to have summer in May, a disastrous June with endless rain holding back the first flush of roses, cool temperatures in July and now we are told it is the worst summer for 100 years! Undeterred President Sheenagh Harris visited England during June and we did manage to visit four wonderful rose gardens in the Midlands in the space of two days. The first was to Coughton Court, Alcester, home of the Throckmorton family for 500 years where we had lunch with Mrs Throckmorton in her splendid library before going to the walled rose garden to see the WFRS Plaque of Garden Excellence awarded in 2006. Rain cut short the next visit to Spetchley Park, Great Malvern, Worcs but we returned the following morning in brief sunshine to see the stunning house and gardens seemingly untouched by time. From there we made our way to the David Austin Rose gardens at Albrighton, where Sheenagh was cordially greeted by David Austin, Snr and Michael Marriott with whom we had lunch before walking round the magnificent display gardens and on into the breeding houses – what a treat. Later that afternoon we moved on to Wollerton Old Hall, Shropshire, where the garden was kept open late for our visit. It is just about a perfect garden, flanked by two stunning Tudor houses, with a design of planting to ensure that every turn of a corner brings new delights to savour.

After spending the night at a typically English country pub quite near me in Leicestershire, Sheenagh was taken by RNRS Past President Rod Petty to meet with Peter Beales and was delighted to have lunch and a long chat with him before a tour of the display gardens. With hardly time to draw breath Sheenagh visited the RNRS gardens at St Albans the next day and a celebratory lunch with President Bernard Williams and his team, together with WFRS Treasurer Jill Bennell, and finally left England at 5 a.m. next morning to fly to Baden-Baden for the International Rose Trials. I have tremendous admiration for Sheenagh’s stamina which seems to be connected to her obvious enjoyment of all things “rosy” – the word “exhaustion” is not in her vocabulary!

Because of moving house, and a few health problems, I have visited just one of “my” countries recently – to judge at the Belfast International Rose Trials in Sir Thomas & Lady
Dixon Park. As always I was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcome of the Rose Society of Northern Ireland and the Belfast City Council who host an evening dinner for everyone connected with the Rose Trials in the splendour of their City Hall – a wonderful event.

The last three years have certainly been very busy, and at times quite stressful, but I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity to be part of the WFRS in my role as a Vice-President. It still amazes me that the “genus rosa” can bring so much pleasure to so many people around the world as members of the WFRS, and long may it continue!

Ann Bird
EUROPE

AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GREECE, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, SLOVENIA

Stefan Wagner (Romania)

In autumn 2009 I visited for a few days the Slovenian Rose Society. I could see that even that there are very few members, they could establish, with a help from a sponsor, a new rose garden with over 100 varieties, in the court of a hospital.

They have a few gatherings each year with this occasions the members are informed about the new methods of rose-caring.

In 2011 and 2012 I was in Austria, meeting people from the Austrian Rose Society. Actually, this society is a working group of the Austrian Horticultural Society, having not more than 50-60 members. They organize each year in June, in the city of Baden bei Wien, many rose-activities and exhibitions of roses, having some cultural events also. This activities attract many tourists also, in this manner many people can have ideas about rose and rose-growing.

In 2011 and 2012 I visited the newly refounded Hungarian Rose Society in the city of Kecskemet. They organized, during the national day of 20 August very nice rose-exhibitions, corroborated with cultural events. They intend to establish a new rose garden in the named city, with several varieties from different classes. They have a new publication, well illustrated which appears once a year.

In 2012 I was in Bratislava, at the Slovakian Rose Society. In lack of time I had only discussions with the new President, eng. Frantisek Glvac. It is very good that after new elections the problems concerning the leadership of this society were solved.

I am sorry that I could not visit other countries (Greece, Israel, Russia, Czechia) because of lack of money. All this visits were achieved with my own money.

During these 3 years I wrote 2 articles to the WRN, with pictures

Stefan Wagner,
September 2012
V-P of WFRS in Europe
EUROPE (South)
BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY,
LUXEMBOURG, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN,
SWITZERLAND

Maurice Jay (France)

2009
Belgium celebrated with greatness the birth anniversary of Pierre-Joseph REDOUTE in his natal city of St Hubert. It was a good opportunity for remembering the famous works of this painter of flowers in Belgium (Luxembourg province), France and Great Britain. The WFRS President Sheenagh HARRIS and the VP of South Europe were present and brought their contribution to the ceremony.

Concerning the 17th world convention in 2015 the results in Vancouver were designating France and Lyon as organizers;: It will be a great honour to welcome this Convention in France, this country which took a dominating place in the genetic progress of roses during the XIXth and XXth centuries.

2010
Lyon-France June 2010: a very nice day with many attractive activities; firstly was the international rose trial which allowed to judge beautiful roses on good plants. Then we were invited to attend an information Meeting with a substantial speech of the Organizers on the next world convention LYON-2015: it was the first time for such an information to be broadcasted to the European countries. Our President Sheenagh HARRIS was among us for the greatest pleasure of all.

Paris-France June 2010: Bagatelle garden opened these «iron gates» for a true garden-party with sun, warmth, nice roses and a large European audience. M. Jay was the president of the rose contest and I was elegantly accompanied by Mrs. Sheenagh HARRIS.

Nantes-France June 2010: contest n°10 for fragrant roses: interesting international rose trial where noze-experts (about 10 people) work with judges evaluating for quality of flower and plant. This year the winner was a Kordes rose «Sophie Davant/Beverly» (Korpavaio). During this trial time, I had opportunity and advantage to offer to the Nantes City for the BEAUJOIRE Rose Garden, the Garden Award attributed by the WFRS at the Vancouver World Convention.

Geneva- Switzerland June 2010: Again a very nice garden party in the «Parc Lagrange» close to the Leman lake; the welcome message was addressed to a very large European audience by the President of the International Trial Mrs Françoise Demole, accompanied by the young technical director Mr. Antony Leclerc. Mrs Sheenagh Harris was president of the Jury for the day and gave the rewards to the winners. During the afternoon, the opportunity was offered to visit a very nice private garden «le Jardin des Sens» at Ivoire on the French bank of the Leman Lake: very original garden for its design and for the companion plants of roses..

Baden-Baden Germany June 2010: Again a large European meeting to judge a huge collection of beautiful roses; Mrs. Sheenagh Harris was efficiently and friendly the President of the Jury for the day. During the afternoon we were invited to the «Palais Biron » for the baptism of a new rose «Princesse Sibilla de Luxembourg» (Orafrantanov) in presence of the Princess of Luxembourg and her husband, but also with the French Breeder Pierre Orard.
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Den Haag Netherlands July 2010: it was the anniversary for a 50 years Rose competition. The municipality of Den Haag and the deputy mayor Finance and City management received us at Westbroek Park for a pleasant time among the roses: a large collection of cultivars was presented: fragrant roses, roses novelties, new commercial varieties, and for this special jubilee competition all the 50 available golden cultivars of past years.

Le Roeulx Belgium September 2010: one of the last rose contests for this year with special interest for the disease resistance and the perpetual flowering; this international rose trial is "young" enough but the quality of rose plants is increasing year after year.

Among the special events on this year 2010, we have to mention:

- the «floralies» (floral exhibition) in Pau (France) with special reference to roses in 2010: one week in November to attend bunch shows, flower and music spectacles, flower shows of numerous cities in Europe etc; it was a very large success with about 50,000 visitors
- A new rose cultivar: «Jean de Luxembourg-Roi de Boheme» was launched; Jean de Luxembourg was a famous warrior who died at the Crecy Battle on the beginning of the 100 years war. In 2010, the Czech Republic gave an entertainment for the 700th anniversary of the wedding between Jean de Luxembourg and the heiress of the Bohem Realm; for this occasion, this new rose which was planted in the botanical garden of Hradec Kralov
- In may, the City of Barcelona received from Mrs Sheenagh Harris, on behalf of the WFRS, the garden of excellence award attributed to the Cervantes rose garden, during the Vancouver World Convention.

2011

Roses Trials in 2011: the main problem was the weather very particular and contrasted this year in Southern Europe: strong warmness and severe drought in spring with unfortunately violent storms in the middle of June, then a lot of rain in summer. The rose behaviour was very strange: full and very early flowering in may for a short time because of storms, scarce repeated flowering in the end of the summer. The international rose trials, numerous in Europe, were differently disturbed according to the local conditions and it was very difficult to exhibit attractive rose flower-beds to the International Judging panels. For the rose contests in May: correct behaviour in Barcelona, Roma, Madrid; for the rose trials in June: over passed flowering in Bagatelle, Lyon, Geneva and Baden-Baden; for the September contests: weak flowering (Le Roeulx, Orleans)

The meeting of the WFRS-Executive Committee was managed by President Sheenagh Harris in Geneva on 19 June, the day after the Geneva International Rose Contest: The Asia, North America, North Europe, South Europe Regions were represented.

The Courtrai city in Belgium has welcome its international rose contest n° 50 on the 24 June in the presence of WFRS President Sheenagh.

A meeting of the WFRS Breeders’ Club took place in Lyon (France) on 1 December with the chairman Gerald Meylan; many topics were approached and among the most important ones - Information about the rose cultivation assay in Shenzhen (China) for which the
European breeders had sent a lot of varieties in order to compare their behavior under a very particular latitudinal range.

The first painted wall (in the world) dedicated to the story of roses in Lyon district was inaugurated in Lyon on June 20th in the presence of a number of VIP and a delegation of the American Heritage Rose Foundation which celebrated its 25th anniversary in France, with a warm welcome of the French breeder Fabien Ducher and Stephen Scanniello president of AHRF.

In July 2011, the European Association of Young Gardeners held its 52th convention in Luxembourg 75 years after a famous Rose convention of the Société Française des Roses welcome by the Horticultural Federation of Luxembourg; on this occasion a new rose from Tantau company was launched « Melusina » which is said to have been the wife of the founder of Luxembourg, Count Siegfried.

The last information concerns the preparation of the 17th WFRS Convention by France in 2015. The French organisation committee has already produced a lot of work and the main aspects of this convention are in the paper. A first presentation was made during the WFRS Executive Committee meeting in Geneva on June 2011.

2012
At the beginning of this new year we have some excellent news for the World Federation of Rose Societies

A new rose contest was held in the Monaco Principality under the Presidency of the SAR Princess de Hanovre. It was the first trial for roses grown in pots. The plant and flower show was a very high quality thanks to the expertise of a French grower able to control growth and flowering of garden roses in a greenhouse environment: about 65 varieties from main European breeders were judged by 12 European judges. The trial was located in the garden of the Monaco Garden Club, and put under the authority of its President M. Yves Piaget.

The second good news is a new addition to the WFRS: Monaco Principality; I am just receiving the formal file asking the inscription of Monaco in the list of the Countries where the WFRS is represented.

The third information concerns the restoration of the rose-garden of Malmaison Castle where Empress Josephine collected a lot of new roses at the beginning of the XIXth Century. The agreement about the donation-gift of Piaget Company (Geneva) for this restoration was signed in April 2012 between the Piaget Company and the Malmaison Commissioner.

And Finally my Vice-presidency will be closed in October 2012; It was a very pleasant time for 9 years with a lot of contacts, a lot of travels among the rose world, and a long list of new friends which we will welcome at Lyon in 2015 with great pleasure. Now, our attention is completely focused to the preparation of the WFRS Convention n°17 and we hope to present an original event with a true rose festival that our city will be happy to offer to all of you.

Maurice Jay
Lyon, May 2012
FAR EAST

JAPAN AND CHINA

WFRS Vice President – Takamasa Tsuge

JUNE 2009 – 15th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION – VANCOUVER, CANADA
Takamasa Tsuge and 50 delegates from Japan attended the Convention and made a presentation for the forthcoming WFRS 12th International Heritage Rose Conference in May/June 2011 in Sakura, Japan. Takamasa Tsuge was re-elected as Vice President for Far East - 2009-2012

NOVEMBER, 2009
Takamasa Tsuge attended the Award Ceremony of the Garden of Excellence for the Renmin Park in Shenzhen-city, China, accompanied by Dr. Gerald Meylan.

DECEMBER, 2009
Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang, President of the Chinese Rose Society and Mr. Li Tiecheng, Director of the Beijing Botanical Gardens and the other members of the BBG visited the Metropolitan Tokyo Jindai Botanical Gardens, having been invited by Mr. Keiji Ito, the Director of JBG.

Presentation of 200 plants of Japanese bred roses to the rose gardens in the newly constructed Zijing Park as a friendship relations between Changzhou in China and the Fukuyama Rose Society in Japan. Mr. Zhu Weiping, Director of Gardening and Greening Management Bureau and Mr. Minoru Ishii, President of Fukuyama Rose Society in Japan were in attendance.

APRIL, 2010 - REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION IN CHANGZHOU, CHINA – PEACE AND HARMONY
Takamasa Tsuge attended the Convention along with 38 participants from Japan. Three Japanese rosarians gave lectures.
Takamasa Tsuge attended a meeting with the officials of Taicang municipal government about preserving china roses at the Entian Rose Park.

Yuki Mikanagi, Helga Brichet, Ella Chen, Takamasa Tsuge and Katsuhiko Maebara at Suzhou, near Changzhou

OCTOBER, 2010
Takamasa Tsuge made a recommendation to the officials of the government of Taicang municipal about holding a Heritage Rose Conference at the Entian Rose Park in the future. Mr. Wang Yong Lin, Vice Mayor and Mr. Jiang Hongtao, Vice President of Chinese Rose Society were in attendance.
MARCH, 2011
Huge earthquakes and a tsunami hit the northern part of Japan Island, which put all of Japan into chaos. Several emergency meetings were held about the forthcoming International Heritage Rose Convention in Sakura, Japan. Eventually, it was decided to postpone the Conference for one year with the permission of the Executive Committee and the support of the South African convention convenors.

AUGUST, 2011
It was decided to hold the Conference during 31st May to 6th June 2012 in Sakura-city and the Executive Committee was informed.

OCTOBER, 2011
50th anniversary of the Metropolitan Tokyo Jindai Botanical Gardens which includes a wonderful rose garden. The Garden Excellence 2009 plaque was highly appreciated by visitors.

Takamasa Tsuge, Yuki Mikanagi, editor of The Rose and Keiji Ito

FEBRUARY, 2012
With regard to the application for holding the World Rose Convention in 2018 in Beijing by the Chinese Rose Society, Takamasa Tsuge was invited to a couple of meetings in Beijing. The Chinese Rose Society has an extraordinary plan which largely includes rose gardens and nurseries and its relevant facilities. He made several comments from the standpoint of rosarians.

Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang, Chairman of the Chinese Rose Society, Dr. Zhao Shiwei, Secretary, Mr. Wang, the Head of the Beijing Bureau of Gardens and Forests, Vice Chief, Mr. Dai Mingchao, Beijing Daxing District, and Mr. Dean Chen, a Senior Advisor to the CRS were in attendance

WFRS 12th INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE IN SAKURA, JAPAN
28 May - 6 June, 2012

PRE-CONVENTION - A tour to Kumamoto prefecture to search for Rosa multiflora adenochaeta.

31 May - Welcome party at Sakura city Kusabue- no- Oka rose garden.
1 June - Opening Ceremony
Chairman of the Organising Committee - Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara
WFRS President - Mrs. Sheenagh Harris
Four lectures on "New Topics and Projects in Rose Research"
Day tour to Keisei rose nurseries, etc.
WFRS Committee Meetings
Heritage and Conservation joint committee meeting
Publications committee.

2 June -
Four lectures on “History of Roses”
Day tour to Sanapia herb garden and Sake brewery.
WFRS Executive Committee meeting.
3 June -  
Four lectures on “Heritage Roses and their conservation.  
Day tour to Kawamura art museum and Kusabue-no-Oka rose garden.  
Conference Dinner at Royal Wishton Room in the Wishton Hotel. 
Mr. David Ruston, Past President and Chairman, Heritage Rose Committee 
Mr. Kazuo Warabi, Mayor of Sakura-city.  
Mr. Gerald Meylan, Immediate past President  
WFRS Commemorative Medallion awarded to:  
Mr. Kazuo Warabi (silver)  
Mr. Katuhiko Maebara (silver)  
Dr. Yuki Mikanagi (bronze)  

POST CONFERENCE TOUR - 4 to 6 June  
Bus tour to The Statue of Budda (Kamakura), Akao Herb and Rose Gardens(Atami), search for Rosa hirtula (Hakone), for Rosa nipponensis (mid-way to Mt. Fuji).  
Although the Conference took place after one year postponement due to the devastating disaster happened the previous year, 65 rose enthusiasts gathered from 12 overseas countries and 97 Japanese rose lovers joined that made the participants 162 people altogether. 

Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara, Chairman and the members of the organizing committee thanked Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, the President and the members of the Executive Committee for their generous support. 

This 12th International Heritage Rose Conference was the first Conference under the auspices of WFRS and also the first in Asian region.  
In this regard, we are so happy that we were able to hold this conference as we initially organised.
NORTH AMERICA
BERMUDA, USA

Steve Jones (United States of America)

My first term as WFRS VP for North America was a fun and interesting time from 2009-2012. During the three years in the United States we have seen strange weather patterns, reduced membership in rose societies, and major changes in the United States rose industry. Major nurseries Jackson & Perkins and Weeks have been bought out of bankruptcy by Garden’s Alive of Ohio. Many of the miniature rose nurseries have been bought by Greenheart of California. The All-America Rose Selections (AARS) has ceased to exist after the 2012 winner was announced. Others are on the brink of bankruptcy while others are doing well.

2009
My wife Susie and I have enjoyed travelling around the world to attend WFRS meetings, rose trials, and visiting fellow rosarians and rose gardens. Our travels started with the 15th WFRS Convention in 2009 in Vancouver, British Columbia where I was installed as the VP for North America. It was also during my term as President of the American Rose Society. The convention was well planned and we enjoyed the fellowship of our international friends.

2010
2010 was our around the world trip starting with the WFRS Regional Meeting in Changzhou, China where we were treated like royalty and got a good chance to see the gardens of China and the industrious and lovely people there. From there we flew to conduct rose trials in Barcelona, Spain and Italian trials in Rome, La Tacita and Monza before flying home. At each stop, even though rain was not real kind to us, we got to see many amazing roses never seen before in the United States and met and visited with fellow rosarians. In all of the trials we were treated very well and felt welcomed.

2011
In 2011 the Convention in Sakura was cancelled due to the unfortunate earthquake, tsunami and radiation from the damaged nuclear reactors. We changed our plans and flew into Madrid, Spain before heading to rose trials in Lyon, Bagatelle (Paris), Geneva, and Baden-Baden. At Geneva after the trials, Gerald and Christina Meylan opened their home to the Executive Committee members since we could not meet in Sakura. We had a productive meeting followed by a delicious meal at their home afterwards. In Baden-Baden I was honoured to be asked to be the President of the International Jury. We had a wonderful time in what I have always considered one of the most beautiful medium sized towns in the world. In October we were honoured to have WFRS President Sheenagh Harris stay with us and our two cats prior to the ARS Fall Convention. We visited the private gardens of Kitty and Bob Belendez, Karen and George Gubert, and Descanso Garden in La Canada. The gardens were near full bloom and we enjoyed all the roses and camellias that were just starting.

NORTH AMERICA
BERMUDA, CANADA

Patrick White/Shari Lynn  (Canada)

No report available at the time of going to print
SOUTH AMERICA
Argentina, Chille and Buenos Aires

Nilda Crivelli (Buenos Aires)

There were no conventions in South America and no rose trials in Chile and Uruguay.

I had frequent contact with the Uruguay Asociacion de la rosa because of its proximity. They usually attend WFRS conventions but did not go to Changzhou. In 2010, they invited me to give a talk about the 4th China Rose Show and the WFRS Regional Convention.

In 2009 I was a judge at the spring rose show in Monte Video.

In November 2011 I organised the arrangements for the visit of WFRS President Sheenagh Harris and Don Ballin well known rose judge from the USA to Buenos Aires. They attended the rose show and visited.

We travelled to Uruguay with Rosario al Gorta de Carua and were judges at the rose show in Monte Video.

The Rose Society of Chile does not hold rose shows, but I had frequent contact by mail with their efficient secretary. I continued the contact begun by me predecessor, Isa Maria Bozzolo and Alisa Paredes, past president of Association Peruana de la Rosa.

I was disappointed not to achieve my goal of making Peru the 4th WFRS South American member for 2012. I did my best to attract a significant number of attendants from these 3 countries for the WFRS convention ROSAFRICA 2012.

Nilda Crivelli
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2009-2012

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Ian Spriggs

As this will be my second and final term as Chairman of the Awards Committee, I would like to ensure that all matters are dealt with efficiently and effectively. My greatest concern has been the lack of abiding to the times laid down in the standing orders. This makes my job and that of the Executive Director extremely difficult. This Convention I will be trying to juggle both the Chairman of the Awards Committee and the duties of being President of the National Rose Society of Australia, celebrating forty years, at the same time.

Since the last World Rose Convention in Vancouver, a full review of the standing orders has taken place and a number of changes have occurred. As this report goes to print, the introduced changes appear to have worked effectively. A further change needs to be considered, but that will be the responsibility of the person that succeeds me.

WFRS ROSE HALL OF FAME AND WFRS OLD ROSE HALL OF FAME

This has been the area of most concern with dates in the past being virtually ignored. It should be mentioned that only roses introduced prior to 1900 will be considered for the old rose hall of fame.

For 2012 the results have been received much quicker, with quite possibly a record number of votes received. The results will be announced in Sandton.

We have asked the Vice-Presidents for each region to assist with follow up of nominations for Countries in their region. Mr. Steve Jones has been particularly helpful in this regard.

WFRS AWARD OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE

Nominations can only be made by a member country or by an executive member in consultation with a member country. In other words, the member country must sign off on the nomination. If a garden is nominated from a country which is not a member of the Federation, the nomination must be submitted by the WFRS Vice-President for the region.

WFRS LITERARY AWARD

The nominated book must be published within 5 years prior to the convention (previously 3 years). This was increased to permit books that may have missed nomination, because of a technicality, the opportunity to be nominated.

All nominated books, plus the assessments, must be on display at the Convention, prior to the Awards Committee Meeting.
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

This has now been completed for the South African Convention and I hope people will like it. First introduced by Gerald Meylan at the Osaka Convention, this gives every Garden and every Book nominated the best possible chance of success. It is fair and it is equal.

THANK YOU

Special thanks must go to Malcolm Watson for the wonderful assistance he has given me over the years. He makes the role so much easier. Sheenagh Harris and Gerald Meylan have been a delight to work with and special thanks go to them also. To all those who have assisted with the Awards Committee or have taken part, it has been an honour to serve in this role. Thank you for the opportunity. I will never forget this time in roses.

Ian Spriggs,
Chairman Awards Committee

BREEDERS CLUB – Gérald Meylan

The members of the Breeders Club met twice in Paris and twice in Lyon. On these four occasions the following points were discussed:

Standardization of judging methods for international rose trials: the majority of trials now use 100 points for judging varieties, thus enabling interesting comparisons to be made for the same variety in different trials.

Stronger ties should be encouraged with the International Rose Trials Committee in order to draw up regulations which can be applied to all rose trials.

A page for each member of the Breeders Club has been set up on the WFRS website. Each breeder has the opportunity to present his or her company and show new varieties. The page is brought up-to-date as often as necessary.

The fact that it has to be written in English has slowed down the project, but it will be taken up again in the future.

A page for each member of the Breeders Club has been programmed to be published in World Rose News.

This project has not yet started but it is still a topical subject.

European Rose of the Year: Based on the results of different European rose trials, the European Rose of the Year prize will be awarded to the variety which obtains the highest score during a current year.

Regulations still have to be drawn up and this project will be taken up again in Collaboration with the International Rose Trials Committee.

Experimental Station Shenzhen (China): At the request of Shenzhen Urban Management Bureau, an experimental station to study the behaviour of varieties of garden roses with
respect to climatic conditions in Shenzhen was set up. The tests cover a period of three years and started in spring 2011 with 85 varieties from 6 breeders.

Experimental Station - We are now waiting for comments and photos from the Chinese authorities in order to write up the first report after 12 months’ cultivation.

Experimental Station Shenzhen

Rose Breeders Hall of Fame: On Kelvin Trimper’s proposal, the Executive Committee of the WFRS requested members of the Breeders Club to study a project in view of awarding a Rose Breeders Hall of Fame. This item was brought up on two occasions and the following is the reply of the breeders as reported in the minutes.

After a heated discussion, those breeders present, on Alain Meilland’s initiative, declared that they were all totally opposed to this initiative. They do not want their name, or their parents’, even their grandparents’ to be associated with this idea. In addition, they are convinced that depending on the name chosen, it will only create jealousy amongst them and the only thing which is important to them is to pay tribute to the rose and not the breeders and the Rose Hall of Fame is perfect in this respect. The Executive Committee decided in its meeting of 2 June 2012 not to proceed with the Rose Breeders Hall of Fame.

Gérald Meylan
Chairman Breeder’s Club

CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE – Gérald Meylan

The principal aim of this function is to facilitate the task of the organisers, give appropriate advice and be at their disposal for all questions relating to the preparation and organisation of the event. Two Regional Conventions took place during the period 2009-2012.

The Regional Convention “Peace and Harmony” took place in April 2010 in Changzhou, China. The delegates of the 17 National Societies present appreciated the excellent programme laid on for them including the opening ceremony, magnificent rose garden, choice of excursions, interesting lectures, high class standard of the hotel, meals and transport. The foreign delegates were also particularly touched by the happy smiles and kindness of the Chinese people, as well as their continual efforts to speak English to their visitors in order to ensure that their stay in Changzhou would be a very pleasant one.
The 12th International Heritage Rose Conference took place in June 2012 in Sakura, Japan. The delegates of the 15 countries present enjoyed this extremely interesting convention dedicated entirely to heritage roses. The excellent program, high standard of lectures, interesting choice of gardens visited, the magnificent City of Sakura Rose Garden, the friendliness which prevailed amongst delegates and above all the warm welcome and kindness extended to everyone by our Japanese friends ensured that all the participants came away from the Land of the Rising Sun with many wonderful memories.

The magnificent City of Sakura Rose Garden

Dr Yuki Mikanagi, Commemorative Bronze medal, Mr Kazuo Warabi, Mayor of Sakura City, Commemorative Silver medal, Mr Katsuhiko Maebara, Conference Organiser, Commemorative Silver medal
The following conventions are in preparation:

**16th World Rose Convention, “ROSAFRICA 2012”,** Sandton, South Africa – 11-18 October 2012. Preparations are well under way and we wish every success to the two convenors, Sheenagh Harris and Diana Girdwood, who are doing their utmost to put on a warm welcome for all those visiting the African continent.

**13th International Heritage Rose Conference, “Collecting, identifying and maintenance of Heritage Roses”,** Sangerhausen, Germany – 20-24 June 2013. This will be a wonderful opportunity to admire the famous collection of roses in Sangerhausen.

**Regional Convention, “Roses Down Under, the Kiwi Experience”,** Palmerston North, New Zealand - 22-27 November 2013. The convenor, Peter Elliott, and his organising committee are in the process of preparing what will surely be a great convention.

**17th World Rose Convention, “Lyon Rose 2015”,** Lyon, France – 3-8 May 2015. The organising committee, under the chairmanship of Maurice Jay, has been working on the project for the past year and the programme looks extremely promising.

**18th World Rose Convention.** During the next world convention in South Africa, delegates will vote for the National Society which will organise the world convention in 2018.

Gérald Meylan
Chairman Convention Committee

**PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE – Helga Brichet**

During the three years intervening between the WFRS World Convention staged in Vancouver, Canada in the summer of 2009 and the present World Convention held in Sandton, South Africa in October 2012, the Publications Committee, in conformity with the objectives of the World Federation, has striven “to encourage and facilitate the interchange of information about and knowledge of the rose” and “to encourage and advance international cooperation on all matters concerning the rose.” Primarily these goals concern our national rose society members, but naturally also a far wider public of all those individuals interested in gardening, flowers and the rose in particular. In order to achieve our purpose we have three vehicles of communication at our disposal:

**WORLD ROSE NEWS**, under the leadership of our Editor, Richard Walsh from Australia, has appeared three times each year for distribution to our members. Richard has ably pioneered the electronic delivery of this magazine, which also appears on the Federation’s website, thus gradually and significantly increasing its distribution worldwide. We have hereby been able to save the WFRS and members a notable amount of money, the inevitable costs of printing and postage of the hard copy edition. The contents have included regular letters from the President and the Editor, reports from all Vice Presidents and various Committee Chairmen, coverage of the Convention in Vancouver, the Regional Conference in Changzhou, China in 2010 and the Heritage Roses Conference in Sakura, Japan in 2012 as well as articles from breeders and member societies regarding local events, rose trials,
shows and exhibitions staged in their countries. Numerous lively photographs aesthetically improved the magazine and corroborated the good will and fun which rosarians share at such functions.

Richard will unfortunately not be continuing as Editor and therefore I would like to sincerely thank him for many hours of hard work and patience with an assignment in progress, continuously developing technological skills and making improvements. WFRS members are most grateful.

THE WFRS ROSE DIRECTORY has annually been updated and distributed electronically by its Editor, Ethel Freeman. The data of which the book is compiled is provided by the individual member societies of the Federation and its accuracy is dependent on the cooperation and good will of such members. The goal is to provide the most important rose information from each member country in order to facilitate communication between rosarians around the globe. All information provided may be copied and distributed in any manner seen to be fit.

THE WFRS WEBSITE www.worldrose.org provides a plethora of information regarding the Federation, its members, its Conventions and Conferences, Garden awards of Excellence, Hall of Fame of the world's preferred roses, rose trials and their results, plus rose-related events around the world. World Rose News is also to be found on the site and will soon be joined by the regular newsletter of the Heritage Roses Committee. Once again I should like to express my gratitude to the web-mistress, Ethel Freeman, for her excellent work and a job well done.

Helga Brichet
Chairman Publications Committee

PROMOTIONS – Sheenagh Harris

There is no Promotions Committee as such, and therefore no promotions meetings are held, but it is incumbent on the President to promote the WFRS at every opportunity.

In 2009 there were 41 members of the Federation and within a short space of time Bangladesh and Poland were placed on the inactive roll. Mongolia was included in the list but never actually paid a levy so cannot be considered a member. Fortunately Gerald Meylan introduced the principality of Monaco for which we thank him. Estonia showed an interest in joining but unfortunately nobody was able to follow this lead. The total number of Member Countries of the Federation at October, 2012 is therefore thirty-nine.

At the time of the Convention in South Africa there are eighteen Associate members.

There are twelve Breeder’s Club members, of which 5 are currently un-financial. One of these Members will be written off due to the company no longer being active.
In my predecessors report in 2009 he said ‘the biggest ‘challenge to face the Federation over the next three years will be the need to raise additional funds to run the Federation. Through his friendship with Mr Yves G. Piaget, he obtained a most generous gift of £5000 per annum over 4 years, the first of which has already been paid into the WFRS account.

I personally was not in a position to introduce new members of any description although I encouraged Breeders to join the Breeders Club. However, while visiting 23 countries of the Federation and many, more than once, I worked at encouraging Societies to expose the WFRS to their members whenever possible such as including WFRS information in publications and reporting WFRS functions from time to time, not least of all World Rose News. I was disappointed to find how many countries were unaware of the WFRS and had not been exposed to World Rose News at all. It is essential that all Vice Presidents strive to encourage their areas to give regular reports in their rose society journals thus making their members aware of this all important body.

Due to the initiative of one of the members, the Friends of the Federation has been formed and to date there are 16 donors.

Please be conscious of promoting the WFRS at all times.

Thank you.

Sheenagh Harris
Promotions

HONOURS – Sheenagh Harris

During the period from 2009 to 2012 there was no Honours meeting as such, but all member countries were invited to submit nominations. All nominations and voting for Honours awards was handled through the internet and this appears to be the most satisfactory way of handling this function.

It was generally felt that a medal other than the WFRS Honours medals was needed to present to dignitaries outside the WFRS participating in conventions or to rosarians involved in work for a convention. Thanks to the generosity of Baroness Marie Louise Velge a dye for a Commemorative medal was cast and the first three Commemorative medals were presented in Sakura, Japan and another two will be presented in South Africa. All honours awards presented in South Africa will be recorded in WRN.

I am very much of the opinion that there should be clear parameters and guide lines for nominations for WFRS awards.

Sheenagh Harris
Chairman Honours
HERITAGE COMMITTEE – David Ruston

The first International Heritage Rose Conference was held in New Zealand in 1984. These were originally held every 2 years and have occurred in Australasia, USA and Europe. In 2003 there was no official International Heritage Rose Conference due to the timing being too close to the WFRS Triennial Conference in Glasgow UK. However a Conference celebrating the centennial of the Europa Rosarium, Sangerhausen, Germany was held in 2003.

At the WFRS triennial Conference held in Osaka Japan in 2006 it was proposed that the informal organization of the International Heritage Rose Conferences be formalised as a committee of the WFRS. This step was approved at the 2009 WFRS Conference held in Vancouver Canada. No International Heritage Rose Conference occurred in 2005 as the proposed one in Madera was cancelled. The first conference to be held as a WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference was held in Sakura, Japan which had been postponed from 2011 to June 2012 due to the earthquake and tsunami of March 2011. With the forming of the WFRS Heritage Committee the International Heritage Conventions are now scheduled to occur every 3 years to avoid being within six months of the WFRS triennial conference. The International Heritage Conference in Sakura Japan received special dispensation due to the special circumstances... An International Heritage Rose Conference is proposed for Sangerhausen Germany for 2013 which will restore the spacing. Over the last three years WFRS Heritage Committee meetings have been held at Regional WFRS meetings, at International Heritage Rose conventions and at the WFRS Triennial meetings. More recently these have been held in conjunction with the WFRS Conservation Committee.

Reports from a number of member countries were received prior to the International Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura. These were from Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Madera, New Zealand, Serbia, Slovenia, South Africa, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Eight Heritage Rose Newsletters have now been published. These are edited by Fiona Hyland of New Zealand assisted by Di Durston of Australia. Distribution is by electronic means only to about 200 people in 29 countries. Contributions have been received from countries as far apart as Russia, Japan, USA, New Zealand, Argentina, Australia and Europe. Electronic distribution of the newsletter and other information is handled by Crenagh and David Elliott of Canada who act as Secretary/Treasurer to the committee. There is a proposal to add these newsletters to the WFRS web page.

David Ruston

Chairman Heritage Committee
# MEMBER SOCIETIES

The World Federation of Rose Societies, also known as the WFRS, is the umbrella organization for forty 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.

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HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY
Associate Heritage Roses Australia
“There is nothing more special than the friendships made through a common love of the rose.” This was a quote from my late father, Eric Trimper. He further said that it did not matter if you were a fruit-grower from the rural hinterland (which he was), a banker, business executive, lawyer, teacher, bricklayer or even royalty or whether you were old or young, or of different ethnic backgrounds – the love of the rose provided a reason to communicate across all humankind.

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 World Conventions and Regional 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 decided to establish a “Friends of the Federation” to provide an opportunity for individuals to support and promote the WFRS and its objectives.

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”. Each friend will receive direct electronic copies of World Rose News, be able to attend “Friends” events and, subject to individual agreement, communicate directly with other “Friends” throughout the world. It’s this opportunity I’m most excited about – that is, whenever I travel overseas I can contact “Friends” in the countries I am visiting and obtain firsthand knowledge on gardens to visit, hotels to stay in and maybe other Friends to catch up with.

Registration forms are available on the WFRS website and once completed should be forwarded together with the donation to our WFRS Treasurer.

Our dear friend, Dr. Stefan Wagner from Romania who has been involved in WFRS activities since its inception is our first “official” Friend.

I encourage all individual rosarians around the world to join the ‘Friends of the Federation’ and look forward to the first Friends’ events.

Your Friend in roses,

KELVIN TRIMPER
WFRS – Vice President, Australasia
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The Federation acknowledges the generous donations of the following:

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- 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.

Donors form can be downloaded from the Federation’s website. Your donation covers the period until the conclusion of the World Rose Convention 2015.

The World Federation of Rose Societies, representing rosarians worldwide.
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Mr. Richard Balfour (Dick) (deceased) 2003 Great Britain
Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery 2003 Belgium
Mr. David Ruston 2009 Australia

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WFRS

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

HONOURS AWARDS

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

1979 Fred Thomas Australia
1981 Lotte Gunthart Switzerland
1983 Lily de Gerlache de Gomery Belgium
1985 Richard Balfour Great Britain
1985 David Gilad Israel
1988 Ralph Moore United States of America
1991 Pat Dickson Northern Ireland
1994 Jack Harkness (posthumously) England
1997 Sam McGredy IV New Zealand
2000 Helga Brichet Italy
2000 Ethel Freeman Canada
2003 Kenneth Grapes Great Britain
2003 Wilhelm Kordes Germany
2006 Thomas Cairns United States of America
2006 Peter Beales Great Britain
2006 Takeo Nagata Japan
2006 Peter Harkness Great Britain
2009 Marie Louise Velge Belgium
2009 Alain Meilland France
2009 Gérald Meylan Switzerland
2009 Alain Meilland France
2009 Marie Louise Velge Belgium
**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 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 Fumugali - 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

**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 Geldenhuis - South Africa
- 2000 Lois Tabb - New Zealand
- 2000 Marie Louise Velge - Belgium
- 2000 Mercedes Villar - Uruguay

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

- 2000 Louis Lens - Belgium
- 2000 James Naylor - Great Britain
- 2000 Anne Marie Trechslin - Switzerland
- 2000 Stefan Wagner - Romania
- 2000 Milly Weyermann - Switzerland
- 2003 Jacqueline Humery - France
- 2003 Heather Macdonell - New Zealand
- 2003 Frans Thomas - Belgium
- 2003 Malcolm Watson - Australia
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**COMMEMORATIVE MEDALS**

**SILVER**
- 2012 Katsuhiko Maebara, Japan
- 2012 Kazuo Warabi, Japan

**BRONZE**
- 2012 Yuki Mikanagi, Japan

**LITERARY AWARDS**

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Artist – Lotte Gunthart

1979 ‘Queen Elizabeth’ 1954
Hybridised by WE Lammerts of the USA
Artist – Lotte Gunthart

1981 ‘Fragrant Cloud’ (Duftwolke, Nuage Parfume) (TANellis)
Hybridised by M. Tantau, Germany
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin

1983 ‘Iceberg’ (Schneewittchen, Fee des Neiges) 1958
Hybridised by Reimer Kordes of Germany
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin

1985 ‘Double Delight’ (ANDeli) 1977
Hybridised by Herbert Swim of the USA
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin

1987 ‘Papa Meilland’ (MEIsar) 1963
Hybridised by Alain Meilland of France
Artist – Jaru Woodman

1991 ‘Pascali’ (LENil) 1963
Hybridised by Louis Lens of Belgium
Artist – Elizabeth McEwan

1994 ‘Just Joey’ 1972
Hybridised by Roger Pawsey of Cants, Colchester, England
Artist Anne Marie Trechslin

1997 ‘New Dawn’ (climber) 1930
Sport of ‘Dr. W Van Fleet’ introduced by Dreer of Somerset Rose Nursery, USA.
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin

2000 ‘Ingrid Bergman’ (POUlman) 1984
Hybridised by Olesen of Denmark
Artist – Anne Marie Trechslin

2003 ‘Bonica ‘82’ (MEIdomonac) 1982
Hybridised by Alain Meilland of France
Artist – Jean Millar

2006 ‘Elina’ (DICjana) 1994
Hybridised by Dickson of Ireland
Artist – Louise Ester

2009 ‘Graham Thomas’ (AUSmas) 1983
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Artist – Elizabeth Cox

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Breeder & Date
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Hybridiser
Oleson, Denmark

Year
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Name
‘Bonica ’82’ (MEIdomobac)

Breeder & Date
Meilland, France 1982

Hybridiser
Alain Meilland, France

Year
2006

Name
‘Elina’ (DICjana)

Breeder & Date
Dickson, Ireland 1994

Year
2006

Name
‘Pierre de Ronsard’ (MEIviolin)

Breeder & Date
Meilland, France 1987

Hybridiser
Alain Meilland, France

Year
2009

Name
‘Graham Thomas’ (AUSmas)

Breeder & Date
David Austin, England 1983

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:

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INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

BUENOS AIRES - ARGENTINA
ROSEDAL DE PALERMO

October, 2009

BUENOS AIRES ROSE (ROSA DEL PLATA)
Floribunda 53.44 p. REU MOSTO 03007
ROSERAIE REUTER (FRANCE)

November, 2010

HYBRID TEA
GOLD MEDAL 60.5 MP 801 MEILLAND INTERNATIONAL

FLORIBUNDA/POLYANTHA
GOLD MEDAL 66.1 AM 967 MEILLAND INTERNATIONAL

MINIATURE
GOLD MEDAL 67.75 K099 KORDES SOHNE

ROSA DEL PLATA
Rosal Nº: 904
Puntaje: 67.75
Designación: Ko 99/223-06
Hibridador: Kordes
País: Alemania

LARGE CLIMBING
GOLD MEDAL 55.5 korgribas KORDES SOHNE
BUENOS AIRES ROSE (ROSA DEL PLATA)
MINIATURE 67.75 korgribas KORDES SOHNE

BEST FRAGRANCE
HYBRID TEA MR804 MICHELE RICHARDIER - MEILLAND INTERNATIONAL

MEJOR PERFUME
Rosal Nº: 910
Designación: MR- 804 - HT
Hibridador: Michelle Richardier – Meilland International
País: Francia
2009
Code: 99-09058
Name: Beach Blanket
Category: Shrub
Disease Resistance: High
Fragrance: Slight
Description:
  Colour: Bold bright pink
  Foliage: Super extra glossy green
Breeder: Dr. Keith Zary (Jackson and Perkins USA)
Exhibitor: Swane’s Nursery NSW Australia

2010
Code: JACsegra
Name: Pope John Paul 11
Category: Hybrid Tea
Disease Resistance: High
Fragrance: High
Description:
  Colour: Luminous pure white
  Foliage: Dark green
Breeder: Dr. Keith Zary (Jackson and Perkins USA)
Exhibitor: Swane’s Nursery NSW Australia

2014
Code: MOSAIK
Name: Name & Commercial release in 2014
Category: Floribunda
Disease Resistance: Good
Fragrance: Light
Description:
  Colour: Dark red with white patches underneath
  Foliage: Dark green
Breeder: Meilland International
Exhibitor: Corporate Roses SA Australia
2011
Code: WEKcisbako
Name: Home Run
Category: Shrub
Disease Resistance: High
Fragrance: Light
Description:
  Colour: Red
  Foliage: Dark Green
Breeder: Tom Carruth USA
Exhibitor: Swane’s Nursery NSW Australia

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INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS - BELGIUM

KORTRIJK
June 2009

Hybrid - 'AM-703' from Meilland France type floribunda

June 2010

'Sweet Blondie' from Viva International Belgium Floribunda
June 2011

'Stadt Rom' from Tantau Germany Miniature

LE ROEULX

September 2009

'Midsummer Snow' Viva International Belgium

Floribunda

September 2010

'Cristal Fairy' Lakei The Netherlands

September 2011

'Hybrid '03-2131-4' Delbard France Flor

'Hybrid '03-2131-4' Delbard France Floribunda
International Rose Trials Baden-Baden (Germany)

88 rose novelties from 28 breeders

Golden Rose
Apache, Kordes, Germany
Little Shrub Rose

Rose Trials June 2010

104 rose novelties from 36 breeders

Golden Rose
Pink Paradise, Delbard, France
Hybrid Tea

Rose Trials June 2011

125 rose novelties from 34 breeders

Golden Rose
Hansestadt Rostock, Tantau, Germany
Floribunda

Rose Trials June 2012

132 rose novelties from 33 breeders

Golden Rose
Schöne vom See, Kordes, Germany
Floribunda
GOLDEN ROSE

THE HAGUE TRIALS

July 2009

*R. Stadt Rom* (‘TAN04999’), Tantau.

July, 2010

*R. Tequila* (‘MEIpomolo’), Meilland

July, 2011

*R. Planten un Blomen* (KORplunblo’), Kordes.
INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS – ITALY

MONZA
May, 2009

99.5455.9 Fragrance – DELBARD

MEllaloya Gold HT – MEILLAND - Bettina

MELlacneis Gold F - MEILLAND

TRAkeeplac Gold Sh – Pip.de la SAULLAIE – Pink Flash
04-190-7  Gold Best Italian Rose  -  
DALLA LIBERA –  Miss Angela

MAY 2010

NIRp crazyht  Fragrance –  
NIRP INTERN – Crazy Fashion

KORaruli  Gold HT – KORDES – Sunny Sky

MEIardies  Gold F – RICHARDIER
RT 01780  Gold CI – TANTAU – Maritim

BAR 6546  Gold Best Italian – BARNI – Xian Zhana

May 2011

KORspobux  Fragrance – KORDES – Sweet Parole

MEIzanbaizt  Gold HT – MEILLAND
RT 04603  Gold F – TANTAU - Hansestadt Rostock

POUlcy 014  Gold Climber – POULSEN – Grand Award

BAR 6564 –  Silver Med. F+ Gold Best Italian Rose + Italian Rose Society’s choice+Public choice – BARNI - Paolo Pejrone Giardiniere

ROME

May 2009

MEIlapiazal  Fragrance – MEILLAND
MEkkerira Gold HT – RICHARDIER - donatella; maxima romantica

Poulcas 033 Gold F – POULSEN – Stockholm

MAY 2010

NIRpazyht Fragrance - NIRP INTERN – Crazy Fashion

KSR 293 Gold HT - KEISEI

POUlcas 034 Gold F – POULSEN - Charlottenburg
INT B 142-04  Gold Sh - INTERPLANT

NIRpaylux  Gold GC - NIRP INTERN

DALmozansco 24-CGL-16  Gold Cl - DALLA LIBERA - Moscalbo’

MAY 2011

MR 902 HT  Fragrance - RICHARDIER

RT 97-094  Gold F – TANTAU - Baronesse

KORmelaus Gold Sh – KORDES - Sonnenwelt
LA TACITA

May 2009

SAUvachild  Best of the Best -  SAUVAGEOT - Bernadette Laffont

May 2010

MElviowit  Best of the Best - MEILLAND - Palais Royal

May 2011

RT 99-102 – Best of the Best – TANTAU - Hans Gonewein Rose
JAPAN ROSE CONCOURS INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

Tokyo Metropolitan Jindai Botanical Garden, Tokyo, Japan

The Gold Medal and the Best Fragrant Rose Medal Winners at the 2009 – 2011 Trials

The First Category: HT, Gr.
The Second Category: F.
The Third Category: Min. Pol. etc.
The Fourth Category: Cl. S. GC

2009

The First Category: 3GS ( =‘Queen of Jindai’ HT ) Norio Tomiyoshi (Japan)
The Second Category: POULcas 033 ( =‘Stockholm’) Poulsen (Denmark)
The Third Category: No Gold Medal winners
The Fourth Category: JKS-280 (S) Keisei Rose Nurseries (Japan)
The Best Fragrant Rose: TN 98 ( = ‘Damask Queen’ HT ) Takeo Nagata (Japan)

2010

The First Category: JKS-293 ( = ‘Kaikyo [an outstanding achievement] HT )

Keisei Rose Nurseries (Japan)
The Second Category: YT6-15-2 ( = ‘Tagoto-no-Tsuki’ [ The moon reflected on the water of each of many terraced rice paddy fields] )

Teizo Yoshiike (Japan)
The Third Category: No Gold Medal winners
The Fourth Category: KO03/2053-01 ( = ‘Hella’ Cl ) Kordes (Germany)
The Best Fragrant Rose: ‘Munstead Wood’ (S) David Austin (UK)

2011

The First Category: No Gold Medal winners
The Second Category: YF 3507 ( =‘Kizuna’ [Bonds of friendship] )

Yuji Yasuda (Japan)
The Third Category:  A13  (= ‘Powder Snow’)  Isao Uzawa

The Best Fragrant Rose:   YF 3507 (F)  (See above)

The International Fragrant Rose Trials

Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan

This is an international rose contest which started in 2005. The site of the trial ground is Echigo Hillside Park in Nagaoka City, Niigata Prefecture, located in one of the areas hit by heavy snowfalls every winter. This is the trials with particular emphasis on the fragrance of roses, allocating on it 30 out of 100 points.

The list below gives the winners of the two most important prizes: The Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award (MLITT Award) given to the highest score winner, and Niigata Prefectural Governor’s Award (NPG Award) given to the highest score winner in the fragrance section of the point allocation system. The type of their fragrance is given in [    ].

2007

MLITT Award:  ‘Fragrant Hill’  (HT)  [ Fruity]  Kikuo Teranishi (Japan)

NPG Award:  ‘Yumeka’ (Fragrance in Dream, F.)  [ Fruity ] Shunsuke Takeuchi (Japan)

2008

MLITT Award:  DELgramaur =‘La Rose du Petit Prince’  (S) [Blue]  
George Delbard (France)

NPG Award:  DELgrarose = ‘La Rose de Molinard’  (S) [Fruity]  
George Delbard (France)

2009

MLITT Award:  ‘Masora’  (the name of the breeder’s granddaughter, meaning “universe”, S  [Fruity]  
Teizo Yoshiike (Japan)

NPG Award:  ‘Momoka’ ( peach fragrance  HT)  [Tea]  Shunsuke Takeuchi (Japan)

2010

MLITT and NPG Awards:  ‘Strawberry Hill’  (S)  [Annis (Myrrh)]  David Austin (UK)

2011

MLITT and NPG Awards:  ‘Mayo’ (midnight, F)  [Damask-Modern]  
Takashi Kawai (Japan)
Rose trials are held in New Zealand at Hamilton (New Zealand Rose of the Year) and Palmerston North (New Zealand Rose Society International Trial). We are lucky to have two rose trials in which we can see the latest new roses from rose breeders in New Zealand and around the world.

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.

**2009**

New Zealand Rose of the Year and Best Hybrid Tea
‘Sir Tristram’ (Attbright) Hybrid Tea, Brian Attfield, New Zealand.

Best Floribunda and best New Zealand raised rose: ‘Beach Baby’ (Cambabe) Floribunda, David Benny, New Zealand.

Best Climber: ‘Candy Kisses’ (Graemma) Doug Grant, New Zealand.

Most Fragrant Rose: ‘Hayley Westenra’ (Tanguste) Hybrid Tea, Tantau, Germany.

Childrens Choice Award: ‘My Girl’ (Macnijmeg) Hybrid Tea, Sam McGredy, New Zealand.
2010

New Zealand Rose of the Year and Best Hybrid Tea: ‘Hayley Westenra’ (Tanguste) Hybrid Tea, Tantau, Germany.
Best Floribunda: ‘Best Wishes’ (Dicdyna) Floribunda, Dickson, United Kingdom.
Best Climber: ‘Alison’ Climber Alison McAllister, New Zealand.
Best NZ raised rose: ‘Hamilton Gardens’ (Macpadspo) Hybrid Tea, Sam McGredy, New Zealand.
Most Fragrant: ‘Astrid Grafin von Hardenberg’ (Tan97150) Tantau, Germany.
Childrens Choice: ‘Love Heart’ (Somsirwith) Hybrid Tea, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2011

NZ Rose of the Year, Best Floribunda and Best NZ raised rose:

‘Lemon ‘N’ Lime’ (Sombeethree) Floribunda, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

Best Hybrid Tea: ‘Hamilton Gardens’ (Macpadspo) Hybrid Tea, Sam McGredy, New Zealand.
Best Climber: ‘Sundancer’ (Cheworangedawn) Climber, Chris Warner, United Kingdom.
Most Fragrant: ‘William Shakespere 2000’ (Ausromeo) Shrub, David Austin, United Kingdom.
NEW ZEALAND ROSE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GROUND WINNERS 2009 - 2011

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.

2009

Gold Star of the South Pacific: ‘Love Heart’ (Somsirwith) Hybrid Tea, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.
June Hocking Fragrance Award: ‘Creme de la Creme’ (Somwarcent) Hybrid Tea, Rob Somerfield, New Zealand.

2010

The 40th year of the trials which are the longest running rose trials in the Southern Hemisphere. A display of blooms featuring over 100 past winners was put together and the local Manawatu Rose Society hosted their spring show as part of the celebrations.

Gold Star of the South Pacific & WFRS Award of Excellence: ‘Mattconvet’ (yet to be commercially named) Floribunda, Bob Matthews, New Zealand.

2011

Silver Star of the City of Palmerston North: ‘Southern Beauty’ (Forauty) Floribunda, John Ford, New Zealand.
ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY ROSE TRIALS

2006 - 2009

Winner Awarded: Certificate of Merit
Trial Ground No: 3y/1078/06-09
Code Name: FLO No 408
Grower/Breeder: Alain Meillard - France
Description: Yellow, cluster flowered (floribunda) with double blooms and slight fragrance.

2007 - 2010

![Pink Rose](image)

Winner Awarded: Gold Medal
Trial Ground No: 3y/2079/07-10
Code Name: FRYracy
Grower/Breeder: Gareth Fryer – England
Description: Pink, cluster flowered (floribunda) with double blooms.

2008 – 2011

Winner Awarded: Gold Medal & Presidents International Trophy (P.I.T.)
Trial Ground No: 3y/3008/08-11
Code Name: KORbatam KO 01/1405.01
Grower/Breeder: Kordes Sohne – Germany
Description: Large Flowered (Hybrid Tea) yellow blooms fading to ivory, fully double with some fragrance.
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ROSE TRIALS

The following table highlights the last of the AARS winners during this time period.

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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 (Rosecapades)
1988 Sydney, Australia (Rosa Australis)
1991 Belfast, Northern Ireland (Rose Emerald)
1994 Christchurch, New Zealand (Roseworld ’94)
1997 The Benelux (Belgium, the Netherlands & Luxembourg jointly)
2000 Houston, United States of America (Texas 2000)
2003 Glasgow, Scotland (Glasgow, City of the Rose 2003)
2004 Osaka, Japan (Melody of Oriental Roses)
2009 Vancouver, Canada (Roses in the Landscape)
2012 Sandton, South Africa (ROSAFRICA 2012)

The 2015 Convention has been awarded to Lyon, France.
The World Rose Convention was held in June 2009 at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

The 45 members of the Pre conference tour left Vancouver on the morning of 16 June and travelled to Whistler, site of the 2010 winter Olympics, with a free afternoon. On 17 June they travelled from Whistler to Harrison Hotsprings through varied scenery from coastal British Columbia rain forest to the interior dry pine and grass and back to the coastal rain forest - a day of greatly varied scenery. On Thursday the tour travelled to the Westin Bayshore arriving in the late afternoon, after visiting a number of gardens. Registration for the main Conference occurred throughout Thursday with a Meet and Greet in the evening. Five hundred and five people were registered for the conference.

On Friday 19 June the events of the Conference started with the opening of World Rose Festival and Show in the Vancouver Convention Centre. This was followed in the evening by the formal opening ceremony and reception.

On Saturday 20 June the Lecture programme started with an all Canada programme. Lectures for the morning were:

Brad Jalbert, Select Roses Vancouver 'Modern Roses for the Pacific Northwest'.

Claire Laberge, Rosarian at the Montreal Botanical Garden (MGB) Canada 'Species Roses used in the landscape as used in the MGB and its twelve-year old IPM programme'.

Alex Globe, Vancouver Canada 'The History of Roses in Canada'.

Patrick White, Victoria Canada. 'A tribute to Dr Felicitas Svejda for her work on rose hybridization in Ontario and Quebec provinces. ‘Canada sub Zero and Explorer Roses Hybridized’ Unfortunately Dr Svedja was not able to attend the conference.

The afternoon programme was a tour of city Rose gardens and in the evening there was an optional dinner at the Museum of Anthropology.

The lecture series on Sunday 21 June provided a choice of speakers as there were two lectures in each time spot. This practice was followed for the remainder of the lecture series. The speakers were:

Beartice Barni (Italy) and Amanda Beales (UK), ‘Future Rose Stars’

Deborah Benge-Frost (USA) ‘Earth Kind – The Science Behind Carefree Roses

Gaye Hammond (USA) ‘Earth Kind the next generation in Rose Horticulture’

Doug Grant (New Zealand) ‘Exploring New Zealand, its Gardens and their Roses’

Peter Beales (UK) ‘Classic Rose in the Garden Landscape’

Lokshmi Stidharan (USA) ‘Healthy Soil – Healthy Roses’

The afternoon tours were again various Gardens in the Vancouver area.

On Monday 22 June there was a high light of the conference. A day trip to the world famous Canadian Heritage Site ‘Butchart Gardens’ in Victoria sponsored by the gardens, BC Ferries and Wilson Transport at very low cost to the participants. This was a very popular day and the majority of the five hundred and five conference participants took part in two groups.

Tuesday 23 June was back to the lecture Series with:

Gian Paolo Bonani (Italy) ‘Vacunae Rosae – Portrait of a New Roman Rose Garden’

Eva Kigyossy Schmit (Germany) ‘Remembering the Roses Hybridized by Hungarian Gregory Mark’

Steve Jones (USA) ‘Polyanthas – Old is New Again’

Yuki Mikanagi & Katsuhiko Maebara (Japan) ‘The City of Sakura Rose Garden’

Peter Boyd (UK) ‘The International Heritage of Scots Roses’

Alain Meiland (France) ‘House of Meiland’

The afternoon programme was tours of Fraser Valley gardens with an evening dinner at Minter Gardens. Some of the WFRS Committee meetings were held during the afternoon.

The final day, Wednesday 24 June, started with four lectures, two groups of two.

Hui Wang (China) ‘Rose Gardens and Exhibitions in Subtropical Areas and their Cultural Role in Local Society’

Per H. Salveson (Norway) ‘Heritage Roses Found in Old Gardens Along the Atlantic Coast of Norway Between 58° N. Latitude and the Arctic Circle’

Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) ‘Royal Roses – Roses named for British Royalty from Queen Victoria to the present day’

Helga Brichet (Italy) ‘Roses on the Move – Trace How and Where Roses Travelled from Earliest Times to the Present’

The second part of the morning was titled ‘Meet the Rose Hybridizers – Up Close & Personal’ a forum composed of Beatrice Barni (Italy), Brad Jalbert (Canada), Alain Meilland (France) and Thomas Proll (Germany). The moderator was Tommy Cairns.

The afternoon was ‘Vancouver Rosarians’ tour and also various committee meetings.

In the evening there was the Farewell Dinner which included the introduction of officers for the next 3 years including the new WFRS president Sheenagh Harris of South Africa. Mention was made that the next WFRS triennial Conference would be in October 2012 in Johannesburg South Africa.
On Thursday 25 June the conference participants dispersed. Some on marine cruises, some to travel in British Columbia and 37 got on a bus for the Post tour. The tour crossed to Nanaimo on Vancouver Island and on the first day saw Douglas Fir (*Pseudotsuga menieszii*) trees of over 75 metre in height and after a package lunch in a park setting travelled to a great rose garden in Comox, unfortunately in the rain under a selection of umbrellas. The night was spent in a seashore resort just north of Nanaimo.

Friday 26 June started with a visit to Lantzville hosted by the Mid Island Rose society. They showed us 8 cottage rose gardens and treated us to an excellent lunch before we left to travel, via a cider brewery for dinner, to the Empress Hotel in Victoria where the participants would spend two nights.

On Saturday 26 June in the morning two local gardens were visited. The afternoon was free and some participants visited a private garden and socialized. In the evening was the final dinner.

Sunday 27 June. Two public gardens were on the tour. In the morning Royal Roads University Gardens were visited including lunch. In the afternoon the group visited the Gardens of Government house, the official residence of the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia followed by afternoon tea in the house. On the way to the ferry to return to Vancouver a call was made at the greenhouses of Eurosa where roses are grown for the cut flower market. The participants then dispersed for their homes.

Five hundred and five participants attended the conference from twenty two countries; Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Romania, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Uruguay and the USA

David Elliott - Canada

**WFRS REGIONAL CONVENTION - CHANGZHOU APRIL/MAY 2010 - CHANGZHOU, CHINA**

The 2010 WFRS Regional Convention was officially opened in Changzhou on April 28th. The theme of the convention was “Peace and Harmony”.

Changzhou is a city of Jiangsu Province. It lies in the heart of the Yangtze River Delta halfway between Shanghai and Nanjing. It is fine mix of ancient China and a revitalized new city. As one of the top Rose Centres of China, it was an ideal choice to host the first International Convention.

The opening ceremony, held outdoors in Zijing Park, was spectacular. Fan Dancers in colourful costumes greeted the rosarians. Drummers, dragons, balloons and floating Chinese lanterns created a carnival atmosphere. The raised dais for the dignitaries behind a wall of flowers was adorned with beautiful floral arrangements as was the foreign VIP section. Speeches were a part of the opening but these were surrounded by music, colour and more young girls dancing.
The president of the China Flower Association, Madame Jiang Zehui; Vice-chairman of Jiangsu Provincial Congress, Mr. Li Quanlin; President of the WFRS, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris; Immediate Past President of the WFRS, Dr. Gérald Meylan; Vice President of the WFRS, Mr. Takamasa Tsuge; President of Chinese Rose Society, Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang; Secretary of the Changzhou Municipal Committee of the CPC, Mr. Fan Yanqing; Mayor of Changzhou, Mr. Wang Weicheng; and the President of Changzhou Municipal Committee of the CPPCC, Mr. Yu Chao, attended the opening ceremony and gave addresses one after another.

The China Rose Show was held from 28 April to 20 May. 50 participating cities and units exhibited 42 rose scenic spots, 50 top quality rose booths and 64 rose arrangement works, all of which featured their unique regional culture. Besides, 85 rose paintings and calligraphy works, 100 photographic works of roses and recent new roses cultivated in China were exhibited as well.

After the opening ceremony, a quick tour of Zijing Park was followed by the visit to the Exhibition being held in a very modern building. The display of Floral Arrangements was outstanding. Amazing Botanical Art, Calligraphy and Photography and the Floral Art and Photography impressed the rosarians.

Nearly 100 English-speaking guides (and also some French and Japanese-speaking) worked for the convention, making the convention quite easy for foreigners. Lunch was always a buffet with Chinese and western cuisine in abundance served in the lovely Zuan Shi ballroom.

The varied and interesting lecture programme was held each day in the Hong Yun ballroom. After a speech by the Vice-Mayor of the Changzhou Municipality, Lectures on *Rose Chinensis* (Ancient Rose) and *Roses in the world* were given by the following speakers:

- Helga Brichet: The Chinese Rose Revolution
- Hu Yonghong: Investigation and breeding Prospects of Chinese Old Roses
- (Maurice Jay: New Progenies … Chinese x European roses in XIXth Century was scheduled, but Prof. Jay was unable to attend)
- Wang Guoliang: Morphology, Classification and Creditability of Classification and Creditability of Chinese Old Roses

In the evening participants attended a reception by the Municipal Government of Changzhou, followed by the Award Ceremony and Grand Musical Acrobatic Show held at Changzhou Grand Theatre. It was exactly that – GRAND. An award winning production “Pilgrimage to the West” is an intriguing story of monkeys, monks, a princess and a queen in the kingdom of women in a struggle for a better life. The acrobatic feats were truly amazing.

The lecture theme on the second day was *Rose Cities and Rose Gardens*

- Zhao Shiwei: Rose Gardens and Rose Collections in China
- Minoru Ishii: Creating A City of Roses in Fukuyama
After lunch, participants visited Tianning Temple and Pagoda which is the highest and largest Buddhist pagoda in China; 153.79 metres tall with a gold-plated roof and jade decorated wall. It was very impressive.

**Rose Genetics and Breeding** was the theme for the last day of Lectures:

- Naoki Ishikawa: Rose Trials in Echigo Hillside National Park
- Zhao Liangjun: Advances in Breeding, Tissue Culture, Post Harvest Physiology and Technology
- Ge Hong: Evaluation and Application of Wild Roses, Xinjiang, China
- Zhao Huien: Construction and Maintenance of International Rose Gene Banks

The afternoon’s Tour of Qingfeng Park was very relaxing. Gardens, lakes, a skate park, a mountain to climb for a great view of the whole park (with terrific elevator for those who did not wish to climb), full of people enjoying the activities and the wonderful weather on the artificial beach.

The visit to the factory of comb and bamboo carvings and random stitch embroidery was very interesting.

The last day, participants went to see the 9th Asian Dragon Boat Race on nearby Taihu Lake.

The post-convention tour to Shanghai, Suzhou, Hangzhou, Beijing was excellent and impressive. On the visit to the Beijing Botanical Garden, the participants were welcomed by Zhao Shiwei, the newly appointed director of the gardens and one of the Changzhou lecturers. The roses were not blooming and they had just transplanted the standard roses from the greenhouses. The garden is nicely laid out and will be awesome in a few weeks. The botanical garden covers 140s acres, and the rose garden covers 17 acres with over 100,000 roses and 1,000+ varieties. The main part of the rose garden surrounds a large fountain. The roses are mostly modern with an old garden rose section donated by Australia. **Rosa xantina** was the only rose in bloom. Despite no blooming roses, the display of over 500,000 tulips in full bloom was impressive. Also the crab apples, cotoneasters, and ornamental peaches and cherries were in full bloom.

Zhao Shiwei - China
The International Heritage Rose Conference 2012 was held in Sakura, Japan, starting with the departure of the pre-conference tour on Mon. May 28, and closing with the farewell party on the night of Wed. June 6. This conference, originally scheduled in May last year, was obliged to be postponed for one year for reasons known to everyone. We extend our sincerest apologies to all those who registered for the conference last year for having put them to a great deal of trouble.

We were able to host the heritage rose conference this year, thanks to the generous decision of Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, the WFRS President, to approve of holding it in the same year that the WFRS world convention is scheduled. Mr. Malcolm Watson, the Executive Director, Mr. David Ruston, the Chairman of the Heritage Rose Committee, and other VIPs of the Federation also have warmly encouraged us in our preparations for the conference. After the natural calamities in March last year, which forced us to give up hosting the conference, many rose loving friends overseas sent us cheering words of sympathy, which strongly encouraged us to restart the arrangements for hosting the conference. Let us take this opportunity to express our sincerest gratitude to all these people.

In hosting the conference this year, we were afraid that very few people would attend it because of the fear of radioactivity from the troubled nuclear power plant. It was a pleasant surprise that we were able to welcome as many as 163 attendees (including one-day attendees) from 14 countries of the world. Blessed with beautiful weather during the conference period, we were able to share wonderful experiences with our guests from different countries. It had been a dream that Japan’s rosedom had entertained for decades to host a heritage rose conference in this country.

In 1995 we opened a small garden entitled Rose Garden Alba to display roses donated by the late Mr. Seizo Suzuki, and have been looking for the opportunity to host an international rose event in this country. In 2006, when the WFRS world convention was held in Osaka, 90 rose lovers from overseas on their post-convention tour visited the City of Sakura Rose Garden, which had just been opened with roses transplanted from Rose Garden Alba. One of the visitors, Mrs. Odile Masquelier from France, who had given a lecture at the world convention, kindly advised us to plan a small-scale conference in Sakura, with this garden as a venue of the events. Consulting with Takamasa Tsuge, the WFRS vice-president for Far East, Akira Ogawa, a member of the Japan Rose Society, and Yuki Mikanagi, a rose researcher, I decided to give a presentation for inviting a heritage rose conference here, at the 11th International Heritage Rose Conference held in Chaalis, France, the next year. After the deliberation at this conference, it was decided that the next heritage rose conference would be held in Madeira, Portugal in 2009, and in Sakura two years later in 2011. In October the same year, Dr. Gerald Meylan, the then WFRS President, came over to Sakura, met Mr. Warabi, the mayor of the city, and conveyed his strong will to support the Sakura conference to him.

The conference in Madeira scheduled in 2009 was cancelled for various reasons. At the WFRS world convention held in Vancouver, Canada, in June that year, Maebara and Mikanagi were given an opportunity to introduce the City of Sakura Rose Garden to rose lovers of the world at one of the lectures. At the Executive Committee meeting of this convention, our hosting of the International Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura was officially approved. Since then we had been working hard for the preparations of the heritage rose conference in May 2011. In March that year, when our preparations had been almost finished, Japan was hit by unprecedented natural calamities and the resulting trouble in a nuclear power plant. The latter caused radioactive contamination in the surrounding
areas of the plant, which left our minds in turmoil, since we doubted if we could host the conference in this country.

Though our path to the heritage rose conference had by no means been even, we were able to host this important rose event in Sakura for the first time in five years, and to see our old rose loving friends from different countries. Roses in the City of Sakura Rose Garden were at their best when we welcomed our guests. It was our greatest pleasure to have been able to see their smiling faces at parties, at the lecture hall, and on tours.

It has been a decade since we began working for the conference, supported by the help and encouragement from many rose-loving friends of the world. Now that the conference has ended successfully without any serious trouble, what we have to do is to repay their kindness by sending from Sakura various information on roses in Japan. We would also like to continue our efforts to preserve precious heritage roses in co-operation with rose lovers of the world. Let us extend once more our sincerest gratitude to rose loving friends of the world for their kind support and help to us for the past years.

(Katsuhiko Maebara)

GREETINGS FROM WFRS VIPS

1. Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, the WFRS President, at the Opening Ceremony - Mrs. Harris referred to the unprecedented natural calamities which hit north-east Japan in March 2011, and to the patience and determined attitude people took after those disasters. She then told about the decision of the WFRS to accept the proposal of the postponement of the Heritage Rose Conference in Sakura, adding that she believed Japanese people would overcome the difficulties after the disaster and would do everything to host this important rose event. Now at this opening ceremony she realised that what she had hoped then had come to pass. Before she ended her greetings, she led the attendees to give silent prayers to the souls of the victims of the natural calamities last year.

2. Mr. David Ruston, the chairman of the WFRS Heritage Rose Committee, at the Conference Dinner - Mr. Ruston said he visited the City of Sakura Rose Garden in 2006, after the world convention in Osaka, and when the garden was just planted. He was impressed by the ardent passion Mr. Maebara had for this garden then, but when he proposed an international heritage rose conference there at the conference in Chaalis in 2007, he honestly wondered if it was not too early to host the conference in Sakura. However, the list of the roses in the garden he saw then contained nearly 1,000 different species and varieties. At the world convention in Vancouver, Mr. Maebara and Dr. Mikanagi gave a splendid presentation on this garden, and Sakura was officially nominated as the city to host the 2011 conference. This time, he visited the garden and found a most beautiful heritage rose garden there. He expects in a few years it will reach an even higher standard of perfection.

3. Dr. Gerald Meylan, the WFRS Immediate Past-President and the chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee, at the closing of the Conference Dinner expressed his impression of this conference as one of the most significant ones in the history of International Heritage Rose Conferences. He congratulated the organising committee on the success of the heritage rose conference, as the first of such an event after the amalgamation of the WFRS and the Heritage Rose Group. He had visited Sakura several times, and met the mayor, Mr. Warabi, and the organising committee chairman Mr. Maebara, and he explained the significance of this conference. He feels happy that his support has now borne fruit in this excellent conference.

4. Committee meetings were held
THE LECTURE PROGRAMME

For the conference initially scheduled in 2011, we invited twelve rose experts from different countries as lecturers. As it had to be postponed, three of them were obliged to refrain from giving lectures at the 2012 conference. Fortunately, however, we were able to find replacements, equally able and enthusiastic experts on roses. Besides the regular lecture series, we organised a commemorative lecture series open to the public on the day just before the conference programme officially started. The two lecturers, Mrs. Odile Masquelier, France, and Dr. Gerald Meylan, Switzerland, gave truly excellent presentations with beautiful slides, and left a profound impression on the audience who filled the lecture hall. The titles of their lectures are: Mrs. Masquelier: “Odile Masquelier’s Life in her Lyonnais Garden” and Dr. Meylan: “Heritage Roses – Modern Roses, a Happy Wedding” The only regret about this lecture session was that the lecture hall was not large enough to seat all the people who came to listen to the lectures, and we were obliged to turn some down from entering. Our regular lecture programme was as follows:

Friday, June 1: Theme: New Topics and Projects in Rose Research –

1. Mr. Viru Viraraghavan (India): “Sustainable Rose Growing - the Indian Dream”
2. Mr. Kentaro Okagi and Ms. Harumi Arihara (Japan): “Fragrances of Species Roses Native to Japan”
3. Dr. Zhao Shiwei (China): “Old Roses for Food and Medicine in China”
4. Dr. Hideaki Ohba (Japan): “The Correct Name of Rosa wichuraiana”

Saturday, June 2: Theme: History of Roses

2. Mr. Gregg Lowery (USA): “The Climbing Prairie Rose – Rosa setigera”
3. Dr. Wang Guoliang (China): “A Glance over the Ancient Chinese Roses in the Song Dynasty”

Sunday, June 3: Theme: Heritage Roses and Their Conservation

1. Mr. Peter Boyd (UK): “Rosa spinosissima – Aspects of its Natural History and Associations with People from Prehistory to the Present Day”
3. Ms. Sally Allison (New Zealand): “New Zealand Also Grows Roses”
4. Mr. Clair Martin III (USA): “Preserving a Public Historic Rose Collection: Rewards and Challenges” We also set up boards in the lobby next to the lecture hall, and displayed eight posters providing information on recent rose research and rose-related activities.
   - Wild Roses and Rose Industry in Iran (Yoshihiro Ueda)
   - The Pie Chart of Rose Scents (Rose Fragrance Institute Corp.)
   - Art of Ikebana Arrangement Using Heritage Roses (Jiro Ogawa)
   - Rosa chinensis spontanea Flourishing in a Private Garden in Japan (Harumichi Watanabe)
5. Our Activities for the Conservation of the Natural Habitats of Rosa multiflora var. adenochaeta,
6. Tsukushi-ibara (Kuma River Tsukushi-ibara Association)
7. Mystery Roses in Hirado (Society of Hirado Mystery Roses)
8. The International Fragrant Rose Trials in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan (Echigo Hillside Park)

We would like to refrain from commenting on each individual lecture here. Suffice it to say that all the lectures deeply impressed the audience, who listened to them most attentively. The question and answer session after each lecture also enlivened the atmosphere of the hall, and impressed us with the seriousness of rose lovers for learning more about heritage roses, irrespective of their ages or their nationalities. It will not be too much to say that our lecturers and enthusiastic listeners largely contributed to the success of this conference, which was held for the first time in five years, and in the same year when the world convention is to be held. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest gratitude to all our lecturers and audience.

**Parties - Welcome Party**

The NPO Rose Culture Institute was asked to take charge of the welcome party of the conference. The largest party the institute had so far organised was one for 100 people. This time, however, we were to arrange a party for as many as 200 attendees with the help of 40 volunteers. The theme of the welcome party was Sakura City. We decided to feature the products of Sakura. First, five volunteers planned the menu. They visited confectionaries in the city recommended by resident members, tasted their specialties, and decided which of them should be served at the party. Vegetables and rice cooked for the party were all those harvested in Sakura. The Sakura members chose delicious local items expertly.

We had to set up the open space of the rose garden for the party within 30 minutes. This put serious pressure on us. We carried in eight large tables, covered them with cloths, and placed dishes on them. All these were magically done in 30 minutes by the volunteers who turned all their energy to the work. Among many dishes, the most popular favourites were, to our surprise, grilled chicken on skewers and custard buns, but they could not beat the beautiful roses under the clear evening sky. It was one of the evenings when roses in the garden looked most beautiful. We will never forget the smiling faces of our guests enjoying the party we had arranged among roses in full bloom!

**The Conference Dinner**

The main theme for the conference dinner was traditional Japanese arts. We set up a folding screen covered with gold leaf as the background of the stage. Roses and other flowers were beautifully arranged on each table by members of the organising committee. When I stepped into the hall before the guests arrived, I felt myself overwhelmed by the gorgeous atmosphere prevailing there.

The Noh dance played by Mr. Kyutaro Hashioka, who has a large build for a Japanese, was a truly excellent feature of the party. The display of ikebana pieces by Mr. Jiro Ogawa drew the interest of Japanese attendees since the flowers used were heritage roses, seldom used in ordinary ikebana pieces. The cuisines served that night were given a favourable reception, though there seemed to have been some complaints that their quantities were a bit too small.

**The Farewell Party**

The theme of this last event of the conference was encounters and partings. Our guests were enjoying chatting to their old friends they had not seen for a long time, or to new ones they made in Japan. We wanted the arrangement of the hall to complement the friendly atmosphere they were enjoying. The slides prepared by Dr. Yuki Mikanagi showing the events of the past ten days were projected on the screen behind the stage. We were afraid
that our guests were feeling tired after various events of the conference, but they seemed to be fully enjoying conversation with their friends.

When will they meet next time? And where? We did our best to organise those parties hoping that they would long remain in the memories of our guests. They are now memories I will always cherish.  

(Misako Yoshida)

Day Tours

On the afternoons of the 1st to the 3rd of June, bus tours to places of interest in and around the city were scheduled.

June 1

The first destination was Maison des Coquillages, a French restaurant known for the delicious cuisine it serves. It is also famous for the huge Rosa laevigata plant which covers the whole roof of the building, as well as its beautiful garden. Though the flowers of R. laevigata were finished, we enjoyed the delicious box lunch provided by the restaurant, and then the stroll in the garden.

The buses then took us to Keisei Rose Nurseries, one of the largest rose nurseries in Japan. Its rose garden, well-designed and maintained, attracts over 120,000 visitors every year. When we visited it, the roses there were at their best. We were totally fascinated by HTs and Floribundas planted in orderly designed beds, flowers of shrub roses and David Austin roses blooming on huge plants, old garden roses classified into different groups, and species roses planted in grassland surrounding the 11 sections of cultivars. Unfortunately we were caught in a passing shower while enjoying the rose garden, but returned to the buses, fully contented with the view of roses we enjoyed for an hour.

June 2

This afternoon, we were divided into two groups and headed for different destinations:

Group 1 first visited Sanapia Herb Garden in the city owned by a health food company, and had a buffet-style lunch in a large hall. Foods served there featured various kinds of herbs grown in the herb garden. The performance of a string trio pleased us, too. After lunch, we strolled in the herb garden, where some rare varieties of roses were also seen.

The next destination was Old Hotta House, the former residence of the Hotta family, the feudal lords who ruled this area, and were also important vassals of the Tokugawa Shogunate. Seven parts of this residence have been designated as important national cultural assets. Its typical Japanese style garden is now open to the public. We were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Hotta, saw the rooms in the house, and were reminded of the life of the families of feudal lords. Some enjoyed strolling in the garden simply designed with trees and stone lanterns, and were impressed with its serene atmosphere.

Group 2 first visited Inuma Honke Sake Brewery, with a history of 400 years. After the lunch in an old private house on the premises, we saw the brewery, and listened to the explanation of a factory worker on the process of sake brewing: how rice is refined, fermented by the work of aspergilla, and finally refined into sake. After many questions were asked and answered, we moved to a different building, and tasted different types of sake. Then we strolled in the garden of the old private house, thinking of the life of common citizens in old days. Leaving the brewery, we arrived at Mr. Hanei’s garden in ten minutes. The garden, which Mr. and Mrs. Hanei have carefully maintained for forty years, consists of a Japanese style section on the left of the path and a western style section featuring roses on the right.
We can imagine how hard the couple have been working to complete this beautifully designed, well-balanced garden with its quiet atmosphere. In the western style section, when roses are at their best, the garden is open to the public. Music concerts are sometimes given there, and neighbours can relax and enjoy themselves among beautiful flowers. Plants in the Japanese style section are those with quiet, subdued colours, well matched with a tea house there. We spent a glorious afternoon in the garden, enjoying cookies and tea served by the owners. On behalf of the group, Mrs. Harris, the WFRS President, extended her gratitude to the owners, and we bade farewell to them and their beautiful garden.

June 3

We visited the Kawamura Memorial DIC Museum of Art, which boasts a superb collection of paintings, from impressionists’ works to contemporary arts. A special exhibition entitled “Flowerscapes”, featuring paintings of flowers in different ages, was being held when we visited the museum. In the outbuilding gallery, another exhibition, sponsored by the conference organising committee, and featuring paintings of roses by three lady artists was also being staged. We moved from one room to another, appreciating paintings of various styles. The museum is located in a natural environment with a lake surrounded by green woods. Some of us, sitting on a bench in the garden, and viewing the quiet scenery around the museum, spent a quiet and restful time, while some from overseas countries, strolling on the path around the lake, looked for herbaceous plants not seen outside Japan.

Then we moved to the City of Sakura Rose Garden, and spent the rest of the afternoon of our last day of the conference in Sakura among the heritage roses, many of them at their best. Members of the volunteer group, who prepared drinks and light meals at the welcome party here, served tea and cakes for us again. Also, in the old farmer's house in the garden, members of the Sakura Tea Ceremony Association served us traditional Japanese style tea. We returned to the conference hotel when evening was drawing in.

(Katsuhiko Maebara and Akira Ogawa)

PRE- AND POST-CONFERENCE TOURS

Pre-Conference Tour to Kyushu, the Natural Habitat of Tsukushi-ibara, Rosa multiflora var. adenochaeta

Early on the morning (7:00 a.m.) of the 28th of May, nineteen tour group members met at Haneda Airport, and flew south westward to Kyushu. Three more joined there, and 22 members enjoyed a three day tour for viewing roses and cultural experiences in Kumamoto Prefecture. On arriving at Kagoshima Airport, we were welcomed by the members of the ‘Network of Forest, Flower and Human Being’ group.

After lunch at the hotel, we went to see the natural habitat of Tsukushibara, Rosa multiflora var. adenochaeta, in Nishiki Town, next to Hitoyoshi City. The flowers were at their best, and I believe everyone had a nice time walking along the bank of the Kuma River filled with the sweet scents of wild roses and honeysuckles.

That night, a magnificent welcome party was held for us by the ‘Network of Forest, Flower and Human Being’ group, with 140 attendees at the hotel Ayu-no-sato. We fully enjoyed the nice foods and beautiful music, and were overwhelmed by the cordial hospitality of people in Hitoyoshi and surrounding towns!

On the second day, we had a wonderful breakfast on the bank of the Kuma River. The weather was nice, and smiling faces of local volunteers made us very happy. Since the spring of last year, when we decided to postpone the conference, I discussed our plan of this tour a great deal with my friend, Mrs. Kaoru Ogawa, the president of the ‘Network of Forest,
Flower and Human Being’ group, and the past president of the ‘Kuma River Tsukushi-ibara Association’, whose members have been working hard on the conservation of Tsukushi-ibara for more than 10 years. She and her friends sincerely love Tsukushi-ibara and the nature of their hometown, and they were very happy to welcome rose experts from different countries to this area. There were so many things they wanted to show us, e.g. historic places, cultural assets and beautiful scenery, and it was really difficult to choose places to visit.

I hope everyone enjoyed the rose garden in Eco-park Minamata, rapids shooting down the Kuma River, old shops of Japanese green tea, miso, and a blacksmith’s workshop, and the farewell party at the Aoi-Aso Shrine. Under a huge tree of Podocarpus in the shrine garden, a cellist Mr. Yoshihiro Kikkawa played ‘Sohran-bushi (Japanese folk song)’, ‘Libertango’, ‘Amazing Grace’, ‘What a Wonderful World’, and finally, ‘Danny Boy’. During the farewell greeting with the melody of ‘Danny Boy’ lingering in the air, Mrs. Kaoru Ogawa could hardly hold back her tears, and all the members at the party were deeply moved. We all understood how she and her friends worked hard to welcome us, and how they were satisfied with the results of their efforts. Mrs. Georgina Campbell kindly gave touching words to convey our gratitude to her. Thank you Georgina!

Early on the morning of the 31st of May, we left Kagoshima Airport, receiving a hearty send-off by our friends in Kumamoto. They must have felt very honoured to have welcomed guests from abroad to the natural habitats of Tsukushi-ibara, which they have cherished for many years. I am sure the visit of overseas guests has made them unite more strongly, and renewed their power to continue their activities for protecting the Tsukushi-ibara they love so ardently.

Post-Conference Tour to Kamakura, Atami, Hakone and Mt. Fuji, the Natural Habitats of Sanshobara, Rosa hirtula, and other species roses

I know one of the pleasures of visiting other countries is to see natural habitats of wild roses there. Hoping that our guests to the conference would think the same way, I proposed to the conference organising committee a plan of the pre- and post-conference tours including visits to some natural habitats of wild roses in Japan. There were 58 participants in this tour, and we travelled in two buses. On the morning of the 4th of June, our buses crossed Tokyo Bay by way of the Aqua-Line, a long bridge and a tunnel connecting the two sides of the bay. First, we visited Kamakura, an old capital town from the 12th to the 14th centuries, and saw the great statue of Buddha. Some of our brave friends went into the dark inside of the statue!

After lunch at a seaside restaurant, we arrived at the Hotel New Akao in Atami city. This area is called “The Japanese Riviera”, and is famous for its hot springs, mild climate, and places of scenic beauty. However, the reason why we selected this hotel was that it owns a wonderful rose garden opened on the sides of a valley, named ‘Akao Herb & Rose Garden’. Our buses took us to the top of the hill overlooking a small inlet and the Pacific Ocean beyond it. From there we strolled down the path on the steep hillside, admiring roses which filled the small gardens each with a unique theme, and a design which well suited it. Since last year, young lady gardeners have been working very hard, looking forward to our visit to their gardens. They were very happy to see us admiring the picturesque gardens they had been maintaining with tender loving care.

At dinner, Miss Aki Suito, a pianist and a member of our conference organising committee, played the piano for our guests. One of our friends told me, ‘It’s wonderful to have dinner with such good music, and she is playing just for us!’ When the dinner was over, I went to the basement of another building of the hotel with some guests to enjoy drinking and shooting at the gallery on a reconstructed street of a city some decades ago. I heard some
other ladies (and gentlemen?) tried to go to a large Japanese style public bath in the hotel. I
like taking a Japanese style bath, but I knew it was difficult for our friends from other
countries to take a Japanese bath, and wondered how they got on, but when I went there, it
was too late. I found no one there.
On the second day, before breakfast, Mrs. Girija and Mr. Viru Viraraghavan told me that they
found species roses in the grounds of the hotel. After breakfast, I went to see them and there
were two species roses blooming: Rosa luciae (= R. wichuraiana, Teriha-no-ibara) and R.
onoei var. oligantha (Azuma-ibara). We had a good start for the day in our quest for species
roses. Though our aim that day was to see flowers of R.hirtula (Sanshobara), I was worried
about its flowering period, which changes depending on the weather of the season, and
planned to visit natural habitats at different altitudes. Before we got to our destinations, we
could see snow-covered Mt. Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan, from the Jukkoku Touge
Pass, in spite of the thick clouds covering the sky. It was really a miracle! First, we stopped
at the Shojin-Ike Pond (alt. 850m). We found a lot of tall trees of R. hirtula around the pond,
but they had no flowers yet. We could see R. fujiisanensis (Fujiibara) there, too, but no
flowers either. The next place was the Ashi-no-yu Flower Centre (alt. 800m), but no flowers
there again. I believed we could see flowers at our final destination, Hakone Botanical
Garden of Wetlands (alt. 600m), and honestly, really felt relieved to see them in front of
the garden gate. We found flowers of R. nipponensis (Takanebara), R. davurica (Karafuto-ibara),
R. rugosa (Hamanasu) and R. fujiisanensis planted in the garden, too. I was very happy to
see our guests enjoying the well-maintained collection of the garden, especially to see Mr.
Peter Boyd and Mr. Gregg Lowery giving cheers to every tree, shrub, herb and fern. That
day, we stayed at the Hotel Mt. Fuji, which is located on the northwest side of the foothills of
Mt.Fuji. I heard again that some ladies tried a hot spring Japanese bath at this hotel, and it
delighted me very much! Unfortunately, it was raining on the morning of the last day. We
went up to the halfway point of Mt. Fuji by bus. When I saw a mass of snow on the roadside,
I realized that spring is slow in coming here this year. When we arrived at the fifth station of
Mt. Fuji (alt. 2305m), it was too chilly and raining hard. I took only those who wished to see
R. nipponensis to its natural habitat. After a short walk into the woods, we could see small
bushes of R. nipponensis just opening their leafbuds.

After the small but freezing expedition, we came down to our last stop, the Kawaguchi-ko
Music Forest Museum, which has a collection of music boxes, a French restaurant and a
rose garden. Weather changed for the better, and we had a rest with a good meal, music
and flowers. This museum is located at alt. 800m, and early-flowering roses, e.g. R.
laevigata and R. banksiae var. lutea were in full bloom. From the Music Forest Museum, we
headed straight for the Hotel Nikko Narita near Narita International Airport. All the way
through the post-conference tour, I felt sorry that the tour guide from the travel agency did
not speak English, and I had to be an interpreter on bus Number 1 despite my poor English.
Thank you very much for the patience of passengers on bus Number 1, and for the great
help of Mr. Kelvin Trimper! For me, this tour was a wonderful experience, sharing a precious
time with rose-loving friends from all over the world, and enjoying talks with them on all three
days. I hope all the members of the tour group will have good memories of the tour, as well
as vivid impressions of lectures and gardens in Sakura, to take home. (Yuki Mikanagi)

Pre-Conference Tour
(David and Crenagh Elliott, Victoria BC, Canada)

Twenty two people gathered at Haneda Airport Tokyo early in the morning of May 28, 2012
for the pre-tour of this conference. Participants included representatives from Australia,
Canada, Japan, New Zealand, South Africa (WFRS President Sheenagh Harris) and the
United States. First we met some old rose friends for breakfast and anticipated making new
ones. Then at the airport we were greeted by Dr. Yuki Mikanagi who was to lead us. The
flight from Haneda to Kagoshima gave a view of Mount Fuji before the cloud level concealed
the ground. Kagoshima is located at the southern tip of Japan. As we emerged from the
baggage pickup area at Kagoshima airport we were greeted by TV cameras and a group from Hitoyoshi with a welcoming banner. This was our introduction to the welcome we received throughout the conference from the Japanese.

From Kagoshima we had a one hour bus ride to Hitoyoshi which was to be our base for the next three days. On arrival in Hitoyoshi we checked into the Hotel Ayu-no-sato for lunch and then proceeded to Nishiki Town Office for a welcome from the Mayor. Then we were off to see the roses we had come for. The local people with the assistance of Yuki Mikanagi have created a conservation area for *Rosa multiflora* var *adenochaeta* on the flood plain of the Kumagawa (Kuma River) done in such a way that the work is almost undetectable. With the assistance of the local authority paved walking tracks have been put in and even lights for night viewing. *Rosa multiflora* var *adenochaeta* varies greatly from almost white to dark pink. It flowers later than *Rosa multiflora* and earlier than *wischurana/wischuriana/luciae*. In the evening we were treated to a welcoming banquet with many of the locals, a formal evening with many Japanese ladies in kimonos. We were shared out around the tables but the organisers had ensured that there were English speakers with all their guests. Our local host proved to be the wife of the owner of the hotel which we were in for the following two nights. On the second day we rode the local train to the *Rosa multiflora* var *adenochaeta* area for a breakfast provided by the volunteers who have helped create the conservation area. Later we travelled to Minamata to visit the commemorative Eco-Park, a glorious rose garden which commemorates a disastrous mercury leak of some years ago. That evening we moved to different hotels and were ourselves placed in a heritage Ryokan (inn) with the traditional bedroom with futons on the floor. It was definitely a different experience, but much more comfortable than we had expected. We took advantage of the (in house) hot spring bath the following night which was very relaxing. Our translator of the previous evening was the wife of the owner. Our last day in Hitoyoshi was more of a sightseeing day starting with boating down the Kuma river, an excellent lunch in a local restaurant followed by a visit to the grounds of the original castle and finishing with a box dinner in the grounds of the Aio-Aso Shrine, a shrine constructed in 1604. Here we were greeted by a Samurai warrior and then entertained by a jazz cellist.

In the morning we were transported back to Kagoshima for the flight to Haneda, Tokyo and a bus to the Natural Museum of Natural History in Sakura City to join the rest of the conference delegates. It was a most enjoyable pre-tour, made more so by the welcome we received everywhere from the Japanese people, and a suitable start to the best Rose Conference we have attended to date.

The Conference Organising Committee - Japan
MEMBER COUNTRY REPORTS

2009 – 2012
ARGENTINA

Rose Society of Argentina

Asociacion argentina de rosicultura

PRESIDENT: Nilda Crivelli

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2009

Monthly meetings continued to be held at the old Georgian club with average attendance of approximately 45. During the blooming season, members were invited to bring roses, exhibit them and speak about their performance during summer and how they take care of them. Guest speakers provided information on different subjects, including a talk about floral
arrangements with roses. In March, the autumn rose exhibition (non competitive) was held at the Hurlingham Club (Greater Buenos Aires)

Only four members attended the WFRS World Rose Convention in Vancouver in June. In spring, the rose show and floral arrangements were held at the Duhau Palace Park Hyatt Hotel with more than 500 visitors.

In November, we celebrated the end of our activities at one members’ “estancia” to enjoy her roses and learn about the raspberry and cranberry production.

Our branches in Cordoba, Mar del Plata, Mendoza and San Juan functioned quite well. Buenos Aires membership remains about 180.

2010

The first meeting in March included the autumn rose exhibition and an appealing talk about the history of Rosedal in Palermo by the experts and authors of the homonymous book, Mrs Sonia Berjman and Roxana di Bello at the Buenos Aires Botanical Garden, open to the Community.

In May and June we offered courses on roses: cultivation, soils, selection of the best roses, pruning, care after pruning, pests and diseases, etc. in Rosario city (about 300km from Buenos Aires) to rose lovers and non members of our association. The same course was repeated during July in Villa Ocampo.

A tour was organized by us to attend the WFRS regional convention in Changzhou, including a three day stay in Chicago, a pre- tour to Shanghai and the post tour to Beijing. After many years, twelve members attended and had an interesting experience in October - the spring rose and floral arrangements show was held at the Duhau Palace Park Hyatt hotel with an attendance of 460.

Estancia Casamu (130 km from Buenos Aires) with 7 hectares of park, hundreds of roses, herbaceous, native gramineous and large ponds, was the place chosen for the last outing of the year with lunch under the trees - unforgettable!!

2011

In March we held the autumn rose and floral arrangements exhibition (non competitive) at The old Georgian club. Mrs Cristel Vidal, a renowned rose propagator talked about her experiences in cultivating. She gave appreciated advice and suggested the best roses for our climate. We are very lucky to have expert guest speakers on different subjects: from pests and diseases, control and prevention methods “to” the roses in the paintings through all the Times”

Memberships remain the same. New and young members have joined the association, The website has been a great help. We had a great loss in June - Susan Begg, our honorary President, friend and teacher passed away.

Pruning demonstrations continued in different venues in July.

The highlight of October 2011 was the visit of the WFRS President, Sheenagh Harris and the ARS Past President, Donald Ballin who honoured us on our 60th Anniversary. Rosario Algorta from Uruguay and Isa Maria Bozzolo from Chile joined us for the same occasion. The rose and floral arrangements show, Roses and Diamonds was held at the Air Force
Club. Sheenagh and Don were invited to judge for the Special awards. In the auditorium, Sheenagh described the programme of ROSAFRICA 2012 together with beautiful gardens and landscapes. She extended a warm invitation to participate.

The next day we went on a guided visit to Rosedal In Palermo followed by a cocktail at lunch time offered by Repsol ypf, sponsors of our rose garden at the Sivori museum.

Visits to private gardens and a boat trip along the Parana delta were organized for our foreign visitors and members of the committee. I accompanied Sheenagh and Don to Uruguay where different tours and meetings were arranged by the Sociedad Uruguaya de la Rosa. Wherever we went, Sheenagh gave presentations about ROSAFRICA 2012 and Don talked about the preparation of roses for a show.

In November we celebrated the end of year activities at our treasurer’s home. She entertained about 40 to an Argentinian “asado” (barbecue). The roses were exceptional.

2012

March 29 autumn rose and floral arrangements exhibition with roses (non competitive) at the Buenos Aires Botanical garden.

July - pruning demonstrations at villa Ocampo, Buenos Aires Botanical Garden and Nordelta (Tigre).

October 25 - spring rose and floral arrangements show ” roses, wine and opera” at The Air Force Club.
The National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Ian Spriggs

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2009

Monthly Meetings of the Society continue to be held at the Burnside Community Centre with average attendances of approximately 100.

Guest Speakers provided interesting and informative information, together with experienced Members providing cultural details. A monthly competition for flower arrangers and cutflower exhibitors continued to provide interest for our competitive members. The highlight of the Society’s activities was undoubtedly the Rose Adelaide2008 Regional Convention, where 350 registrants representing 15 countries, including the WFRS President Dr Gérald Meylan from Switzerland, and 8 voting members of the Executive Committee attended our week long celebrations.

We were very pleased that the event not only provided the opportunity to promote the rose, enable Society members to mix with world renown rosarians, but financially ran within budget. Many favourable reports were received after the Convention. Additional Centenary
activities had been conducted throughout the Year, and concluded with a joint function with Members of the Adelaide Group of Heritage Roses in Australia.

Our Society maintained its endeavours to promote the Rose to the wider community -

- Successful Rose Shows were conducted in both the Spring and Autumn at Burnside, each attracting considerable interest from the media.
- ABC Gardening Expo at Adelaide Showgrounds
- Bunnings, CWA, Roses on Dequetteville and Country Shows
- Speaking to community groups – e.g. Probus, Rotary etc.
- Speaking on radio gardening programmes
- Our Rose Club’s initiative with Primary Schools students
  Media interest in this aspect of our activities has grown with resultant free TV publicity being available for the Society
- Pruning demonstrations conducted in both the City and country venues.

In addition to providing competitive activities for members, social activities remain very important to a large percentage of our Society members. These have included day and weekend coach trips, visits to private and public gardens.

A contingent of 17 South Australian Rosarians attended the WFRS World Rose Convention in Vancouver during June.

Length of Membership is acknowledged each year with presentations of both 25 and 50 year Membership badges. Life Member and Past President Mr Ralph Lucas received his 50 Year Badge at the Opening Ceremony of the Autumn Rose Show.

Our 4 branches function extremely well, with membership numbers being maintained. Each of the Society Vice Presidents and the Immediate Past President maintain a support mechanism between the Branch Executive and the Society Council.

Support is provided, both financially and with senior members attending functions. A successful Combined Branches meeting was held in-conjunction with the Autumn Rose Show.

Membership Numbers – remain in excess of 1,000.

2010

Despite the prolonged drought conditions and water restrictions applying throughout South Australia, the popularity of the Rose has seen a renaissance. Fortunately, the perception within the horticultural media that roses are high uses of water is being dispelled, as it is becoming more obvious that they can exist and produce good garden displays with minimal water.
Mrs Paddy Muecke, Dr Allan Campbell, Mr Walter Duncan and Mr David Ruston - all Past Presidents of the Society, together with the Murray Bridge Garden Club received their “50 Year Continuous Membership Badge” and 5 members achieved 25 Year Membership status. Our eldest, active member - Mrs Peg Davey, who had recently celebrated her 100th birthday, was, the Guest of Honour at our annual Christmas Dinner. Peg passed away last August. Throughout the year a number of our senior members have also died.

Conscious of the future of the Society, a “Young People’s Group” was established to cater for our younger members, with special activities being incorporated into meetings coinciding with school holidays. Our involvement with a number of schools throughout the metropolitan area fosters interest in the rose at a younger age. An incentive for these students to participate in our Rose Shows is the maintenance of a potted rose provided by the Society.

A tour party of Rosarians from all mainland states was organised to China to coincide with the World Federation of Rose Societies’ Regional Rose Convention in Changzhou. Activities included a pre tour to Beijing, and post tours to Shanghai, Xi’an and a river cruise on the Yangtze. This was an incredible experience.

The Society is fortunate to have enthusiastic leaders who ensure that our planned activities are educational and promotional as well as social. An average of 100 members attends each monthly meeting conducted in metropolitan Adelaide where the lecture programme has enjoyed a wide and varied selection of topics. The 4 branch groups conduct regular meetings and activities in various locations throughout their region. Bus Tours provided our members with the opportunity to travel and meet Rosarians from the wider group.

Our major promotional activities continue to be the Spring and Autumn Rose Shows at the Burnside Community Centre. We are fortunate to have the involvement of the Woodville Academy of Floral Design to assist in making the Show venue attractive and interesting to the public. The inclusion of various other rose related groups and the re-introduction of lectures and demonstrations provide attractions in addition to the competitive aspect of the Rose Show.

Our pruning demonstrations throughout the State attracted considerable interest from members of the public. A new venue – the Lyndoch Hill Retreat (formerly the Chateau Barrosa) in the Barossa Valley, hosted a day of rose activities – pruning demonstration, lectures and social. It is the hope of the new management to restore this garden to its former glory.

A recent initiate of the State Council has been the introduction of a ‘Rose of the Month’. The Nursery and Landscape Industry was supportive of its introduction, and a number of the more proactive garden nurseries have joined the promotion. Availability of these cultivars is ensured at the participating outlets through prior confidential release of the year’s selection. Promotional signage is provided by the Society.
In addition to the lecture programme undertaken in the community by numerous Society members, our promotional activities in the wider community were maintained and have included:

- Members providing floral arrangements at the Governor’s Mother’s Day High Tea in the grounds of Government House;
- Celebration to honour the 100th anniversary of the introduction of the rose ‘Lady Hillingdon’ in Renmark;
- Attendance at the ABC Expo, Bunning’s Warehouses, country and regional floricultural shows;
- Sponsorship of selected classes at the Royal Adelaide Horticultural and Agricultural Show;
- Provision of perpetual trophies at regional shows.

WFRS President Mrs Sheenagh Harris was welcomed to South Australia, as part of her Australian Tour, where she had the opportunity of dining with the Society Council and addressing Members at an informal gathering. An invitation was extended to participate in the forthcoming World Rose Convention in South Africa in 2012. The involvement and generosity of members in the fundraising activities associated with the David Ruston Sculpture Appeal, culminated in Sheenagh’s unveiling of the Sculpture on Saturday 16th October during the Renmark Rose Festival.

Membership of the Society increased to 1100.

**2011**

With the breaking of the years of drought and a cooler year gardeners are reinvigorating their gardens. The rose, always a popular choice, is enjoying a new cycle of popularity. Membership continues to remain around 1100, although about 100 members per year do not renew their membership about the same number join the society. This year 3 members attained 25 year membership – Joyce Smith, Christine Butcher and Ruth Watson. During the year, two stalwarts of the Society passed away – Life members, Mrs Myrtle Trimper and Dr Allan Campbell – both Australian Rose Award recipients. These two people contributed greatly to the educational, financial and social aspects of our Society, as well as being very successful exhibitors over a long time.

The Society was delighted to acknowledge the contribution made by Malcolm Watson. Always willingly involved in all aspects of our society, Malcolm has served 25 years continuously on the Council in an executive capacity, in many years holding more than one portfolio. He is ably assisted by his wife Ruth. It was a pleasure to surprise them both with a presentation at a monthly meeting.

Our schools programme for younger members continues. It needs constant attention to secure students involvement and nurture their interest in Rose growing and exhibiting. The Society provides a potted rose for the students. Some of the students enter into the floral arrangement section of the show.

**2011 Autumn Rose Show Door Decorations**
Golden Grove School Students participating at the 2010 Autumn Rose Show with Jane Reilly (centre back) Channel 10 weather presenter

During April, the Roses on Eyre branch celebrated its 10th anniversary. This was marked by hosting the combined branches biennial meeting in Port Lincoln. This 3 day event was attended by 120 members. A coach trip for members departed from Adelaide, with others travelling from Hay in New South Wales, The Riverland district and the South East of South Australia. This allowed the State Council, Branch Executive and general members to meet, enjoy fellowship and the Rose. As always, the hospitality was marvellous. We were taken to wonderful gardens, very diverse, some recovering from devastating bush fires. A proactive leadership provides the regular monthly meetings in metropolitan Adelaide with a broad variety of topics from guest speakers. These meetings continue to be attended by an average of 100 members. The 4 branch groups conduct regular meetings in various locations throughout their region.

The Autumn and Spring Rose Shows were our major promotional activities. In October the Spring show was held at the Wayville Showgrounds. This provided us with a much larger venue and the opportunity to entice a broader audience to the Rose. The theme was “Celebrating South Australia’s 175 years”. As always we are fortunate to have the Woodville Academy of Floral design involved and in addition this year, six floral design groups were invited to also provide displays. We are fortunate to have a number of guest speakers from interstate to talk in their area of expertise. This is in addition to our Rose Competition, trading stalls and Rose information provided to the public. We offered Rose pruning demonstrations at 4 locations in metropolitan Adelaide and regional areas and members travelled to country locations. They continue to be of value.

The State Council’s ‘Rose of the Month’ initiative remains popular, and this year ‘SA Life’ produced a calendar featuring the 12 roses.

In addition to the lecture programme undertaken by numerous Society members, our promotional activities in the wider community were maintained. This year we were invited to take part in the National Cymbidium Orchid Show at Noarlunga, in suburban Adelaide. The Society benefits greatly from its partnership and the support of Neutrog Australia.

Malcolm Watson
Secretary
24th January, 2012
The Rose Society of Western Australia Inc; 2009 – 2012

INTERNAL SOCIETIES AND LOCATION:
The Rose Society of Western Australia Inc (RSWA) – Perth, Western Australia
The South West Rose Group (SWRG) – The South West Region, Western Australia

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 345 members, including 165 SWRG members

The RSWA holds regular monthly meetings (except for Jan, July and Dec) for members. In addition to local activities the SWRG holds an Annual Spring Rose Show

2009
April Visit to rose gardens in the South West Region
May Autumn Rose Show
July Pruning demonstrations - Town of Cambridge Rose Gardens & Araluen Park
October Spring Rose Show

2010
May Autumn Rose Show
July Pruning demonstrations – Town of Cambridge Rose Gardens, Araluen Park and at the Vice President’s home.
October Welcome BBQ for Sheenagh Harris, President of the WFRS
October Spring Rose Show

2011
May Autumn Rose Show
July Pruning demonstrations – Town of Cambridge Rose Gardens, Araluen Park and at the Vice-President’s home
August Change of meeting venue and day of meeting.
October NRSA Australian Rose Championships and Spring Rose Show and associated events.
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR 2012 INCLUDE:

05-06 May    Autumn Rose Show
July            Pruning demonstrations
Mid-October    Spring Rose Show
June – November 80th Anniversary function and celebratory events

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.

The Rose Society of Victoria Inc. is Australia’s oldest Rose Society and has about 750 members. This figure has remained fairly constant over the last three years. Of the 750 members, about 150 are dual or family, corporate and club members, making our effective membership about 1000.

The Society publishes Victorian Rose News four times a year, in the Summer, Spring, Winter and Autumn which is distributed to all members. It is maintained at the highest possible standard.

Monthly meetings are held for members and we were fortunate to have had WFRS President Sheenagh Harris speak at our October 2010 meeting as part of her Australian
tour. Sheenagh also visited Flemington Racecourse and the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden during the Victorian stage of her visit.

Rose pruning demonstrations are conducted annually in about 40 locations across the State. Speakers are regularly sought for affiliated garden clubs and nurseries.

We now only conduct one competitive Rose Show in the Spring (during November following the Melbourne Cup). Our emphasis will be to now to hold a non-competitive display in the Autumn. This year, on the 29th and 30th April, the display will be held at the Kilmore Racecourse, about one hour’s drive north of Melbourne as part of their Cherokee Rose and Wine Festival and concludes with race-day on the Monday. The Society is being gratefully supported in this venture by our three volunteer rose gardens, a number of rose nurseries and rose growers.

Victoria has three large volunteer maintained rose gardens. The Victoria State Rose Garden at Werribee to the west, The Morwell Centennial Rose Garden approximately 150km to the East and the Mornington Botanical Rose Garden on the peninsula to the south. All are very different in design, but most importantly all are run and maintained by volunteers. The Mornington Botanical Rose Garden is the youngest of the three, but it is showing enormous potential.

One should not forget the magnificent plantings of roses at the Flemington Racecourse, a commercial operation. Kilmore Racecourse also has many rose plantings. We are hoping that our display in April will benefit both country racing in Victoria and Country Racing.

Ian Spriggs
President
The Rose Society of Victoria
The Rose Society of NSW has held its numbers over the last three years despite a trend to the contrary, with the new Nepean, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury Regional making up for losses by the Hunter Valley and Sydney Regionals.

The highlight of the period was a visit by WFRS President Sheenagh Harris who was as charming as she is knowledgeable. While in NSW Sheenagh visited the Ingleburn Show where she presented badges to the ten longest serving members in a special ceremony.

LR Sheenagh Harris (WFRS President), Ted Annabel (60 year old member of NSW) Glynis Hayne (President RS of NSW)

The 2009 NRSA AGM and Show hosted by the Rose Society of NSW Inc. through the Illawarra Regional was very successful. The venue of the show was magnificent with views overlooking the ocean. The show combined the National with quality flowers. Graham and Janet Wright were the most successful exhibitors in the National Classes winning three that included the Australian Bred Rose Championship, Australian Cluster Flower Championship and the Australian Miniature Championship. Other winners National Classes were Ted Morphett, Jean Newman and Stephen Astill.

The NSW Championships hosted by the Royal Agricultural Society during the Easter period, continues to grow in stature and are being entered by a increasing number of exhibitors. The recently introduced classes for miniatures (i.e. Bud to Full Bloom (four stages) and Bunch of Five) are proving to be very popular.

During 2010 a new NRSA Judges Handbook was drawn up and after consultation with the states was accepted at the 2010 NRSA AGM in Queensland.

The growth of the Nepean, Blue Mountains and Hawkesbury Regional has been phenomenal. It has grown from 25 memberships to 75 with only a handful of single memberships in the three years since the regional was commenced. The regional had its first show in 2011 and was an excellent example of a co-operative effort by the members of the regional.
Members of the society are working towards the 2013 Centenary of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. The celebration will be run in conjunction with the 2013 NRSA AGM scheduled for Penrith on the 19th and 20th October. At this stage we have selected the signature rose for the 2013 this being named “100 Not Out” bred by Richard Walsh.

Rose Society NSW Centenary Rose
‘100 Not Out’

As with everything there are happy times and sad times in any organization and the Rose Society of NSW Inc. experienced a number of sad times with the inevitable passing of a number of members during the last three years. Two Rosarians who are a great loss to the society are Neil Turnbull and Trevor Grant both who passed on during 2011. Neil being the Chairman of Hunter Valley for a number of years and Trevor who held numerous administrational positions both in NSW and Victoria as well as being a rose judge and the breeder of a number of quality roses.

One of the proudest moments for the Society in recent times was Ben Swane becoming a member. Ben of Swane’s Roses is a living legend and certainly his membership brings prestige to the society.

On the subject of living legends, rose breeder Marguerite Parkes celebrated her ninetieth birthday during 2011 and Ted Annabel achieved sixty years as a member of NSW also during 2011.

Doug Hayne
Secretary of the Rose Society of New South Wales

THE QUEENSLAND ROSE SOCIETY INC

The Queensland Rose Society Inc. has been operating continuously since its inception in 1930 (excepting for the 2nd World War years) and has about 185 Memberships. A Membership includes all family members living at the one address. We have seen a slow decline in numbers over the last few years and this is probably indicative of a younger generation finding different interests together with the amount of information freely available on the internet.
We hold an Autumn Show in May, usually on Mother’s Day (2nd Sunday) and a Spring Show in early October. In 2010, our 80th birthday, we were the Host Society for the Annual General Meeting and National Rose Championships of the National Rose Society.

World Federation President, Mrs Sheenagh Harris was present as part of her Australian tour and officially opened the Show.

Queensland has two Regional Societies, the Gold Coast Rose Society with approximately 150 Members and the Darling Downs Rose Society with approximately 35 members. Both Societies affiliated with the Queensland Rose Society.

We have one pruning demonstration day each year, usually held in either June or July at a Member’s garden which is a social and informative gathering of all three Societies including the general public. These days have proven to be very popular as we have been able to secure the services of, for the last few years, a large commercial specialist rose nursery representative as a guest speaker on rose care and demonstrating their methods of pruning.

Looking to the future, advance planning is underway by the Show Committee of the Gold Coast Rose Society to have the Gold Coast as the host city for the 2015 National AGM in conjunction with the Queensland Rose Society.

Tony Stallwood  
President  Queensland Rose Society

Pruning Day 2011

Autumn Show 2012
AUSTRIA

Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft

Report not available at time of going to print
BELGIUM

Societe Royale Nasionale ‘Les Amis de la Rose’

Royal National Rose Society of Belgium 2010-2012

PRESIDENT: Frans Thomas

NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 260.

PARTICIPATION IN WFRS CONVENTIONS:

During the last three years The Belgian Rose Society attended the following WFRS conventions:

2009 The WFRS International Rose Convention in Vancouver, Canada.

2010 The WFRS Regional Convention in Changzhou, China.

2012 The Heritage Rose convention in Sakura, Japan.
2009

The Royal National Rose Society of Belgium organised an International Rose Salon at Saint Hubert, to celebrate the 250 Birthday of Pierre-Joseph Redouté, the famous Rose painter. This was attended by the newly elected President, Sheenagh Harris.

Christening of the Rose 'Belle d'Ardenne' – Saint Hubert

2010

Participation in the Floralies of Ghent

HEX

Frans Thomas, Anne velle Boudolf and Anne Dianne de Belder – Christening of the Rose 'La Feuilleri
Anne Velle present the new rose

Every year we attend the Rose happenings at the Castle of Hex, also the Garden days at Celles, Saint Hubert, Leeuwerem, Putte and others.

We visited the Rose Festivals at Lottum (The Netherlands).

Mrs Ingrid Verdegem member of our board gave talks at various venues in Belgium, The Netherlands, New Zealand and Japan.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS:

The board members take an active part in Rose Trials as members of the International Jury throughout Europe -: The Netherlands, France, Italy, Germany, Spain and Switzerland.

Three times we had the honour and pleasure to welcome the President of the WFRS in our country. Mrs Sheenagh Harris attended the opening of our Rose Salon at St Hubert, she was last year also at Kortrijk and at Le Roeulx as President of the Jury for the International Rose Trials. She visited Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery on three different occasions.

Past President Emeritus Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery admires the Presidential chain

KORTRIJK – André Calu, Frans Thomas, Marie Louise Velge and Sheenagh Harris

Last year Mrs Anne Velle-Boudolf presented a new beautiful book about the moschata roses of Louis Lens.
THE FOLLOWING BELGIAN ROSES RECEIVED VARIOUS PRIZES AT INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS:

2009 - ROSES BY ANNE VELLE-BOUDOLF

MADRID - the hybrid ‘Y980’ Certificate climbing, shrub groundcover.
LE ROEULX - ‘Y1027’ - Silver medal Park roses.

2010

GENÈVE - ‘Y980’ Golden medal shrub.
HRADEC KRALOVE - ‘Y974’ Prize shrub.
BADEN-BADEN ‘Y987’ Prize German Rose Society, Golden medal shrub.

2011

MONZA - ‘La Feuillerie’ 1’ silver medal, best shrub.

2009 – ROSES BY MARTIN VISSERS (VIVA INTERNATIONAL).

HRADEC KRALOVE - ‘Midsummersnow’ most beautiful Bedding Rose.
BADEN-BADEN ‘Taxandria’ Prize Ministry of Food and Landscaping, Golden medal landscape Roses.

2010

HRADEC KRALOVE - ‘Peter Paul Rubens’ Fragrance prize.
KORTRIJK ‘Sweet Blondie’ Golden Rose of Kortrijk.
‘Midsummersnow’ Golden medal.

2011

MADRID - ‘VICancar’ Fragrance prize, Pere Dot award.
HRADEC KRALOVE ‘Sweet Blondie’ Golden rose of the city of Hradec Kralove.

2010 ROSES BY JOHAN ORYE


2010

LE ROEULX - ‘VG 2003-06’ Certificate of merit.

2010 - ROSES BY G. HEUBRECQ

LE ROEULX - ‘Heupla’ Certificate of merit.

2011 - ROSES BY ILVO MELLE.

KORTRIJK - ‘04-137’ Golden medal.

2011 - ROSES BY E. FOUCART

LE ROEULX ‘FEL06-06’ Silver medal.
BERMUDA

The Bermuda Rose Society

PRESIDENT C. F. Eugene Rayner

Number of Members 80

2009 - 2012

The Bermuda Rose Society (BRS) has enjoyed interesting meetings over the past three years and, more interesting, is the fact that the number of entries of roses on our internal bench for competition continues to increase. Some members are very prolific and this year we had 193 exhibits from just 9 exhibitors at one meeting. As in any group, some members have an interest but not the space or time to actually plant. In addition, per meeting, we have topics for arrangements and shadow box displays for competition.

A big project was undertaken – that of rewriting our Bermuda Rose book. A number of members headed by PP Lee Davidson have been working hard and now that the copy is completed, selection of photos is underway before printing, hopefully being issued during the current BRS year.

Speaking of printing, we have been selected by the Bermuda Post Office to provide venues for a photo shoot of our Bermuda Mystery roses. The photos are in the selection stage now and we expect to see new stamps issued soon.

PP Essie Hans and her husband on behalf of the BRS met Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh during their whirlwind visit to Bermuda. The BRS having been asked to provide floral decorations at Government House. Of course we provided all roses for the occasion.

Earlier this year PP Jennie Watlington was invited to speak at the Heritage Rose Society in Philadelphia’s monthly meeting. Her talk on Bermuda’s Mystery Roses was well received.

PP Molly White was chair of the group who planted and looked after the Earthkind Roses which included mostly Bermuda Mystery Roses, long grown in Bermuda, with strong China characteristics, but whose original provenance has been lost: Maitland White, Smith’s Parish, Spice (Hume’s Blush Tea Scented China) and Vincent Godsif. Mutabalis, a popular
China rose, Carefree Beauty and a Buck rose completed the selection. This project has completed with success and the roses are expected to be removed to a new home.

After seven years as a member of the Environmental Organization Coalition, PP Sally Madden on behalf of the BRS stepped down as we had concluded our participation in the International Earthkind Rose Trials.

We have had a number of visitors over the years not limited to overseas judges for the Annual Agricultural Exhibition where many BRS members exhibit for competition. We also provide a specimen bench of Bermuda roses for display. We enjoyed the visit of the Australian “Tea Rose” ladies Lynne Chapman, Hillary Merrifield and Billy West. Numbers of Rosarians visit Bermuda on holiday and this year we hosted members of the American Rose Society including the President Jeff Wyckoff who were on a cruise which stopped off in Bermuda. Peggy Martin, who was unfortunate in loosing most of her roses in the storm Katrina which struck New Orleans, provided us with cuttings from her only surviving rose which we call “Peggy Martin” and many of these cuttings are doing very well.

Waterville, a repository garden which we have planted and maintain on the Bermuda National Trust property is a highlight for rose visitors. We have been honored by the Trust for “Service to the Trust Award”.

Over the years we have had varying success with our propagation tunnel but during the past two years we have not been successful and have relied on members producing plants for the BRS annual sale which has been very successful. We have been successful in another area, that of assisting the Girl Guide Association with importing and potting a number of Brownie Roses which they sold in celebration of a Brownie anniversary.

While we are not a big society we do maintain a fairly stable membership level and I think at the members enjoy themselves with the many areas of Roses.

Eugene Rayner
President – Bermuda Rose Society
PRESIDENT – Christine Moore

Following the 2009 WFRS Vancouver Convention, a group of members, headed by Barbara Munton, formed a committee to look at how we could increase our declining membership. Among their recommendations was to decrease our dues from $30 to $15 for a membership where newsletters are distributed electronically. For people who want publications by mail, the fee was reduced to $20. We quickly adopted this recommendation.

As a small organisation our positions are held by volunteers. It had been several years since anyone prepared publications on a regular basis. I knew when I joined the board in late 2008 I would be taking on that responsibility. In 2010 we had 4 newsletters and in 2011 the first Annual since 2008. This edition was produced on a CD but was also available as a hard copy for an additional $12, which included postage in Canada. We put extra information onto the CD including a WFRS newsletter that had coverage of the 2009 Convention held in Vancouver, British Columbia and detailed information about the upcoming convention in South Africa. We are also providing information through our website and trying to have meetings, with members, through the internet with Skype.

The Canadian Rose Society sponsors 7 rose classes. The idea is to rotate these classes around the country annually, giving everyone a chance to compete in them. For a few years they were “stuck” in southern Ontario. In 2009 they were at the Vancouver convention. In 2010 the Quebec Rose Society celebrated its 25th Anniversary and they held the classes. They hosted a wonderful celebration at the Montreal Botanical Gardens. Members from British Columbia and Ontario attended.

The Hamilton Burlington Rose Society held the classes in 2011 and in 2012 they were on the west coast of Canada at the Fraser Pacific Rose Society. Greater Toronto Rose & Garden Society also celebrated a milestone in 2010 with a 30th Anniversary. Shari-Lyn Safir, then President of both GT Rose and the CRS, organised all the past Presidents to attend the November meeting for a party.
We have seen our membership numbers struggling and as many groups in Canada have trouble attracting volunteers. Many good volunteers are already over-extended with other projects. The Saskatchewan Rose Society folded in 2011 due to a lack of volunteers. However our membership is starting to turn around and we are encouraged by this and are looking for ways to attract new members. Christine and the President of Greater Toronto Rose & Garden Society, Iris Hazen, travelled north to Port Perry in April 2011 to represent both societies at the Scugog Garden Show. Their display focused on the new, easier roses as well as a list and photos of the Earth Kind® designated roses. People were very interested in this project and to learn that roses did not need a lot of care to produce beautiful flowers. Also on the education front, Past President Shari-Lyn Safir gave over 15 talks about growing roses organically to local garden societies in 2011.

The immense size of Canada makes it a challenge to get people together for events. Patrick White assembled a judges’ training course, which Barbara Munton has compiled, to be used across Canada. It will be used for the first time in 2012 in Calgary, Alberta. We are pleased that we have board members from coast to coast in Canada.

We started 2012 by producing a report, ‘Easy Roses for Canadian Gardens’ that is available as a free download at our website. We had a table at Canada’s largest garden show, Canada Blooms, this spring to promote the society and answered a lot of questions about roses. Four large rose growers in southern Ontario produced 1400 roses in bloom for this March event. The roses were assembled in two large beds that were very popular with the public. There is little doubt roses are still popular with gardeners. The challenge is showing them how joining a society will add to their enjoyment of their roses.

Christine Moore
President Canadian Rose Society
President: Ms. Gloria Román de Narbona.

Internal Societies and location:
Agrupación de la Rosa de Coyhaique’, (Patagonia).
Santiago 36 members.
Coyhaique 20 members (approximate)

Total: 56 members
Website: www.asociacionchilenadelarosa.cl

Monthly from March to November

a) Directory reunions, every first Thursday of the month.
b) General Assembly reunions. Practical classes given by professionals, teachers, every second Thursday of each month with the participation of all members and invited guests.

Gloria Román de Narbona and Sheenagh Harris
2009

Presidency period -- Ms. María Teresa Eyzaguirre.

April 6: Visit to Bernadita Prieto’s wonderful and educational garden located in Pirque. Unfortunately, Bernardita passed away last February of 2012.

May 16: Contest of New Roses, Rome-Italy. Society was represented by Ms. Isa María Bozzolo.

June 11: Practice atelier pruning with Juan Carlos at the Nursery “Rosales Los Dominicos”.


July 9: Pruning at “Parque Araucano” -- Rose Garden.

August 13: Ms. Loreto Carbonell. Speech about “Appropriate Soil for Roses”.

September 24: Visit to Margarita Álamos Nursery in Quillota city.

October 8: Organization of the Rose Festival 2009.

October 28-29: Exhibition in Quillota. 50th Anniversary.


Ms. Isa María Bozzolo’s design and Mrs. Eliana Flores as assistant. Society’s members.

November 26: Lunch, camaraderie meeting, at home of Ms. María Angélica Valdés, visiting her charming rose garden in “Llay Llay”.

2010

Presidency period -- Ms. María Teresa Eyzaguirre.

April 8: Earthquake, activities were postponed for a month.

April 25: Assembly and election of new Directory

May 14-15  Autumn Exhibition:

Ms Mónica Ramirez design, society member.

July 8: Speech by Prof. Fedora Tironi. Pruning -- atelier.

August 26: Learning about organic products: "Biojardín"

September 9: Speech by Ms. Isa M. Bozzolo on "Planting and Maintenance of Roses in Pots".

October 14: Organization - Rose Festival.


December (3-5): Viña del Mar’s Exposition, Wolff Castle, ‘Nuances of Christmas’ (Matices de Navidad), organized by ‘Club de Flores – Cuidad Jardín, Art & Design

2011

Presidency period -- Ms. Gloria Román de Narbona.

March 10: Speech by Mrs Fedora Tironi: Gardens Care. Flowers, diagrammatic techniques and spontaneous arrangements -- Ms. Nora Fuenzalida and Ms. Deanne Goudie.

March: Visit to Mountain Memorial Park invited by Lady Eliana Grohnert.

April 14: Speech by Ms. Carmen Saenz: "French cultivars in my garden". Marianne Thomseenn floral arrangements: "Colorful Autumn".

May 12: Georgeanne Vial: "How to design a garden today ". Angélica Domínguez: Topic: Great Dinner.


July 14: Pruning Rose Garden, at Araucano Park.

August 11: Speech by Mr. Raúl Acuña; about German Parks. Class by Ms. Erika Schlör: Roses Arrangements, inspired on Ms. Constance Spry style.
September 15: Roses Arrangements, Ms. Mónica Ramírez: "Roses arrangements in baskets".

October 13: Organization, 11 Rose Festival. “Jardinera”.

October 20-23: Rose Festival at Araucano’s Park. Theme: “Jardinera” (Gardener). Guided tours across the Rose Garden, pruning and floral arrangements workshops dictated by society members. Also, the design of the fountain with white roses. Fountain’s Director: Ms. Gloria Román de Narbona and information about roses. Members participated. Ms. M. Teresa Eyzaguirre & Ms. Sonia Sepúlveda.

November 4-6: Visit of WFRS President, Ms. Sheenagh Harris. Tours to Viña del Mar, Puchuncaví, Zapallar, Quillota, Santiago. Ms. Carmen Saénz, hospitality at her house. Ms. Sheenagh Harris visiting Zapallar.

Two speeches by Ms. Harris about the next World Convention 2012 in South Africa, one at Club de Jardines de Chile, Vitacura – Santiago, another at Wolff Castle in Viña del Mar. Ms. Raquel Guiñez, Ms. Sheenagh Harris, Mr. Danilo Narbona at San Cristóbal Hill in Santiago. Ms. Gloria Román de Narbona, Ms. Sheenagh Harris at Ms. Mónica Infante garden in Quillota.

November 10: Mónica Ramírez: Christmas flowers arrangements.

2012

March to May:
Activities were postponed -- remodelling of “Corporación Cultural de Las Condes”.
March 29: Visit-Atelier to the Herbarium, Garden of Senses.

Abril 12: First general meeting of the year. Speech by Prof. Fedora Tironi, “Roses and general gardening during the fall”


May 10: Visit-Atelier to the nursery, “Las Brujas de Talagante”

Information provided by:
M. Angélica Errázuriz
Gisela Ávila
The 2009 Rose Cultural Festival was held in Beijing Botanical Garden from May 23, to June 2, 2009 for a period of 10 days. The event was hosted by the Beijing Gardening and Greening Bureau, Beijing Municipal Administration Center of Parks, People’s Government of Shunyi District, Beijing Flower Association, Beijing Floral Art Association, Chinese Rose Society, and organized by Beijing Botanical Garden and Beijing Rose Society.

2009 marks the 60th anniversary of the establishment of People’s Republic of China. In this year, the Seventh China Flower Exposition will be held in Shunyi District, Beijing. We will seize this historic opportunity and hold a successful Rose Cultural Festival aiming to promote the city flower of Beijing, carry forward the Rose culture, spread knowledge about the rose, embrace the Seventh China Flower Exposition and create a festive atmosphere for the 60th anniversary celebration. This exhibition will also promote sound and rapid
development of the flower industry in Beijing, stimulate domestic demand, boost consumption and contribute to building a "People’s Beijing, Hi-tech Beijing and Green Beijing".

**Activities of the "2009 Beijing Rose Cultural Festival"**

1. An exhibition of outstanding Chinese and foreign Rose varieties. There are 1300 species and 150,000 Rose plants in the exhibition, including 100 categories and 10,000 Cut Roses. 15 Rose producers in Beijing and other places were invited.

2. The 7th China Flower Expo Beijing promotional activities. Activities including setting the display boards, distributing promotional materials, product display and inflatable mascot live performances were organized to publicize the upcoming Seventh China Flower Exposition.

3. During the Rose Cultural Festival, a Rose Culture Exhibition was held. There were 15 components in the science exhibition, including the origin of city flower, a brief history of rose in China and an introduction of various rose varieties. The exhibition provides a wide range of knowledge about rose. To facilitate visitors, there were also over 80 guide signs and boards in the exhibition site.

4. Live floral work performance and works show by floral masters were held with Rose as its theme. There were also Chinese traditional flower arranging and modern flower works featuring the Rose, as well as an exhibition of cut rose flowers large floral work display.

5. Rose varieties selection. Three awards namely Potted Cultivation Award, New Variety Award and Rose Layout Award will be set in the selection.

6. The Beijing Flower Rose Development Forum. "Beijing Flower Rose and the Flower Industry in Beijing Forum" on May 24 will invite a total of 20 experts, including Professor Chen Junyu (a member of Chinese Science Academy) and other university professors, industry representatives, cultural celebrities and government officials to discuss the development of Rose industry.

7. Gatherings of writers, painters and calligraphy artists with rose and chrysanthemum as its theme will be held. Poets and writers are also invited to create works about rose.

8. Floral model performance will be held with the rose as its theme.

9. Poets and writers are invited to the exhibition and encouraged to create works about rose.

2010

1. Successfully Held the Fourth National Rose Show and the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference

On the morning of April 28, 2010, the 4th China Rose Exhibition and the 2010 World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference was opened at Bauhinia Park in Changzhou, Jiangsu Province. Rose enthusiasts from 17 countries, representatives of the 50 participating cities and organizations attended the event. The Rose Exhibition continued to May 20th 2010 and in the main venue - Bauhinia Park 1,200 categories, a total of over 50,000 rose plants were on display.
On April 28, Ms. Jiang Zehui, deputy director of Population, Resources and Environment Committee of the CPPCC National Committee and President of China Flower Association, Mr. Li Quanlin, deputy director of Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress, Mr. Peng Zhenhua, director of China Flower Standardization Committee and chief scientist of Chinese Society of Forestry, Ms. Sheena Harris, President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, Mr. Zhao Liangping, Secretary General of the Chinese Society of Forestry, Mr. Gerald Meylan, former President of World Federation of Rose Societies and officials from Changzhou municipal government including Mr. Fan Yanqing, Mr. Wang Weicheng, Mr. Yu Chao, Mr. Yu Zhiping, Mr. Zhu Longhu, Mr. Zhang Yaogang, Mr. Zhu Rui attended the opening ceremony.

Li Quanlin, deputy director of Jiangsu Provincial People's Congress announced the opening of conference.

Fan Yanqing, secretary of Changzhou Municipal Party Committee extended welcoming remarks. He said that with the theme "peace and harmony" this rose event would definitely present a feast for the eyes to rose enthusiasts in China. And the academic exchanges would promote the development of the Rose around the world and prosperity of the rose industry in Changzhou.

Ms. Jiang Zehui, deputy director of Population, Resources and Environment Committee of the CPPCC National Committee and president of the China Flower Association spoke in the meeting. She pointed out that thanks to the efforts made by the Changzhou municipal government in ecological and environmental protection and promoting garden flower industry, industry witnessed rapid development in recent years. And Changzhou has become an important production base of flowers and a beautiful garden city. The successful convening of the 4th China Rose Exhibition and the 2010 World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference held in Changzhou would further strengthen exchanges and cooperation between China and foreign countries in the flower sector, promote the prosperity of the Rose industry as well as sound and rapid development of flower and nursery stock industry.

At the opening ceremony, Ms. Sheena Harris, President of the World Federation of Rose Societies said that China is the birthplace of many rose varieties and Chinese roses have made important contributions to the development of world rose history. The event which gathered rose enthusiasts around the world together would promote extensive exchanges between China and foreign rose industry.

Mr. Wang Weicheng, Mayor of Changzhou, hosted the opening ceremony. May 28th was the opening day for Bauhinia Park, which was also the day for the 4th China Rose Exhibition and 2010 World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference. As many as 50 exhibitors participated in this event, creating 42 rose attractions and scenic spots.

The 4th China Rose Exhibition and the 2010 World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference was a special flower exhibition dedicated to the rose jointly organized by Chinese Rose Society, World Federation of Rose Societies and Changzhou Municipal Government. It was also the first national flower show held in Changzhou and the first conference of World Federation of Rose Societies in China. The event included opening ceremony, a large-scale theatrical performance and awards show "China Night", outdoor rose attraction show, rose varieties exhibition, rose flower arrangement exhibition, rose...
painting and calligraphy, photography exhibition, as well as Rose forums altogether ten activities. At present, preparation went on smoothly and over 1,200 rose varieties were introduced.

2. Carried out International Exchanges

In 2010, communication between China Rose community and its international counterparts is increasingly strengthened. Besides the World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Conference, Mr. Takamasa Tsuge, Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies and Mrs. Helga Brichet, world-famous Rose expert have also visited China and shared their views on China's rose breeding, cultivation, scientific research and protection.

3. Held the Third China Rose Forum

The Third China Rose Forum held in Taicang, Jiangsu province was themed on the protection and application of the ancient rose. Over 20 experts from home and abroad were invited to the forum, where they conducted in-depth discussion and shared work progress and methods.

4. Helped Different Places Develop Rose Industry

Experts were sent to Laizhou, Hainan, Shenzhen, Suining and other places in China to help organize Rose Festival and build Rose Garden. Experts provided guidance on the selection of species, cultivation techniques and other aspects and promoted the rose industry's development.

5. Guided Local Associations to Organize Various Rose Exhibitions

We've held the Second Beijing Rose Culture Festival in Beijing and the First Nanyang Rose Culture Festival in Nanyang, Henan Province. In Beijing Rose Culture Festival, a large number of new varieties were exhibited and a sea of roses appeared again in Beijing Botanical Garden. Tens of thousands of pieces of cut roses and 150,000 rose plants created a fabulous scene. Hosted by Xiaolin and Chunni, the event including 16 colorful rose cultural activities brought a good time to over ten thousand of visitors.

This Rose Cultural Festival features "Green Beijing, More Beauty in Life", "Take a Warm Rose, Take Happiness Home". With themed cultural activities, we introduced rich rose varieties, their diverse applications, and colorful rose culture to citizens in Beijing so the locals could know more about the rose. Among the 16 exciting cultural activities and over 20 rose attraction sites at 11 parks in different parts of Beijing, the most attractive one was exquisite performance by floral masters. The exciting runway shows by floral models from both home and abroad, and the flower arranging competition attended by flower enthusiasts also attracted a lot of public attention and participation.

In the rose variety display area in the science museum, over 100 new and fine rose varieties from Colombia, Japan and Yunnan Province in south China were gathered together. The red 'Chinese Red Rose', the purple 'Cool Beauty Rose' and the green 'Green Tea Rose' amazed the visitors. In particular, the genetically modified blue rose 'Cheers' which was introduced from Japan for the first time, became the focus of tourists and media.
This Rose Cultural Festival selected Beijing Rose Cultivation Masters for the first time. Mr. Li Wenkai, a flower technician from Temple of Heaven Park, Mr. Meng Qing-Hai, manager of Yingzefanghui Horticultural Field and Mr Wang Bo, manager of Beijing Nanyang Rose Base received the title. In addition, the result of “the Most Beautiful Rose Attractions Selection in Beijing” was announced on the same day and Huanlu Rose Garden by Bureau of Parks of Chaoyang District, the Harmonious Square Rose Garden by Bureau of Parks of Shunyi District, Rose Garden of Beijing Botanical Garden, Rose Garden of Temple of Heaven Park and Rose Garden of Beijing Capital Steel & Iron altogether 10 attractions won the award.

During the 22-days Rose Cultural Festival, there were a lot of colorful public activities. The “Love Flower, Love Rose” Painting Competition of primary and secondary schools held on June 1 enabled children to have a good time on Children's Day. Rose photography contest, City Flower Quiz and other competitions enhanced the public’s understanding and love of the Rose.

This Rose Cultural Festival was hosted by Beijing Gardening and Greening Bureau, Beijing Municipal Administration Center of Parks, Cultural Affairs Bureau of Beijing, Beijing Tourism Bureau, Beijing Flower Association, Beijing Floral Art Association, Chinese Rose Society and organized by Beijing Botanical Garden and Beijing Rose Society. Mr. Niu Youcheng and other officials from Beijing Municipal Committee attended the opening ceremony.

2011

1. Convened the Rose Annual Meeting

From May 20 to 21, the Chinese Rose Society Director Meeting was held in Laizhou, Shandong Province. Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang, president of Chinese Rose Society attended the meeting and made a speech. Mr. Xu Jinguang, President of Flower Association of Shandong Province and Director of Seedlings Station of Shandong Province Forestry Bureau, Mr. Di Guifu, President of Flower Association in Yantai City and Director of Yantai Forestry Bureau, Mr. Wang Hongming, Deputy Mayor of Laizhou Municipal Government attended the meeting and delivered a speech. More than 60 directors from 12 provinces (municipalities) attended the meeting.

Mr Zhang Zuoshuang, president of Chinese Rose Society, conveyed the spirit of National Flower Association’s Hefei Meeting, summarized the Chinese Rose Society’s work in 2010 and arranged work for 2011. 17 directors spoke on different aspects including new rose variety cultivation, protection of ancient Chinese rose, rose cultivation and management, rose industry development and so on. The charter of Chinese Rose Society was modified in the meeting, some executive directors were elected and Mr. Wang Yanqing, Director of Laizhou was recommended as vice president. The attendants also visited the Laizhou China Rose Garden.

During the meeting, Mr. Li Ming, mayor of Laizhou municipal government called on the delegates and introduced the rose industry in Laizhou City. Mr. Li also revealed to the meeting that Laizhou party committee and government decided to organize a delegate in October 2012 to the16th World Rose Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. And it would apply to the conference for Laizhou China Rose Garden being listed as the world's outstanding Rose Garden. It would be an honor for China and a name card for the city.
On May 21, all the delegates visited a household in Wenchang Street, whose rose could blossom over one thousand flowers. They also went to the China Rose Garden and Wenfeng Mountain. All participants praised the rose industry in Laizhou and expressed admiration to the China Rose Garden. They unanimously said that China Rose Garden is a leading special garden with a vast area, a full-range of rose varieties and advanced planting techniques. Delegates talked to experts from Laizhou China Rose Garden and hoped to establish long-term partnership to promote China’s Rose industry. Finally, they wished that the rose industry in Laizhou could grow bigger and better and Laizhou’s application for the world’s outstanding Rose Garden a full success, which would bring honor to China and fame to the city.

2. Successfully Held the Third Rose Cultural Festival

The 3rd Beijing Rose Cultural Festival was opened on May 26 in Beijing Botanical Garden. Tens of thousands of colourful roses of 1,200 varieties bloom in Beijing in the beautiful spring.

The rose is the city flower of Beijing. It blooms from May to October continuously. Now in Beijing’s the Second Ring Road, the Third Ring Road, the Fourth Ring Road and street greens, a large area of colourful roses are planted. They bring more colours to the city and a pleasant view to people. Beijing citizens and tourists from all over the world can enjoy the beautiful and fragrant roses without entering a park.

This Rose Culture Festival is themed as “Warm Rose, Romantic Date”. From May 26 to June 12 a variety of activities will be held: Firstly, “Rose Comes to Ten Thousand Households”, namely, 10,000 potted roses would be given to Beijing residents; secondly, rose knowledge publicity, which includes a variety of display boards, science windows in the Beijing Botanical Garden and Rose Garden to introduce knowledge and culture of the Rose; thirdly, senior party members are invited to the Botanical Garden to celebrate the season; fourthly, Mr. Zhang Zuoshuang, President of China Rose Association is invited to give a lecture on rose cultivation knowledge and rose culture.

The event is hosted by Beijing Gardening and Greening Bureau, Beijing Municipal Administration Center of Parks, Beijing Flower Association, and organized by Beijing Botanical Garden, Temple of Heaven Park, Taoranting Park and Beijing Flower World.

3. Successfully Held the Nanchang (Honggutan) Rose Cultural Festival

On September 28, the first Nanchang (Honggutan) Rose Cultural Festival, themed as "Admire City Flower, Love Nanchang and Celebrate the Festival", was opened.

Rose is Nanchang’s city flower. In recent years, the number of roses planted in Nanchang per year exceeded one million. The main venue of the first the Nanchang (Honggutan) Rose Cultural Festival was at Honggutan Riverside Rose Garden and other venues included all the major attractions in Honggutan New District.

Riverside Rose Garden is the first large Rose Garden in Nanchang. It connects Gan River Yuzhou Bay Wetland Park in the north and extends to Shengmi Bridge in the south, with a total length of over 1,000 meters and a total area of about 80,000 square meters. The North Park is the rose varieties display area while the South Park is Rose Culture Festival
exhibition area. Rose Garden has a wooden frame gallery and a Iron frame gallery of more than 600 meters respectively with over 20,000 roses being planted on both sides. There are over 100 varieties of 150,000 plants of large rose, miniature rose and Chinese rose. Riverside Rose Park will break the record in terms of scale and coverage of roses in the history of Nanchang.

The reporter also learned that both sides of roads with the iron railing fence in center area of Honggutan New District are planted with roses including, 290,000 climbing roses and 140,000 Chinese roses.

There are colorful activities at the First Nanchang (Honggutan) Rose Cultural Festival, including rare rose variety display, rose variety review and contest, rose cultural exhibition, rose publicity activities and a rose knowledge contest.

The committee also calls for photography works related to the event and sets up awards for the participants.

4. Nanyang Rose Cultural Festival

"The Second Rose Cultural Festival" was held in the Chinese rose hometown – Shiqiao Town, Nanyang, Henan province. In the morning at the bustling Cultural Square of Shiqiao town, people from all walks of life gathered to celebrate this cultural event. At the opening ceremony, folk art including lion dance and land boat performances attracted attention of many participants. The Rose Cultural Festival themed as “Rose tourism” provided a wide variety of activities, including fine rose varieties show, folk cultural performance, photography, painting and calligraphy exhibition, Rose Development Seminar, and Folk Music seminar. Visitors could also enjoy typical snacks. The event fully presents rich rose culture and non-material culture. It is another successful attempt of accelerating culture and tourism development led by Nanyang Municipal Government and Wolong District, under the guidance of the scientific concept of development after the local government adopts the “four-driving” important decision and strategic adjustment of economic structure. Mr. Wang Jibo, Party Secretary of Wolong District said in the opening ceremony that the aim of this Cultural Festival was to attract more investment projects and further spread the brand of Shiqiao Town, which is the Chinese Rose hometown and a place of rich history. The government would enhance the level of scientific and technological innovation, explore new methods and mechanisms of promoting agricultural tour and services so as to drive the local economy.

5. Strengthened the Exchanges with Foreign Counterparts in the Rose Industry

This year, we received President of World Federation of Rose Societies, former President of World Federation of Rose Societies and guests from American Rose Association, which greatly strengthened exchanges with our foreign counterparts.

6. Bid to host the World Rose Convention

After consultation with the Beijing Gardening and Greening Bureau, Daxing District in Beijing is willing to bid to host the World Rose Convention in 2018. If the bid is successful, it will be the first time for China to hold World Flower Convention. At present, the bidding preparation is well underway.
7. To Actively Organize the 2012 National Rose Show

With the consent of China Flower Association, the National Rose Show will be held in Sanya, Hainan province in 2012. At present, the preparation is smoothly going on.

8. Actively Help All Localities Build the Rose Garden

We actively help Daxing District and Tongzhou District in Beijing and Sanmenxia Henan province build the Rose Garden.

Chinese Rose Society
Zhao Shiwei - Secretary General

The Chinese Rose Society was established in November, 1986. It is based in Beijing. We have group and individual members. The members include rose lovers, amateur rose breeders, rose gardens, rose producers and rose professionals.

The Chinese Rose Society will bid to hold the 2018 World Rose Convention in Beijing. We hope that the World Rose Convention will, for the first time, come to China - one of the most important places in the world for species roses and heritage roses. If we win the right to host the convention we will build a new rose garden and will show our kindness and hospitality to all rosarians. The pre and post convention tours to rose gardens and wild rose fields will allow rosarians to experience the culture and rich species roses of China.

The 5th China national rose show will be held in Sanya, Hainan in December 2012. It will be the first time the show is held on a tropical island and in winter. During the show there will also be an international rose festival and a convention on this beautiful tropical island. We welcome rose friends from home and abroad to attend.

CALENDAR OF ROSE EVENTS - 2012

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Rosa Club

This year the 70th anniversary of the remorseless eradication of the village LIDICE as an act of Nazi revenge for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, the security police chief SS Obergruppenführer and deputy Reichs-Protektor of the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, by Czechoslovak parachutists on May 27, 1942, has been commemorated. A significant part of the LIDICE MEMORIAL (www.lidice-memorial.cz) is its ROSE GARDEN founded in 1955 in compliance with the idea of the British "Lidice will live" movement whose chairman was Barnett Stross, the member of the British Parliament. This idea was widely supported by many different countries sending thousands of rose plants. The rose garden was renewed in 2001 and its 9 acres are a good example of representative workmanship. The Czech Rosa Club intends to submit a proposal for nomination of Award of Garden Excellence on the next Convention 2015 at Lyon.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEST OF NEW ROSES AT HRADEC KRÁLOVÉ (www.rosetrial.cz), founded in 1975, organised the festive announcement of results of the 30th run of contest on June 16, 2012. The main trophy, Golden Rose of City Hradec Králové, has been awarded to the floribunda ˇCHERRY GIRLˇ (KORkosieb), W. Kordes' Söhne Rosenschulen, Germany.
On the long-ago initiative of the WFRS Specialised Conservation Committee (chairman Helga Brichet) a NATIONAL GENE POOL ROSE COLLECTION of roses bred by Czech and Moravian rose breeders was founded in 2006 in the premises of the Secondary Vocational School of Horticulture and Secondary Apprentice School at Rajhrad (www.skolarajhrad.cz) and another one in the Research Institute for Landscape and Ornamental Garden at Průhonice near Prague (www.vukoz.cz) in 2011. The plants were collected from a large number of Rose Nurseries in Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia and also from the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen. The Gene Pool Collection is still in a developing phase.
This year is due to the 190 anniversary of GREGOR JOHANN MENDEL´s birth very important not only for Czech Republic, but also for the whole world. Two Czech rose breeders honored Mendel by a rose:

![Image of a rose](https://example.com/rose1.jpg)

Jan Böhm ‘Genius Mendel’, TH, 1934


Photo: Jiří Žlebčík, www.ruze.wi.cz

We are very pleased that our Bulletin is exchanged with bulletins of more than ten members of WFRS. Actual data on the activities of our society are given in the World Rose Directory 2012 and on our web-pages www.rosaklub.cz (partly also in English) and www.rosetrial.cz (also in English and French).

Josef Thomas

President of the Czech Rosa Club
In Denmark there is an extraordinary interest in and exciting enthusiasm for "the queen of flowers" i.e. the rose, and a lot of time and energy is put in her favour. This passion for 'the queen of flowers" is manifested by the 2000 members of The Danish Rose Society (Det Danske Rosenselskab (DRS)) presently organized in 17 local branches throughout Denmark, working individually and in cooperation. Arranging meetings, exhibitions, tours and garden visits as well as inviting both national and international lectures to rose events is a core function, but first and foremost these 17 'rose' ambassadors work tirelessly to spread the happy tidings of roses.

To our fortune the deep interest in and care for roses is nurtured and lead by the encouragement and guiding inspiration honorary member of The Danish Rose Society HM Margaret II exhibits.

Also in the field of world-wide recognition Denmark puts itself on the map: With an annual production of 65 million roses and an impressive historical outline the Danish award winning company Poulsen Roser A/S is a unique 'lighthouse' among rose breeders. Established in 1878 the founder S. Poulsen introduced his first floribunda to market in 1911, and soon the "Little Red Riding Hood" encapsulated the perception as being the standard for Modern roses. Now fourth generation of rose breeders continues the remarkable work by Poulsen Roser A/S. All over the country one finds beautiful and pictures rose gardens, distinct landscaping with roses attached to the many castles and historic buildings, in the
cities and botanical gardens as well as by local specialized nurseries. In total the Danish rose nurseries offers a range of approx. 2000 different roses; sorts, botanical, historic and modern roses, which is quite unique.

At the 16th WRC, ROSAFRICA, October 2012 the Danish Rose Society will bid to host the 18th WRC in Copenhagen, 2018. This will be a first time opportunity for the WFRS to have a convention in the northern part of Europe. If we are to be the host country a number of well-known European rose breeders have agreed to help establish a brand new rose garden in Copenhagen – the green, clean capital of what several international surveys confirm as being “the happiest people in the world”. The pre and post convention tours will give delegates an opportunity to experience the roses and culture of our fairytale country as well as a part of Northern Germany and the other Scandinavian countries.

CALENDER OF ROSE EVENTS can be seen on our website www.rosenselskabet.dk in the menu AKTIVITERER – AKTIVITETSKALENDER (use Google translation-tool).

The Danish Rose Society magazine, *RosenNyt*, is issued in March, June, September and December.

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FRANCE
Societe Francaise des Roses ‘Les Amis des Roses’

PRESIDENT: Maurice Jay

Concerning the 17th world convention in 2015 the results in Vancouver (June 2009) were designating France and Lyon as organizers; It will be a great honour to welcome the World Rose Convention in France, this country which took a dominating place in the genetic progress of roses during the XIXth and XXth centuries.

Maurice JAY is becoming President of the Société Française des Roses in July 2009; he replaces Robert Catterini non-operating through a serious sickness.

The rose trials were the main activities of the year 2010 with Paris, Lyon, Saverne, Orléans, and more particularly this year NANTES celebrating the 20th anniversary of its fragrant Roses contest. On this occasion, I had opportunity and advantage to offer to the Nantes City for the BEAUJOIRE Rose Garden, the Garden Award attributed by the WFRS at the Vancouver World Convention.

During 2010 an original event was the « floralies » (floral exhibition) in Pau (France) with special reference to roses in 2010: one week in November to attend bunch shows, flower and music spectacles, flower shows of numerous cities in Europe etc; it was a very large success with about 50,000 visitors.

Rose Trials in 2011 were differently disturbed by the weather very particular and contrasted this year in Southern Europe: strong warmness and severe drought in spring with unfortunately violent storms in the middle of June, then a lot of rain in summer. The rose behaviour was very strange: full and very early flowering in May for a short time because of storms, scarce repeated flowering in the end of the summer. The international rose trials, numerous in Europe, were differently disturbed according to the local conditions but it was very difficult to exhibit attractive rose flower-beds to the International Judging panels.
The first painted wall (in the world) dedicated to the story of roses in Lyon area was inaugurated in Lyon on June 20th, 2011 in the presence of a number of VIP and a delegation of the American Heritage Rose foundation which celebrated its 25th anniversary in France.

A meeting of the WFRS Breeders’ Club took place in Lyon (France) on December 1st with the chairman, Gerald Meylan; many topics were approached and among the most important ones - Information about the rose cultivation assay in Shenzhen (China) for which the European breeders had sent a lot of varieties in order to compare their behaviour under a very particular latitudinal range.

In 2012 (beginning), the agreement about the donation-gift of Piaget Company (Geneva) for the whole restoration of gardens of the Malmaison Castle was signed with the Commissioner of the Castle.

During these three years we have given support and help of the “Société Française des Roses” to an extraordinary rose exhibition : Altera Rosa that holds every Ascension weekend in Avignon which welcomes in “Palais des Papes” : it is a fantastic presentation of roses grown in pots (about 3,000 rose plants), new roses which will be sold for the first time in the next fall season and which are presented 6 month before to the public about 20,000 visitors each year.

The last and general information concerns the preparation of the XVIIth WFRS Convention by France in 2015. The French organisation committee based on “Société Française des Roses”, “Société Lyonnaise d’Horticulture”, “Roses Anciennes en France” and “Municipality of Lyon” has already produced a lot of work and the main aspects of this convention are on the paper. A first presentation was made during the WFRS Executive Committee meeting in Geneva on June 2011 and a precise programme will be commented in Johannesburg 2012 October.

Maurice Jay

President

New website: www.societefrancaisedesroses.asso.fr
GERMANY

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The Rose Club of The Horticultural Society of Iceland.

President: Vilhjálmur Lúðvíksso

The Rose Club of the Icelandic Horticultural Society (RCIHS) is celebrating its 10 year anniversary in 2012. The membership has grown from 250 in 2008 to nearly 360 at the end of 2011. Samson B. Harðarson lecturer in landscape architecture at the Agricultural University of Iceland has been the chairman of the Rose Club since its founding in 2002. The formal anniversary was celebrated at the Annual Meeting on March 23th and participants were treated to a home-baked anniversary cake. The Rose Club also celebrated its anniversary by offering an open evening program in late February for all members of the Icelandic Horticultural Society presenting an overview of the experience in rose growing gained so far. The meeting was attended by about 100 members.

Activities

The Rose Club has kept quite active during this three year period. The Club annually offers to its members a special selection of interesting roses from international producers to choose from for trials in members gardens. The members place their orders in the fall, the roses procured during the winter are delivered in the spring. Regular activities include garden visits that are organized normally in late July. An annual call is issued in June for voluntary work in the trial garden established by the RCIHS on a barren hillside in 2005 in the forestry plantation of The Hafnarfjörður Forestry Society (see triennial report 2006-2008). Here the hardiness of these varieties is put to a harsh test. A report from the rose trials after first 4 years in the wild environment of Höfðaskógur was published in the 2010.

About 130 different varieties have been tested. It showed that varieties from the spinosissima-rugosa- and moyesii-groups have proven the most hardy ones. A number of rose varieties received from Finland after the Rose Club visited its Finnish sister organization in 2007 have proved very hardy and floriferous. Experience from private gardens shows that a number of Canadian rose varieties also are hardy, especially the varieties introduced by G. Bugnet, F. Svejda and F. Skinner. Many other Canadian Roses, however, while winter hardy apparently require higher summer temperatures than offered by the cool oceanic climate prevailing in Iceland.

As winters are rather warm on the average in Iceland tempered by the Gulf Stream it is clear that winter hardiness is not the only factor that determines survival. Climatic patterns in late winter and spring months play a major role as well as low summer temperatures. Local soils are often generated by the erosion over the last thousand years as fine grained silt that easily becomes waterlogged in the spring and suffers from drying out during the summer months losing its air content and thus the ability to sustain fine rose roots. Methods for soil improvement have been introduced and recommended to members and the public.

The annual favourite rose

The club members voted for their favourite rose for the first time in 2010. The Finnish originating *Rosa spinosissima* 'Juhannusmorsian' or "Midsummer bride" was the choice. In 2011 the vote went to the well known Canadian favourite 'Louise Bugnet'. Both are reliable in Iceland and the colour, form and scent of their flowers are celestial!

A new rose garden inaugurated

A new rose garden was established and opened in July, 2011 in Laugardalur Gardens, next to the Reykjavik Botanical Garden. This is a cooperative project between the Rose Club, The gardening division of City of Reykjavik Department of Environment and the Agricultural University of Iceland. The rosarium is dedicated in honour of Jóhann Pálsson, former director of Reykjavik City Gardens, and opened on his 80th birthday. Attendance at the inauguration ceremony indicated rising public interest in roses and progress made by the Rose Club. The rose garden is always open and freely accessible to the public. It is planted with rose varieties that have showed promise in trials of the Rose Club and members gardens in recent years.

The Nordic Rose Weekend 2012 in Iceland

The rose societies of all the 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 will celebrate 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 2010 Sweden hosted the Nordic Rose Weekend in Gothenburg. There Iceland agreed to host the event in 2012. On July 27th to 29th over 100 visitors from the 4 sister countries joined with about 40 members of the Icelandic Rose Club to enjoy three full days of conferencing, banqueting, visiting rose gardens and sightseeing in the rather exotic nature of Iceland. The Icelandic rugosa variety recently named 'Skotta' received considerable attention due to its hardiness, flower form and colour, strong scent and floriferous habit. Its only vice is its rather aggressive tendency to spread by root shots which accounts for her
name in Icelandic mean the one who literally shoots about. It is mainly suitable for large country gardens.

During the final event of the week, an outdoor grill held on the summer estate of the current chairman of the Nordic Rose Society Vilhjálmur Lúðvíksson, he passed the baton to Lauri Korpijakko chairman of the Finnish Rose Society which will host the event in 2014. The baton was now for the first time literally delivered physically in the form of a hand turned wooden capsule made from Icelandic mountain ash (rowan) (Sorbus aucuparia) which is of the rose family and considered a holy tree in Icelandic folklore. An engraved silver plate attached to the capsule says in Icelandic: *Kefli norrænu rósahegarinnar* - or in English translation: *The Baton of the Nordic Rose Weekend*. The hollow capsule is envisioned to contain a record (when, where and hosted by whom) of all Nordic Rose Weekends held from the beginning to this date. Information on Rose Weekends of the future will be added in due course as it is passed on between member countries.

**President:** Vilhjálmur Lúðvíksson
Year 2010, after the 1st All India Rose Convention that was held in 1978, Mumbai Rose Society hosted the 28th All India Rose Convention of IRF yes, it went off very well. The Convention and the show were very successful indeed even beyond our expectation, there were so many flowers, that there was a shortfall of containers. A total of 22 papers were put up at the Convention inspite of time constraints, which was formally inaugurated the Honorable Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Shri. Dilip Walse Patil and the Guest of Honour, His Excellency, Mr. Alexander V. Mantytsky, Consul General of Russia, the show was inaugurated by Mrs. Kavita Khanna, wife if Cine Star, Mr. Vinod Khanna and the prize distribution was at the hands of Mayor of Mumbai, Mrs Shradha Jadhav. All the Rose Societies affiliated with IRF held very successive Rose Shows

The 29th All India Rose Convention and Rose Show Organised by The Indian Rose Federation under auspices of the Amravati Garden Club, was held at Amravati from 14th to 16th January - 2011, Day one, as soon as one entered the venue, the air was filled with the fragrance of roses lingering in the air, I got myself registered and went to the hall where the participants were arranging the flowers. I was taken aback by the enthusiasm showed by the participants, there were roses from Jharkand, Nagpur, Pune, Karjat, Kolkatta, Chattisgarh and Amravati in every colour
and size, from Hybrid Tea to Miniatures, looking at the size and the quality of the blooms. I could deduce, that the task of the Judges will not be trouble-free. The inaugural ceremony was slated for 3.00 pm and Hon’ble Dr. Devisinghji Shekhawat, Ex-Mayor, Ex-MLA of Amravati and spouse of Her Excellency, President of India, Shrimati. Parithbha Patil, was the Chief Guest of the function, on his arrival the Chief Guest went around the rose show and was bewildered at the site of so many varieties of roses at display, one could see him smiling all the way and discussing roses only, this is the impact, the olfactory power of roses. A setback in this year was three local Societies became inactive, but surely we will sit down and resolve the issues, so that they are back in action.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by lunch, the 1st technical session started at 4.00 pm the organizers had set a theme “Rose Cultivation and Marketing” for small commercial rose growers and students. “Scenario of Rose Cultivation in India”, “Roses and Economy”. “Microorganism and Roses” for researchers and students. “Mycorrhiza and Roses”, Organic Rose Growing and effective Microorganism Effect” and “Hybridization / Rose Breeding” for rose breeders, The First Bloom and After”. 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 of 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 view 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 a air-conditioned enclosure, tall erect blooms were a sight to behold, with entries coming from all parts of India, the day belonged to “Carmousine” which was declared as the King of the Show and “Sophia Loren” adjudged as the Queen, day one belonged to roses only as the delegates, participants and viewers were just exchanging glances and discussing roses, His Excellency, Governor of Jharkhand inaugurated the show, he was bewildered at the sight of roses, ranging in different colors and size of excellent quality.

2010, 2011 and 2012, it was heartening to note that all the Rose Societies affiliated with IRF have been holding successive Rose Shows, with excellent participation from the local citizens, Industries and Government Departments.

Our planned programme is as follows for this year.

1. Making Indian Rosarians presence felt at Global Level specially the Breeders.
2. Reaching out to each and every rose grower (amateur / professional) across India, with a slogan “Let every home bloom with Roses”
3. Supporting Rose Dependent activities like Rose Attar, Rose water & Gulkand, etc
4. Strengthening of Rose Societies.
5. Involving Youth in the Indian Rose Federation activities.
6. Local Rose Societies to involve School and College children in Rose growing activities, under Environment Studies.

Arshad Bhiwandiwala
THE WOHL ROSE PARK OF JERUSALEM

2009

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Rose beds in Kibbutz Lavi in the district of Galilee
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The Annual Training Day - Pruning Roses – Amateur Workshop

April
Visit of the Governmental Botanical Gardens Committee in the Wohl Rose Park

May
Spring Blossom Tours in the Park

Visit of the Governmental Botanical Garden Committee

January
The annual Training Day - Pruning Roses – Amateur Workshop
Collecting old climbing roses from private gardens in the suburbs of Jerusalem

February
Training Day - Pruning Roses to the gardeners of the Jerusalem municipality

April
Lecture in the Hebrew University Botanical Garden on Mount Scopus, Jerusalem
Visit of Dr. Patrick White, WFRS Vice President (North America) and his wife, in the Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem

May
Spring Blossom Tours in the Park

July
Visit of the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Michael Baer in the Wohl Rose Park of Jerusalem

October
Advising in planning a new rose garden in the old (19th century) Templar Colony in Tel Aviv
Dr. Patrick White and his wife in front of 'Gloire des Rosomanes'

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Rose exhibition at the Agricultural Flower Show in Beit-Dagan
ITALY

Associazione Italiana della Rosa

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JAPAN

Japan Rose Society

Chief Executive Director : Takeo Nagata

In 2009, the Japan Rose Society marked its diamond jubilee, though no special celebratory events were organized.

It had been asking the Cabinet Office for the approval of its qualification as a Nonprofit Public Service Organization, and has been engaged in activities to be expected of such organizations, helping to open public rose gardens in parks in and out of the country, including the Shinjuku Imperial Park in Tokyo, and the Japanese Rose Garden in Park Coloma in Belgium, or donating roses to gardens in Japan. In April this year, the society obtained the approval of the Office, and renewed its determination to engage in activities for promoting the greening of cities and the love of roses among citizens.

The society co-sponsored the WFRS 12th International Heritage Rose Conference, which was held in Sakura City, Japan, in June this year. The report of this conference is elsewhere in the Triennial – under Conventions.

The Japan Rose Concours, the International Rose Trials sponsored by the society, and has been held in the Metropolitan Jindai Botanical Gardens since 1963, continues with entries of new roses from nurseries and private breeders in and out of the country. The results of this concours in the past three years, as well as those of the recently started International Fragrant Rose Contest held in Echigo Hillside Park, have been sent to the Federation, and will be reported on different pages of this Triennial Report.
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MONACO

ROSE SOCIETY OF MONACO

Under the patronage of HRH Prince Albert of Monaco and the Honorary President, HRH the Princess of Hanover, the Rose Society of Monaco was established in 2012 and accepted by the WFRS on 27 July 2012. Comprising roughly 100 members and presided over by Mr Yves G. Piaget, it joins the large family of rosarian friends of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

Up to the present time, its main activity has been the organisation of the International Rose Trials of Monaco. The first trials took place on 5 May 2012 and their particular characteristic is to present roses cultivated in containers, which have been in commerce for less than 5 years.

Other activities are planned for the future such as a pruning course, lectures, photo competitions, exhibitions, etc.

International Rose Trials 2012
A view of the Princess Grace Rose Garden, created in 1984 in Fontvieille Park, Monaco, presenting 5000 modern roses

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NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Rose Society Inc

www.nzroses.org.nz

‘To Implant Roses into the Hearts & Gardens of the People”

President: Mrs Eileen Wilcox of the Waikato Rose Society

The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc) is made up of 30 District Rose Societies (DRS) located throughout New Zealand.


South Island: Marlborough, Nelson, Westland, Canterbury, South Canterbury, North Otago, Otago, West Otago, Southland.

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

Total members: 1300.

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 live up to our motto which is “To Implant Roses In The Hearts and Gardens Of The People”
CONVENTIONS – International

The New Zealand Rose Society members who attended the Vancouver Convention had a wonderful time and many stayed on to see more of Canada. Members also attended the WFRS Regional Convention held in Changzhou, China and members will also be attending the Heritage Convention in Sakura, Japan and the WFRS Convention in Sandton, South Africa in 2012.

We also look forward to giving a warm kiwi welcome to overseas rosarians attending the WFRS Regional Convention ‘Roses down under – the kiwi experience’ November 22 to 28, 2013.

National -

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 it was in March 2010.

The Waikato Rose Society hosted the 2009 event in Hamilton in conjunction with Pacific Rose Bowl Festival. Special guests for the weekend were the President of the National Rose Society of Australia, Mrs Glynis Hayne and her husband Doug from Kiama, New South Wales.

The Westland Rose Society hosted the 2010 National Autumn Rose Show and Convention in Greymouth, on the South Island’s very scenic West Coast. A very small society, they did a magnificent job of hosting this event and rosarians from all over New Zealand travelled for a fun filled weekend.

In November 2010, the South Canterbury Rose Society hosted the National Spring Show and Convention in Timaru, held in conjunction with the Festival of Roses. WFRS President Mrs Sheenagh Harris of South Africa was the special guest for the weekend, accompanied by Mrs Norma Manuel of the Auckland Rose Society. Mrs Harris also visited private and public rose gardens in Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Timaru and Oamaru during her visit to New Zealand.

The 2011 National Spring Show was held in Gisborne, the first city in the world to see the sunrise each day. The local rose society with only a handful of members did a fantastic job in organising this event.

The 2012 National Spring Rose Show and Convention will be held in Levin from November 16 to 18 and the 2013 event held in conjunction with the WFRS Regional Convention, November 22 to 28, 2013.

Local:

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 complete for the Ranfurly Shield trophy. This is an inter society competition 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). We are lucky to have two rose trials in which we can see the latest new roses from rose breeders in New Zealand and around the world.

Awards -

Life membership of the New Zealand Rose Society was conferred on Mrs Lynley Neal in 2011. Mrs Neal has attended World Rose Conventions in Glasgow, Osaka and Vancouver.

The Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a District Rose Society was presented to Mrs Olwyn Hill (2009), Dr Joan Walton (2010), Michael Clarke (2011) and Doug Grant (2012)

In May 2010, at her 80th birthday luncheon, a special Royal National Rose Society Lifetime Achievement Award was made to the New Zealand Rose Society Patron Mrs Nola Simpson. WFRS Vice President for Australasia, Mr Peter Elliott presented the award on behalf of the Royal National Rose Society (United Kingdom). Sadly, Mrs Simpson passed away in June 2011 and this was a great loss to New Zealand rosarians.

The T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for service to the rose in Australasia has been awarded for 2011 to Mrs Norma Manuel of the Auckland Rose Society. Mrs Manuel will be known to many rosarians worldwide for leading the organisation of the WFRS Regional Convention held in Auckland 2004.

At the 2012 New Zealand Rose Society AGM, Mrs Lois Tabb of Christchurch was appointed as Patron of the New Zealand Rose Society. Mrs Tabb was a past Vice President (Australasia) of the WFRS, chairperson of the WFRS Conventions committee and convenor of the 10th World Rose Convention held in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1994.

Other Activities -

The New Zealand Rose Society redeveloped its website www.nzroses.org.nz in 2009. This has increased interest in roses and resulted in new members joining online. The society also has a presence on social media sites Facebook and Twitter.

Copies of our new publication ‘New Zealand Rose Review’ which is distributed to all members, has also been sold through the website. This publication contains information about new roses to grow in New Zealand. With the support of several rose nurseries advertising, it is hoped it will increase interest in growing roses, particularly the new varieties.

New Zealand also looks forward to welcoming overseas rosarians to our country in November 2013 for the WFRS Regional Convention to be hosted in Palmerston North by the Manawatu Rose Society. Further details are available on the NZRS website www.nzroses.org.nz.
New Zealand rosarians and particularly those from the Canterbury region have been heartened by the many messages of comfort and support following the devastating earthquakes around Christchurch since September 2010.

Hayden Foulds
NORTHERN IRELAND

Rose Society of Northern Ireland

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The Norwegian Rose Society was founded in 1982 and this year we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Our aim is to promote interest in and knowledge of garden roses.

NRS has a centrally elected board of six members from the Oslo area, seven local divisions and seven other contact people from all over Norway. Since 1992, a paid secretary has been contracted to ease the workload of board members. The membership has been stable at approximately 1,200 over the last three years. For some years the board constituted a collective leadership, but from 2012 Bodil Carlson was elected president. The paid secretary will end his duty October 1st, and his duties will be divided between members of the board.

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 member of the Nordic Rose Society, and has the opportunity to join the Nordic Rose Weekend every second Year.

The main Rose Show is held in Oslo in early July each year, and includes a competitive exhibition of roses in several classes. Several activities, and sale of roses and other garden equipment are important part of these “Rose days”. This event gathers about 1,600 rose lovers over two days, and is a welcome source of income for the Society.

A demonstration Rose Garden was founded in 1990 at Tomb Agricultural School, near Moss, south of Oslo. Its aim is to show the public a ‘Living Rose Catalogue’. Many new
varieties are sent to us for evaluation by well-known breeders in Europe every year, but many roses are also purchased. Today we have nearly 400 different varieties, including historic roses and the complete collection of roses from the only Norwegian breeder Arne Lundstad.

Members of the Norwegian Rose Society have the last three years participated in a project collecting gene samples of old and unknown roses. The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) has established a growing field for these rose samples, aiming to take care of old roses and make the best roses for commercial use.

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WEB-sides: http://www.norskroseforening.com

On the WEB-site you can follow the different activities carried out both centrally and locally.
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PRESIDENT: Maria Cantor

SOCITIES IN ROMANIA -

Alba, Arad, Arges, Bihor, Bucuresti, Cluj, Harghita, Maramures, Mures, Satu Mare, Salaj, Sibiu, Timis, Vrancea

Total number of members: 1750

Each spring we organize pruning demonstrations in most of our district societies. In this period there were organized in total 57 demonstrations with about 1800 members. The demonstrations are held by good specialists, who know very well the pruning techniques, in function of winter damages and rose classes (HTs, englishes, shrubs, climbers and so on).

Establishing of new rose gardens. In this period our association did help the establishing of new rose gardens. One of them is located in Satu-Mare, with over 100 varieties planted, being maintained by some of our members. The other, being located in a village, Locodeni, has only 57 varieties having the possibility for extension in the future. With these gardens our members can learn the varieties with their characteristics too. They are visited each year by the members to memorize the varieties.

Organizing of rose festivals. There are three locations where we organize yearly festivals.

One of them is the Aiud-Ciumbrud region, which is the greatest nursery zone of rose propagation in Romania. In this region more than 1 mil. of roses and about 1,5 mil. fruit trees are produced annually. In each last Saturday of June there is organized a festival which contains exhibition of rose varieties, flower arrangements, visit in the main nurseries, picture exhibition made by schoolers, all of them being followed by a meal and dancing.

The other festival-zone is the Vrancea Region, where, the festival is organized in each begin of June. There is a flower trial, symposium about main problems of rose-caring, exhibition of arrangements, presentation of several products made from roses and so on.
There are many participants, about 200 of each occasion, coming from several parts of the country.

**The third festival zone is in the western part of the country, near the city of Arad, in the village of Mandruloc.** Here was established the largest rose-garden of the country, having about 2400 species and varieties. This is a private garden, being established by eng. Mihaela Buzatu, an informatician who likes very much roses. Each begin of June there is organized a festival on which there are taking part many peoples from the western part of the country. Many schoolers from Arad and Timisoara are participating with pictures, photos, in an exhibition. There are folk-dancers, classical and folk-music orchestras giving short concerts. There is a good opportunity to visit the garden, to know the varieties by classes and to learn something about the caring of roses.

**Other activities.** We organized demonstrations of grafting and rose-propagation by cuttings and seeds (for root-stocks) on which participated about 350 peoples.

The former president (St. Wagner), visited the Slovenian Rose Society in autumn of 2009. He also contributed with three articles in the WRNews about the activities in the Slovenian and Hungarian Rose Societies and about his personal activities in the WFRS in the last 40 years. He visited the Hungarian Rose Society and donated some planting material from 7 new varieties, bred by himself, for the establishing of a new rose-garden which will be inaugurate in June 2, 2012.

The former president will participate at the Rome and Baden-Baden Rose trials as judge in May and June 2012.

Actual President: Mrs. Prof. Univ. Maria Cantor, PhD

Former President: eng. Stefan Wagner, PhD
RUSSIA

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SERBIA
Royal Serbian Rose Society

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SLOVAKIA

Rosa Klub

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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 ROSE SOCIETY IN 2009-2012

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

Last three years we prepared:

1 Workshops:

All planned training workshops for members have been carried out:

- trimming practical work was done in: Kostanjevica (Northern Primorska), Valdosta (Southern Primorska), Arboretum Volčji potok near Ljubljana

- new points of workshops are in the Botanical Gardens in Maribor and in renovated rose garden Tivoli in Ljubljana

2 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.

The most important programme last years are the guided tours for members in to rose gardens all over Europe. With Members we are visiting important European rose gardens, where we are meeting rose colleagues from other Rose Societies.

In 2009 we were in Lyon, 2010 we were in Austria in Wien and in 2011 we visited rose garden of Madeira. In late spring of 2011 we visited rose gardens of North Germany visiting Kordes and Tantau rose fields and this year we were in Umbria (Italy).

Such tours are the most important gatherings of members for propagation for Slovenian Rose Society.

3 Rose shows:

‘Walking among roses’ in the Valdoltra rosarium.

The Valdoltra rosarium is Society’s first roses collection and a training ground for all lovers of roses. The rosarium has been planted within the perimeter of the Orthopaedic Hospital of Valdoltra, whose management offers hospitality and sponsorship to our Society’s events. The collection is very important for the Society, because it is the collection of shrub roses from the rose garden of prof. Giancarlo Fineschi from Cavriglia, Italy.

The Nova Gorica section has successfully organized and carried out a Rose Show in their town.

‘The Slovenian Day of roses’ in the Arboretum Volčji potok is traditional event, held in early summer (3th week in June) the event is organized in the evening, and it is this warmly welcomed by the members.

The Ljubljana section is more and more active. The rosarium in Tivoli is renovated and we hope to finish it next year. The meetings with modern rose collection will be welcome by the members of whole Slovenia.
4. A new rose variety:

In 2009 it was finished the registration of the first Slovenian rose 'Prešeren', named after the Slovenian greatest poet. The rose was created by Dr. Matjaž Kmecl, an amateur rose breeder. The rose is registered with the Plant Variety protection and Registration Office. It will be the mission of the Society to see to it that this rose is planted in members' and other rose lovers' gardens.

5 International activity of DLVS (Slovenian Rose Society):

Slovenian Rose Society participates in the WRFS from 2004 and keeps regular contacts with its members and its president.

Slovenian representatives are the members of international juries on Trials of rose garden in Europe and other parts of the world.

We participate on Trial in Monza (Italy) every year; we participate on Trial in Baden Baden, in Barcelona in park Cervantes.

Slovenia was represented and participated on the World Rose Convention in Vancouver, Canada in June 2009.

Slovenian Rose Society was honoured to host the president of WFRS Ms Sheenagh Harris in May 2010.

We spent nice rose days in Slovenian Rose Gardens and Collections with the President. In rose garden Valdoltra, she prepared interesting lecture about roses in South Africa for our members and she visited the important collection of Bourbon roses in Kostanjevica. We ended the pleasant visit in Portorož with roses in their park.

Breda Čopi
President of the Slovenian Rose Society
Koper, September 2012
SOUTH AFRICA

Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa

PRESIDENT: Stefanie Seydack  2010 –
Jeanne Stoltz 2008 - 2009

Members: approx. 800

South Africa is a large country covering about 1.2 million square kilometres (471008 square miles); with a population of just over 50 million people. Approximately three-quarter of this country is either arid (the Karoo biome with a mean annual rainfall of about 200 mm) or semi-arid (with mean annual rainfall varying between 400-700 mm experienced in many savanna, grassland, fynbos and thicket bioregions) and not really conducive to rose growing unless sufficient water can be supplied. Rainfall occurs in winter in the western Cape fynbos areas, but most of South Africa is subject to summer rainfall. Rose growing in each of these regions has its own challenges.

The Federation presently consists of 7 active Rose Societies that are spread across the country and each is focusing on their own challenges to rose growing; often climate related. Membership numbers of the societies vary between 23 and 260. Members are keen to help new and old rose growers and lend a helping hand to every rosarian in need.

ROSA has guided local rosarians through interesting times during the past three years. Not only intensified work ensuring the success of the ROSAFRICA 2012 convention, but we, like the rest of the world, had to be content with a deteriorating economic climate and variable weather patterns. Declining income and drought are not conducive to a care-free existence for struggling rosarians or their beloved plants.

Each Society holds annual events like pruning demonstrations, garden visits and rose-related talks and presentations. I do not want to list all these recurring events for each year – I rather focus on special events and would like to introduce each Society in that way.
2009

A team of 8 South Africans attended the 15th WFRS Convention in Vancouver, Canada in a group led by Sheenagh Harris.

The Free State Rose Society hosts undoubtedly the biggest rose show in the country with up to 600 entries. This event always takes place in spring, usually at the end of October, in the capital of the province, Bloemfontein (situated within Highveld grasslands, receiving about 500 mm mean annual rainfall). Bloemfontein is also called the ‘City of Roses’ as their climate is the best in the country for growing roses. A good winter ensures dormancy while sunny spring and summer days take care of the roses needs to supply good blooms. Water is relatively freely available, thus ensuring wonderful rose gardens.

The Gold Reef Rose Society, situated in Johannesburg (Highveld grasslands and bushveld savanna: 500-700 mm mean annual rainfall), celebrated its 21st Anniversary. This occasion was commemorated with a wonderful luncheon to honour the event. All major role players were invited to share their stories they had experienced during their time with the Society.

The Knysna Rose Society (with its members living in a coastal area characterized by a mosaic of fynbos and forests receiving rainfall of between 600 and 800 mm per annum) took the leap and changed their show schedule from a colour class into an alphabetical one. Knysna holds the second biggest rose show in the country with entries ranging between 300 and 500 in about 26 classes. The show takes place in autumn, usually in April of every year.

The Heritage Rose Society is a rose society that caters for the whole of South Africa but as the name states, specialises in Old Garden Roses. Their members decided that it was time to establish a ‘Heritage Rose Sanctuary’ in Bedford (in the Eastern Cape; with vegetation ranging from subtropical thickets to grasslands and savanna, with annual rainfall means generally between 400-800 mm). The decision was taken to base the initial collection of roses that were represented in the well-known book of Gwen Fagan, “Roses at the Cape of Good Hope”. A site was chosen in Bedford and work started for the layout of the sanctuary.

The Northern Rose Society withdrew from ROSA.

The Northern Natal Rose Society closed down.

Sadly, South Africa lost two well known rosarians during this year.

PHYLLIS KOLBE (1919 – 2009) joined the ROSA Council in 1971 and worked tirelessly for the rose world till her retirement in 2000. She travelled to World conventions and was more than happy to share her knowledge of roses.

HEATHER LEPPAN (1937 – 2009) was well known for her work with old roses and her passion for them. Heather’s dream was to have a Heritage route through the Eastern Cape.
2010

The **Western Cape Rose Society** caters for the greater Cape Town area. Apart from Table Mountain which towers 1085m (3558ft) above the city, most of the area lies just above sea level. Cape Town is at the heart of several particularly species-rich fynbos bioregions; experiencing winter rainfall generally between 400 and 700 mm per annum. The Western Cape Rose Society is the only one in South Africa to have access to a ‘Club House’ with a trial ground garden. Sadly the trial grounds became defunct in 2005. In 2010 the society negotiated with the City of Cape Town, who pays for the maintenance of the garden, to have the grounds better managed.

The **Midlands Rose Society** caters for rose growers in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal. Their members produced an exceptional stand at the Sunday Tribune Garden and Leisure Show. The society is based in Pietermaritzburg (Escarpment grasslands and savanna: 750-800 mm per annum). Although their members are widely spread they are very active and each year put together a stand as mentioned above.

The **Heritage Rose Society** came closer to fulfil their plans for a Heritage Rose Sanctuary. Land for the sanctuary was found and plans drawn up.

**ROSA** held its bi-annual Convention in Knysna this year **GARDEN ROUTE 2010**. The young 4 year old **Knysna Rose Society** was the proud host and KORDES, Germany, was kind enough to present a rose that was named ‘Knysna’; mediated through Ludwig Taschner, well-known South African rosarian and nurseryman.

Unfortunately the **Natal Rose Society**, based in Durban at the time, fell apart and could not be resurrected. However, we are still keeping an eye out for rosarians who might be up to the challenge of starting it again.

The **Gold Reef Rose Society** had a visit from well known Merv and Wendy Trimper from Australia.

Eleven South Africans under the leadership of Sheenagh Harris attended the Regional convention in Changzhou, China – Peace and Harmony.

Alan Tew, retired President of the Knysna Rose Society and previously Gold Reef Rose Society was awarded the Zoe Gilbert Merit Award.

Sheenagh Harris was invited to Australia to unveil the sculpture of World renowned Emeritus Past President of the WFRS, David Ruston. - a great honour for South Africa and ROSA.

Three well known rosarians died during 2010 —

Des Wright (1942 – 2010) Des joined the Natal Rose Society in 1977 and was President of ROSA from 1990 to 1992 and 2006 to 2008. He received the Zoe Gilbert Merit Award and the President’s award and was an outstanding rose judge. He was a successful amateur rose breeder and WFRS Vice President for Africa from 2003 to 2006.

Egmont Behrens (1910 – 2010) Egmont was a founder member of the Rose Society of South Africa which started in 1962. He attended a number of International Rose
conventions travelling with a group from South Africa. In 2006 he was awarded the WFRS World Rose Award.

Esther Geldenhuys (1924 – 2012) Esther started the Free State Rose Society and was President of ROSA 3 times. She was well known for her magnificent rose garden, Randfontein and the book she wrote – ROSES. She was awarded the Zoe Gilbert Merit Award in 1996 and was VP for Africa twice, as well as being Editor of WRN for a two year term of office. Esther led a number of tours to International conventions.

In 1996 she was presented with the WFRS Gold Pin award.

2011

The Southern Cape Rose Society is based around Mossel Bay. This is the smallest Society of the Federation. Despite its size it managed again to hold a beautiful rose show as part of a larger spring flower show. Mosselbay is not far from Knysna (only about 90km) and lies on the same coastal stretch.

The Western Cape Rose Society made headway with the ‘trial ground’ and managed to have rose bushes replaced and the irrigation system upgraded. After many years of not holding a rose show they managed to encourage their members to again stage a small show in October. This will without any doubt grow into a big event in years to come.

During the past three years the well-known rosarian and rose breeder Ludwig Taschner created and released the following roses onto the local market. Hybrid Teas: Arlene (LUDtwosuns), Fabulous Rita (LUDvirsnow), Thula (LUDsubojuijo), SA Garden (LUDsheitan,), Cordwallis (LUDplygar). Furthermore a Shrub rose with HT like blooms: Sungardends Hospice (LUDkempiston) and a lovely Miniflora Jadine LUDkathagoli. Ludwig Taschner furthermore provides helpful advice to South African rosarians and helps to sort out problems related to rose-growing. He also generously assists many rose societies with donations of cut roses in order to support rose shows and other related events.

South Africa is very privileged and honoured not only being the home country of the current WFRS President, Sheenagh Harris, but also hosting the 2012 WFRS World Convention – ROSAFRICA 2012.

Sheenagh Harris travelled a lot in her capacity as WFRS President but never forgot to represent our country at the same time. Not only did Sheenagh give many rose-related talks around the country, but she and Jackie Kalley published a book at the end of 2011, entitled “Veld, Vlei and Rose Gardens” – a collection of South African rose gardens.

Considerable effort went into the organising of ROSAFRICA 2012, under the leadership of Sheenagh Harris and Di Girdwood. Many hurdles were overcome and many avenues were followed in order to ensure its success. I would like to thank everybody involved for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm.

Sheenagh Harris took the liberty of adding important information to this report.
SPAIN

Asociacion Espanola de la Rosa

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The Swedish Rose Society has nearly 1200 members organized in fifteen local groups/societies located from the south, Syd Rosen in Helsingborg, to the north of Sweden, Hallborosen in Hudiksvall. In 2009 and 2010, two new groups started, one on the west coast and one on the island of Gotland. This pleases us especially as Gotland is known as the "Island of Roses" because of the good growing conditions for roses. But even on Gotland, the most sensitive roses are grown in greenhouses, such as Rosa banksiae lutea in Anders Andersson’s greenhouse.
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 celebrates 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 develop this further through our website and our rose database. In 2010-2011, the society started a new website which we will continue to develop.

During the period 2009-2012, many of our members participated 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., take 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. At the beginning of July 2011 we saw the roses grown on experimental fields for the first time, not only in the places where we found them.
In July 2012 a regional clone archive was opened in the Rosenlund rosarium, Jönköping. The curator is Björn Kalin. Since earlier there is the Cultural Botanical Garden in Lycksele, with Marianna Mattsson as curator. And in 2012 a regional clone archive was planted in Gothenburg rosarium. Below are some examples of found roses.

Örträsk

'Örträsk' (Rugosa Group) from the Örträsk village in Lapland in northern Sweden. It is also available under the name "Örtelius" after Viktor Örtelius, the first to grow this rose. In the 1990s, this rose was grown in the Arboretum North and has since been in commerce. It is probably a hybrid between a double rugosa rose and Rosa majalis. This rose is hardy and can be grown in northern Sweden and Iceland.
“Olivias ros”

This rose was found at Sandvik on the island of Orust and was named "Olivia's rose" by the family that had owned it for many years. It was named after a grandmother, Olivia, who died in 1940. But the rose was grown at Sandvik long before that. In the old days the family grew mostly utility plants, but this rose was grown because it was beautiful, for flair and beauty.

“Olivias ros”, Sandvik, Orust, Sweden Photo Henny Johansson

"Kungälvsrosen"

From Valsäng on Tjörn we got this rose in 2005. It is called "Emma's rose" after a grandmother. Before that the rose was planted at Habo in the Jönköping area. Other names are "Västgöta Rosen" and "Rose of Cambridge." The rose was sent to England for identification and the family also had a name for it: Rosa centifolia anemonoides. The rose project has received similar roses from several locations in western Sweden, including Gothenburg, Kungälv ("Kungälvsrosen" in Gothenburg rosarium) and from several locations in Hisingen. It is also common in the rest of Sweden. The rose is similar to Rosa gallica, but its habit is slightly weaker, it completely lacks thorns and has no rough strains. The flowers are cupshaped, with very nice scent, the hips are similar in form to Rosa gallica hips.

"Emmas ros", Valsäng, Tjörn, Sweden Photos Henny Johansson
**Nordic Rose Weekend 2010**

In 2010 the Swedish Rose Society organized the biennial regular Nordic Rose Weekend. The event included a three-day programme of lectures and visits to public and private gardens in the area around Gothenburg. Responsible for the event that year was our local group, Gothenburg Rose Society. The Garden Society park also has the largest rosarium in Scandinavia, the Gothenburg Rosarium. The rosarium was founded by Göte Haglund and opened in 1987 and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. Kordes, represented by Thomas Proll, assisted with a rose that was named after the founder, ‘Göte Halglund’ ('Black Forrest Rose'), a beautiful red floribunda rose. Prior to 2008, underwent the Garden Society park and the rosarium a major renovation, over looked by the landscape architect Ulf Nordfjell. It was part of the exhibition Gothenburg Edens 2008th. Next time Sweden is organizing The Nordic Rose Weekend is in 2020. As we hope to have the chance to view one of our other fine rose gardens for our Nordic rose friends!
SWITZERLAND

Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Rose Society

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URUGUAY
Asociacion Uruguaya de la Rosa

PRESIDENTS:

2008 to 2009   Marita Costa de Lindner
2010 to 2011   Rosario Algorta de Carrau
2012 to 2013   Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira

BRANCHES:

Eastern Branch - Punta del Este, Maldonado
Western Branch in Dolores, Soriano
Friends of the Rose in Tarariras, Colonia
Northern Branch in Tacuarembó, Tacuarembó
Number of members:  500

Name of Presidents:    2008-2009 Maria C. Lindner
                           2010-2011 Rosario Algorta de Carrau
                           2012-2013: Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira
2009

April  Visit to private parks of roses

May    Designing modern gardens using roses by Susana Estevez

June   Pruning workshop at different member houses with Luis Carrau, Octavio Sciandro and Michael Berger

June   Maria C. Lindner, President 2009 travelled to the Convention with a group of members.

August Lecture “Rose tips for success” by Mrs. Esther Machado

September Power Point presentation “Do we plant floribundas or rugosas” by Dr. Stella Ruiz de Mondueri

October Visit to a private garden and Basket presentations by Mrs. Hildegard Gmeiner

November Rose Show
December  Final Assembly and annual outing to Mrs. Mercedes Villar’s house in Solis, Maldonado.

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April  Lecture on *Methods for Identifying Roses* – Lyda Chevallier-Boutell
May    Power Point on *Sangerhausen Rose Garden* - Anne Engel.
Rosario Algorta de Carrau, President of the Jury at the
International Rose Trials in Madrid

Rosario Algorta Carrau attended International Rose Trials in Rome and La Tacita as a member of the International Jury.

Sheenagh Harris, Jill Bennell, Ann Bird and Rosario Algorta Carrau attend the International trials in Rome

June

Power Point on *Roses for Patios and small gardens* - Marita Lindner.

On 18 June the Western Branch was inaugurated on Dolores: Jean Pierre Hounie and Rosario Algorta de Carrau presented Power Power Points on *Roses that do well in Uruguay* and *Classification of Roses*.

July

Power Point on *Giverny’s Garden and its roses* - Silvia Corradi

August

Nilda Crivelli, WFRS Vice President for South America gave a presentation on *China’s Regional Convention*.

September

*Feng-Shui for the Gardens* - the Arch. Claudio Melloni
**October**  *Baskets with Roses and garden flowers*  
by Pamela Corbett

**November**  Annual Rose Show at the Cottage Hotel

**December**  Tour to the farms of Carol Brown and Hortensia Von Metzen, full of beautiful roses followed by lunch at the Nursery of Octavio Sciarro and General Assembly. After lunch two gardens were visited in Punta del Este.

**April**  Welcome at the President's home and Autumn Garden tour in Montevideo.

**May**  Flower Something More arrangements – arrangements - Roses and something more by more by - Rosemarie Symonds

**June**  “Planting and reproduction of Roses” by Jean Pierre Hounie
July  Pruning demonstration by Michael Berger, Luis Carrau and Danny Esquivel

August  Round table on “Feeding & Health” by M Berger, L Schandy and M Lindner

September  Explanation on imported varieties of roses by Christel Vidal

October  “Roses & Wine” visit to a Winery and then to Scholderle’s Nursery.

October 31 to November 4 We received the visit of Mrs Sheenagh Harris, President of the WFRS, Mr. Donald Ballin, Past President of the American Rose Society and Mrs Nilda Crivelli, Vice President of the WFRS for South America. We travelled to the Western Branch in Dolores where Sheenagh and Don gave lectures.

Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Don Ballin and Sheenagh Harris at Hostal del Espinillo – Dolores. ‘Pierre de Ronsard’ making a wonderful show

Then we visited Rosemarie Symonds farm, where we enjoyed its wonderful park and a delicious barbecue.
We drove to Montevideo, where we had a Welcome cocktail with the Board of the Uruguayan Rose Society at the President’s home. Next morning we visited the Eastern Branch in Punta del Este, where Sheenagh and Don gave lectures and had lunch at the Punta del Este Yacht Club overlooking the harbour. Afternoon visit to rose gardens in the area. Sheenagh, Don and Nilda were also judges at our Annual Rose Show at the Cottage Hotel which was full of roses, around 700 entries.

Next morning Don Ballin spoke to the Judges of the Uruguayan Rose Society about Guidelines for Judging Roses and Sheenagh travelled to Chile with Rosario Algorta, who was also invited.

**December** Annual General Assembly and change of authorities.

**2012-2013: PILAR DE ARTEAGA DE PEREIRA**

**April** Welcoming members for a new season and visiting members gardens

**May** Power point presentation by Mrs Gabriela Casares “Landscaping with Roses”

On the 11th May the North Branch in Tacuarembó was officially inaugurated
The President Mrs. Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira attended the Chelsea Flower Show invited as Observer Judge in Roses

The rest of the year is planned as follows.

**June**  
Lecture “Roses for different places” by Jean Pierre Hounie

**July**  
Lecture “Succeeding with Roses” by Mrs. Rosario Carrau

**August**  
Power point presentation “Floribundas and Polyanthas” by Mrs. Silvia Gutierrez de Cibils

**September**  
“Artistic presentation of roses” by Mrs. Rosemarie S. de Chilibroste

**October**  
Practical explanations on “How to exhibit roses in the show” by Mrs. Pilar de Arteaga de Pereira and Mr. Michael Berger

**ROSE GARDEN CONTEST**

**November**  
Rose Show and annual outskirt visiting a private garden
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And we continue as on November 2, Rosario Carrau comes back to introduce Mr. Donald Ballin who explained Grooming Roses for the exhibition together with the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, Ms. Sheenagh Harris, to speak about Gardens in South Africa and the Rosáfrica 2012 Convention. After the conferences, we were invited by Octavio Sciandro to visit emblematic gardens of Punta del Este finishing the tour at the Monte Rojo Nursery to share tea with all members.

On November 16, we travelled to Colonia to visit two different styles wonderful gardens. First to Tarariras, where we were received by Elba Corral de Simson who gave us a tour explaining and answering our questions. Afterwards we were received by Isabel de Alzaga de Anchorena who also accompanied us all the way and told the history of the place, in both cases paying special attention to the Roses.

We finished the year with a luncheon at the farm of our associate Ana Ma Dolciotti, in San Carlos, on a beautiful day, surrounded by roses, friends and celebrating and preparing for 2012 where we will continue with our passion for roses.

Octavio Sciandro.
Chairman.

YEAR 2011 REVIEW  - Friends of Tarariras A.U.R

Asociación Amigos de las Rosas, is a civil nonprofit Association, created on March 1994, in the city of Tarariras, Colonia. It is formed by a group of friends, all "soul gardeners" to promote and spread the love of plants, especially roses. We meet the third Saturday of each month to share knowledge and experience in growing roses. We visit gardens and nurseries. We have speakers that guide us in caring for them. We note that our goal is trying to share teaching experiences, build and maintain the garden on the grounds of the Association. We have a reference library. In spring we have a rose show but do not compete and we are associated to the Uruguayan Rose Society. During 2011 following activities took place:

March, Welcome and Presentation program, April Flowers for each season by Elizabeth Malan, May Grafting technique by Olga Arenas and Elba Corral, June Garden maintenance by Miguelete Group, July Pruning, August What’s new in roses by Octavio Sciandro, September Classification of old roses by Elba Corral, October Visit to Members’ gardens, November Assembly and election of new authorities.

We travelled to Maldonado to Susana Machado’s garden who guided us explaining the management of the garden; we visited the exhibition of the East Branch and the nursery and gardens of Octavio Sciandro. It was a pleasure to walk by the beds of roses, listening to their history, his love and care for each one of them. We want to share a significant fact, our Association is about to celebrate its 20th anniversary. Hoping to remain busy, with the spirit in which it was created "share and learn about our beloved roses."

MICHELIN MABEL SOLOMON – PRESIDENT
YEAR 2011 REVIEW - A.U.R. West Branch

The Uruguayan Rose Society – West Branch, was founded in the city of Dolores on the 18th June 2010.

The first meeting was held at the Hostal del Espinillo with the presence of the President of the Asociación Uruguay de la Rosa, Mrs. Rosario Algorta de Carrau. We had 35 members attending from different places of the region (Tarariras, Carmelo, Ombúes Lavalle, Canada Nieto, Mercedes and Dolores).

The President gave a lecture on “The ABC of Rose” and donated a copy of The American Rose Society Handbook for our library. Jean Pierre Hounie talked about needs and care of Roses.

The Board of Directors 2010 - 2011 (Founders) are:
President:: Ana Maria Erro de Aenlle
Vice-Chair: Mary Lilliam Amondarain
Secretary: Rosalia Cerchi de Besozzi
Pro Sec.: Carolina Oyharzábal de Pioli
Treasurer: Silvia Aunchayna
Pro Treasurer: Maria Cristina Fernandez de Banchero.
Hospitality: Alicia Lapitz de Arvelo and Gilda Caulín
Librarian: Virginia Vilas LaFranchi,

During 2010 and 2011 we had the following lectures:
Jean Pierre Hounie “Requirements of Roses” and “Planting Roses”
Guido Ibarguren “The Perfect Flower Bed”
Rosemarie S. de Chilibroste “Roses and Their Origins” and “Classification”.
Octavio Sciarro “Pruning”.

On October we had the visit of the President of the WFRS Mrs. Sheenagh Harris and Mr. Donald Balin.
Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc. continues to be an active society, consisting of 17 regions and 660 financial members, each receiving four journals per year. Included in each journal over the last 18 months have been surveys which encouraged members to express their thoughts to help guide the decisions made by the Executive Committee. In turn the Executive has encouraged regions to commit to planting heritage roses in public gardens. This necessitates regions working alongside city councils and local bodies to ensure that roses remain a feature of public plantings for people to enjoy for many years to come. Interest from our investments has been targeted for the project, with many regions taking up the challenge. Next summer we expect heritage roses to give pleasure to many.

Changes to the HRNZI Constitution objects were undertaken at the last AGM.

The two important additions were that the executive undertake activities to ensure members are given the opportunity to learn more about heritage roses, i.e. education. And secondly that conservation of heritage roses becomes an acknowledged focus of the society.

In celebrating its 32nd year Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc. under the current National Executive based in Otago, has taken up these two challenges with enthusiasm. Firstly, planning is well under way to host the first HRNZI National Conference. Surprising as this may sound, New Zealand has hosted three International Heritage Roses Conferences in Hawera, Christchurch and Dunedin, but never a national conference. The 2012 conference is to be hosted in Dunedin from 30 November through to 2 December. The focus of the conference is on the heritage roses New Zealand has lost in the past 200 years (our entire rose growing history), what we can do about this, and to establish ways members can track down and save our forgotten beauties. A forum is planned to debate this issue and registrants are invited to forward their questions to the panel.

Our conference opening features David Ruston with his highly acclaimed floral demonstration. Gregg Lowery and Peter Boyd are the key speakers and their attendance has our members buzzing with excitement. Two other main speakers are Murray Radka, a passionate collector of heritage roses, especially those no longer available through the catalogues, and Fiona Hyland, our and your editor, who will speak on the collections at the Dunedin Northern Cemetery.

A pre-conference tour, a two day tour to Southland, includes Invercargill’s Jessie Calder Garden, winner of the prestigious HRNZI plaque for a significant collection of historic roses in a public garden. A post-conference tour to Central Otago will visit Murray Radka’s vast heritage rose collection.

The programme and the registration form are on our website www.heritageroses.org.nz

Our HRNZ objective of recognising valued members in the form of awards or presentations is again being actioned. Members have been asked to nominate a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of heritage roses for the prestigious Nancy Steen Award. The previous recipients are Sally Allison and the late Trevor Griffiths. Two other awards, recognising a planting of ‘a significant collection of heritage roses in a public
garden’ and members who have contributed in an outstanding manner to promote the society, are also awaiting nominations. These awards will be announced and presented at the conference.

The current HRNZI Scholarship is Ann Chapman recipient. This scholarship was set up to promote research into aspects of heritage rose growing in NZ. Ann’s research has targeted the work of the late Ken Nobbs, a founder of HRNZI and breeder of many ramblers. Ann has been tracking his lost roses and researching the missionaries he named his roses after. A presentation of the research will be presented at the conference.

‘Project Rescue’ has been initiated in the form of ‘the NZ National Register of Heritage Roses’. In recent years heritage rose lovers in New Zealand have become increasingly aware of a looming crisis in the supply and security of the plants they love. For many years New Zealand has been blessed with a rich source of supply from numerous propagators and the knowledge and experience from our own internationally recognised rosarians. In our complacency it has taken some time to accept that both the supply and the experience are no longer as robust or secure as we have come to expect. Nursery businesses have closed down, import biosecurity measures have tightened dramatically, collections have disappeared, and many of our respected rosarians have retired or died.

In response to the crisis in 2011, National Executive set up a group to formulate and set in action a plan to save roses. Although this group has met just a few times, progress has been very heartening. There are three major goals to our rescue plan: discovery, rescue, and distribution. To these ends our first endeavour has been to establish a ‘New Zealand Register of Heritage Roses’ to record roses known to be in New Zealand, currently or historically, along with their current locality, where known.

Progress has been excellent. All members have been canvassed through our journal, the problem outlined and support requested. To date most of the rose collections in the South Island have been catalogued, or are scheduled to be recorded, by the end of this year. Some private collections have been catalogued as well. We have already discovered a large number of roses that are rare and commercially unavailable.

Our second goal is to rescue the rare roses. Our philosophy is that we don’t want any roses to be rare and endangered in New Zealand. We aim to achieve this by ensuring rose varieties are growing in a number of locations around the country. We have made great progress this season by collecting budwood from more than one hundred rare varieties and sending them to be propagated. The budwood has been donated from public collections, nurseries, and individuals.

The third goal of our plan will be actioned down the track when new plants of rare varieties have been propagated, and are made available to members and the general public. To ensure that we don’t find ourselves in another crisis of supply in a few years time HRNZ has adopted a new role. We will take control of our roses. Propagators who are offered our budwood will agree that it has value to us and we have a claim to it. They will be asked to agree that they do not delete any of our varieties or destroy the mother plants without informing us and allowing us to take the plant material back.

To ensure that less commonly grown varieties survive we will choose designated people and locations around the country to grow these varieties, and request Convenors within each area monitor their health and survival.

Finally, we recognise that our greatest security lies in the health and variety of roses within public collections and so are building strong relationships with Botanic Garden and City
Council staff throughout New Zealand, with the aim of encouraging wider rose plantings and mutual support to maintain the health and vigour of the collections. Excellent progress towards this goal has already been made in the South and the managers of several collections have shown real gratitude, and even relief, to have our support and expertise. We look forward to the day when we can place and replace rare roses in public collections where they can hold our budwood.

We believe this project will be ongoing. The rose register will be a living document which we expect will continue to grow. Over time we hope to see many more public collections of roses throughout New Zealand and are also hopeful that, with the added information and publicity this project brings, our members can be encouraged to become more adventurous with varieties they themselves choose to grow.

I feel Heritage Roses New Zealand is in good heart. By keeping our members informed and involved, by using publicity at every opportunity, and by continuing to plant heritage roses in public gardens, I believe this surge of interest will spark the public's enthusiasm to save our treasures.
I wish to acknowledge the assistance of Murray Radka to prepare this report.

Fran Rawling
President HRNZI

The Trevor Griffiths Rose Garden

The address of the garden is 1 Virtue Avenue, Timaru at Caroline Bay. Administered by the Timaru District Council, PO Box 522, 2 King George Place, Timaru, telephone 03 6877200. History of Rose Garden – taken from information boards in the gazebo.

“This Garden was established by the Timaru Beautifying Society to honour renowned South Canterbury rose grower, world authority on old roses and author, Trevor Griffiths. Nan Raymond, President of the Timaru Beautifying Society 1992 – 2002 envisaged the original concept believing that the life long work of Trevor Griffiths and his love of old roses should be celebrated in this way. Christchurch architect, Sir Miles Warren designed the garden, and Trevor’s son and daughter-in-law, Bevan and Liz Griffiths, planted all of the 1200 roses. For two years they had prepared and nurtured 600 rose cuttings donated by Trevor Griffiths from his own collection. Modern specimens bred by English Rosarian, David Austin, grow with the early varieties. Generous support from the local community has contributed to the completion of the garden which has been gifted by the Timaru Beautifying Society to the citizens of the district for all to enjoy. The Trevor Griffith Rose Garden was opened by Her Excellency the Governor General of New Zealand, Dame Silvia Cartwright, on 10 December 2001.”
THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

This is a new innovation for the Triennial as there has been much talk about where the WFRS will go in the coming years. With enormous advancement in technology making communication easier and more and more people unable to give of their time voluntarily to the running of this organisation, are finances going to be a problem? Is the younger generation going to come forward and carry on the traditions of the founders, etc?

I am grateful to Jackie Kalley, WFRS VP for Africa, for this initiative to bring a new section to the triennial. Six high profile members of the WFRS were asked to contribute and the contributions follow.

ETHEL FREEMAN

The World Federation of Rose Societies has steadily grown and prospered since its creation in 1968 and now embraces 38 active member countries. It holds successful world conventions, interesting regional conferences, publishes a newsletter, has an informative website and honours outstanding rosarians and gardens around the world. But no organization thrives by just repeating what it has always done. Yes, we should continue to encourage and welcome new member countries into the WFRS. But I would like to see an emphasis on other things as well.

First and foremost I believe we should facilitate the exchange of information between member societies so that rosarians everywhere can know what is going on in the rose world beyond their borders. In the past we tried to encourage member societies to exchange their publications, but postage proved very costly and in many cases translation was not available. With the advent of the Internet and the translation facilities on Google, this is an area we should actively investigate and get involved again.

Next to the importance of information exchange is the fostering of personal contacts and friendships. We have done that well in the past through our conferences, email and letters, and it is my hope that this will continue and will grow.

I hope that the WFRS continues to try and bridge the gap between national rose societies and heritage rose groups everywhere. And we should be furthering our relationship with the world’s rose breeders and making it mutually beneficial.

The WFRS should continue to recognize and publicize worthy rosarians, rose gardens and rose events around the world. They all deserve to be honoured internationally and the WFRS is in an ideal position to do that.

But most of all, I see the future role of the WFRS as one of helping to popularize the Rose everywhere. What better place to do that than on our website? We should be showing videos of our award winning gardens. We should be publishing a consolidated worldwide calendar of rose events each month. We should be constantly looking for new ways to bring the Rose to the public’s awareness and thus increase the attractiveness of our member societies.
We are headed in the right direction but the world is changing rapidly and we must continue to change with it. The Rose certainly deserves our best efforts.

As seen by
Ethel Freeman
Webmaster – WFRS
Past President - March, 2012

MALCOLM WATSON

It is my goal that during the next few years, as we approach the 50th anniversary of our foundation, that the World Federation of Rose Societies will represent a wider family of Rosarians. Sure, we have a membership base of approximately 100,000 members through 38 active Member Countries, but there are so many more that have never even heard of our Federation.

By that I mean lovers of Heritage Roses. These beautiful roses introduced so many around the globe to the joys that can be achieved through the growing of this most universally accepted plant. It would be so encouraging if the Federation could include within its membership more Heritage Rose groups. Perhaps the current WFRS Heritage Roses Standing Committee should be reconstructed so that all Heritage Member groups have input into the World’s decision making processes and organisational structure.

The involvement of more Rose breeders worldwide, I believe is essential. Although our Rose Breeders’ Club is in its early stages of development, perhaps this group can also look further afield, and attract the amateur breeder to its ranks. This may require the current Membership fee of £100 per annum to be reviewed to make it more attractive to non professional Breeders.

Communication is a concern as we endeavour to keep in touch. With the 100,000 rose lovers who make up our organisation, language differences appear to be a major barrier. With the World Rose News being distributed electronically- a cost effective way to keep in touch - perhaps we need to look at systems that can be used to allow members, whose first language is not English, to easily translate the document into their language. Making the document readily translatable is beyond me, but I’m sure there are people who can provide this functionality to our Publications Committee.

The Federation issues a number of honours, together with Garden Awards, Literary Awards and has its Rose Halls of Fame. Who apart from the Membership is aware of this? Do we need to ‘crank’ up our Promotions Committee to ensure that the wider world is better informed?

Attendance at World Rose and Regional Conventions is not available to everyone for a variety of reasons; however recent technical advances now provide access via the website. Perhaps we too should make this facility available, at a cost, to our Members, and establish a “Technical” Standing Committee to investigate how this could be introduced.
Funding of the Federation is, as it is for so many organisations around the world, an issue that the Executive Committee is fully conscious of. Our limited income is derived from the subscriptions paid by Members, Associate Members, and Breeders’ Club Members, together with levies paid by the organisers of Regional and World Rose Conventions, and more recently the introduction of the Friends of the Federation benefactors group. The Friends, whilst only a handful of rose lovers, have contributed almost £600 since its introduction in 2008. This new innovation, together with other generous donations, allow us to continue providing as professional an organisation as possible.

My overall dream therefore, is for our Federation to become the primary umbrella organisation in the world, representing all rose lovers.

Malcolm Watson
Executive Director
March, 2012

TOMMY CAIRNS
THE FUTURE OF WFRS IS IN YOUR HANDS

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

Someone once defined history as a never ending interchange between the present and the past. In 1968 leaders of the various National Rose Societies had the inspired idea that it wasn’t enough to preserve and promote the history of roses, but that it must be sown like seed perpetually. This deep passion for roses across the world in many different countries brought the WFRS into existence. It has been 44 years since the foundation stone for WFRS was laid initiating a major international effort to form a more cohesive union between national rose societies. My connection to this challenging event is one of pride since I began my volunteer commitment to WFRS becoming Editor in the early 1990s and President at the beginning of this new millennium.

Like many of you protecting and defending the health of the WFRS was not merely a job, it was a dedicated and passionate free choice. As in marriage, the 40 anniversary symbol is recognized as rubies because of the association of an eternal flame indicating being very much alive, strong and passionate. Today, the growth, the accolades and the recognition of WFRS stand as valid testimony to the viability and success of the concepts born 44 years ago. Many milestones have been achieved in the last 44 years.

WFRS has built the steadfast foundation of world rose events and camaraderie that will help shape rose policies in the next 40 years. Legacy is not always what we leave behind, but what is still yet to be accomplished by you the leaders of WFRS. You all deserve to be honored for ensuring the dreams born in 1968 became an enduring reality of improved rose awareness on a global scale. While we all learn from the past, we all live for the future. This is especially true of the younger generation today. They will spend more time in the 21st century than myself and aging members of my generation.
Outwardly, their WFRS might not look same as mine. But WFRS is a lasting memorial of who and what we were and stood for. And the realization that, while we make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give!

The legacy of WFRS is a gift from one generation to the next. I understand that WFRS is a legacy to all rose growers throughout the world, where every day is a new beginning and every life lived to the full. I hope that everyone will see WFRS as a declaration of our faith in the future and a source of vision that one man or woman, motivated by passion for roses, can make the world a better place.

Evolution is expected to improve and promote our noble hobby to future generations. But amid all these anticipated changes, some things must never change ... things like individual decency and honor and compassion and most all, our volunteer service to WFRS. The future of WFRS cannot be shaped only by a few leaders, but by each and every National Rose Society continuing to always point in the right direction to gain synergistic strength. The foundation established by past leaders has clearly placed the obligation of building on that success on each and every Member Country while preserving their autonomy. We all stand upon the shoulders of generations past with the free will to shape our combined destiny.

Albert Schweitzer wrote, "No ray of sunlight is ever lost. But the green which it wakes needs time to sprout. And it is not always granted to the sewer to live to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith." I am most thankful that WFRS has found its harvest and the time to reap and enjoy the rewards it richly deserves as it now takes its earned place as the premier international organization for rose lovers.

I am reminded of the words spoken by Eleanor Roosevelt,

"Many people will walk in and out of your life,  
But only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.  
To handle yourself, use your head;  
To handle others, use your heart.  
Great minds discuss ideas;  
Average minds discuss events;  
Small minds discuss people.  
Friends, you and me....You brought another friend....And then there were three.  
We started our group.... Our circle of friends.... And like that circle....  
There is no beginning or end.  
Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift."

WFRS is not yet perfect - we'll all keep working on that. We have our moments, but I suspect that underneath it all we all think we're kinda special!

Dr. Tommy Cairns, DHM  
Past President  
April, 2012
HELGA BRICHET
WFRS WORLD CONVENTIONS

Since its inception in 1968 the World Federation of Rose Societies has staged regular World Rose Conventions hosted by its member Rose Societies every two or three years:

1971 Hamilton, New Zealand.
1974 Chicago, USA
1976 Oxford, England
1979 Pretoria, South Africa
1981 Tel Aviv, Israel
1983 Baden Baden, Germany
1985 Toronto, Canada
1988 Sydney, Australia
1991 Belfast, Northern Ireland.
1994 Christchurch, New Zealand.
1997 The Benelux countries.
2000 Houston, USA
2003 Glasgow, United Kingdom
2006 Osaka, Japan
2009 Vancouver, Canada
2012 Sandton, South Africa

The programmes proposed by hosting Rose Societies, including pre- and post-tours, have become ever more elaborate, enticing and expensive. This naturally excludes an increasing number of rose lovers, who also have to take into account the ever-increasing costs of travel and hotels. But it also excludes some local rosarians, who might have wished to attend only the lectures or floral demonstrations or just meet internationally known personalities, without having to register for the entire package.

Over the years participants have varied from a few hundred to over a thousand individuals. Naturally before deciding to officially apply to host such an event, Members would do well to take into account their obligation to guarantee the WFRS levy for a minimum of 400 participants to the Federation, whose main source of income is thereby assured.

Over the years, the Federation has grown not only in national Rose Society Members, but now embraces Associate Members and a Rose Breeders’ Club. However the responsibility of World Conventions rests with the National Member who officially applies to stage the event.

At the same time the number of specialized Committees has steadily increased. One of the most important of these is the Convention Liaison Committee, having the responsibility of passing on information and experiences gained by the previous hosting Society Member during the staging of the World Convention, which might be useful for the succeeding Society undertaking such a responsibility.

In order to further assist Members which might be considering staging an international Convention, the Executive Committee has drawn up a number of guidelines. Among these are listed the responsibilities of the successful applicant:
1. The organization, management and promotion of the Convention in cooperation with the WFRS.
2. All financial matters, including sponsorship.
3. Invitations to speakers.
4. The schedule of WFRS meetings, the programme of lectures and all tours and trips, special visits, opening and closing ceremonies and a banquet.
5. The staging of a rose show and/or exhibition.
6. Pre and post Convention tours.
7. To circulate a preliminary Convention programme at least eighteen months in advance.
8. To circulate the final Convention brochure and registration details at least nine months in advance.
9. Provide a list of all registered participants and their home addresses. Badges should be provided to all participants.
10. Provide a central information desk and a hospitality area.
11. Carry appropriate public liability insurance in case of accidents.
12. Provide simultaneous translation into English, the official language of the WFRS. Translation into other languages is left to the discretion of the hosting Society.

Applications to host a Convention are considered at the World Rose Convention held six years prior to the year in question, and every applicant is given the opportunity to give a presentation of up to 30 minutes, accompanied by either slides or a video. A provisional budget must also be included.

In recent years there have only been single presentations, which means that it has not been necessary for Societies’ representatives to cast a vote. However in the past, such at the Convention in Christchurch in 1994, two applications – those of Japan and the USA – were received, while in Houston in 2000, three applications – those of Japan, India and South Africa – had to be considered and voted upon.

In the intervening time methods of communication have accelerated and radically changed. So it will undoubtedly be an inescapable responsibility of the WFRS Executive Committee in the very near future to draw up a clearly defined set of rules for applications to host World Conventions. They must include the timing and means of distribution of information, the role of present and past office holders, incentives and lobbying in the months prior to the Convention as well as during the days immediately preceding the applicants’ presentations and the Members’ final verdict.

The management around hosting a WFRS World Convention is a huge responsibility, and Members who are today willing to undertake such an enterprise should be endorsed by clear and unambiguous WFRS regulations in their endeavour to produce an enjoyable and memorable event for all.

Helga Brichet
Chairman Publications
Past President
July, 2012
SUGGESTIONS

❖ The WFRS should have a strategic plan, drawn up in consultation with the President. The Plan should include specific annual targets for the WFRS to achieve in pursuit of these strategic aims viz which of these ambitions can best be pursued given the current scale and resources of the organisation, and the prospect of economic uncertainty.

❖ Given the current economic climate, it becomes more and more important to place the WFRS on a sounder financial footing and to maintain this. Over the forthcoming years it will become more difficult for people to give voluntarily of their services, in particular to keep pace with the soaring travel costs. More use will have to be made of Skpe Conference Meetings (improving all the time!) to cut down costs. Inventive plans should be considered to improve the WFRS capital base. It will have to become more entrepreneurial and receptive to new ideas without losing its traditional values.

❖ The enormous advance in technology is making communication easier. It also makes it feasible to reach a greater audience and enable us to widen the appeal of the WFRS and grow its membership. Utilisation of the social media such as Facebook and Twitter now becomes an imperative. The use of a Blog will also prove to be another way of increasing the awareness of the WFRS. The Newsletter plays an important role but a condensed version will help to reach a different strata of people. An email sign-up for a shorter version will greatly assist in keeping people up to date with WFRS news and events.

❖ Engagement with the youth of today will ensure the continuation of the WFRS. This can only be done by examining their priorities – educational? More public understanding? More enjoyment? Perhaps there is a need to be more reflective of the diversity of people with whom we are hoping to engage?

❖ New trends should be examined, for example the increasing move towards old roses; and the diversity of people and their differing interests with whom we currently engage.

❖ The WFRS should also consider playing a role in fostering scholarship and to promote inspiration in this field.

❖ The WFRS needs to think anew on how to maintain its relevance in the 21st Century by having an evolving strategy and to build on connections that have never been made and links that have yet not been examined.

Jackie Kalley
WFRS Vice President for Africa
THE FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
OF SOUTH AFRICA
Heather Sander and Sheenagh Harris

1961 The Rose Society of South Africa – ROSA - was formed by a group of rose lovers, who included Barney Ziady, Jack and Mary Wise, Egmont Behrens, Claude Maynier and Nick Basson. The first President was Professor Barney Ziady.

1968 Jack and Mary Wise and Nick Basson represented the original Rose Society of South Africa when it became a founder member of the World Federation of Rose Societies at the Federation’s inaugural meeting in London in 1968.

1969 The Western Cape Rose Society (WCRS) was formed in 1969 by Willie Staegemann, the first chairman, and Sid Cywes, vice chairman. On the committee were Mr and Mrs Dolfie Nathan, Lionel Neuwman, Willie Krause (Eden Rose Nurseries), Stan Keown – Secretary/Treasurer, and Marlene Cywes. During the following years they were joined by Duncan Henderson, Dick and Linda Lindner, Peter Louw, Bill Horwood, and several others.

Dick and Linda Lindner were the instigators of the Rose Trial grounds in Durbanville. The WCRS was instrumental in formulating and publishing the rules for judging roses that were adopted by the Federation of ROSA when it was formed in 1970.

The Natal Rose Society was set up soon after the formation of the Western Cape Rose Society. These three societies were run independently of each other with no umbrella society.

1971 Jack and Mary Wise and Herman Buss represented ROSA at the WFRS Convention in New Zealand.

1974 A group of South Africans, organised by Mary Wise attended the Second World Rose convention in Chicago USA and SA rose breeder JA Herholdt was welcomed with great enthusiasm. For the following three years Barney Ziady was a member of the WFRS Committee.
1976  Barney Ziady, Syd Cywes, Jack and Mary Wise and Ludwig Taschner represented ROSA in Oxford, UK for the World Rose Convention. At that meeting Barney Ziady was elected President of WFRS and Sid Cywes the Secretary of WFRS for the period 1976 to 1979. South Africa was voted as the host country for the next WFRS meeting, to be held in Pretoria in 1979. It was at the Oxford meeting that the ROSA representatives had the honour of meeting and speaking to the Queen Mother at a tea she hosted.

1979  World Rose Convention ROSSAFARI was held in Pretoria. Barney Ziady was WFRS President, Mary Wise was President of ROSA and Don Austin Convener. At this convention Ludwig Taschner was made Treasurer for the WFRS, Don Austin Convention Liaison and Barney Ziady Publications.

It was at this convention, after discussions between the WCRS and ROSA culminated in the formation of an umbrella organisation for all provincial rose societies in South Africa known as the FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES OF SOUTH AFRICA (ROSA) Several provincial rose societies were subsequently set up and became members of the new ROSA.

1981  The Fifth World Rose Convention was held in Israel and once again a South African group of Rosarians attended. Mary Wise was made representative for Africa and Chairman of the Awards Committee and Ludwig Taschner Convention Liaison.

1983  Amongst the South African group at the World Convention in Baden Baden, Ludwig Taschner was made Secretary/Treasurer and Mary Wise Vice President for Africa.

1985  Once again a group of South Africans under the leadership of Mary Wise attended the World Rose convention in Canada where Ludwig Taschner and Mary Wise received the WFRS Rose Pin for services to the WFRS.

1988  A South African group led by Mary Wise attended the WFRS Convention in Sydney, Australia. Esther Geldenhuys became Editor of WRN.

1991  Esther Geldenhuys led a group to the World Convention in Northern Ireland and was made Vice President for Africa.

1997  Esther Geldenhuys led a group of South Africans to the Benelux convention and continued as Vice President for Africa.

2000  A group of South Africans attended the convention in Houston, Texas having prepared the application to hold a World Rose Convention in 2006. Before applying they were persuaded to stand down in favour of Japan which they did with reluctance and instead applied for a Regional in Somerset West. Des Wright was made WFRS Vice President for Africa.
2002  Most successful regional was held with International speakers and Esther Geldenhuys was presented with an American Award.

2003  Sheenagh organised a group of South Africans to attend the World Rose convention in Glasgow, Scotland.

2004  Sheenagh Harris attended the Regional Convention in Auckland, NZ with one other South African.

2006  A group of 24 South Africans attended the World Rose Convention in Osaka, Japan organised by Sheenagh Harris. Ludwig Taschner gave a presentation. Sheenagh Harris was made WFRS Vice President for Africa and joined the Honours Committee. ROSA was invited to host the World Convention in 2012, which Ludwig and Sheenagh accepted on behalf of ROSA.

2007  A group of South African Heritage Rose lovers, led by Sheenagh Harris traveled through Italy and France to the Heritage Convention in Chaalis, France. The idea of a South African Rosarium was initiated on this tour.

2008  Sheenagh Harris organised a small group to attend the Regional Convention in Adelaide Australia.

2009  Once again a group of South Africans led by Sheenagh Harris attended the World Rose Convention in Vancouver, Canada. Sheenagh gave a presentation and was made President of the WFRS.

2010  A group of South Africans attended the WFRS Regional convention in Changzhou, China.

2012  Sheenagh Harris attended the Heritage Rose Convention in Sakura, Japan.

2012  **ROSAFRICA 2012 in Sandton, South Africa**

The primary mission of ROSA is education for its members and for rose lovers in general. The objectives of this Federation are as follows:

- The fostering and promotion of the interests of the rose, of rose lovers and of rose growers
- The establishment of standards by which roses in trial grounds are judged and by which cut roses are judged in exhibitions
- The encouragement of and assistance to new rose societies to become members of the Federation
• The promotion of interaction with international organizations which have aims and objects similar to those of the Federation
• The acquisition of knowledge concerning roses and the dissemination of such knowledge to the member societies and to other interested parties
• The promotion of events concerning roses

Members of ROSA are made up of regional rose societies, not individuals, and each regional society is represented by a council member. The ROSA council consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Editor, plus council members who are nominated to represent the regional societies. There are 7 societies at the time of writing (2012) with a total membership of around 800. The Heritage Rose Society of South Africa has a national membership, and has also become a member of the society of the Federation. Member societies pay an annual levy to the Federation, and are obliged to purchase the ROSA NEWS, published quarterly, and the ROSA ANNUAL.

A National Rose Convention is held every second year and is organized by one or more regional societies on a rotational basis.

From 1976 to 1979 Professor Barney Ziady was President of the World Federation of Rose Societies and Sheenagh Harris from 2009 to 2012.

WESTERN CAPE ROSE SOCIETY

THE DURBANVILLE ROSE GARDEN

The Western Cape Rose Society was formed in 1969. Its committee and members immediately decided to establish a Rose Trial Ground. With the generous help of the Durbanville municipality a site was found that was suitable for the laying out of a garden, and hundreds of rose bushes were planted both for trials and decoration. The close relationship between the Durbanville municipality and the members of the WCRS will ultimately result in the best possible rose garden, able to be enjoyed by both the general community and rose enthusiasts alike.