World Rose Convention

"Melody of Oriental Roses"

Osaka, Japan, May 11-17, 2006

With less than a year to go, the Organizing Committee has issued the final program and registration brochure in what can only be best described as a work of art. The design and layout reflect the title of this convention, a "Melody of Oriental Roses", with all the precision and harmony of a master symphony.

This seven day event is the first world convention ever held in Asia and offers delegates an unique opportunity to experience not only horticultural excellence in the many rose gardens to be viewed but also diverse cultural exposure to the true meaning of harmony with Nature in the many temples and museums on the tour list offered visiting delegates. The city of Osaka has carefully prepared a menu of rose events and tours to excite every taste with the added bonus of meeting many Japanese rosarians and discussing their culture, gardens and favorite rose varieties.

This unique setting beckons rose lovers to visit Osaka and participate in new experiences never before offered in a world rose convention. The air of anticipation in encountering the Japanese culture is one of high expectation and delegates would be advised to also participate in both the pre- and post-tours to take full advantage of their visit to Japan. It is world full of harmony, surprise and a hospitality that exceeds the meaning of the word!

With this issue comes a copy of the magnificent brochure for readers to marvel over and start planning to attend the 14th World Rose Convention in the cosmopolitan and exciting City of Osaka, Japan.

Osaka, a place of encounter. A gateway for international exchange since ancient times, Osaka developed a unique tradition of bridging different cultures. With open arms and a spirit of hospitality, the City of Osaka looks forward to welcoming the rose world in 2006.

OSAKA
Cultural Crossroads of Japan
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tokyo International Roses & Gardening Show

I was privileged to be invited to judge the rose horticultural entries at the five day International Roses & Gardening Show held in Seibu Dome in Tokyo, Japan, May 19-25, 2005. Attended by more than 250,000 people over the five days, the quality of the exhibits were of exceptional caliber, especially roses bred in Japan. I would urge all delegates attending the World Rose Convention in Osaka to strongly consider the post tour to Tokyo which will include a visit to the Seibu Dome to view this extraordinary event. In 2006 the hosts will be featuring the WFRS Hall of Fame winners!

At “Opening Ceremonies” I was also invited to make the following remarks:

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen
Good Morning

Were one to ask the question “are flowers too short lived?”. My immediate answer would be “Such shortness can be most sweet and wonderfully enhancing. It does spoil beauty, color, or fragrance.” Every time I attend a flower show, such as this magnificent event here today, this question and the answer always flash through my mind.

The care of Nature in the form of flowers and gardens and trees is so very important. Throughout history the Japanese people have always recognized the need for close harmony with Nature. Indeed Nature and Japan sound alike to the initiated, and to these enlightened people they are synonymous. Since the earliest times the creative artists of Japan have manifested a keen interest in the beauty of flowers and it is has played an important role in their daily lives and their religious beliefs.

Therefore, it is natural that this International Roses & Gardening Show has become an annual celebration of the mantle of Nature encompassing not only the love of roses but gardens, their design and most of all providing a public expression of the belief of the sacredness of Nature and its enjoyment.

Today, the 7th such international event takes place here at Seibu Dome. I am very impressed with the dedication and planning of the members of the Executive Committee, under the leadership of NHK Educational Corporation, who have worked so hard to bring this popular event to the public for their education, enjoyment and pleasure. They are to be congratulated on their success on opening a window on Japan to the world.

In recognition of the prominence gained by this event within the rose world, this year for the first time, I am pleased to announce the introduction of two new international awards to be awarded daily during the show. The first award is from the Royal National Rose Society of Great Britain entitled “Star of Show”, and the second from the World Federation of Rose Societies entitled “Award of Excellence”. I am privileged to present these awards to the Executive Committee to recognize outstanding exhibits at this outstanding event. I am particularly grateful to Dr. Nagata, Chief Executive Officer of the Japan Rose Society, for his assistance in suggesting these awards.

Finally, on behalf of the 37 Member Countries of the World Federation of Rose Societies, I am honored to be part of this exciting and unique International Roses and Gardening Show 2005. I look forward to judging the rose exhibits and admiring the many garden displays assembled for our viewing pleasure.

Thank you for this invitation to be part of the 7th International Roses and Gardening Show 2005.

DR. TOMMY CAIRNS
Visit to Sample the Sights & Sounds
Delegates will experience at the
14th World Rose Convention
“Melody of Oriental Roses”
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I was privileged once again to judge the Tokyo International Roses and Gardening Show held in the Seibu Dome, May 18-24, 2005. Their chosen theme for 2005 was “The Secret Garden” and the display was nothing less than stunning! Next year the show will feature the WFRS Hall of Fame winners and the show has been included in the post-tour of the convention to Tokyo. This is an event not to be missed when you come to Japan next year!

At “Opening Ceremonies” I delivered a short address thanking the hosts and introducing two new show awards (see President’s Remarks on page 2). On the first day the judging of the container grown roses takes place and an astounding 250 entries were received in three categories (hybrid teas, floribundas and miniatures). The overall winner was a remarkable miniature tree rose of “Little Artist”. Grand Prize winner of day two receiving both the WFRS Award of Excellence and the RNRS Star of Show was a beautiful specimen of ‘Garden Party’. But the most impressive specimens were of Japanese bred roses such as ‘The Passion’ and ‘Madame Violet’. Traveling each day to and from Seibu Dome by underground trains was easy with helpful maps (in English) in both the stations and trains. Somehow among the busy schedule I found time to attend a Grand Sumo Contest where I was surprised to find out that it was a family affair with many children and grandparents accompanying the parents to spend the day watching an intriguing sport, that of Sumo wrestling. It was a very enjoyable experience!

The Grand Prix winner in the container grown roses was a remarkable miniature tree rose of “Little Artist”.

“Garden Party”, the WFRS Award of Excellence and the RNRS Star of Show.
Before leaving the Tokyo area, Mrs Watanabe (the lovely lady who wrote the booklet about “Nazomi, The Little Girl Who Became a Rose” treated myself and Mrs. and Mrs Ian Spriggs (from Adelaide, Australia), and Cedric Foster to lunch at her home after enjoying her rose garden.

At Mrs. Wanatabe’s garden: Cedric Foster, Mrs. Watanabe, Sadie Spriggs, Tommy Cairns and Ian Spriggs.

Later that day, a highlight of the visit to Tokyo was a trip to judge the Japan Rose Society trials at the Botanical Gardens at Jindai. The rose garden was in full bloom providing a magnificent spectacle for the visitor. This garden is featured in the post convention tour after Osaka and I highly recommend this garden be included in your visit to Tokyo.

What a great rose garden at the Tokyo Botanical Gardens at Jindai, home to the Japan Rose Society trial grounds.

After spending six wonderful days in the capital city of Tokyo, I moved by bullet train, called Shinkansen (an experience not to be missed while in Japan) to the ancient capital of Japan and home to many wonderful temples and shrines, namely Kyoto. The post tour from Osaka to Tokyo in 2006 will use this high speed bullet train to transport delegates offering them a unique experience in modern travel.

Arriving in Kyoto, I was quickly taken on a tour by Japan Rose Society Director, Mr. Tanaka, of some of the most wonderful temples and shrines. While in Osaka for 2006 WFRS delegates will have the opportunity to visit these shrines and temples, complete with wonderful gardens, as a day tour. Kyoto is only one hour away from Osaka. The day tour will visit the famous Kinkakuji Temple, famous for its garden and featuring the brilliant Golden Pavilion and its grand Kyodai Pond (mirror pond). I also visited the Kiyomizu-dera Temple where the main hall is built in a casade. The verandah, supported by 139 pillars without using nails, offers a magnificent mountain view of the city. Another temple visited was the Enkom-ji Temple with beautiful serene gardens and a marvelous statue of Buddha. And perhaps the most exciting of all was the visit to

In Kyoto: the famous Kiyomizu-dera Temple

the Shugakuen Imperial Villa built in the latter half of the 17th century for Emperor Goizumi-o. For those attending the Osaka convention, the day tour to Kyoto comes highly recommended.

After a delightful traditional Japanese-style dinner served by a very attentive young lady in traditional costume, and another good night’s sleep I was back on the train to nearby Osaka to

The Nakanoshima mid river site of one of the many rose gardens in the fair city of Osaka to visit
meet with the Major of the City of Osaka, my good friend Dr. Seki, and the great staff of the Parks Department.

I checked into the Miyako Hotel (our 2006 convention hotel). Delegates will be pleasantly surprised at both the elegance and efficiency of this fine hotel. The executive rooms are fairly large with well equipped bathrooms, robes and slippers.

In the evening Mayor Seki had invited me to a formal Japanese dinner at the Official residence, a wonderful home with extensive gardens, tea rooms and of course lots of goldfish in the ponds (which I was permitted to feed)! Dinner was a fun evening full of good conversation and camaraderie.

After a good night’s sleep at the Miyako Hotel and a delightful breakfast consisting of a buffet style spread with an extremely wide range of cuisine ranging from American to Japanese to European, along with Dr. Ogawa we caught the bullet train for Gifu.

At dinner: Mrs. Marufuku, Prof. Owaga, Dr. Tommy Cairns and Mr. Maizuru

At Gifu Station we were met by an official greeting party and joined up with Dr. Sam McGredly and his wife Gillian, Kelvin Triumper and his daughter Kristy. After lunch I was privileged to address the students of the Gifu Horticultural Academy before judging the rose trials at the Flower Commemorative Festival Park. Next day I attended the International Rose Breeders Conference and in the evening presented former Governor Kajiwara the WFRS Gold Honor Medal (see separate article in this issue).

The next day the “Signing Ceremony” of “The Pacific Accords of Rose Friendship” took place before an audience of thousands in the rose garden (see separate article in this issue).

Japan offers so much to see and do, that it almost mandatory that each and every rose lover attend the WFRS 14th World Rose Convention in Osaka, May 11-17, 2006. To do otherwise would be to miss the most wonderful event in rose history to date. I look forward to seeing you all there.
In presenting this prestigious award to Gov. Taku Kajiwara during the “World Rose Breeder Exchange Forum” on May 27-28, 2005 at the Nagaragawa International Convention Center, Gifu, Japan, WFRS President Dr. Tommy Cairns took the opportunity to personally present the WFRS Gold Medal during the reception at the Renaissance Hotel. Addressing the audience of assembled rose breeders from all the world, Dr. Cairns paid proper tribute to the man who had been both the architectural genius and also the action force in establishing the largest rose garden in the world in Kani City, Gifu.
May 28th, 2005

The Honorable Taku Kajiwara
Former Gifu Prefecture Governor,
Japan.

Dear Hon. Taku Kajiwara:

Your election to Governor of Gifu Prefecture for the first time in 1989, pledging to implement the “Dreams of Tomorrow Project”, heralded a new era in technological prosperity. In realizing a better life for your prefectural citizens through information technology, you also turned your attention to the social and emotional benefits derived from embracing the rose as a very special flower form.

You had the wisdom and the courage to establish the largest rose garden in the world achieving the recognition of the World Federation of Rose Societies in 2004 when the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Gifu Prefecture was honored by receiving the Award of Garden Excellence. The rose gardens established at Gifu are indeed a national horticultural treasure for Japan and the world. Established only a decade ago, they have already become legendary taking their rightful place alongside the great rose gardens of the world, many of which have been in existence for as much as 100 years. Pride in your success is justified especially when you related to me that the reason behind these accomplishments in Gifu Prefecture is that you operate at ten times normal speed!

The legacy of this rose garden is a gift from one generation to the next. You already know that this beloved Flower Festival Commemorative Park here in Gifu Prefecture is a legacy to all Japanese, young and old, where every day is a new beginning and every life lived to the full. I hope that everyone will see this rose garden as a declaration of your faith in the future and a source of vision that one man, motivated by passion for beliefs and tradition, can make the world a better place.

In addition to your many professional achievements in life, your long love affair with Nature has been beautifully expressed in your book Nagara no Kaukaze (The Beauty of The Nagara River) and your command of song writing with the lyrics of Shiroti Hana no Saku Furusato” (Hometown full of Blooming White Flowers).

I am conscious that your motto for living life is Sokuten-kyoeki (Obey the will of Heaven, driven by the unselfish motives) and that the statesman you admire the most is the 19th century philosopher, Sakamoto Ryoma who preached a life free from personal ambition. However, the time has come to respectfully put aside such high ideals for a moment and honor a man who deserves our praise and reverence.

Taku Kajiwara, to recognize your outstanding services to the world of roses, I am pleased and privileged to announce that you have been awarded the “WFRS Gold Medal”. I humbly offer my personal congratulations and know that you will wear this gold medal with honor knowing it came from the grateful 37 Member Countries of the World Federation of Rose Societies. Taku, we salute you! - A gentle and honorable citizen of Japan and an Eminent World Rosarian!

Yours sincerely,
3rd South American WFRS Regional Rose Conference
Montevideo - Uruguay, 15-18 November 2005
Organized By URUGUAYAN ROSE SOCIETY
CONVENER: Mercedes Villar, Acapulco 1583 C.P. 11500, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay

Delegates are cordially invited to attend this exciting event packed full of prominent guest speakers and tours of rose gardens

PROGRAM OUTLINE
Tuesday 15th November 2005
Arrival & Registration Day

17.30: Bus departure from Hotels to the Conference Hall
18.00: Rose Exhibition in the Foyer
19.00: Opening Ceremony Inaugural Lecture by Dr. Thomas Cairns, WFRS President
20.00: Welcome Cocktail

Wednesday 16th November 2005

08.45: Bus departure from Hotels to the Conference Hall
09.15: "Roses in Japan" by Professor Akira Ogawa, WFRS Vice-President for Asia
10.15: Coffee break
10.30: "Sangerhausen" by Mrs. Helga Brichet, WFRS Past-President
11.30: "Miniature Roses" by Mr. Luis Desamero (USA)
12.30: Buffet Lunch
14.00: "The Historic Rose" by Mrs. Ann Bird, President, Royal National Rose Society (UK)

15.00: "Latest Techniques for Beautiful Roses in an Amateur's Garden" by Dr. Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
16.30: Return to Hotels
18.30: Departure for "Evening of Wine and Roses" at Jacksonville

Thursday 17th November 2005

08.45: Bus departure from Hotels to the Conference Hall
09.15: "Rose Breeding for a New Millennium" by Dr. Thomas Proll (Kordes, Germany)
10.15: Coffee Break
10.30: "My Experience with Roses" by Dr. Mrs. Beatrice Barni (Italy)
11.30: "Roses in the Mediterranean" by Mrs. Michela Mollia (Italy)
12.30: Buffet Lunch
14.00: "Fun with Roses in the Southern Hemisphere" by Mr. Ludwig Taschner (South Africa)
16.00: Optional Private Garden Tours Nº1 and Nº2
20.00: Bus departure from Hotels to Farewell Banquet and Show
OPTIONAL TOURS

Thursday 17th November 2005

Tour 1: Private Gardens US$ 10
Tour 2: Mr. Raúl Turcatti's Private Garden US$10

Friday 18th November 2005

Tour 3: Montevideo City Tour, with lunch at typical Port Market and visit to 18th century cattle-ranch establishment.
Price per person US$ 50

Tour 4: Montevideo City Tour, with wine-tasting and typical barbecue lunch at traditional Winery.
Price per person US$ 90

Tour 5: Colonia del Sacramento: full day tour to 17th century Portuguese settlement (included in UNESCO's list of World Cultural Patrimony) with its ancient stone houses and narrow cobbled streets.
Courtesy lunch at a member's private farm.
Price per person US$ 20

Tour 6: Punta del Este: full day tour to this famous beach resort by the Atlantic Ocean with time for leisure-walking. Lunch not included.
Price per person US$ 20

Tour 7: Weekend at "San Pedro del Timote": historic cattle-ranch belonging to a traditional Uruguayan family.
Includes transfers, accommodation and meals from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon.
Price per person US$ 230

ACCOMMODATIONS
(Prices per night including breakfast)

"Belmont House"
http://www.belmonthouse.com.uy
Price: US$ 135 Standard Double Room
US$ 125 Standard Single Room
Bookings mentioning "Rose Conference" directly with Mrs. Anne Cobham at
E-mail: anne@viajeshalcon.com.uy

"Regency Suites"
http://www.regency.com.uy
Price: US$ 70 Double Room
US$ 70 Single Room
Bookings mentioning "Rose Conference" directly with Mrs. Marina Plá at
E-mail: regency@adinet.com.uy

"Pedro Figari Hotel"
http://www.hotelpedrofigari.com
Price: US$ 60 Double Room
US$ 60 Single Room
Bookings with our Conference Convener Mrs. Mercedes Villar at
E-mail: mdrever@web2mil.com.uy

"Cottage Hotel"
http://www.cottage.com.uy
Price: US$ 55 Double Room
US$ 50 Single Room
Bookings with our Conference Convener Mrs. Mercedes Villar at
E-mail: mdrever@web2mil.com.uy

REGISTRATION

US$ 160 – before 31st August 2005
US$ 180 – before 15th October 2005
US$ 200 – after 15th October 2005

Includes: Conference kit, Rose Exhibition, Lectures, Coffee Breaks, Buffet Lunches, Welcome Cocktail and Farewell Banquet and Show.

Does not include: Hotel accommodation and Optional Tours

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Only in U.S. dollars by one of the following Credit Cards:
MasterCard - American Express - Visa
On Saturday May 28th 2005 the four signatories to this important treaty, namely Dr. Tommy Cairns for Rose Hills International Rose Trials, California; Kelvin Trimper for the International Rose Trials Gardens of Australia, Adelaide; Dr. Sam McGredy for the New Zealand Rose of The Year Trials, Hamilton; and Governor Hajime Furuta of Gifu International Rose Competition gathered in the Princess Hall Miyabi at the Flower Festival Commemorative Park in Kani City, Gifu Prefecture, for the formal ceremony.

The treaty has been established in a bid to promote friendship and exchange among the rose associations of the Pacific Rim countries that have organized international rose trials. Dr. Sam McGredy and Taku Kajiwara, the then Governor of Gifu Prefecture, made a proposal in 2000, which was supported by the other countries concerned. It was resolved that a signing ceremony be conducted on the opportunity of the “Gifu Flower Festival 2005” scheduled for 2005. The basic items agreed to in the treaty were the promotion of roses, interchange of perpetual trophies, visiting rose judges be granted to judge in each country and interchange on the evaluation of new varieties. Short speeches were given by the four participants prior to signing the two copies of the accords, one in Japanese and the other in English.

Later that evening Governor Furuta hosted a special dinner party to honor the signatories as well as the visiting rose breeders, Dr. Keith Zary (Jackson & Perkins, USA), David Austin, Jr. (Austin Roses, UK), Arnaud Delbard (France), Bernard Durand (Meilland, France), Georg Wiener (Tantau, Germany) and Shunsuke Takeuchi (Keisei, Japan).
That day at Hana no Miyako Gifu, over 150,000 members of the public attended the gardens to view the roses in full bloom and witness the signing ceremony. The newspapers carried the story with a wonderful photograph of the four signatories (Dr. Tommy Cairns, Dr. Sam McGredy, Gifu Governor Hajime Furuta, and Kelvin Trimper) signifying their new friendship alliance by the holding of hands.

Information about the four International Rose Trial Grounds:
ニュージーランド ローズ オブ ザ イヤー
New Zealand Rose Of The Year
【会長】サム・マグレディ  Dr. Sam McGredy

ハミルトン ローズ フェスティバルトラスト (The Hamilton Rose Festival Trust)

開始年次 2002年

コンテスト 新種のバラを発掘するのを目的として、市民が参加して、ベストワンを決定する。毎年開催。2004年には1000名以上が審査に参加した。

開催会場 ハミルトン ガーデン
ハミルトン市が運営するハミルトン ガーデンには、日本庭園、イタリアン ゴッサム ガーデン、フランス庭園、インド庭園、ロジャーズ ローズ ガーデンがある。

オーストラリア国際 ローズ コンテスト
International Rose Trial Gardens of Australia

【会長】ケルビントン・リンバー  Kelvin Trimper

オーストラリア国際 ローズ コンテスト (International Rose Trial Gardens of Australia)

開始年次 1996年

コンテスト トライアルで最高点を得たバラは「今年のオーストラリアのバラ」という称号を授与されます。

開催会場 オーストラリア アデレード植物園
1855年に完成した16万平方メートルも広大な敷地を持つ植物園。園内ではユーカリやソテツ、ヤシ類、オーストラリア原産の樹木、ハーブなど世界中の植物が栽培され、鮮やかな緑と、噴水やビオチアなどの庭園施設とバランスが美しい。夏の花詰まりの花と、秋のカラフルなローズガーデンが美しい。

オーストラリア
南オーストラリア州 アデレード市
Adelaide City, South Australia, Australia

オーストラリア国際 ローズ コンテスト
(1996年)

The winner rose in this trial is entitled the Australian rose of the year.

Adelaide Botanic Garden in Australia

Measuring 160,000 square meters in land area, it is a vast botanic garden developed since 1855. The botanic garden boasts of a rich collection of plants from all over the world, including Eucalphys, Cycus spp., plants, indigenous Australian trees and two species. It has beautiful combinations of vivid green plants, fountains and Victorian buildings. Water kites offering a refreshing sight in summer and a colorful rose garden in autumn are particularly notable.

コンテストの審査風景
Contest examination scene

Burgundy Jemberg
ローズヒルズ国際ローズコンテスト

【会長】トミー・ケアンズ　Dr. Tommy Cairns

ローズヒルズ国際ローズコンテスト (Rose Hills International Rose Trials)

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コンテスト
世界中のバラの愛好家たちを審査員に迎え、香り、花の形、タイプ、病気に対する耐性などの審査項目で実施される。コンテストでは毎回世界中のバラ愛好家に「バラ」を愛することの素晴らしい楽しさを体感させることができます。

開催会場
ローズヒルズバラ園

1959年一般公開。ローズヒルズメモリアルパーク内にあり、広さ15,000平方メートル、600品種7,000本のバラが植栽されている。美観、盛覇なローズガーデンであることで様々な賞を受賞し、国内最優秀の公開バラ園と言われている。

2000年
The world's leading authorities on roses as examiners, these trials evaluate contestant roses for color, fragrance, flower shape, type and resistance to diseases as examination items. The contest always gives rosarians of the world an opportunity to appreciate the wonder and the pleasure of having roses fully. International rose trial garden at Rose Hills. It was opened to the public in 1959. Located within Rose Hills Memorial Park, the trial garden displays 7,000 rose bushes of 600 varieties planted over 15,000 square meters. Because of its beautiful, gorgeous appearance, it has been awarded various prizes and is reputed to be the best public rose garden in the country.

The Rose Breeders in their happy coats at lunch: McGredy, Keith Zary, David Austin, Jr., Shunsuke Takeuchi, Georg Wieners, Bernard Durand, Arnaud Delbard, Jean-Marc Guillot and Mr. Shikano of Keisei Rose Nursery. Later they were in the gardens amongst their varieties to answer questions from the public. The most popular for being photographed with, was David Austin, Jr. who felt like a movie star.
The lecture program to be presented in Osaka has been successful in obtaining a wonderful geographical diversity of speakers for the program. While the titles of the lectures have been published in the official program, I have compiled brief biographical sketches on the lecturers.

Yuki Mikanagi, Ph.D. (Japan)
Head researcher at the National History Museum and Institute, Chiba, and a well-known rose grower in Chiba, he has been engaged in chemical and histochemical analysis of rose pigments and in an attempt to determine the relations of species and cultivars. He has written many papers and is known for his extensive knowledge of species roses and their natural hybrids.

Mikinori Ogisu (Japan)
Interest in traditional garden plants started in his teens. He widened his experience as a horticulturist in nurserymen in Japan and botanical gardens in Europe. Since the 1990s, he has pursued research on wild plants in southern areas of China, which has resulted in many important findings, including the rediscovery of Rosa chinensis 'Bertamiana' in 1968. He was awarded the Veitch Memorial Medal in 1996.

Yoshio Ueda, D. Agr. (Japan)
Investigation of natural habitats of species roses in various areas in East Asia has been engaged in the research of rose breeding and in taxonomic studies of Genus Rosa at Chiba University and other institutes. He has published articles in many learned journals, and was an executive member of the International Advisory Board of Encyclopedia of Rose Science.

Hui Yonghong, Ph.D. (China)
Trained in ornamental horticulture in various educational institutions, he has engaged in research in garden communities, Prunus mume, lilacs, and chrysanthemum. One of his recent interests is the selection and study of resistant varieties. He has extensive research on species roses and has made extensive studies of species roses in the Yangtze River Valley.

Odile Masquelier (France)
Main interest is on old garden roses, founded the association 'Rose Anciennes en France' in 1968, and as its president, the 6th International Rose Congress held in Lyon in 1989 to a great success. In the same city, she owns a famous garden 'La Bonne Maison'.

Gerald Meylan, D. Nat. Sc. (Switzerland)
Working as an independent consultant for environment, horticulture, and conservation, he is at present the President of the Horticultural Society of Geneva. He has been the secretary-general of International Rose Trials of Geneva since 1971, and also serves as the chairman of the WFRS Awards Committee.

Ludwig Tasmier (South Africa)
Glorious rose career started in Germany. He established Ludwig's Roses in Pretoria in 1971, which at present has a strong relationship with over 25 breeders all over the world, enabling him to select strong collections, especially in South Africa, and the WFRS secretary and treasurer.

Stefan Wagner, Ph.D. (Romania)
Engaged in research in fruit growing and breeding at the Research Station for Horticulture in Cluj for 40 years. He is present the President of the Romanian Rose Society, which he founded in 1990. He received the WFRS World Rose Award in 2000. Besides many scientific papers, he has authored three books including The Rose from Myth to the Third Millennium.

Josef Thomas, Ph.D. (Czech Republic)
A physicist, he is interested in the history of rose growing and breeding in the Czech Republic and in noble families, and the Editor of the journal, the Czech Rose Club. He is responsible for the International Contest of New Roses at Hradec Králové, Czech Republic.

Juraj Kuha (Slovakia)
A recent concentration of rose research is at the Agricultural University in Lecanic Morave, and works in research of fruit and decorative wood plants. Since 2002, he has been working in the Slovak Academy of Sciences. He is interested in the history of rose growing and roses in Slovak, including the works of Joseph Geschwind and Mrs. Maria-Henrieta Chetekova.

Mahmood Hashmi, Ph.D. (Pakistan)
Serves with the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation. Her job is to produce and present music programs in 15 languages. She was the President of the Pakistan National Rose Society from 2002 to 2005, and also the lifetime editor of its Rose Annual. The great success of the WFRS Regional Convention held in Islamabad in April 2004 owes a great deal to her leadership and organizational skills.

Marijke Peterlin (Bermuda)
President of the Bermuda Rose Society from 1994 to 1996. As the president, she was instrumental in the publication of the 2nd edition of Old Garden Roses in Bermuda, dealing with the topics to 2004. She presently serves as vice-president for North America of the WFRS.

Malcolm Watson (Australia)
Secretary of the National Rose Society of Australia since 2001. He served as president of the same society and of the Rose Society of South Australia. For his outstanding service for the cause of the rose, he was awarded the Australia Rose Award (1989), the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award (2000), and the World Rose Award (1983).

Katsuyuki Yomogida (Japan)
A perfumery chemist who was engaged in the research of rose fragrance. He is one of the major cosmetic manufacturers in Japan. His researches which cover 1000 different rose fragrances, have led to the discovery of many of their components, including hydroxy-methylbenzene, and effects that can have on human psychology, and to the development of new perfume materials.

Jacques Mouchot (France)
Served as Director of Research since 1974 for the Illustrious French House of Meilland International. Several of his varieties have been awarded the AARS and other important prizes. Perhaps best known for starting the new breed of roses, 'Yves Piaget', first in 1964.

Viru Viraraghavan (India)
Well known for the unique and innovative breeding programme he has been pursuing using Rose gigantea and Rose chinensis for creating heat-tolerant and evergreen roses suited to the climate of India and other warm climate regions of the world. After retiring from his job as Director and Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Dept. of the state government, he has concentrated on rose breeding.

Zhao Shuiwei (China)
Majored in ornamental horticulture and is present working at Beijing Botanical Garden. He is responsible for the project of creating frost-hardy rose varieties by introducing genes of some species rosaceae native to the northern area of China. He is also the Secretary of the Chinese Rose Society.

Yoshikazu Tanaka, D. Sc. (Japan)
Senior specialist working at the Research Centre for Application of Agricultural Technology, Science Inc. Ltd. From 1950 to 1979, he pursued his research of breeding roses with Fargesia and other Worcestershire roses, and has concentrated on rose breeding.

Zhao Shuiwei (China)
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'Julia Child'
(WEEKvossutono), floribunda, butter gold, Carruth 2006, [(‘Voodoo’ X ‘R. Souleiana derivative’) X ‘Summerwine’] X ‘Top Notch’] 35+ petals, strong licorice candy and spice fragrance

'Rainbow Sorbet'
(BAIprez), floribunda, deep yellow mixed orange & red, Lim 2006; [‘Playboy’ X ‘Earthsong’] 12 to 16 petals, fresh cut apple fragrance.

'Tahitian Sunset'
(JACgodde), hybrid tea, apricot yellow blushing pink, Zary 2005; [‘Seedling’ X ‘Sun Goddess’], 30-35 petals Strong fruit & rose fragrance.

'Wild Blue Yonder'
(WEKisosblip), grandiflora, ruffled red-purple with a lavender eye, Carruth 2006. [‘International Herald Tribune’ X ‘R. Souleiana derivative’ x (‘Sweet Chariot’ x ‘Blue Nile’)] X (‘Blueberry Hill’ X...