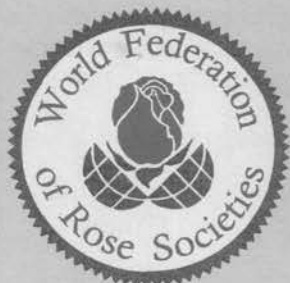


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11th World Rose Convention BENELUX 1997 A Great Success

THIS SUMMER brought the triennial event for rose growers the world over - the 11th World Rose Convention of Rose Societies organized and sponsored by the World Federation of Rose Societies. The site for this gathering was three neighboring cities, namely Brussels in Belgium, The Hague in Holland and Mondorf-les-Bains in Luxembourg.

The convention started off on July 5th in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg in the beautiful thermal city of Mondorf-les-Bains, close to the borders with France and Belgium. Here the Opening Ceremonies took place in the presence of the Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte, followed by a bus tour to the famous Moselle wine cellars!

The WFRS Convention then moved to the neighboring capital city of Belgium, Brussels where on Sunday morning, July 6th, the ANNUAL ROSE EXHIBITION presented by the Belgium Royal Rose Society took place at the Brussels Town Hall.

Monday morning brought the first series of lectures followed by a visit to Hex Castle built in the 18th century by Count Charles de Velbruck, Prince Bishop of Liege. Two more days in Brussels brought visits to the National Botanical Garden of Belgium in Meise, the Botanical Research Center in Melle and a visit to the medieval city of Bruges where attendees were treated to a medieval banquet.

On Wednesday, July 9th, the WFRS Convention moved on to The Hague in the Netherlands where the INTERNATIONAL ROSE COMPETITION took place in the famous Westbroekpark. This park, laid out in the 1920s comprising and about 50 acres, bears a close resemblance to English landscape parks but is best known for its rose garden containing almost 20,000 rose bushes.

All too quickly the Closing Ceremonies and Farewell Dinner took place on Friday night, July 11 at "Madurodam". This convention was unique in that it took the rose lovers into three countries starting on Saturday July 5th and ending on Friday July 12th. But what a week of rose activities it was!

This issue has been devoted to capturing the full flavor of this wonderful convention.

FROM THE EDITOR

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

AS EACH EDITOR ASSUMES the responsibility for **WORLD ROSE NEWS**, their hopes and dreams are uniquely the same - to bring new ideas and improve the content and circulation. Just exactly how those visions are given reality is largely due to the personal style and driving forces of each individual Editor. Yes, I have a clear vision in my mind the major role **WORLD ROSE NEWS** should play as we approach the next rose millennium. I want to share that plan with you, the readers.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a vibrant communication link for the publication of relevant news items from Member Countries to share in the sights and sounds of roses and rose events around the world. **WORLD ROSE NEWS** is intended to serve the various Member Societies by encouraging them to submit their major activities for publication. Thanks to several National Editors around the world I have a abundance of source material from which to select news and events. But more information from other countries is needed to offer comprehensive global news coverage.

The contents of this current issue are largely devoted to events resulting from the recent World Rose Convention in Benelux. This triennial gathering of rosarians from all over the world deserved capturing the decisions, thoughts, plans, awards and most of all, the happy faces of those were fortunate to attend this great rose event.

REGULAR FEATURES

My hopes for future issues will include such regular features as Calendar of World Rose Events, feature articles on International Rose Trial Gardens of the World, compilations of Trial Ground Winners, profiles of Prominent Rose Hybridizers of the World, New Roses of The World, major show results from National Rose Shows, educational articles on Improving Rose Growing, etc. Needless to say, this plan will translate into a larger issue than previously published as evidenced by this current issue of 32 pages. Publication dates have been set for May and November with the deadline for submission of material for consideration for publication of April 15 and October 15.

PERSONAL INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The circulation of **WORLD ROSE NEWS** has been limited in the past to the Presidents/Officers of Member Countries, WFRS Executive Members and Standing Committee Chairmen. To extend the circulation to individuals wishing to gain a deeper insight into the activities of the WFRS and its Member Countries, a personal subscription is now available (see back cover for details).

YOUR SUPPORT

Lofty ideals aside, our immediate task is to build a premier publication that performs a service function to rose lovers all over the world. Your support of the opportunity that **WORLD ROSE NEWS** presents to foster the development of interchange between rosarians is respectfully solicited.

Lastly, I am honored to have been given the challenge as Editor of **WORLD ROSE NEWS** to serve you, the readers, in bringing increased enjoyment of our noble hobby.

DR. TOMMY CAIRNS



My Goals for WFRS

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I AM SURE we would all like to extend heartfelt thanks to Marie Louise Velge and her three National Committees for all the work they invested in staging the very successful World Convention.

Hardly had we returned from the happy days in the Benelux when the best news arrived: the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) had formally been registered in the United Kingdom as a company limited by guarantee and as a charity under the number 1063582.

Thanks to the outstanding administrative skills of my predecessor, Ethel Freeman, as well as the financial acumen of our Honorary Treasurer, Jim Naylor, I find myself in the happy position of starting my term of office with virtually a clean slate on which to trace my goals for the WFRS. These are essentially three and regard the future, the present and the past.

THE FUTURE: International Rose Data Base

Looking ahead, a long-term project for a comprehensive global rose data base will be established. A specialized Committee has been set up to coordinate those systems already in existence, such as those established by the American Rose Society, Sangerhausen and Cavriglia, to lay the foundation for a joint project which will identify the locations of all rare varieties present in our Members' Countries as well as provide a unique qualifier as to their absolute identification.

Our Vice Presidents will be requested to facilitate the gathering of the information undertaken by individual societies. This mechanism will ensure the participation of all members who will be the beneficiaries of this herculean effort.

I have just returned from attending the National Convention of the American Rose Society in Shreveport, Louisiana where the first steps were taken in devising a way to bring all the major players to the conference table. It is planned to have round table discussion at the Royal National Rose Society headquarters in St. Albans on Saturday, November 29, 1997 to initiate how the task may be undertaken both technically as well as editorially.

THE PRESENT: Improvements in Communications

During the next 3 years communication will be of major importance to the health of our organization. Therefore, I plan to visit all Member Societies and encourage our Vice

Presidents to visit as many of their constituents as possible as well as to visit societies outside their geographical area. Regional Conferences are an outstanding way for rose friends to socialize and get to know other Members' rose joys and sorrows. I would particularly like to encourage those areas which have not yet staged "Regionals" namely South America, Africa and the Far East, to seriously consider hosting a regional conference in 1998.

The WFRS Directory will be expanded and updated annually. Members should send all changes, corrections and additions, no later than 30th March each year, to the Chairman of the Publications Committee, Ethel Freeman. Naturally we would appreciate suggestions to improve and enlarge the range of information already included. I would also like to launch an appeal to Members whose national rose magazines and annuals are not written in English. That is, to follow the example which some Societies, e.g. Japan, Romania and Uruguay, have adopted of including summaries in English of their articles so that rosarians who do not speak Swedish or even Spanish could enjoy what the magazines have to offer.

Concurrent with these developments I have requested the Executive Committee to approve the necessary funds to establish a website on the Internet for the WFRS to permit ease of communication between Members as well as improve our visibility with rose growers all over the world.

THE PAST: History of the WFRS

Lastly, I would like to ask all who have attended World Federation Conventions or who have been office holders of the WFRS or in any way supported us to let me have any documentation, including photographs which might help to document a history of the WFRS.

The WFRS now has 34 Member Societies representing almost 100,000 rosarians around the world. We extend a special welcome to our four new Member Countries - China, Finland, Greece and Slovakia. We have a competent Executive Committee and sound Committees. Nevertheless the life and soul of our organization depends on the participation of its Members.

I am relying on your support and assistance.



Ethel Freeman with WFRS Secretary Jill Bennell at Westbroek Park in The Hague

Benelux Rose Convention

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It had rained every day for more than a month, but two days before the Benelux Convention was to begin the sun came out and the weather turned glorious. The Convention Chairman, Baroness Marie Louise Velge, the Convention Director, Jacques Rathé, and their army of workers breathed a sigh of relief and began welcoming the nearly 500 rosarians from around the world as they arrived in Brussels for the 11th World Rose Conference.

OPENING DAY

The week that followed was a never ending whirl of events. It began with an early morning drive to Mondorf-les-Bains, Luxembourg for the Opening Ceremonies where the guest of honour was Grand Duchess Josephine-Charlotte of Luxembourg. Sadly for the Rose Society of Luxembourg and their President, Baroness Antoine de Schorlemmer, the rain and the previous winter had decimated the rose garden, but their hospitality and hard work made up for it.

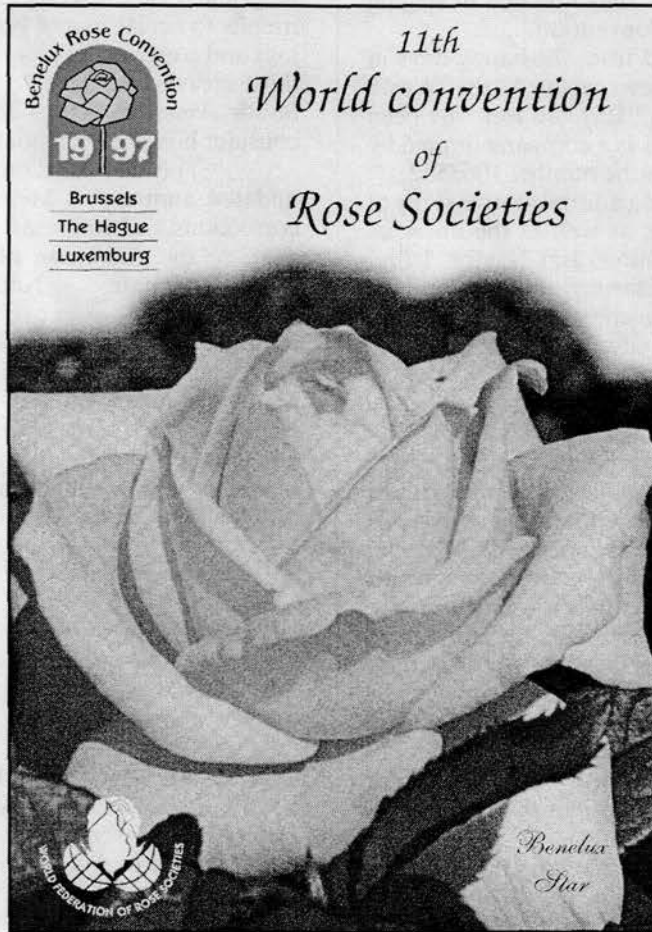
MEMORABLE BRUSSELS

Back in Brussels we were treated to two magnificent exhibitions in the beautiful Grand Place. One was an amazing display of hundreds of rose stamps from many countries, each accompanied by either a picture of the rose or by the actual rose, and sometimes by both. The other was a rose exhibition that transformed the Town Hall. There were mass arrangements everywhere and a special exhibit devoted to Louis Lens' life work in roses. The fact that both Queen Paola and Queen Fabiola paid visits to the exhibitions attests to the enormous effort and the resulting success for the Belgian Rose Society and its President, Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery. Then came excellent lectures and many tours to gardens

around Belgium, including one to beautiful Castle Hex. Indeed, it seemed to some that they rode more buses that week than they had in the past twenty years. But the highlight of the stay in Belgium was surely the day in fascinating Bruges, completed by a wonderful medieval Banquet. No one who was there will ever forget it.

THE HAGUE & WESTBROEK PARK

Then it was on to The Hague and Westbroek Park. For those who have not been there, I urge you to make the time for a visit. Located right in a residential area of The Hague, the rose garden is part of a huge urban park. And what a rose garden it is! The newest and the best of roses are laid out in a beautifully landscaped garden that has been meticulously cared for. There was lots of Dutch herring to go with the roses and in the evening the winner of the "Golden Rose of The Hague" was announced - WARM WISHES by Garth Fryer of England. A beautiful orange pink Hybrid Tea, this rose is also a 1998 All America Award Selection (AARS) and will be introduced in North America as SUNSET



CELEBRATION.

AWARDS

At the same ceremony the World Federation of Rose Societies presented its Gold Medal to Sam McGredy IV. This, our highest award, is presented for outstanding contributions both to the Rose and to the World Federation of Rose Societies and Sam McGredy is certainly a worthy recipient

Then there were more tours and lectures, this time arranged by the Dutch Rose Society and its President, Mrs. Mariette Edelman. The convention ended with a splendid buffet at Madurodam Miniature Village in The Hague. There our other awards were presented:

The World's Favourite Rose

NEW DAWN

The Garden Plaque of Merit

Castle Hex in Belgium

The Rose Pin for service to the WFRS

Ethel Freeman

The 13th World Rose Conference in 2003

Glasgow, Scotland.

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

But a World Rose Conference is not just lectures, tours and socializing. For the Official Delegates it is also an intensive round of meetings where the member countries try to reach some consensus on topics of interest to the whole rose world.

UK Registered Charity

First and foremost we were delighted to be able to announce that the WFRS is now an official legal entity, having become a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee in the United Kingdom. This means that each member country will enjoy limited liability under English law, i.e.: each member's liability, in the event of a financial crisis, will be £10 only. In this way no one person or member society is liable for an entire debt. We have also obtained charity status in the United Kingdom, mostly on the basis that we provide educational information to the general public. This means that our income is not taxable. In addition, our new constitution (called our Memorandum and Articles of Association) is now in effect. One copy of this was given to each country's delegate for their Society's records, so please ensure that your Society has received it.

New Member Societies

Council was pleased to approve membership applications from China, Finland, Greece and Slovakia. We welcome them and hope they will play an active role in the WFRS.

Awards Committee

The Awards Committee approved the establishment of a Selection Sub-

committee, made up of the Awards Chairman, the President and all Past Presidents. Presentations for the garden Plaque of Merit were made by the seven nominated gardens. All were excellent and, after a closed ballot, Castle Hex in Belgium was announced as the winner.

Classification Committee

The Classification Committee engaged in heated discussion as to whether English (or Austin) roses should constitute a new class. There were many arguments both for and against and the matter will be considered in greater detail over the next three years.

Liaison Committee

At the Convention Liaison Committee many countries expressed sorrow that Japan had withdrawn its bid to host the 13th World Rose Conference in 2003. Since Glasgow, Scotland was the only remaining bid, after their very good presentation, the convention was awarded to it by unanimous vote. Discussion followed, led by Dr. Stefan Wagner of Romania, on the question of whether convention should be allotted to each of the regions of the world in turn. There were forceful arguments, both pro and con, but no conclusion was reached. It is anticipated that this will be discussed with member societies over the next several years.

Regional Conferences

It was agreed that Regional conferences could not be held within six months before or after a full convention. Also, there could be more than one Regional conference in a given year as long as they were in different regions. In addition to the existing requirement that a host society guarantee the WFRS levy on 400 delegates at a full conference, a Regional conference must now guarantee the WFRS levy for 100 delegates.

Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee heard a great deal about the rose databases which are being developed at various locations, especially in Europe. It is imperative that there be some coordination between them so that the enormous efforts involved are not needlessly duplicated. Our new President, Helga Brichet, has a particular interest in this, so you will be hearing more about it in the future from her.

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee happily named Dr. Tommy Cairns of the United States of America as the new Editor of the World Rose News. A subscriber list for it was discussed as well as many of Tommy's plans for the future. In addition, Tommy talked about a WFRS annual (or triennial publication.) Again, this would be used to raise the profile of the WFRS around the world.

WFRS Rose Directory

The WFRS Rose Directory will continue and an investigation into marketing it will be made. We will also investigate putting the WFRS on the Internet and perhaps publishing parts of the Rose Directory there.

Service Recognition

And finally, the delegates gave special thanks to Dr. Josef Sieber and Mrs. Mercedes Villar who are retiring from the Executive after many years of devoted work. Their contribution has been great and will always be appreciated.

Benelux Host Societies

The WFRS has to give sincere thanks to the rose societies of all three countries, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, to their Presidents and to their members for all their hard work and hospitality.

Special Thanks

But most of all we offer our thanks and our congratulations to the Convention Director, Jacques Rathé and to the Convention Chairman, Baroness Marie Louise Velge, and indeed to her entire family. Without them it would not have been possible.

EDITOR:

The full reports of the Council and the various Committees have been included in this issue to record the decisions and recommendations taken during the Benelux Convention. In addition a selection of photographs have been included to relive the very pleasant memories we all enjoyed while in the Benelux countries.

Council Meeting I

Minutes of Council Meeting I held on Sunday 6th July 1997,
The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels, Belgium

CHAIRMAN:

ETHEL FREEMAN, WFRS President

1. ROLL CALL

The President asked for a roll call of delegates and the following were present to represent their National Societies:

The President:	Mrs Ethel Freeman
Hon. Treasurer:	Mr James Naylor
Vice President North America:	Mr Frank Benardella
Vice President Europe:	Dr Josef Sieber
Argentina:	Mrs Susan & Mr Robert Begg
Australia:	Margaret MacGregor & Richard Walsh
Belgium:	La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery & La Baronne Marie-Louise Velge
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Canada:	Mrs Anne Graber & Mrs Doreen Stanton
Czech Republic:	Mr Josef Thomas
Denmark:	Mr Ebbe Langer
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Germany:	Mr Bernd Weigel
Great Britain:	Mr Dick Balfour & Mr Michael O'Loughlin
India:	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalpure
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupe Timini
Japan:	Dr Takeo Nagata & Makabe
Luxembourg:	Mr T.W.J. Dumont
Netherlands:	Mr Win Koudijs & Mrs Marga Verwer
New Zealand:	Mrs Lois Tabb & Mr Gerard Williams
Northern Ireland:	Mr Norman Beck & Mr George Ferret
Romania:	Dr Stefan Wagner
South Africa:	Mr Ludwig Taschner
Spain:	Mr Pedro J. Salvador Palomo
Sweden:	Mr Gunnar Stahl
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mrs Mercedes Villar & M Jean-Pierre Hounie
U.S.A.:	Mrs Debra Mock & Dr Jim Hering
The Secretary:	Mrs Jill Bennell

1.

MINUTES OF MEETING

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

23 November 1994 were approved.

Proposed: Mrs Mercedes Villar

Seconded: Mrs Susan Begg

1.1 Matter Arising - Item 3

The President informed the meeting that the 8th Heritage Convention scheduled for June 1999 in Lyon, France could not be a WFRS Regional because it is not a French Rose Society Event.

2.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Mrs Freeman presented her report as follows:

After the convention in Christchurch, New Zealand ended, we immediately began working on four major projects, in addition to the continuing business of our standing committees. These four projects were: putting our finances in order, registering the WFRS as a legal entity, revising the Constitution and producing the WFRS Rose Directory. Let me deal briefly with each of these.

● Putting our finances in order
Due to the unstinting efforts of our Treasurer, Mr Jim Naylor and our secretary Mrs Jill Bennell all outstanding accounts, payables, receivables and disputed amounts were traced and settled. Our books were brought up to

date and audited statements are now sent to each member country at the beginning of each calendar year.

● Registering the WFRS as a legal entity
After looking at the possibility of becoming registered in many countries we narrowed it down to Bermuda, Canada, Great Britain and the United States. We eventually settled on Great Britain as being the most advantageous since we could register as a company under the Charities Act. Our annual costs would be the lowest here and we would not be subject to tax. We received approval from our members to proceed with registration in Great Britain and are now registered there.

● Revising the Constitution

The Constitution Committee spent many months discussing and revising and finally producing a new constitution. This was then put into the required format by a British solicitor and was sent to our members. We asked them to repeal the old Constitution and adopt the new Memorandum and Articles of Association. Of our 30 member countries, 19 voted for, I asked for an amendment and 0 voted against.

So we now have a new constitution, which we hope resolves many contentious issues of the past and which spells out clearly how the WFRS operates. Special thanks to Mrs Helga Brichet, Mrs Lois Tabb, Mr Jim Naylor and Mrs Jill Bennell. Each in their own way contributed greatly.

WFRS ROSE DIRECTORY

This committee decided on what to include in the Directory, designed the forms to collect the information and then began contacting the member societies to actually obtain the information. As always, the latter proved the most difficult. However, we finally had a reply from every single member for the 1996 edition and most members for the 1997 update.

In the 1997 update we were pleased to be able to add a section, originally initiated by Dr. Josef Sieber, on Rose Trial Grounds around the world. Mr Jim Anderson, Mr John Mattia, Mrs Bunny Skran and Mrs Milly Weyermann are all to be thanked for their efforts.

My personal opinion is that this Directory offers valuable information to our members and helps them feel part of the WFRS during non convention years. I hope that the members will agree to continue funding it.

In addition to these four major initiatives, the period from November, 1994 to July 1997 was a very busy one for the WFRS. In June, 1995 we presented our first garden Award of Merit to Roseaie de l' Hay at a reception in Val-du-Marne, France. That most historic and beautiful garden was a fitting recipient. In May, 1996 we presented our second garden Award of Merit. This time the presentation was to one of the world's finest private gardens, Il Roseto Botanica "Carla Fineschi" in Cavriglia, Italy. The presentation was made during the WFRS European Regional Conference held in Cavriglia and Milan. This Regional Conference was a great success in that it accomplished what a regional conference should. It was a relatively

small (about 200 people) and informal gathering of rose lovers from one region that provided them the opportunity to really get to know one another. Sixteen countries were represented, twelve of them from Europe. The organizers, including Vice-President, Mrs Helga Brichet, are to be congratulated.

Mrs Esther Geldenhuys, the Editor of *World Rose News*, has continued to improve that publication, issue by issue. It is interesting and informative, with news from around the world. I have seen it quoted in many places, and it certainly helps communication among rosarians.

The WFRS Vice-Presidents attended many events in their areas. But special mention should be made of Mrs Helga Brichet and Dr. Takeo Nagata. Mrs Brichet traveled far and wide around the rose gardens of Europe, and especially in non member countries. Dr. Nagata corresponded with all countries in the Far East concerning roses and has made some contacts in China which may prove fruitful in the future.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the members of the Executive for their outstanding co-operation. And I would like to say a special thank you to our Secretary, Mrs Jill Bennell, who made my job a pleasure.

I hope I have contributed to making the WFRS an organization which functions smoothly and one in which all member societies are more aware of each other and feel they are part of a whole.

2.1. AWARDS

The President also reported that the Executive Committee, at its meeting in Milan on 23 May 1996, had considered the method of choosing the recipients of the WFRS Garden Plaque of Merit, the Gold medal and the Rose Pin, and the following procedure was agreed:

2.1.1. Plaque of Merit

Nominations be sought from each member society.

2.1.2. Awards Selection Committee

An Awards Selection Committee be set up with the sole purpose of nominating individuals for award of the medal and pin.

2.1.3. Members of Committee

The Awards Selection Committee be the incumbent president, the chairman of the full awards committee and all the past presidents.

2.1.4. Ratification of Committee

The Awards Selection Committee be ratified by Council in the Benelux 1997.

2.2. INTERIM AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mrs Helga Brichet (Italy) proposed the ratification of the interim Awards Selection Committee as defined in 2.1.3. above for the purpose of formalizing the procedure by nominating individuals for the gold medal and rose pin. The candidates names to be referred to the full Awards Committee, who would make its recommendations to Council II. In this manner the members of the Awards Selection Committee would have the time to consider and compare the merits of the candidates. At the same time an element of confidentiality could be maintained so that unsuccessful candidates feelings would not be hurt. This procedure is intended to facilitate the workings of the full Awards Committee; not to undermine or subvert it.

Mrs MacGregor (Australia) queried whether member countries could put forward nominations to the Awards Selection Committee, feeling that all members should be able to do so if they wished.

Mr Balfour (Great Britain) seconded the proposal and the president asked for a show of hands and the proposition was carried.

2.3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mrs Freeman reported that the Executive had met on two occasions since the 1994 Convention, first in June 1995 in Val-du-Marne, France and again in Milan, Italy in May 1996. The main business of these meetings was the preparation for registering the federation, revising the constitution and the work for the *WFRS Rose Directory*. Also the procedure for voting at convention meetings was determined and proxy voting will not be allowed. However, postal votes for the election of the President and Vice-president is permissible but not for choosing the host country for future conventions. Only those member countries who attend in person, at which the presentations by those countries bidding for a convention are made may cast a vote at the Convention Liaison Committee Meeting.

2.4. REGIONAL MEETING

The President confirmed the Executive Committee's approval for the Victoria Rose society's centenary meeting in Melbourne 1999 as a WFRS regional.

2.5. OTHER APPROVALS

The Executive Committee had met earlier and the President asked for Councils approval of the following:

2.5.1. Time Scale for Regional

The present ruling is that regionals cannot be held in the same year as a World Rose Convention. Mrs MacGregor (Australia) suggested more flexibility, particularly if a country had a special event to celebrate when applying for a regional. Mr Beck (Northern Ireland) proposed the following amendment to the rule: a regional may not take place within 6 months before or after a World Rose Convention. Seconded by Mrs Mock (USA) and carried.

2.5.2. Number of Regional Meeting/Conventions in Any One Year

It was agreed that more than one WFRS regional meeting was acceptable as long as each took place in different regions, i.e.: only one per region.

2.5.3. Number of Delegates at WFRS Regional Meetings

On the proposition of Mr Begg (Argentina), seconded by Mr Williams (New Zealand) the majority agreed that, to qualify for a WFRS regional convention, the host society must guarantee 100 delegates. Bermuda was opposed.

2.5.4. Minimum Number of Delegates

It was noted that a minimum of 400 delegates to a full World Rose Convention had already been ratified and minuted at Council II in New Zealand in 1994.

3.

REPORT OF HON. TREASURER

Mr Naylor reminded Council that the financial statements for the following years had been sent to each member society and asked for their adoption:

1991-1994:

Proposed by Mrs Tabb (New Zealand)
Seconded by Mr Williams (NZ)

1995:

Proposed by Mrs Villar (Uruguay)
Seconded by Mr Hounie (Uruguay)

1996:

Proposed by Mrs Begg (Argentina)
Seconded by Mr Balfour (Gr. Britain)

3.1. STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

All subscriptions for 1997 had been received. One was subject to bank charges leaving the federation with only £19 of the intended full sum of £25. The Treasurer stressed that members must allow for any bank fees that may be liable. He also emphasized the cost of the federation in having to remind members to pay, and urged them to pay subscriptions as soon as invoices are received in January.

Mr Naylor reported that, at the executive Committee Meeting earlier that day, he had requested that Council II be asked to approve an increase in subscriptions from £25 a year to £30 to bring us in line with inflation. The requirement for a part-year subscription for new members of £15 for the first year would also be put to Council II. The treasurer would present a draft budget for consideration at Council II.

4.

REPORTS FROM VICE PRESIDENTS

Reports of the following Vice Presidents were tabled and are attached to these minutes:

La Baronne Marie-Louise Velge - Europe
Mrs Helga Brichet - Europe
Mrs Lois Tabb - New Zealand
Mrs Mercedes Villar - South America
Me Frank Benardella - North America

Mrs Tabb asked for one or two alterations to her report to be noted. Mrs Tabb also asked council to give some thought to the discrepancies in the number of delegates attending conventions. Some 4 or 5 countries consistently support conventions with a substantial number in attendance. She suggested that a subcommittee look into ways and means of getting member countries to encourage more enthusiasm for larger group attendance.

5.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following countries were accepted:

CHINA

Proposed by Dr. Nagata (Japan)
seconded by Mrs Pimpalpure (India)

FINLAND

Proposed by Mr Stahl (Sweden)
seconded by Mr Langer (Denmark)

GREECE

Proposed by Mr Beck (North Ireland)
seconded by La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (Belgium)

SLOVAKIA

Proposed by Mr Balfour (Gr. Britain)
seconded by Mr Wagner (Romania)

6.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION OF THE WFRS

Each member country's delegate was given a copy of the memorandum and articles of association of the World Federation of Rose Societies. It was stressed by the secretary when handing out the copies, that they were to be for the member society's records.

(Secretary's note: delegates are asked to

ensure that their copies are placed with the officer of their society responsible for such matters).

The Hon. Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the effect being a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee will have. Each WFRS Member Country will enjoy limited liability under English law, i.e.: each member's liability, in the event of a financial crisis, will be £10 only. In this way no one person or member is liable for an entire debt. Registration also depended upon the federation's claim to provide information of an educational nature to the general public.

There is also a requirement to hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM), but provided council agrees that no such meetings will be held in 1998 & 1999, and it is minuted that the next AGM will be in the year 2000, this will be acceptable under English law. This proposition will be put to Council II.

Mrs MacGregor proposed a vote of thanks to the Steering Committee, the President, Mrs Freeman, Mrs Brichet and Mrs Tabb, to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr Naylor for liaising and working with the English solicitor and the secretary for the paper work.

The collaboration between Mrs Freeman, Mrs Weyermann and Mrs Skran had brought about the successful first edition of the Directory which has now been updated for 1997/8. Recommendations for future editions will be put to Council II by the Publications Committee. Also the financing of the Directory will be included in the treasurer's draft budget to Council II.

There was some discussion on the idea of putting the Directory on the world wide web, the delegates from South Africa and Bermuda favouring this as opposed to printing hard copies.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Wagner (Romania) expressed his regrets that Japan, after all the good preliminary work it had put into preparing to bid for the 2003 Convention, had decided to withdraw its application. He asked that the conventions be more widely distributed amongst regions. He proposed the matter should be discussed more fully at Council II.

Mr Begg (Argentina) pointed out it was a matter for the Convention Liaison Committee before going to council.

This concluded the meeting.

Council Meeting II

Minutes of Council Meeting II held on Thursday 10th July 1997,
The Hague, Netherlands

CHAIRMAN:
ETHEL FREEMAN, WFRS President

1. ROLL CALL

The President asked for a roll call of delegates and the following were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina	Mrs Susan Begg (voting) & Mr Robert Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor (voting)
Belgium:	La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (voting)
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijka Peterich (voting)
Canada:	Mrs Anne Graber (voting)
Czech Republic:	Dr Josef Thomas (voting)
Denmark:	Mr Ebbe Langer (voting)
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery (voting)
Germany:	Mr Bernd Weigel (voting)
Great Britain:	Mr Michael O'Loughlin (voting) & Mr Dick Balfour
India:	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalpure (voting) & Mrs Nalini Khasnis
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini (voting)
Japan:	Dr Takeo Nagata (voting) - Vice President, Asia
Luxembourg:	La Baronne de Schorlemer (voting) & Mr T W J Dumont
Netherlands:	Mr Wim Koudijs (voting) & Ms Marga Verwer
New Zealand:	Mr Gerard Williams (voting)
Northern Ireland:	Mr Norman Beck (voting) & Mr George Ferrett
Norway:	Mrs Haldis Christine Zeiner (voting) & Lt. Col. Rein Lae Solberg
Romania:	Dr Stefan Wagner (voting)
South Africa:	Mrs Esther Geldenhuys (voting) - Vice President Africa
Slovakia:	Dipl.Ing.Melini Kociova (voting)
Sweden:	Mrs Denise Andersson (voting)
Switzerland:	Mrs. Milly Weyermann (voting)
Uruguay:	Mrs Mercedes Villar (voting) - Vice President South America & Mr Jean-Pierre Hounie
United States of America:	Mrs Debra Mock (voting) & Dr Jim Hering
Zimbabwe:	Mrs Marie Cowper (voting)
Mr James Naylor:	Hon. Treasurer
Mr David Ruston	Immediate Past President
La Baronne Marie Louise Velge	Vice President, Europe
Mrs Helga Bricet:	Vice President, Europe
Dr. Prof. Josef Sieber:	Vice President, Europe
Mrs Lois Tabb:	Vice President, Australasia
Mr Frank Benardella:	Vice President, North America

Among the observers were: Mrs Rose Gilardi (USA), Mr Paul Graber (Canada), Dr. Thomas Cairns (USA) - Editor "Modern Roses" and Mrs Bunny Skran (USA)

2. MINUTES

The minutes of Council I, 6th July Brussels were tabled. The following amendments to the minutes were noted:

Attendance:

Add: Mrs Helga Brichet - Vice President, Europe and Mrs. Haldis Christine Zeiner (Norway)
Amend spelling: Mrs. Luciana Lupi Timini (Italy); Mr George Ferrett (Northern Ireland); Mr Gunnar Stahl (Sweden); Mr Abe (Japan)

Item 2.3.

Amend last sentence to: "*Only those member countries who attend in person may vote in Convention Liaison committee meetings*"

Item 8:

Amend spelling: Dr Stefan Wagner.

Subject to the corrections, the minutes were approved. Proposed Mrs Graber (Canada), seconded Mrs Peterich (Bermuda).

3.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3.1. REGISTRATION

CHAIRMAN:

LT. COL. KEN GRAPES

In the absence of the Chairman and with the approval of the President, Mrs Jill Bennell (WFRS Secretary) gave the report of the Registration Committee.

Most of the UK breeders were refusing to register their roses with the International Registration Authority for Roses (IRAR) in the United States, because of the restrictions the USA Trade Mark laws place upon registered varieties. A similar problem existed in Germany.

While the All American Rose Selection (AARS) trade organization was registering roses, the powerful International Trade body, CIOFORA, continued to advise not to register. Mr Weigel (Germany) promised to write to the Chairman regarding the situation in Germany. In the meantime the Chairman would continue to monitor the problem from the UK end.

To overcome the gap in the information chain caused by this reluctance to register new varieties with the IRAR, the Editor of "Modern Roses" would endeavour to list all non registered

varieties from information gathered from Nurserymen catalogues; to list the breeder's code name and all its fancy, commercial, or selling names individually with the appropriate cross references to the main entry; to list all varieties in cultivation throughout the world, no matter how few plants still exist; to encourage breeders to supply historical information, particularly parentage, missing against varieties in "Modern Roses 10" and to give all the information on new varieties

The American Rose Society had dropped its requirement for roses to be registered before they may be exhibited at Shows.

Chairman 1997 - 2000:

Lt. Col. Ken Grapes re-elected.

There was no further discussion on Registration and on the proposal of Mrs MacGregor, seconded by Mrs Mock the report was adopted.

3.2. CLASSIFICATION

CHAIRMAN:

MR DAVID RUSTON

Mr Ruston said that it had to be acknowledged that classifications varied from country to country; from author to author and also in nurserymen catalogues. However, the main concern of his committee had been the appropriate classification for David Austin's "New English Roses". His committee had to consider the fact that many breeders around the world were producing similar varieties and quoted the Romantica, Renaissance and Generosa varieties from such breeders as Meiland, Poulsen and Guillot.

It was acknowledged that, while Mr Austin had led the way, there were more and more breeders following suit and we could finish up with a different classification for each new collection. While the term "English Roses" was an acceptable marketing name, it was not acceptable as a classification.

The Classification Committee recommended that the David Austin "New English Roses" be classified as Shrub Roses.

Chairman 1997 - 2000:

Mr David Ruston re-elected.

On the proposal of Dr Mrs. Pimpalapur (India), seconded by Mrs MacGregor (Australia), the recommendation was agreed and the report was adopted.

3.3. PUBLICATIONS

CHAIRMAN

MRS ESTHER GELDENHUYS.

Mrs Geldenhuys informed Council that she had tendered her resignation as Editor of "World Rose News" (WRN). She outlined the various matters applicable to her committee and asked for Council's approval of the following recommendations:

1. *Dr Thomas Cairns, Editor of "Modern Roses" take over as Editor of WRN.*

2. *The distribution of WRN be as follows:*
a) *2 copies each to the following officers of Member Societies: The President, Secretary and Editor;*
b) *1 copy to each member of the WFRS Executive Committee;*
and
c) *1 copy to each Chairman of WFRS Standing Committees*
d) *Member Societies to duplicate WRN if extra copies, over and above the allocation, were required*

3. *The minutes of the previous meeting in New Zealand, stating that each delegate attending a Convention receive a copy of WRN be rescinded.*

4. *The minutes of Council II be published in WRN.*

5. *The publication of a WFRS triennial book. The new publication to be a substantial and prestigious volume with articles on all the many and varied subjects surrounding 'the rose'. The format and presentation to be similar to "The Rose Annual" formerly published by the RNRS. The first edition to be published in time for the Houston 2000 Convention. All expenditure to be vetted by, and subject to, the approval of the Executive Committee. It was envisaged that the American Rose Society would purchase substantial numbers for Houston. It could also be sold from outlets other than the Federation network of members, in order to raise funds for other activities.*

6. *The "World Rose Directory" continue and the possibility of selling it through Nurseries, Tourism Offices etc. and advertising it on the Internet to be investigated.*

Chairman 1997 - 2000:

Mrs Ethel Freeman.

On the proposal of Mr Benardella, seconded by Mrs Begg the recommendations were approved and the report adopted.

3.4. CONSERVATION

CHAIRMAN
MR DICK BALFOUR

The Committee concentrated on the possible collaboration with other organizations to eventually produce a world-wide data base of roses. There was already in existence a European partnership working on a data base of roses throughout Europe. The first country was France and the United Kingdom, Germany and Spain joined later. The Netherlands is an associate partner. Future partners will be Belgium and Italy. Drs. Marie-Helene Gandelin from Groupe d'Etude et de controle des Varieties Et des Semences (GEVES) and Suzanne Reynders-Aloisi from Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA) gave a presentation, with transparencies, on the progress of the European data base.

There had been a little help with funding from the EEC Also Professor GianFranco Fineschi (Italy) and Dr Rosa (Italy), and Mr Josef Raff (Germany) and Mr Bernd Weigel (Germany) reported on the work to create a data base of the roses at Cavriglia, Italy and Sangerhausen, Germany.

The Committee hoped that the WFRS would contribute to the European initiative. However, before any information could be gathered in from Member Countries there would need to be uniform guide lines on how the data was presented. For instance, computer systems compatibility, definitions of colour, classification

Chairman 1997-2000:
Mrs Helga Brichet

On the proposal of Mr Balfour, seconded by Mr Langer (Denmark) the report was adopted.

3.5. AWARDS

CHAIRMAN
MRS HELGA BRICHET

Mrs Brichet reported that her Committee had approved the awards and she sought Council's ratification for the following:

- 1) WFRS Rose Hall of Fame: 'NEW DAWN'
- 2) WFRS Gold Medal :
Dr Sam McGredy (Rose Breeder)
- 3) WFRS Rose Pin: - Mrs Ethel Freeman (WFRS President 1994-1997)
- 4) WFRS Garden Plaque of Merit:
Hex Castle, Belgium

The Committee also made the following recommendations:

5) *the Section for Old Roses in the Hall of Fame be re-instated.*

6) *Only in very exceptional circumstances should a Gold Medal be awarded to a person who had already received a Rose Pin*

7) *Only one Gold Medal and one Rose Pin be awarded at any one Convention*

8) *A third award, in the form of a certificate, be created and Mr Louis Lens the Belgian rose breeder and La Baronne Marie Louise Velge be presented with the first of these in Houston in the year 2000.*

9) *Sangerhausen be given special consideration of a Plaque of Merit to celebrate its centenary in the year 2003.*

On the proposal of Mrs Begg (Argentina), seconded by Mrs Mock (USA) the awards were ratified, the recommendations agreed and the report adopted.

Mrs Peterich (Bermuda) questioned whether officials of the Federation should receive awards and suggested that to serve was honour enough. In reply, Mrs Brichet said that there were no restrictions either in persons or in the number of names put forward for consideration of awards.

3.6. FUND RAISING

CHAIRMAN
MR DAVID RUSTON

Mr Ruston reported that his committee meeting had been very fruitful, with many good ideas for future fund raising. He referred to the tremendous contribution the New Zealand Convention had made to the Federation's funds and also the contribution from the Italian Regional meeting in Cavriglia and Monza. He expressed the hope that the Vice Presidents would encourage more Regional meetings.

Mr Ruston asked for Council's approval of the following fund raising activities:

1. *Post cards of the newest Hall of Fame winner - 'NEW DAWN' be produced for sale.*
2. *Numbered and signed prints of 'NEW DAWN' be sold at World Rose Conventions and Regional meetings.*
3. *Linen tea towels for sale at World Rose Conventions and Regional Meetings.*
4. *The Federation to be responsible for the cost of production of 1 - 3 and the WFRS to receive all profits from sales.*

The arist's permission to reproduce her work for items 1 & 2 would be necessary and Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland) agreed to approach Ann Marie Treschlin.

Mrs Mock (USA) offered the American Rose Society as an outlet for sale of the post cards and prints. Mrs MacGregor also offered to sell the cards and prints at the Melbourne Regional meeting in 1999 on a 'sale or return' basis

Mr Ferrett (Northern Ireland) would obtain quotations for producing the linen tea towels.

5. *Mr Ruston also asked for Council's approval for a forward plan to introduce WFRS Patrons from the year 2000. He said that this had proved very successful for the American Rose Society. The Executive Committee would take this on board with help and advice from the American Rose Society.*

Chairman 1997-2000:
Mr David Ruston - re-elected.

On the proposal of Dr Mrs Pimpalpure (India), seconded by Mrs Cowper (Zimbabwe) the recommendations were approved and the report adopted.

3.7. CONVENTION LIAISON CHAIRMAN MR NORMAN BECK

In accordance with the minutes of Council II in New Zealand, he and the Executive Committee had drawn up guidelines for hosting a World Rose Convention and copies had been sent to the Convention Directors for The Benelux and Houston 2000.

There had also been a long discussion on, the design of and the financial responsibility for, the Convention badges which were so popular with the delegates in New Zealand and The Benelux.

Mrs Mock (USA) had given an update on the preparations for the Houston 2000 Convention on 19th - 24th April 2000. Brochures of the Convention Hotel (the J.W.Marriott) and a tentative schedule of dates and events had been given to each delegate at the meeting.

Originally there had been two applications to host the 2003 World Rose Convention - Great Britain (Glasgow) and Japan (Yokohama). However, the Japan Rose Society had withdrawn its application and therefore

a secret ballot was unnecessary. The President of the RNRS, Mr Michael O'Loughlin, together with officials from the City of Glasgow gave the presentation for the RNRS bid. A brochure was handed out to each delegate at the meeting.

Mr Beck asked for Council's approval of the following recommendations:

1. Convention Badges:

- a) *Shall be the sole responsibility of the host country at the time.*
- b) *The existing design (New Zealand & The Benelux) be used for all future Conventions.*
- c) *The host country to budget for the badge in the registration fee.*

2. The World Rose Convention in the year 2003. *To the Royal National Rose Society (Great Britain) in the City of Glasgow 18th to 25th July 2003.*

At the request of Dr Wagner the Convention Liaison Committee discussed the possibility of introducing a rotating system of granting Conventions, based upon regions. There was no firm proposal on this subject, and the Committee agreed to table it for further discussion at a later date.

Chairman 1997-2000:
Mr Robert Begg was elected.

Mr Begg said that a booklet giving guide-lines, rules and protocol for World and Regional Conventions would be produced and sent to all Member Societies.

On the proposal of Mrs Villar (Uruguay), seconded by La Baronne de Gerlache de Gomery the recommendations were approved and the report adopted.

The President thanked the Committee Chairmen.

4.
**APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS
FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS
FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1997 - MAY 2000.**

Mrs Rose Gilardi (USA) and Mr Paul Graber (Canada) were appointed.

5.
**BALLOTS FOR
ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

There was one voting delegate for each

Member Society represented at Council. The following Member Societies submitted a postal vote: Greece, Israel, Pakistan, Poland and Spain. The unopened postal votes were handed to the scrutineers together with the secret ballot papers from the delegates present. The scrutineers removed themselves from the meeting room, counted the votes for each candidate and returned the concealed results to Mrs Freeman. Mrs Freeman announced the results of the secret ballots.

**5.1. BALLOT FOR PRESIDENT
JULY 1997 - MAY 2000.**

*There were 3 candidates:
Mrs Helga Brichet (Italy)
Mr James Naylor (Great Britain)
Mrs Lois Tabb (New Zealand)*

RESULT:

President - Mrs Helga Brichet

**5.2. BALLOT FOR VICE PRESIDENTS
JULY 1997 - MAY 2000**

5.2.1. FOR EUROPE - 3 VACANCIES

*There were four candidates:
Mr Ferdinand Cassan (Austria)
Lt.Col.Rein Lae Solberg (Norway)
La Baronne Marie Louise Velge (Belgium)
Mr Bernd Weigel (Germany)*

RESULT: Vice Presidents Europe:

**Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg
La Baronne Marie Louise Velge
Mr Bernd Weigel**

5.2.2. FOR ASIA - 1 VACANCY

*There were two candidates:
Dr. Takeo Nagata (Japan)
Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)*

RESULT: Vice President Asia:

Dr. Takeo Nagata - re-elected

5.2.3. FOR SOUTH AMERICA - 1 VACANCY

*There were two candidates:
Mr Robert Begg (Argentina)
Mr Jean-Pierre Hounie (Uruguay)*

RESULT: Vice President for South America:
Mr Jean-Pierre Hounie

*5.3. VICE PRESIDENTS: NORTH AMERICA,
AFRICA & NEAR EAST AND AUSTRALASIA*

There was one vacancy and one candidate for each region. The following Vice Presidents were re-elected:

5.3.1. North America

Mr Frank Benardella

5.3.2. Africa & Near East

Mrs Esther Geldenhuys

5.3.3. Australasia

Mrs Lois Tabb

5.4. THE HON. TREASURER

Mr James Naylor, was re-elected by unanimous acclaim.

6.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6.1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mr Naylor (Hon. Treasurer) referred to minute 6, paragraph 3 of Council I. He reminded the delegates that now the Federation is a Registered Company Limited by Guarantee there is a requirement to hold an Annual General Meeting. However, provided Council agrees that an AGM will not be held in the years 1998 and 1999 and that the next AGM will be held in the year 2000, this would be acceptable under English law.

On the proposal of the Hon. Treasurer, seconded by Mr Williams (New Zealand) it was agreed unanimously that the next AGM will be held in Houston, Texas in the year 2000.

6.2. BUDGET

1 JULY 1997 TO 31 MARCH 2000.

The draft budget was tabled. The Hon. Treasurer confirmed that it would be considered by the Executive Committee at its meeting later in the day. Mr Naylor appealed for donations. Mrs MacGregor (Australia) said that the contribution from the Melbourne Regional, budgeted at £1,000 was on the low side. The Hon. Treasurer also mentioned that interest rates in the UK could well rise and, if so, he may have to consider moving the Federation bank account from the Isle of Man back to the UK main land.

6.3. PRESENTATION

Mr Williams (New Zealand) had brought along gifts for presentation to the three host Societies - Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

6.4. AWARDS

Mrs MacGregor raised the subject of the new award. She felt that there should be ratification of the award to worthy recipients at Council now and not in three years time. She mentioned several names to be added to the two already confirmed. Mrs Begg (Argentina) pointed out that among the names mentioned, were people who remained in office, and felt that it would be far better to give these people the appropriate award when their time in office was over. Mrs MacGregor pressed for the award to be ratified at the meeting and presented in due course. Mrs Freeman pointed out that the

correct procedure would be for nominations to go before the awards committee and then to Council. She suggested that the Council recognize the contributions the people had made, but leave it to the awards committee to make its recommendations at the next Convention.

Mrs MacGregor proposed that Council recommend that consideration be given of an award to Mrs Lois Tabb in recognition of her work for the 1994 Convention. This was seconded by Mr O'Loughlin (Great Britain).

6.5. TIMING OF WFRS STANDING COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Mr Benardella ((USA) expressed his concern that many delegates were missing out on the tours, because of their commitment to Federation business. He urged for consideration of the delegates and hoped that future Conventions would schedule meetings to take place before the programme of attractions. He felt very strongly that the enjoyment of Conventions was lessened for delegates, many of whom would rather be visiting the various nursery and rose garden tours that clashed with the meetings. Mr Begg agreed, suggesting that all meetings be held in the two days before the Convention.

Before adjourning the meeting the President thanked La Baronne Marie Louise Velge for her work for the Convention, The Rose Societies of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg for their hospitality and organization of the various events in their countries. She also thanked the retiring Vice Presidents, Mrs Mercedes Villar (Uruguay) and Prof. Dr. Josef Sieber (Germany) and Mrs Esther Geldenhuys, the retiring Editor of "World Rose News" and chairman of the Publications Committee.

In reply, La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, on behalf of Council, thanked Mrs Freeman for all she had done for the Federation during her term of office as President.

Mrs Freeman then welcomed in the new President, Mrs Helga Brichet and formerly closed the meeting.

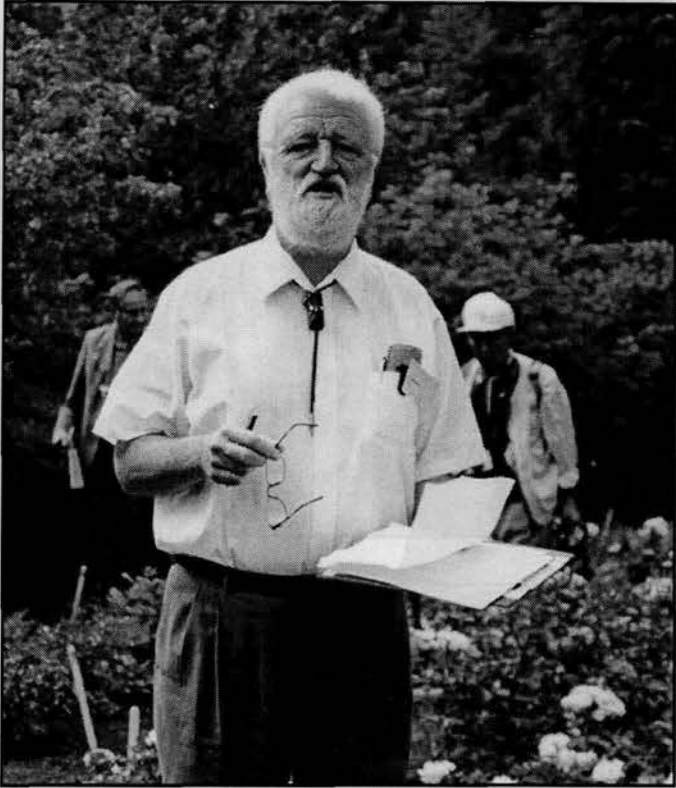
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WFRS President

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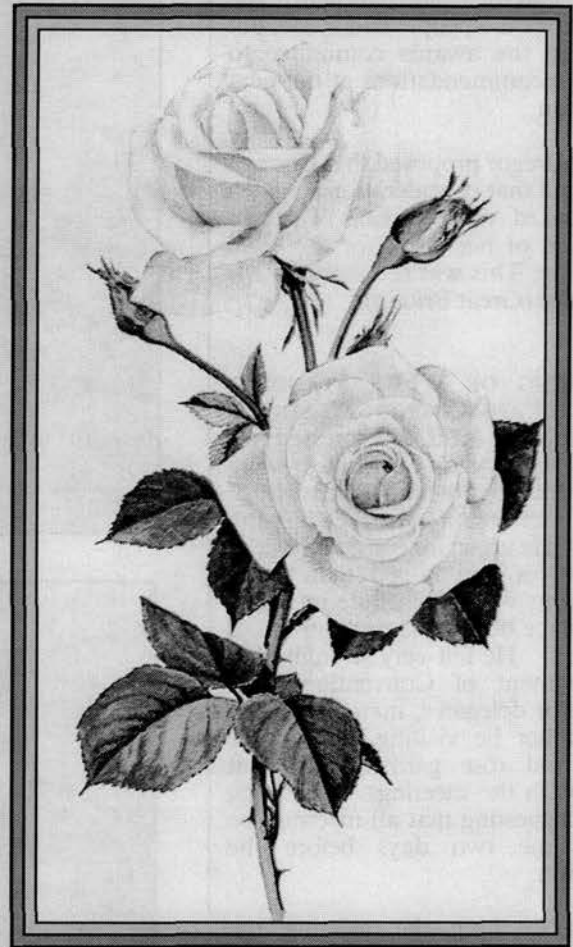
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WFRS AWARDS



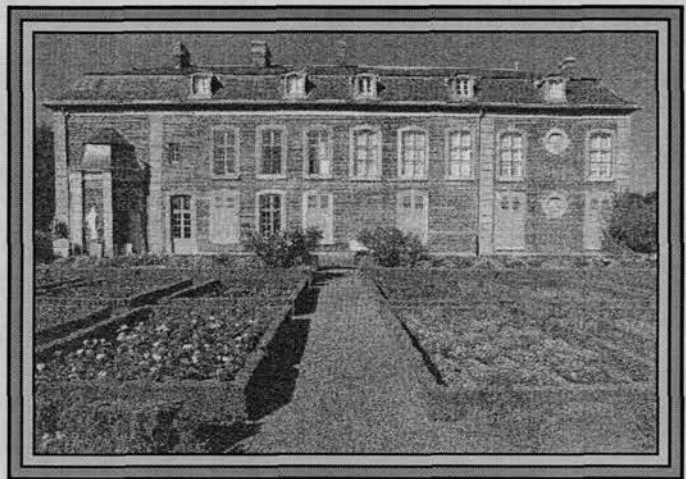
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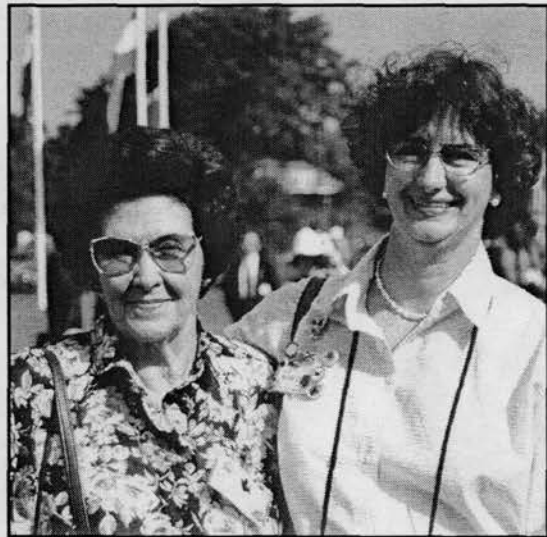
Memories from Benelux 1997



La Baronne Marie Louise Velge drinks a toast with the Mayor of Bruges and his wife



Dick Balfour with Mercedes Villar & Helga Brichet



Esther Geldenhuys with her daughter at Westbrook Park



La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery & Jacqueline Humery enjoy lunch at Westbrook



Frank Benardella and his wife June enjoying the gardens at Hex Castle



La Baronne Marie Louise Velge with her grand-daughter at Brussels Town Hall



David Ruston discussing roses with some of the delegates at Westbrook



The judging for "Golden Rose of



Some members of the large delegation representing New Zealand



One of many rooms of displays of roses



Thelma Natt with three generations - Ben Williams, son & grandson



The endless display of beautiful



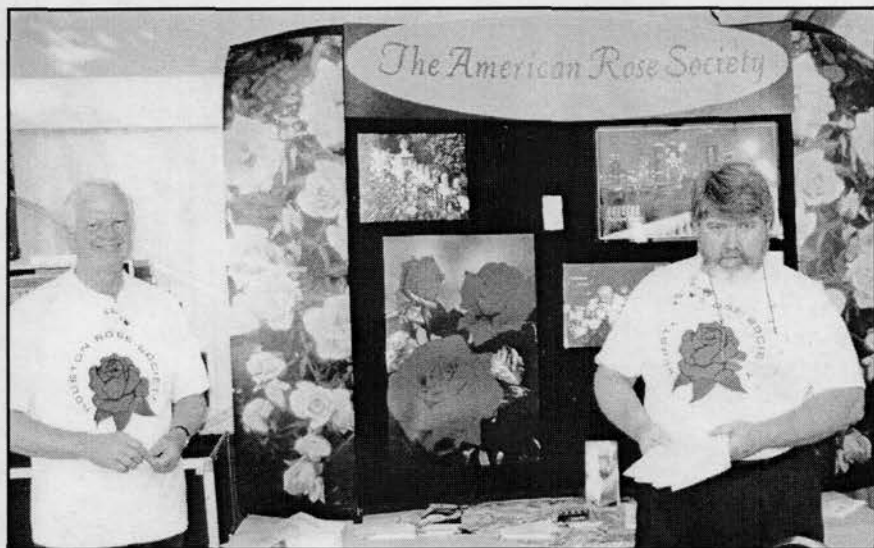
"The Hague" at Westbroek Park



The judging teams at Westbroek Park marking their score cards



roses staged in the Brussels Town Hall



Paul Whelchel & Rob Mock from the Houston Rose Society tell attendees about the 12th WFRS Convention in 2000



roses at the Brussels Town Hall



Pauline Naylor & Margaret MacGregor share a friend at Hex Castle



David Ruston at Hex Castle



Prof Josef Sieber explains hybridizing



Sam & Gillian McGredy with June Benardella(c)



Lois Tabb (NZ) with Brian Atkinson (Scotland)



Mercedes Villar (Uruguay) with Lois Tabb (NZ)



Connie Whelchel (USA) with a new friend

Registration Committee

**Minutes of the Registration Committee meeting
held on Monday 7th July 1997 at 9am, The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels.**

CHAIRMAN:
LT. COL. KEN GRAPES

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and asked for a roll call. The following were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mr Robert Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor
Canada:	Mrs Ann Graber & Mrs Doreen Stanton
Czech Republic:	Dr Josef Thomas
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Germany:	Mr Bernd Weigel & Mr Jochen Klitscher
India:	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalpure & Mrs Nalini Khasnis
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Japan:	Mr Hiroshi Takana & Mr Sadayo Fujita
New Zealand:	Mr Gerard Williams
Northern Ireland:	Mr Julian Crozier
Slovakia:	Dipl. Ing. Milina Kociova
Sweden:	Mrs Denise Andersson
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mr Jeane Pierre Hounie
U.S.A.	Mrs Debra Mock & Dr Jim Hering
The President	Mrs Ethel Freeman
The Immediate Past President	Mr David Ruston
Vice President Europe	Mrs Helga Brichet
Vice President Europe	Dr. Prof Josef Sieber
Vice President North America	Mr Frank Benardella
Editor 'Modern Roses'	Dr. Thomas Cairns
The Secretary	Mrs Jill Bennell

2.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Mr Begg (Argentina), seconded by Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland) the minutes of the meeting of 21 November 1994 were approved as read.

3.

UP-DATE BY

THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

The Chairman reminded delegates that the American Rose Society is the official International Registration Authority for Roses (IRAR). Although the American Rose Society had done a great deal of work to overcome breeders' reluctance to register many are still unhappy about the restrictions the USA Trade Mark laws place upon registered varieties. The majority of UK professional breeders are still refusing to register. Much of the work to

solve the problem falls heavily on the American Rose Society and he thanked his counterpart, Mr Mike Kromer, for the efforts he had made to ease the problem.

Dr Hering (USA) confirmed that the IRAR has agreed to publish the breeder's code name and the Trade Mark name separately. He also confirmed that the All American Rose Selection (AARS) trade body is now registering roses. However, the Chairman pointed out that there was still one powerful international body, namely CIOFORA, which held sway over the breeders and discouraged them from registering their roses. This last remaining obstacle needed to be overcome to ensure all roses are registered and, therefore, identifiable to the public at large.

The delegates from Germany also confirmed that their breeders had been recommended by CIOFORA not to register. Mr Weigel said that he could not easily explain the problem for his country at the meeting, but he promised to write to the Chairman at length. In the meantime, the Chairman said he would continue to monitor the problem from the UK end. The registration of rose names has a direct link with the compilation of *Modern Roses*, therefore, the Chairman asked Dr Thomas Cairns, Editor of *Modern Roses*, to address the meeting.

Dr Cairns outlined his plans for "*Modern Roses 11*" as follows:

3.1. Encourage breeders to supply historical information missing against varieties in *Modern Roses 10*, e.g. parentage.

3.2. Encourage breeders to include ALL information on new registrations.

3.3. List all varieties in cultivation, no matter how few plants left in the world, e.g. sources such as Sangerhausen and David Ruston's nursery in Renmark.

3.4. List all non registered varieties from information gathered from catalogues

3.5. List the breeders' code name and ALL its fancy/commercial/selling names individually with the appropriate cross references to the main entry.

Dr Sieber (Germany) thanked Dr Cairns for his commitment to item 3.5, stressing that it was essential that ALL names used for one variety, e.g. that for USA, UK, Germany, New Zealand etc.. be listed separately if *Modern Roses* is to be the definitive work for all nationalities.

The Chairman felt that the use of words such as synonym, fancy, commercial etc. complicated matters. He further said that the breeders code, e.g. HAR for Harkness, BEN for Benardella, JAC for Jackson and Perkins etc. should be the 'common' name recognized throughout the world. Provided the 'common' name is always linked with the chosen marketing name for each individual country it does not matter whether it is described as a synonym, fancy or commercial.

Mrs Andersson (Sweden) deplored the re-use of names by adding the year. In

reply the Chairman agreed that it was not the ideal solution, but pointed out that the breeder could do as he wished anyway and he reminded the Committee that it had approved this measure at its last meeting in Christchurch.

4. EXHIBITING NON-REGISTERED ROSES.

Dr Hering (USA) reported that, since the meeting in Christchurch the American Rose Society had dropped its requirement for roses to be registered before they may be exhibited at Shows. Again, the Chairman thanked the American Rose Society saying that this was welcome news and would help to encourage the professional breeders to register, one of their main complaints having been that all the good names are used up for non commercial varieties.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN JULY 1997 - MAY 2000.

The Chairman intimated that he wished to stand down. A proposal for a new Chairman was put forward, but the nominee was not prepared to take the Chair. In the circumstances, and in accordance with the unanimous wishes of the Committee, Ken Grapes agreed to continue for a further three years.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Dr Cairns proposed that breeders be

encouraged to supplement information already recorded. For example, when the rose was registered the parentage may have been given as seedling x seedling, but one or both of the seedlings may since have been named and therefore the parentage confirmed. In reply Mr Benardella pointed out that the breeders, in choosing not to divulge parentage may be protecting their own interests. Alternatively, they may not know the parentage or may even give false information. The Chairman could see no reason why breeders should not divulge the parentage as there was no likelihood of the same parents producing an identical variety.

Dr Cairns counter proposed that breeders be encouraged to declare parentage when registering and asked to supplement existing information. Seconded by Mr Gerard Williams (New Zealand) and approved unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the delegates for attending and formally closed the meeting.

Before disbanding the delegates gave a unanimous vote of thanks to Ken Grapes.

KEN GRAPES
CHAIRMAN

19 July 1997

Classification Committee

Minutes of the Classification Committee meeting held on Monday 7th July 1997 at 10 am The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels.

CHAIRMAN:
DAVID RUSTON

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and asked for a roll call. The following were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mrs Susan Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor
Bermuda:	Mrs Molly White
Canada:	Mrs Ann Graber & Mrs Doreen Stanton
Czech Republic:	Dr Josef Thomas
Germany:	Dr Prof Josef Sieber
Great Britain:	Mr Dick Balfour

India:
Israel:
Italy:
Netherlands:
New Zealand:
Northern Ireland:
Norway:
Sweden:
Switzerland:
Uruguay:
U.S.A.

Vice President North America:
The Secretary:

Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalpure & Mrs Nalini Khasnis
Ms Roni Ben Dror & Ms Dalit Kaslassi
Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Ms Gerda van Uffelen
Mr Gerard Williams
Mrs Molly Frizzell
Mrs Haldis Christine Zeiner
Mrs Denise Andersson & Mr Gunnar Stahl
Mrs Milly Weyermann
Mrs Haidee Banqueter Mendez
Mrs Bunny Skran & Dr Jim Hering
and The Editor, "Modern Roses", Dr Thomas Cairns
Mr Frank Benardella
Mrs Jill Bennell

2.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Mrs Begg (Argentina), seconded by Mrs Graber (Canada) the minutes of the meeting of 21 November 1994 were approved as read.

3.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Ruston reported that he had sought the help of Dr Thomas Cairns. Dr Cairns had prepared a paper which was tabled. The document set out the various classifications used throughout the world by professionals and amateurs alike and included the recommendations from the WFRS and the late Jack Harkness.

The Chairman sighted examples of different classifications used by individuals and those published in "Modern Roses 10", e.g. Adre Eve (France) and Peter Beales (England) - both classifying CECILE BRUNNER and PERLE D'OR (Yellow Cecile Brunner) as Chinas whereas MR10 describes them as Polyanthas. He observed that the late Jack Harkness also favoured the classification China.

The question of the classification shrub and floribunda (or cluster flowered) shrub also arose. Mrs Andersson (Sweden) pointed out that in her country a floribunda shrub would be regarded as an overgrown floribunda.

Mrs White (Bermuda) pointed out that the WFRS classification, while dividing the modern garden, old garden and wild roses into climbing and non climbing, did not further classify the old and wild roses as it did the modern garden roses into recurrent, non recurrent, shrub, bush, miniature etc.. The Chairman said he would look into this.

4.

CLASSIFICATION OF DAVID AUSTIN ROSES.

This item prompted lengthy discussion with varying opinions.

The fact that many breeders are introducing new varieties of similar appearance, habit of growth, shape of bloom, recurrent flowering etc. did, in the opinion of some delegates, bar the use of the classification 'Austin Shrub' or 'Austin New English Rose' etc. If a breeder's name is to be linked with such new varieties, then how would the Romantica, Renaissance, Generosa introductions from such breeders as Meilland, Poulsen, Guillot and others be classified?

Mr Balfour (Great Britain) felt that there was no need to compartmentalize the classification, shrub roses are just that and there should be no need to separate them. The delegates were reminded that in the words of the late Jack Harkness, all roses are shrubs.

Mrs Frizzell (Northern Ireland) raised the point that the retailer, particularly garden centers, do not know the classification of a large majority of the roses they are selling. Also, the general public, when buying Austin roses are looking for perfume and are not much concerned with the classification. Mrs Stanton (Canada) pointed out that in colder climates such as her own, the word shrub would be interpreted as hardy by most people. Floribunda and hybrid tea varieties, on the other hand, would be looked upon as less hardy. Mrs MacGregor (Australia) observed that the general public required basic information such as, is it a bush or climber, how tall will it grow and perhaps most importantly does it have a perfume. For exhibition purposes,

however, the classification is important. Mrs Andersson (Sweden) suggested that the delegates knew what is meant by the term English Roses and that they belong to a particular style.

Dr Cairns (USA) felt that David Austin should be recognized for his achievement in creating the 'English' roses which have found popularity throughout the world, and asked why not give them a classification of their own. Mrs Andersson (Sweden) agreed.

Dr. Sieber (Germany) stressed that while the term English Roses was a good marketing name, he could not agree to its use for classification

After more discussion Mr Balfour (Great Britain) proposed that all Modern Shrub Roses including David Austin's New English Roses, be classified as Modern Shrub Roses. This was seconded by Mrs Mock (USA) and carried.

5.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Mr Balfour (Great Britain), seconded by Mrs Begg (Argentina), Mr Ruston was re-elected Chairman for the next three years. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked the delegates and formally closed the meeting.

DAVID RUSTON
CHAIRMAN

19th July 1997

Conservation Committee

Minutes of the Conservation Committee meeting held on Monday 7th July 1997 at 10 am Hex Castle, Belgium

CHAIRMAN:
DICK BALFOUR

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the following delegates who attended to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mrs Anita Mousequir & Mrs Lyda Chevallier Boutell
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijke Peterich & Mrs Molly White
Canada:	Mrs Anne Graber & Mr Paul Graber
Germany:	Mr Josef Raff and Mr Bernd Weigel
Israel:	Ms Roni Ben Dror and Ms Dalif Kaslassi
Italy:	Prof. GianFranco Fineschi
Japan:	Mr Ayako Takagi & Mr Yuriko Kojimar
Netherlands:	Ms Gerda van Uffelen
New Zealand:	Mr Gerard Williams
Northern Ireland:	Mr George Ferrett
Norway:	Lt. Col. Rein Lae Solberg
Sweden:	Mr Gunnar Stahl
United States of America:	Dr Jim Hering

Also in attendance: Dr Marie-Helene Gandelin from Groupe d'Etude et de controle des Varietes Et des Semences (GEVES) and Dr Suzanne Reynders-Aloisi from the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA), Antibes, France.

1.

REMARKS

The Chairman opened the proceedings by referring to the report of the informal group meeting held in Christchurch, New Zealand in 1994. He explained that it had been very much a preliminary to establishing a standing committee for the future. Once established, the committee's purpose was to concentrate on the conservation of all roses, its main intention to produce a world-wide data base not only of roses within Rosariums, but in small private gardens where many of the 'missing' roses may still be grown.

The ultimate aim would be to have the complete information on all roses, for instance, when raised, where they are and how they may be traced and propagated for growing around the world. Since the last Convention, the Chairman had been devising the chronological story of the rose for the Royal National Rose Society. He would not, of course, include all roses, but only the most important ones. He quoted an example of the variety RAYON D'OR which, like one of its parents SOLIEL D'OR was one of the forerunners of the bright colours we see in roses today.

Many of the important roses are from the earlier part of this century, from the 1920's and 30's. In referring back to the report, Mr Balfour said that the photographic exhibition mentioned in the report was included in the Flower Show in Brussels.

2.

EUROPEAN DATA-BASE FOR ROSES

The Chairman explained that, until quite recently he had been unaware of the European collaboration to set up a rose data base. He understood that the initiative had begun in France and the United Kingdom, Germany and Spain had joined later. He introduced Drs. Gandelin and Aloisi who had kindly agreed to come to the meeting and explain the workings of, and progress made, on the European data base. Mr Balfour said that he had taken the opportunity, while journeying from Brussels to Hex, to study the paper from Drs. Gandelin and Aloisi. He was a little concerned at the classifications and also that a lot of the work was concentrated on documenting scientific information rather than basic inform-

ation for the 'ordinary' rose grower. Nevertheless, he expressed the hope that the WFRS would be able to work closely with the European partners to produce a world-wide data base. He had been collecting information from a number of sources, including a list of 3,000 grown by David Ruston in Renmark, Australia.

2.1. IL ROSETO DI CAVRIGLIA

At this point, while waiting for Dr Aloisi to prepare for her presentation, the Chairman took the opportunity to introduce Professor Fineschi and Dr Rosa from Italy. He drew attention to Professor Fineschi's extraordinary garden at Caviglia, describing it as the 'museum garden of Europe'. He asked Dr Rosa to report on the progress he was making with the data-base of the roses at Caviglia. Dr Rosa confirmed that the work was progressing and was at the final correction stage. He hoped that it would be finished by the end of the year when it would be made available on request. He confirmed that the data-base contained only roses growing in Professor Fineschi's garden at Caviglia.

2.2. FRENCH PRESENTATION

Dr Suzanne Aloisi commenced her presentation by explaining the history of the French initiative, adding that the ultimate aim was to gather information of all the rose collections in Europe.

2.2.1. THE FRENCH NETWORK

In 1992 the French network was set up to gather information from the main sources. Included in this network were breeders, rosaries, private and institutional collections represented as follows:

BREEDERS:

Delbard, Guillot, Laperriere and Meilland

ROSARIES:

Roseaie Bagatelle, l'Hay, Parc de la Tete d'Or, Nantes, Chalon sur Saone, Poitiers, Bordeaux, Orleans, Quevert, Saverne, Chambéry, Nancy

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS:

Roseaie de Berty (Largentiere), Mme Masquelier (Lyon), Les Roses Anciennes (Pithiviers), M. Joyau (Comer)

INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTIONS:

Conservatoire Botanique National Alpin de Gap Charance, Jardine des Plantes de Paris, GEVES & INRA

PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS:

GEVES, INRA, Bureau des Ressources Genetiques, Ministere de l'Agriculture, Syndicat National des Producteurs de Nouveaute Horticoles and Societe Nationale d'Horticulture de France

By the end of 1994 the first national list of 4 collections was done.

2.2.2. ADDITIONAL PARTNERS

The following countries subsequently became partners in the project:

GERMANY:

Dr T Debener, Bundesanstalt fur Zuchtungsforshung an Kulturpflanzen: Dr R Drewes-Alvarez, Hochschule fur Technik and Wirtschaft: Dr B Spellerberg, Bundessortenamt.

ENGLAND:

Dr A Roberts, University of East London: Dr J Mottley, University of East London: Dr E Scott, National Institute of Agricultural Botany

SPAIN:

Dr J Cubero, Escuela Tecnica Superior de Ingenieros Agronomos y de Montes

ASSOCIATE PARTNERS:

NETHERLANDS: Office Communautaire des Varietes Vegetales

FUTURE PARTNERS - Belgium & Italy Also, at the partners disposal, was the expertise for molecular markers for variety identification and genetic relationships, cytometry-cytology, image data analysis - spectrophotometric measures, in vitro culture and haploidisation, pathology and botany as well as the expertise of UPOV. The actual European Network started in 1996 when some sponsorship was forthcoming from the EEC. So far there have been meetings in Germany, England and Spain.

Dr Aloisi pointed out that there are many anomalies to be sorted out. It may be that the breeder's name was different from one source to another, or the name of the rose mis-spelled. Some times there was also a discrepancy in the colour description of a particular rose, from one source to another. All these things had to be sorted out by going back to the sources for further identification. It would also be necessary to define a complete description file.

In conclusion, Dr Aloisi said that the first list should be on the data base by March 1998. She said that the existing partners wanted to encourage new partners into the project and build up the sources of expertise and that was why she was at the meeting - to present the work to the world societies.

The Chairman thanked Dr Aloisi and Dr Gandelin for the detailed presentation. He felt that the Federation should be taking a major role in the project and asked if Dr Aloisi and Gandelin saw any problem with this. The reply was no they did not see a problem.

Mr Balfour pointed out that there were bound to be costs involved with print-outs etc., but he did not think these would be too great overall. He wondered whether, since the EC was willing to help in the first place, it may consider further funding for the east European countries. He reminded the meeting that there was also the "Modern Roses" data base to consider.

2.3. SANGERHAUSEN

The Chairman then called on Mr Josef Raff to give the presentation for Sangerhausen. Mr Bern Weigel translated into English on behalf of Mr Raff. The presentation was given with the aid of transparencies.

There are more than 6,800 rose varieties at Sangerhausen all being documented.

The records were not yet complete, but Mr Raff said the Federation could have a printed version of the work so far accomplished.

3.

WFRS PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD-WIDE DATA BASE

Lt Col Rein Solberg pointed out that it was essential that the technical aspect of information gathering be defined. He agreed to assist in setting up the guide lines for computer systems compatibility.

Another concern from delegates was that there should be strict definitions laid down for participating countries to follow. This would avoid inconsistencies on the information on classification, colour, etc..

The Chairman said that firstly what was required was a small group of people to look into the project as a whole and define what would be required from each participating country. He stressed the need for people who would be willing to give expert advice and do a lot of work

4.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Balfour felt that, at the age of 81, he would like to stand down and hand over to a younger person. He understood that Mrs Brichet was willing to take over and said he would be happy to continue working with her. The delegates were as one in electing Mrs Brichet as Chairman for the next three years.

Finally, Mr Balfour thanked the delegates for what he said was a very fruitful start to the Federation's involvement in expanding the existing European initiative into a world-wide data base of roses.

The delegates then showed their appreciation of the outgoing chairman with a resounding round of applause which concluded the meeting.

RICHARD BALFOUR
CHAIRMAN

August 1st 1997

Publications Committee

Minutes of the Publications Committee meeting held on Monday 7th July 1997 at 3 pm at Hex Castle, Belgium

CHAIRMAN:

MRS ESTHER GELDENHUYS

1.

ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the following delegates who attended to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mr Robert Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor
Belgium:	Mr Francois Thomas
Canada:	Mrs Doreen Stanton
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Great Britain:	Mr James Naylor
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Japan:	Mr Osamu Hashimoto & Mr Sakiko Kawamoto
Netherlands:	Mr Wim Koudijs
New Zealand:	Mrs Lois Tabb
Northern Ireland:	Mr Norman Beck
Sweden:	Mrs Denise Andersson
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mrs Mercedes Villar
U.S.A.	Mrs Debra Mock & Ms Rose Gilardi
The President	Mrs Ethel Freeman
Dr. Thomas Cairns	Editor "Modern Roses"
The Secretary:	Mrs Jill Bennell

2.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Mrs Freeman (Canada), seconded by Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland) the minutes of the meeting of 22 November 1994 were approved as read.

3.

CHAIRMAN/EDITOR'S REPORT

Mrs Geldenhuys informed the delegates of her intention to resign as Editor of "World Rose News" (WRN). She said that, although she had enjoyed her time as Editor she felt she could no longer devote the time and energy required to do the job, which was quite demanding.

The Chairman said that Dr Thomas Cairns had been approached to take over as Editor. Dr Cairns had confirmed that he would be honoured to take on the job and had submitted a detailed CV which had been sent, firstly to the Executive Committee and subsequently to the delegates attending the meeting.

On the proposal of Mrs Tabb (New Zealand), seconded by Mrs Villar

(Uruguay) it was unanimously agreed to recommend to Council II that Dr Cairns be appointed.

The delegates thanked Mrs Geldenhuys warmly for the work she had done over the past six years of her Editorship.

4.

CIRCULATION OF WRN

Mr Beck (Northern Ireland) referred to the minutes of the last meeting in New Zealand when it was proposed that all delegates attending a Convention should receive WRN. He felt that this was an unnecessary expense and suggested that the Member Society make duplicates for those of their members wishing to have a copy.

In some instances the National Society is an amalgamation of many individual State Societies, as is the case with Australia and New Zealand. Mrs Tabb (New Zealand) agreed with Mr Beck that it should be the responsibility of each Member Society to duplicate WRN where additional copies over and above

the allocation were required.

Mr Naylor proposed the following distribution to Officers of Member Societies only:

2 each to: The President, Secretary and Editor I each to Members of the WFRS Executive Committee

Mrs Mock (USA) added the following proposal:

1 copy to: The Chairmen of all WFRS standing committees
Seconded by Mr Begg (Argentina) and agreed.

It was agreed that the requirement that copies be sent to each delegate attending the Convention be deleted.

The Hon. Treasurer reminded delegates that the WFRS is now a registered charity and as such the Charities Commission would expect to see any information distributed to as wide a readership as possible throughout the world.

It was also agreed that the minutes of Council II at the Benelux Convention be published in WRN.

5.

WORLD ROSE BOOK

Dr Cairns suggested an additional publication by the WFRS in the form of a volume of some substance which would, he felt sure, attract the interest of many rosarians throughout the world. He suggested that it be similar in format to the former "Rose Annual" published by the RNRS. Dr Cairns was confident that it would sell and add to the Federation's funds and help support other activities. He envisaged it being a triennial publication to coincide with World Rose Conventions with contributions from all the Member Societies. The first edition to be ready for the Houston 2000 Convention.

Dr Cairns said that he was confident that the American Rose Society would wish to purchase copies for the delegates to the Houston Convention.

On the proposal of Mrs MacGregor, seconded by Mrs Villar it was agreed that Dr Cairns commence plans for the new publication, subject to the Executive Committee's approval of all expenditures.

6.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

On the proposal of Mrs Tabb (New Zealand), seconded by Mrs Villar (Uruguay), Mrs Ethel Freeman was elected Chairman for the next three years

7.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs Freeman reported that the first up-

date to the *World Rose Directory* had been issued. She was of the opinion that the Directory could be sold through outlets such as Nurseries, Travel Agents etc.. She suggested that it could be advertised world wide on the Internet. The Hon. Treasurer agreed to look into this possibility.

The delegates were unanimous in agreeing that the *World Rose Directory* was a valuable publication and should be continued.

Mrs Geldenhuys thanked the delegates for attending and formally closed the meeting.

MRS ESTHER GELDENHUYS
CHAIRMAN

August 1st, 1997

Awards Committee

Minutes of the Awards Committee meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 1997 at 8 am The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels

CHAIRMAN:
MRS HELGA BRICHET

1.

ROLL CALL

The following delegates were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mrs Susan Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor & Mr. Richard Walsh
Belgium:	La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Canada:	Mrs Doreen Stanton
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Germany:	Mr. Bernd Weigel
Great Britain:	Mr Dick Balfour
India:	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalpure
Israel:	Mr Roni Ben Dror
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Japan:	Mr F Igarashi & Mr Yoshiko Yambe
Luxembourg:	La Baronne Antonie de Schorlemer & Mr T W J Dumont
Netherlands:	Mrs Marga Verwer
New Zealand:	Mr Gerald Williams
Northern Ireland:	Mr Norman Beck
Norway:	Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg
Sweden:	Mr Gunner Stahl & Mrs Denise Andersson
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mrs Mercedes Villar & M Jean Pierre Hounie
USA:	Mrs Debra Mock
President	Mrs Ethel Freeman
Immd. Past President:	Mr David Ruston
The Secretary:	Mrs Jill Bennell

1.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Mr. Balfour (Great Britain), seconded by Mr Norman Beck (Northern Ireland) the minutes of the meeting of 21 November 1994 were approved as read.

1.1 MATTERS ARISING

Item 7, para 3 of the 21 November 1994 minutes concerning the possibility of some earrings still being held by Mr Balfour (Great Britain) being modified for use as rose pins. No action had been taken.

2.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2.1 HALL OF FAME

Each Member Society, 30 countries in all, had submitted their ten choices in order of preference. The voting was done on a points system, the first choice marked as 10 points down to the tenth choice marked at 1 point. The winning rose gained 59 points overall and was included by 8 Member Countries - two countries having voted it top in their list of ten. The Chairman then announced the winner to be the fragrant pink climbing rose, *NEW DAWN*, a sport discovered at Somerset Nursery, USA. The Chairman asked the Committee to keep the winner a secret until the official presentation at the dinner on Friday evening. Mrs Brichet showed the delegates the portrait of *NEW DAWN* which received applause of approval.

The Chairman proposed that the portrait be accepted by a delegate from the American Rose Society. This was agreed.

The Chairman proposed that a section for voting for favorite old roses be included in the next voting for the year 2000 award. Mr Balfour seconded this, pointing out that there were already some old roses in the "Old Rose Hall of Fame" so the next vote must exclude them. This was agreed.

4.

THE AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chairman asked the delegates to approve the following recommendations:

4.1 GOLD MEDAL

For outstanding service to The Rose and the World Federation of Rose Societies - Sam McGredy. Mr Balfour (Great Britain) moved its acceptance, seconded by Mr Gerald Williams (New Zealand) and agreed.

4.2 ROSE PIN

For outstanding service to the Federation - Mrs Ethel Freeman (President 1994-1997). Mr Jeane Pieere Hounie (Uruguay) moved its acceptance, seconded by Mrs Milly Weyermann (Switzerland) and agreed unanimously.

There followed a discussion on whether or not a recipient of an award should be honoured by the Federation again, i.e. awarded the Gold Medal having already received a Rose Pin. La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (Belgium) was not in favour. Mrs Margaret MacGregor (Australia) pointed out the criteria for the awards stating that it was possible for an individual to have been deserving of the Pin for service to the Federation and, thereafter, have continued to serve the WFRS and The Rose in general.

Mr Balfour (Great Britain) proposed that only in very exceptional circumstances should a Gold Medal be awarded after a Rose Pin. This was seconded by Mrs MacGregor and agreed.

La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery (Belgium) proposed the award of the Gold Medal to the Belgian rose hybridist, Louis Lens. She went on to say how much the work of Louis Lens was appreciated by rosarians all over the world. He is now concentrating on research rather than the commercial aspect of rose breeding, and was working on a Russian project for the development of "winter hardy" roses. He had also attended meetings of the Benelux Convention Committee and his input had helped enormously. Mrs Humery (France) agreed with La Baronne.

Mr Balfour (Great Britain) advised caution in awarding the Gold Medal. He pointed out that it is only over the last three years that Mr Lens has been involved with the Federation. La Baronne replied that the Federation had been supported by Mr Lens since its inception in 1968. Mrs Begg (Argentina) agreed with Mr Balfour and suggested that the Belgian Rose Society make a special award to Mr Lens. She felt that the Gold Medal should be awarded sparingly lest it lose its value to the recipients.

At the request of La Baronne a vote by a show of hands was called. There were only three votes for, therefore the proposal was not carried. La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery then proposed a Rose Pin for

La Baronne Marie Louise Velge in recognition of all the work she had done in preparation for the Benelux Convention.

Mr Balfour, Mr Williams (New Zealand) and Mrs Stanton (Canada) all pointed out that there were other hard working officers who were also worthy of such recognition by the Federation.

Finally, Mr Williams (New Zealand) proposed that only one Medal and one Pin be awarded at any one convention, this was seconded by Mrs Stanton (Canada) and agreed by a show of hands.

Mrs MacGregor (Australia) then proposed that a third award be created in the form of a Certificate for others who had worked long and hard for the Federation. This was elaborated on with the proposal that the Council present La Baronne Marie Louise Velge and Mr Louis Lens with a gift. Mr Balfour seconded the proposal for a Certificate to come into being at the next Convention in Houston. It was agreed that the gifts be presented immediately and the certificates presented in Houston.

5.

PRESENTATION FOR THE GARDEN AWARD OF PLAQUE OF MERIT

The nominations were:

1. **Victoria State Rose Garden**, Australia (nominated by the National Rose Society of Australia)
2. **Rose Garden at Montreal Botanical Garden**, Quebec, Canada (nominated by the Canadian Rose Society)
3. **Royal National Rose Society's "Gardens of The Rose"**, St. Albans, England (nominated by the RNRS)
4. **Rose Garden at Hex Castle**, Belgium (nominated by the Luxembourg Rose Society)
5. **Rose Garden at Mottisfont Abbey**, England (nominated by the Swedish Rose Society)
6. **Cranford Rose Garden at Brooklyn Botanic Garden**, New York, USA (nominated by the American Rose Society)
7. **International Rose Test Gardens**, Washington Park, Portland, Oregon, USA (also nominated by the American Rose Society)

Each presenter was allocated five minutes to present the case for each garden, illustrated with five slides.

6.

**BALLOT
FOR THE GARDEN AWARD
OF PLAQUE OF MERIT**

The voting was by secret ballot and the winning entry was Hex Castle, Belgium. The result was greeted with enthusiastic applause from the delegates. It was agreed that Count Ghislain D'Ursel be invited to the dinner at Madurodam when the results would be announced officially.

7.

**ELECTION
OF CHAIRMAN**

Mrs Helga Brichet had announced her intention to stand down as Chairman. She was thanked most warmly for all the work she had done over the past three years. On the proposal of Mrs Villar (Uruguay), seconded by La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland) was elected Chairman for the next three years.

8.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed that Sangerhausen be given special consideration of a Plaque of Merit to celebrate its centenary year in 2003.

Mrs Brichet thanked the delegates and formally closed the meeting.

HELGA BRICHET
CHAIRMAN

28th July 1997

Fund Raising Committee
Minutes of the Awards Committee meeting
held on Tuesday 8th July 1997 at 9:30 am
The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels

CHAIRMAN:
MR DAVID RUSTON

1.

ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the delegates and asked for a roll call. The following were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina:	Mr Robert Begg
Australia	Mrs Margaret MacGregor
Belgium:	Mr Reginald de Hemptinne
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Canada:	Mrs Doreen Stanton
France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Germany:	Mr Bernd Weigel
Great Britain:	Mr James Naylor
India:	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalapur
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Japan:	Mr Kenzi Inui & Mr Yasuko Amagumi
Netherlands:	Mr Wim Koudijs
New Zealand:	Mrs Lois Tabb
Northern Ireland:	Mr George Ferrett
Norway:	Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg
Sweden:	Mrs Denise Andersson
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mr Jeane Pierre Hounie
United States	Mrs Debra Mock & Dr Jim Hering

2.

MINUTES

On the proposal of Mrs Tabb (New Zealand), seconded by Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland), the minutes of the meeting of 22 November 1994 were approved as read.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Ruston opened by warmly thanking the New Zealand Society for its magnificent contribution to the WFRS funds from the 1994 Convention. He also thanked the Italian Society for the contribution from its Regional at Cavriglia and Monza.

Unfortunately, although he had managed to raise some £1000 at his Garden Open day several years ago, his hopes of repeating this had, literally, been a wash out. The rain had come down, 3" of it. His nursery commitments prohibited the likelihood of opening his garden for the WFRS in the foreseeable future.

4.

FUTURE FUND RAISING

Mrs MacGregor (Australia) suggested that the Federation consider merchandising at Conventions and Regionals. She further suggested that a post card of the latest Hall of Fame rose,

NEW DAWN, be sold at these events. She said she would be glad to have these at the Victoria Rose Society's Centenary Regional in Melbourne in 1999. Mrs Stanton (Canada) added that prints of NEW DAWN might also be considered.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Naylor (Great Britain), welcomed any practical suggestions for fund raising. He reminded the delegates that the Federation costs more to run than its investments and subscription income can support.

Mrs Tabb (New Zealand) had

reservations about selling for the WFRS at World Rose Conventions. She pointed out that all Societies were trying to raise money to keep afloat. While her own Society is reasonably solvent, other smaller Societies may not be in such a happy position and would seek to raise money for themselves at World Conventions. She was, however, in favour of such fund raising at Regionals.

Dr Hering (USA) was strongly in favour of the cards, and suggested that prints might be numbered and signed by the artist.

Mrs Weyermann (Switzerland) said the Federation would need to seek the artist's permission to reproduce her work and offered to contact Ann Marie Treschlin on the WFRS's behalf. It was agreed that Mrs Weyermann do this and then write to the Secretary with the result.

Mrs MacGregor said that she would accept the cards and prints for Melbourne, but the Federation would have to be responsible for the selling and there would be no question of cash in advance of sales.

The Hon. Treasurer reminded the delegates that the Federation's new Editor was planning to publish a "WFRS Annual" every three years to coincide with World Rose Conventions. He suggested that the Annual might be produced in sufficient quantity for sale between Conventions, the marketing to be left to the printer.

At this point a question was raised about the decision made at the previous

Convention concerning the sale of a WFRS badge. In reply the Hon. Treasurer said that this had not been activated and the matter of future Convention Badges would be discussed at the Convention Liaison meeting and then taken to Council II.

Mrs Mock (USA) mentioned the American Rose Society's patrons. The Chairman elaborated on this and Mrs Mock confirmed that her Society had a tradition of holding a Patrons' Breakfast. The Chairman further pointed out that this would appeal to the individual ego as well as to lovers of roses.

Commercial patrons would hopefully lead to financial sponsorship. Mr Begg (Argentina) applauded this idea and suggested the Federation follow suit and seek help and advice from the Americans.

Mrs Tabb (New Zealand) said she would like to see the world's hybridists involved with the Federation. She felt that we should encourage them to become involved before seeking patronage. In reply, the Hon. Treasurer said the new Constitution provides for affiliated membership and this could apply to hybridists, nurserymen, etc..

Mrs MacGregor made the following proposal: That the WFRS produce post cards and prints of NEW DAWN to be sold by host Societies at Regional and World Rose Conventions. That the WFRS be responsible for the purchase of the cards and prints and the WFRS shall receive all profits from the sale of the cards and prints. This was seconded by Mrs Mock (USA) and agreed.

On the proposal of Mrs Mock (USA), seconded by Mr Begg (Argentina) it was agreed to develop a programme for patrons sponsorship introduced from the year 2000.

Mrs Mock (USA) said the American Rose Society would like to have the post cards and prints available. She offered to store them and distribute from the American Rose Society's headquarters and sell them in its gift shop.

The sale of a linen tea towel of the latest Hall of Fame winner was also suggested. Mr Ferrett promised to obtain quotations from the Belfast company, Ulster Weavers.

Finally, the Chairman said that he would be writing to all Vice Presidents suggesting that a Regional meeting be held in each area, between World Rose Conventions. He pointed out that they need not be elaborate functions, but could help bring together the Member Societies within each region. He had already spoken to delegates from Uruguay, India and Bermuda, all of whom seemed keen.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Ruston was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the next three years.

DAVID RUSTON
CHAIRMAN

19 July 1997

Convention Liaison Committee

Minutes of the Convention Liaison Committee meeting held on 9th July 1997 at 8 am The Royal Windsor Hotel, Brussels

CHAIRMAN:
MR NORMAN BECK

1. ROLL CALL

The Chairman welcomed the following delegates who were present to represent the National Societies:

Argentina:	Mr Robert Begg
Australia:	Mrs Margaret MacGregor
Belgium:	La Baronne Lily de Gerlache de Gomery & La Baronne Marie Louise Velge
Bermuda:	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Canada:	Mrs Ann Graber
Denmark:	Mr Ebbe Langer

France:	Mrs Jacqueline Humery
Germany:	Mr Bernd Weigel
Great Britain:	Mr Michael O'Loughlin & Mr Dick Balfour
India	Dr Mrs Meena Pimpalapur
Italy:	Mrs Luciana Lupi Timini
Japan:	Dr Takeo Nagata
Luxembourg:	La Baronne Antoine de Shorlemer & Mr T.W.J.Dupont
Netherlands:	Mr Wim Koudijs
New Zealand:	Mr Gerard Williams & Mrs Lois Tabb
Northern Ireland:	Mr George Ferrett
Norway:	Lt Col Rein Lae Solberg
Romania:	Dr Stefan Wagner
Slovakia:	Dipl. Ing. Melini Kociova
Sweden:	Mr Gunnar Stahl
Switzerland:	Mrs Milly Weyermann
Uruguay:	Mr Jean Pierre Hounie
U.S.A.:	Mrs Debra Mock
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The Hon. Treasurer:	Mr James Naylor
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Vice President North America:	Mr Frank Benardella
The Secretary:	Mrs Jill Bennell

2. MINUTES

On the proposal of Mr Gerard Williams (New Zealand) seconded by La Baronne Marie Louise Velge the minutes of the meeting of 22nd November 1994 were approved as read.

3. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Beck reported that, in accordance with the minutes of Council II in New Zealand, he and the Executive Committee had drawn up guide lines for hosting a World Rose Convention. (Secretary's note: Copies were sent to the conveners of the Benelux and Houston 2000 Conventions).

The Chairman then drew the meeting's attention to the Executive Committee's concern at the cost to the Federation of the badges issued to registered participants at both the New Zealand and Benelux Conventions.

Mrs Tabb (New Zealand) explained that, at an Executive Committee meeting held in England in 1993, she had requested that a memento be given to each registered participant at the New Zealand Convention. The meeting had agreed that a suitable memento would be a badge and that the cost may be deducted from the per capita levy due to the Federation from the New Zealand Convention. La Baronne Velge (Belgium,) reported that her Committee had also requested that a badge be given to all registered participants to the Benelux Convention and further explained that they had requested that the same design be used as that for New

Zealand. At its meeting in Milan in May 1996 the Executive Committee had agreed on both counts, but with the proviso that the Benelux Committee pay a percentage of the cost, to be agreed between themselves and the Federation's Treasurer. The Treasurer said that the badges cost approximately £1 each.

The President, Mrs Freeman (Canada) said that, while a badge was a very nice memento, it was not obligatory that one be issued at Conventions. She further said that, in her opinion, if the host country wished to give a badge, it should budget for it within the registration fee. Dr Hering (USA) observed that it would appear that neither the Federation nor the host country had expected to pay for the Benelux badge. The President said that the cost of the badge had been met by the Federation this time, but that it was essential that the responsibility for production and cost of future badges be settled at this meeting.

On the proposal of Mr Begg (Argentina), seconded by Mr Williams (New Zealand) it was agreed that, if in future the host country wishes to issue a badge, it be the responsibility of the Convention hosts at the time, but that

the design first be approved by the Executive Committee. Mrs Tabb (New Zealand) called for an amendment, proposing that the existing design be used for all conventions. This was agreed.

Dr Hering (USA) proposed that, in future, the cost of Convention badges be

included in the budget for the Convention registration fee. This was seconded by Mrs MacGregor (Australia) and agreed unanimously.

4. PROGRESS REPORT THE WORLD ROSE CONVENTION 2000

Mrs Mock (USA) provided the delegates with literature on the city of Houston, Texas, the venue for the 12th World Rose Convention, a full colour brochure of the Convention Hotel (the JW Marriott) and a tentative schedule of dates and events. The Convention will cover 6 days, starting with the Opening Ceremony and Reception on 19th April to the Closing Ceremony and dinner on 24th April. Suggested pre-Convention activities to take place in Hollywood and Southern California 14-18 April. Post Convention activities - Gardens of San Francisco and Gardens and Sights of New York City. The Convention Hotel will be the JW Marriott located just across from the Galleria Shopping Complex of some 400 shops. Mrs Mock reported that a room rates of \$89 per night plus tax had been negotiated. There were also three other hotels each offering room rates of \$69 a night plus tax.

Dr Wagner (Romania), mindful of the restrictions on the budgets of many of his members, asked if cheaper accommodation could be arranged, for instance, University rooms. He said that if people are going to travel around the world they would want to see more. He was reminded of the intended west coast tours and also the New York trip.

Mr Benardella (USA) asked that the organizers avoid conflicting with other programmes. Mrs Mock said she would do her best to avoid this.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Mock for her report and urged close liaison with the Chairman over the next three years.

5.

APPLICATION TO HOST THE 13TH WORLD ROSE CONVENTION IN 2003

The Chairman reported that, although there were originally two applicants, The Japan Rose Society and The Royal National Rose Society (Great Britain), to his very great regret the Japan Rose Society had withdrawn its application. In reply Dr. Nagata (Japan) explained his Society's reasons for withdrawing and expressed his thanks to the Chairman and good wishes to the RNRS. The Chairman then called upon Mr Michael O'Loughlin, President of The Royal National Rose Society to commence the presentation for Great Britain.

Mr O'Loughlin said that the RNRS had chosen Glasgow because it is not only an historic and vibrant city, but it also has a well deserved reputation for glorious gardens where roses are grown that are the equal of anywhere in the world. The Scots also have a great reputation for friendliness and hospitality. He went on to say that the RNRS firmly believes that the purpose of Conventions is to bring together like minded people to enjoy their mutual interest - roses, but equally importantly to enjoy the venue, its people, its culture, its food and atmosphere and, above all else, the opportunity for enjoyment, relaxation and fun.

The dates proposed are 18th to 25th July 2003 which will cover the Society's annual British Rose Festival as part of a pre-Convention tour. The lecture programmes will be planned to include world class Rosarians and Horticulturists on the general theme of "Roses into the New Century" and it is planned to invite new and exciting speakers who have not previously participated at a Convention. Lectures will be during the first few days to coincide with local garden and general interest visits which will take place on a repeat basis thereby giving delegates the best chance of attending both. Visits to the finest Scottish gardens and local sightseeing tours will also be arranged. A Rose Show will be staged in a marquee situated in one of Glasgow's fine parks. Social events will be of prime

importance. The WFRS Committee and Council meetings are planned for early evening so that those involved may attend lectures, go on trips etc. This will be particularly important for those countries who send only one delegate to meetings. Mr O'Loughlin then handed over to Messrs. Bailie Mutter and Brian Atkinson, Glasgow City officials, who elaborated on the arrangements listed in the brochure provided for delegates. Accommodation ranged from 5-star & Deluxe, to Budget/University Campus for as little as £15 per night. The Convention venue to be the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in the heart of the city. The Concert Hall is easily reached from all the many hotels and hostel accommodations listed. Glasgow International. "Meet and Greet" service will be arranged, providing a welcome desk at the airport to assist in the co-ordination of transfers during key arrival times.

The Chairman thanked the presenters and called for the meeting's approval of the application. After a very short question and answer session, the delegates approved the application with a show of hands and the Chairman announced his intention to recommend to Council II that The Royal National Rose Society be granted the World Rose Convention in the year 2003 in the City of Glasgow, 18th to 25th July.

6.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

The President reminded the delegates that only Member Societies may hold a Regional which must be applied for to, and approved by, the Executive Committee and held under the auspices of the WFRS.

7.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr Beck informed the meeting of his intention to resign and called for proposals for a new Chairman for the ensuing three years. Two names were put forward:

Mrs Lois Tabb - proposed Mr Williams (New Zealand) seconded Mrs MacGregor (Australia)

Mr Robert Begg - proposed Mrs Graber (Canada) seconded La Baronne Velge (Belgium)

Mr Begg was duly elected Chairman by a simple show of hands.

8.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dr Wagner (Romania) expressed his opinion that the World Rose Conventions should be evenly spread throughout the geographical regions. He proposed that rules be established before the next Convention that each consecutive convention must be held in a different geographical region. He also felt that the division of the Regions was wrong, for instance North and South America should be one Region. He further proposed that starting in the year 2006 the Convention be in Asia and thereafter organized within regions. The President, Mrs Freeman said she understood the intention behind Dr Wagner's proposal, but felt that in a democratic organization such as the WFRS every Member Society should have an equal opportunity to bid for a Convention irrespective of regions. In the lengthy discussion that ensued, the delegates from Bermuda and Sweden agreed with Dr Wagner. Mr Benardella (Vice President, North America) asked for consideration of a Regional rotating system which was supported by Mr Gunnar Stahl (Sweden). However, other delegates, including Mrs Graber (Canada), Mrs MacGregor (Australia) and Dr Hering (USA) felt that the proposal required greater clarification. The Chairman observed that the meeting was obviously divided and, on the proposal of Dr Hering (USA) it was agreed to table the motion for further discussion at a later date.

The Chairman elect, Mr Begg (Argentina), promised that a booklet giving guide lines and rules for World and Regional Conventions would be produced and sent to all Member Societies. Mrs MacGregor asked that the protocol for events at Conventions be included in the booklet.

This concluded the meeting.

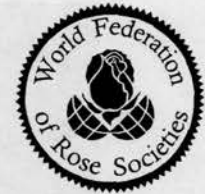
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Thanks for the memories!

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