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EDITORIAL

Four months into the year and there has been much activity amongst members of the WFRS, not least of all our hard working President, in preparation for the four conventions coming up in the next 2 years – China, Uruguay, Slovenia and Denmark. In one month's time, we once again have an opportunity to meet with fellow rosarians from around the world.

As we watch the news, our thoughts and concern are with our many friends in Belgium and France as they live under the threat of further atrocities. This senseless terrorism causing peace loving people to live in fear must not be allowed to over shadow the lives of those going about their daily way of living in good faith and peace.

In this issue we have contributions from the Chairmen of Standing Committees which can be found under Standing Committee reports. There are also other interesting contributions - the story of the 'Peace' rose – so appropriate with so much strife in the world; we celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of Shakespeare with David Austin Roses and enjoy the magnificent rose garden at Uetersen.

I am appealing to anybody attending the unveiling of WFRS Awards of Garden Excellence to please send a report and photographs to me for inclusion in WRN.

The next issue will contain descriptions and reports of the dual convention in China.

Sheenagh Harris
World Rose News Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April, 2016



**PRESIDENT
2015 - 2018**

Dear Rose Society Members,

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope this year is healthy, prosperous and great for roses throughout the world.

This year is very busy for WFRS activities. First, we have the WFRS Regional Convention and 14th International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing, China. Final arrangements are being made to ensure all who attend have an enjoyable and rewarding experience combining roses, Chinese culture and scenery. The lecture programme promises to be informative and the Pre- and Post Convention Tours are most exciting.

The Rose Society of Japan has also organized a Post, Post Convention Tour which includes visits to most of its famous and very beautiful gardens. It is not too late to register for the Convention or its tours. Information is available on the WFRS website. Contact Mr Katsuhiko Maebara, Email: K.maebara@kusabueroses.jp to obtain more information on the post tour to Japan.

In November, 2016 we have another WFRS Regional Convention in Uruguay. Again, there are interesting Pre- and Post Convention Tours and Argentina has organised a Pre-Uruguay Convention Tour. I am looking forward to visiting these countries and seeing their lovely gardens. Information is on the WFRS website.

For the last few months it has been very busy behind the scenes, with our Executive Director, Executive Team and Committees progressing with their priorities for the next 2 ½ years, leading up to the 2018 World Rose Convention in Copenhagen.

In January, Melanie and I had the opportunity to visit India for the first time. We wish to thank our hosts WFRS Vice-President and Immediate Past President of The Indian Rose Federation, Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan and his family and Immediate Past Secretary of The Indian Rose Federation, Mr. Vijay Kant, for making this visit possible and for their generous hospitality during our visit.

We started in Hyderabad where we visited a number of beautiful gardens including The Municipal Rose Garden in Hyderabad and the award winning Green Valley Rose Garden in Vikarabad about 60km from Hyderabad. These gardens were superb with excellent maintenance and a diverse selection of roses and other plants. A highlight for me was the display of Indian bred roses. I was already aware of some of Viru and Girija Viraraghavan's roses, but I was not aware of the roses bred by others. I hope some of these will be formally registered and then trialed both in India (where we hope a new trial ground will be established) and in other rose trials around the world. I am sure that, like me, rosarians around the world will be surprised by the quality of some of these roses. It was great that Viru and Girija, who are well known attendees at many WFRS events were able to accompany us on the various visits and activities in Hyderabad.

Next we flew to Pune where the 34th All India Rose Convention and Flower Show was held by The Indian Rose Federation, and organised by The Maharashtra Rose Society of Pune. It was in the Empress Garden, a beautiful old botanic park, that I opened the stunning indoor and outdoor garden

display, flower show and trade exhibition. The colourful Rose Show was delightful with many highly competitive classes and high quality blooms.

We also participated in the official opening and award ceremony of The Indian Rose Federation and enjoyed this lovely spectacle. During this ceremony I presented Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan with the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence plaque for the Green Valley Rose Gardens.

The Indian Rose Federation is a growing organization and has many member Societies. While this was a relatively short visit, I cannot wait to return to India and experience more of its rich culture and beautiful rose gardens. I also hope we can see more Indian representatives at future WFRS events to share their knowledge and experience in growing roses.

I encourage all readers to place India on your wish list for garden visits. I am sure that The Indian Rose Federation will be able to assist you with recommended gardens to visit and other travel information.

I hope to see many of you in China and Uruguay. In the interim, happy rose growing.

Kelvin Trimper



**Kelvin Trimper, Helga Brichet, Girija and Viru Viraraghavan
at the Municipal Rose Garden, Hyderabad** (photo – Melanie Trimper)



Chowmahalia Palace in Hyderabad

EXAMPLES OF INDIAN BRED ROSES

(photos – Melanie Trimper)



'P.H. Kulkarni'



'Uzma Alam'



Kelvin Trimper cutting the ribbon to open the flower show in Pune (Photo Sunil Walunj)

WFRS AWARD OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE CEREMONY IN INDIA – January, 2016.



Kelvin Trimper presents the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence plaque to Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan for his garden, Green Valley Rose Garden, Vikarabad
(photo Melanie Trimper)



Green Valley Rose Garden, Vikarabad
(photo – Melanie Trimper)



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

June to December, 2015



AWARDS

Chairman - Monique de Clarens (France)

Nothing to report.

BREEDER'S CLUB

Chairman – Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)



The following are the goals for the Breeders Club for 2015 -2018 :

- With the help of VPs, try to encourage more breeders to join the Breeder's Club
- Continue to reinforce collaboration between the International Rose Trials and Classification and Registration Committee
- Strengthen ties and communications between the professional and amateur rose world
- Emphasize the work of breeders by using the possibilities of World Rose News and the WFRS website

A meeting was held on 14 January with the following agenda:

Experimental tests in China

International Rose Trials

World Rose Museum in Beijing

Round-table conference on the topic 'The market for garden roses, analysis and future perspectives'

CLASSIFICATION AND REGISTRATION

CHAIRMAN – Richard Walsh (Australia)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS -

Marilyn Williams (USA)
Doug Grant (New Zealand)
Gerta Roberts (UK)
David Kenny (Ireland)
Martia Lindner (Uruguay)
Prof Ueda (Japan)



Having been issued with a copy of the standing orders, and our draft agenda for the three years to 2018, the 6 members of the committee have begun the process of negotiating the terms by email. The agenda and priorities are as follows:

A. REVIEW OF CURRENT WFRS CLASSIFICATION SCHEME 2000.

This will include:

- 1. Clarification of terms.** Define the term “Heritage” based on origin, function, family, etc. as distinguished from official “Old Garden Rose”. Revisit the WFRS scheme for suggestions for changes/updates/etc. Develop a white paper for consideration of Council adoption at WFRS World Convention in 2018.
- 2. Shrub and Climbing Roses.** Too broad a description to encompass the range of plants. Re-establish the criteria for registration of Shrubs and Climbers and develop new guidelines for classification. Develop descriptions of the different “types” within Shrubs and Climbers as defined by WFRS. Explore the possibility of natural climbers other than LCI and subclasses within the Shrubs.
- 3. Review the whole system of classification and determine descriptors for the different classes.** What is the function of classification? Should it be heritage or appearance based? Are the classes adequate and are there descriptors that will make it easier for breeders to register their roses. Review some of the anomalies.

B. INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION

- 1. Role of American Rose Society.-** Assist with development of revision/upgrading of guidelines and priorities for registering. At the moment it is a herculean volunteer service provided by ARS (designated International Rose Registrar) and requires assistance to meet deadlines. Perhaps develop Ad Hoc Committee to provide direct assistance.
- 2. Avoidance of unnecessary registrations -** Develop a system (additional data field for registrar) to recognise such “frivolous” registrations. Guidelines to be given regarding which roses should be registered.
- 3. Posting photos of varieties -** Here again the ARS needs assistance in inserting submitted images in a timely manner into the master data base.
- 4. Encourage (with the support of the Breeders’ Club) ALL breeders to register their roses,** especially those which have been distributed or are in commerce and give parents wherever possible, understanding their value in research etc. and also understanding that they cannot be used to obtain any advantage for other breeders.

B. FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ROSE REGISTRATIONS

Role of WFRS. Perhaps the time has arrived for the WFRS to assist in the registration process in a more active and supportive role. With the WFRS fast approaching their 50th anniversary in 2018 and their mature extensive network in 39 countries, their role should be optimised as well as defining. Financial support of establishing The Register as a paid position within the WFRS would guarantee

data entry (a time consuming function) in a timely manner. Petition the International Horticultural Society to serve as Registrar?

It is hoped that material will be distributed by the end of the year for consideration by the committee members for a review of the classification system.

CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE ROSES

Chairman – Yuki Mikanagi (Japan)

CONVENTION LIAISON

Chairman – Helga Brichet (Italy)

Since its inception, and until very recently, this committee was named as above. The name itself indicates the responsibilities of its chairman for the three years after his/her election. That is, to keep ongoing contact between the WFRS and those members hosting conventions and/or conferences under its auspices.

The scope of this contact is to ensure interesting, educative and enjoyable events for participants, amateur and professional, from around the globe. The WFRS' fifty years of accumulated experience is invaluable to hosting members who aim at efficient and well-run conventions.

I feel it is important to note the difference between regional and world conventions – a “regional” is by definition a smaller event, aimed principally at rosarians who perhaps do not wish to, or are not able to attend an international world convention. The subjects under discussions are focused on local interests regarding the rose, be they from historical, cultural or practical points of view.

The **China Rose Society** will host the WFRS Asian Regional Convention and International Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing from 18th to 23rd May next. A plethora of pre- and post tours are offered. Detailed information, also regarding registration, pre- and post tours is available at:

www.rosebeijing2016.org

Last 12th to 17th October in Beijing the President, Kelvin Trimper and I, together with Vice Chairman, Gérald Meylan, visited the various sites, rose gardens especially planted for the events, including the international rose museum. We also attended meetings with organizers from the hosting district of Daxing, the Beijing botanical garden and the China Rose Society. Our impression of work undertaken to date was very favourable. The minutes of these meetings have been circulated by the WFRS Executive Director. A further visit to Beijing is for seen early in this year.



Helga Brichet and Gérald Meylan visiting the work in progress at the International Rose Museum in February 2016





Part of the impressive exhibits on display in this museum dedicated to ancient Asiatic trees

The **Uruguayan Rose Association** will be hosting a South American regional convention in Punta del Este from 7th to 9th November next. Further information at: www.asociacionuruguayadelarosa.com.

Although not visited in 2015, I am well acquainted with the sites of the event, having attended the two previous regionals hosted in Uruguay and am in continuous contact with the organizers, led by convenor, Patricia Cummins and WFRS Vice President Rosario Algorta. Here too, Pre- and Post tours are planned and the possibility of visiting the two other South American Rose Societies, Argentina and Chile and enjoying their hospitality, will shortly be posted on the websites.

The Rose Society of Slovenia plans to host the first Regional Rose Convention of eastern and central Europe in Ljubljana from 12th to 14th June, 2017. The website is in preparation.

I visited this society from 15th to 17th November last, starting in Trieste in order to visit the WFRS award winning rose garden, accompanied by its designer, Vladimir Vremec. The next day WFRS Vice President and Convenor of the Regional, Breda Čopi, showed me the historical centre of the capital, Ljubljana, the convention hotels, rose garden and other cultural sites, before transferring to the beautiful arboretum Volcji Potok for a meeting with the director, Ales Ocepek. In the arboretum, where two days of events are planned, modern and historical roses were in abundance and even more are to be planted this winter. A pre- tour and two post tours are envisaged.

Minutes of this meeting have too been circulated by the WFRS Executive Director.

The Danish Rose Society will host the 18th World Rose Convention in Copenhagen from 28th June to 4th July, 2018. We look forward to hearing the report from representatives of that society during the Regional Convention in Beijing next May. Info@rosenselskabet

Please remember to regularly check the individual websites and that of the WFRS – www.worldrose.org – for updating of all the programmes.

HONOURS

Chairman – Kelvin Trimper (Australia)

The new Honours Committee will be considering a potential updating of the Honours Awards protocols over the next 12 months. The members of the Honours Committee are Mr. Kelvin Trimper, President WFRS, Mr. Steve Jones, WFRS Immediate Past President, Mrs. Sheenagh Harris, Mrs. Henrienne de Briey and Dr. Yuki Mikanagi. The Executive Director, Mr. Derek Lawrence, is a non-voting member of the Committee.



This will hopefully provide more guidance to those who wish to nominate worthy rosarians around the world for WFRS Honours.

As soon as these are completed and approved, they will be disseminated to all member countries.

If anyone has any queries regarding the awarding of the various categories of WFRS Honours, or the protocols, please contact the Executive Director, Mr. Derek Lawrence.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS

CHAIRMAN - Markus Brunsing (Germany)

Rose Trials 2015

My rose trial season started in Madrid in April, where I visited the wonderful Rose Trial Garden Rosaleda del parque del Oeste which is also named Jardin de Ramón Ortiz. In Madrid some of the roses were in bloom three weeks before the trials and some were still blooming for the trials. I met the organizer of the Madrid rose trials Rosa Fernández Fontanet for an interesting exchange of ideas. In May I attended the international rose trials in Lyon during the World Rose Convention in the Parc de la Tête d'Or. The judging was done by 100 convention members and 25 rose experts who have been members of the jury in Lyon for many years. Altogether 125 rose lovers and rose experts did the judging in 19 groups which was really exceptional.



Rose Novelty Garden – Madrid



Rosa Fernández Fontanet, Head of Rose Novelty Garden, Madrid, with Markus Brunsing
(photo-Matthias Gramsch)

Every year, the middle of June is the most exciting period of rose trials in Europe. I attended the rose trial events in Saverne, Alsace, in Paris and in Baden-Baden in only one week. This intensive week of roses gives a very good opportunity to compare the rose novelties of a year in three different gardens under different conditions for the international judges. In July, I travelled to the Dutch rose trials in Westbroekpark in The Hague. It is always instructive proving new roses which are already introduced into the market during the last years, planted in big rose beds with a large number of plants.



Rose Trials in Lyon - 2015



Judging by the Jury in Saverne, 2015



Sanda Simic, Maurice Jay, Elke Gottschall and Pierre Pfeiffer (Permanent Jury)



Rose Trial Garden – Bagatelle, Paris



André Eve, President of the International Jury, Bagatelle, 2015



Westbroekpark – The Hague - 2015

Since October 2015, unfortunately three European trial organizers have advertised that they are going to stop their rose trials. I do hope that this is not a tendency but just three single incidents. However, perhaps these incidents are an indicator of the current crisis of selling roses in Europe.

The rose trials in Geneva, Switzerland will end in 2017 after 70 years of successful judging of roses in the Parc de la Grange. The rose trials in Baden near Vienna, Austria finish now. In December 2015 the president of the Italian Rose Society, Silvano Fumagalli informed the World Federation of Rose Societies about the immediate end of the well known trials in Monza. It is a pity that three European trials with a long tradition stop the judging of rose novelties. Nevertheless we should be thankful to these three rose trials for all the work for the rose they have done for many decades. Especially, the world of roses has to be thankful to the members of the Fumagalli family in Monza who have made the rose trials possible for more than 50 years with their private engagement.

Committee Meetings

The most important meeting in 2015 was the meeting of the Rose Trials Standardization Committee during the World Rose Convention in Lyon in May. The committee decided to recommend a new standard application form of the WFRS to all trial organizers. This new form could make the paperwork easier which has to be done by the breeders when they send rose novelties to the different trials in the world. I hope that many trial organizers and breeders will use the new standard form. In Baden-Baden we started using the new form in autumn 2015. We have received very good feedback from the breeders since giving them the new form in October.

The introduction of the Standard Criteria of Rose Judging by the WFRS 2014 seems to be a success. All international rose trials under the umbrella of the World Federation of Rose Societies are invited to apply the standard criteria. Since then 11 international trials have decided to use the new WFRS standard criteria. That is nearly half of the international trials worldwide and I hope that some others will follow them in the months ahead. All trials which have adopted the new criteria are marked at the WFRS website.

Outlook

Lectures are a very helpful way to inform rose friends and rose experts about the work and the importance of International Rose Trials and to communicate the results of the trials. In 2015 I had the opportunity to give two international lectures about rose trials and most awarded rose novelties in Denmark and to meet rose friends in Aarhus and in Copenhagen. In November, 2016 I am happy to be giving a lecture at the WFRS Regional Convention in Uruguay about rose breeders and rose trials. Perhaps this lecture could give a little help for establishing international rose trials in South America.



Wonderful lecture Hall in Copenhagen



Markus Brunsing and Inger Schiarning (Pres. of the Danish Rose Society) in Aarhus

The next item of the Rose Trials Committee is the description of guidelines for International Rose Trials. And of course I am looking forward to meeting many rose breeders and rose friends at the coming rose trials in 2016.

PUBLICATIONS

CHAIRMAN – Jolene Adams (USA)

The Publications Committee has been gathering information for the WFRS History Book that will be published in 2018. The various committee members have been asked to work on specific items that we would like to include in the book and several members are working with each other on related projects.

Our Webmaster has brought the web site up to date and is waiting to update a few of the Rose Trials dates for 2016.

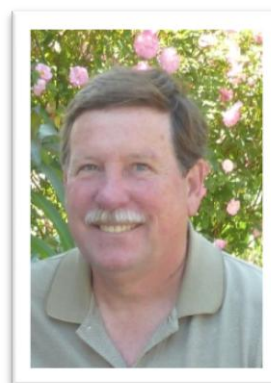
We are looking forward to holding a meeting at the Regional Convention in Beijing.



PROMOTIONS

CHAIRMAN - Steve Jones (USA)

We don't have much to report, other than a Friends get together at China Convention, a possible Australia Friends dinner at their All Australia Convention in October, and a research rose project that will be discussed in China.



SHOWS STANDARDISATION

CHAIRMAN - Louis Desamero (USA)

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PRIORITIES FOR 2016 - 2018

1. Name change for committee to "WFRS Horticulture Judges Committee"
2. Registry/promotion on web site to encourage others to join this elite cadre.
3. Review/revise Entry Classes for WFRS challenge classes (add potted containers class) and supporting certificates. They need to be more substantial and attractive (gold embossed?) worthy of framing, etc.
4. Review/revise WFRS Judging Guidelines to bring harmonization to all judging guidelines across the world.

SHAKESPEAREAN ROSES

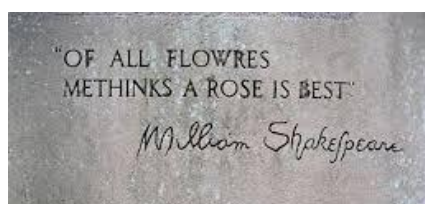
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Rose photographs – David Austin Roses



William Shakespeare was an English poet, playwright, and actor, widely regarded as the greatest writer in the English language and the world's pre-eminent dramatist. He is often called England's national poet, and the "Bard of Avon". He was born at Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564 and died in 1616. To mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, World Rose News is featuring roses named for characters in works by the famous playwright. All images by kind permission of David Austin Roses.



'William Shakespeare 2000' (AUSromeo)





'Cordelia' (AUSbottle)

Cordelia, a fictional character in the tragic play *King Lear* is the youngest of the King's three daughters and his favourite. Cordelia loved her father but refused to flatter him and this led to her tragic death. It has been said that Cordelia ranks as Shakespeare's finest heroine.



'Desdemona' (AUSkindling)

Desdemona, a central character in Shakespeare's *Othello*, a beautiful young debutante is a Daddy's girl, until she falls head over heels in love with Othello. Othello is a man several years her senior and not one of the young and wealthy she is expected to marry. Desdemona elopes with Othello which enrages and disappoints her father, a Venetian senator.



'Leander' (AUSlea)

Leander is a romantic character in more than one of Shakespeare's plays, but in *Much Ado about Nothing*, Leander fell in love with Hero and every night he would swim across the Hellespont to be with her. Hero would light a lamp at the top of her tower to guide his way.



In Shakespeare's, *The Winter's Tale*, Leontes, King of Sicily is married to the beautiful and virtuous Hermione, however he later accuses her of adultery. She is thrown into prison where she gives birth to a daughter whom the king refuses to acknowledge.

'Gentle Hermione' (AUSrumba)



Noble Antony is a character in Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* and in *Antony and Cleopatra*

'Noble Antony' (AUSway)



William Shakespeare in *Richard II* refers to England as The Scepter'd Isle

'Scepter'd Isle' (AUSland)



Juliet is the well known character from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and the quote from this tragedy is one of the many times Shakespeare mentions the rose as a symbol of love and romance.

*"What's in a name? That which we call a rose,
By any other word would smell as sweet."*

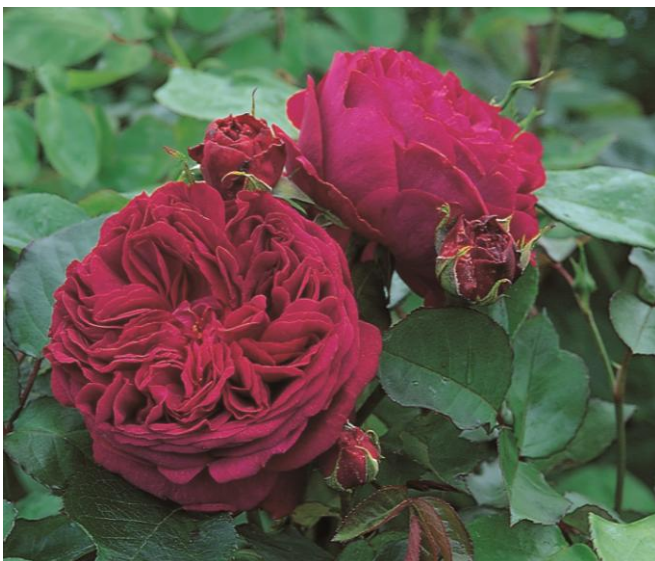
'Sweet Juliet' (AUSleap)



Shakespeare wrote a number of Sonnets referred to as The Dark Lady Sonnets.

Sonnets is a 1910 short comedy by George Bernard Shaw in which William Shakespeare, intending to meet the "Dark Lady" accidentally encounters Queen Elizabeth I and attempts to persuade her to create a national theatre. The play was written as part of a campaign to create a "Shakespeare National Theatre" by 1916.

'The Dark Lady' (AUSbloom)



Sir John Falstaff is a fictional character who appears in three plays by William Shakespeare. In the two *Henry IV* plays, he is a companion to Prince Hal, the future King Henry V. In *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, he is the buffoonish suitor of two married women.

'Falstaff' (AUSverse)

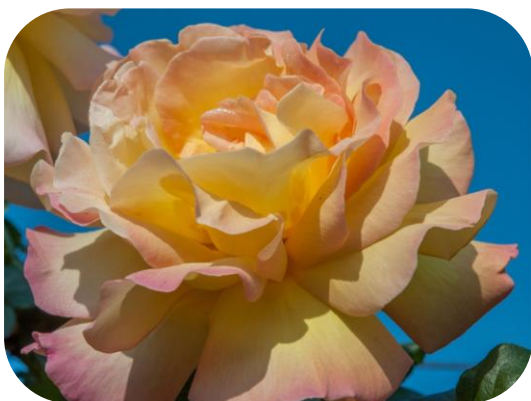
PEACE

Taken from The Danish Rose Society – *Rosen Nyt* – September, 2015

Text - Birgit Brandenborg (Honorary Member of DRS) Translated by Birthe Hollingbery

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"Everyone has a history - short or long, cheerful or sad, peaceful or turbulent, but a story that is entirely its own"



Have you ever considered that every rose has a story to tell? To the best of my knowledge that is not the case with any other plant on earth, but it takes human beings to tell these stories, so that they are not forgotten. In this way we have a responsibility to the roses and their chances of survival.

The story of a rose could be a tradition from the past, or a tale about where it was discovered, or rediscovered – be it in an old monastery garden, a derelict Swedish farm or the site of a fire. It can also be the personal story of an experience with a family rose, the story of the person for whom the rose was named, or the event connected to the name of the rose.

In 2015, we celebrated two anniversaries in the Rose World: Eighty years since the first steps towards creating the rose 'Peace' were taken, and seventy years since World War II ended. This was the context in which the rose was given its final and symbolic name.

During the intervening 10 years, 'Peace' had led a turbulent life, so let us recall what happened in those years that were so life-threatening – not least for the rose itself – from the time when the French Rose breeder Meilland carried out a cross pollination, till it was given its final name at the end of the war.

But first we must recount a little about this family, who for several generations have grown and bred fantastic roses.

Let us begin with Antoine Meilland (who later was always referred to as Papa Meilland). He was born in 1884 on a small farm at the southern French village of Chamboeuf, not far from Lyon. He was the youngest of four children who grew up in modest circumstances. Every little bit of their land was used for food production. Small animals, such as rabbits, chickens and ducks, as well as the annual pig – always called *Seigneur Cochon* (Mr. Pig) – provided meat for the Sunday dinner as well as for special occasions. When *Seigneur Cochon* was going to be slaughtered, the neighbours came to give a helping hand, each with a dream about the portion of pork that they could expect to take home by way of thanks. Every part of the animal was used – from the snout to the tail.

That Antoine lost his heart to the rose, is due to Madame Meviere. She was the widow of a schoolmaster and had moved to the village. She fell into conversation with the schoolboy Antoine, and told him about the wonderful world of nature: the birds, the insects, the flowers and the mushrooms that grew on the forest floor. One day, she asked him into her garden to see the first rose of the summer, 'Rosa Noisettiana'. In that instant, Antoine's destiny was settled. He just had to know everything there was to be learnt about roses. He borrowed Madame Meviere's catalogues, learned the names of the roses, and immersed himself in the subject. Antoine's mother – later referred to as *Grand'mère* Jenny – worked hard to make ends meet. She was diligent, and, as a former cook in a large establishment, she knew how to make the best use of the products of the farm, and how to prepare good, tasty food.

Grand'mère Jenny had never been to school herself, but her ambition was to send all four of her children to school, and, in time, she would proudly hang all her children's framed examination diplomas on the wall. And she was proud to show them to visitors.

One day, *Grand'mère* Jenny had the misfortune to prick her finger on a thorn. It turned septic and the entire hand had to be amputated. She was provided with a hook as an artificial limb and, despite this handicap, she lived and functioned as the family factotum and the support of future generations until she died at the age of 87.

In 1909 Papa Meilland married Claudia Dubreuil – only daughter of a rose breeder not far from Chamboeuf. In 1912 she gave birth to their son Francis.

When World War I began in 1914, Papa Meilland had to join up and so Claudia was responsible for their son and everything that was growing on their land. It had to be primarily edible crops. This meant that many roses were lost.



Jenny, Antoine and Claudia Meilland

They were difficult years, but after the war, new things began to happen in the area where they lived. Factories shot up, bringing increasing pollution. Papa Meilland had to acknowledge that it was time to make a change. With a heavy heart, they decided to sell the home of his childhood, and instead they bought a plot of land at Tassin. It was quiet there, and the soil was better suited for growing roses. It was a plot of 1.65 hectares, with a modest house.

It was here that Francis grew up, and he soon showed that his interest in roses was just as intense as his father's. He was always following his father. He planned his future so that the world of roses would also be his world.

As he grew older, he did everything possible to prepare for a life of rose breeding. He learned English with a view to being able to contact rose breeders around the world. He joined his father at meetings and conferences to gain new knowledge and inspiration.

In Cap d'Antibes – a small peninsula near Cannes – lived one of the clients of the company, the rose breeder Francesco Paolino and his wife Marie-Elisabeth. They had a daughter – Louisette, who was later to become Francis' wife.

We can thank Francis for giving us the stunning rose 'Peace'. Its life began as a cross pollination in 1935 – 80 years ago. It was recorded in Francis's logbook with the numbers 3-35-40. These numbers were the designation for the plants that resulted from the sowing, until it was named 'Mme. A. Meilland' in honour of Francis's mother Claudia, who died when she was only 40 years old.



Marie-Elisabeth and Francesco Paolino, Louisette and Francis Meilland and Grand'mère Jenny

After cross pollination and later sowing of the seeds, they waited – as always – anxiously for the result: Would this be a new stunning rose, which Francis had dreamt of creating, or would all the plants with the numbers 3-35-40 be scrapped as being too weak and uninteresting? When the time came, the plants were put in the trial bed. Later followed – as always – a screening. A great many plants were discarded because they showed signs of weakness, but the remaining plants appeared to have potential. Then it was time for budding. The resulting plants grew up with tall straight stems, dark green leathery leaves, and large – very large – blooms with rose coloured shading at the edge of the petals. The blooms had a wonderful scent, and each cluster contained many blooms. Francis sensed that here he had created a very special rose, exactly what every rose breeder dreams of.

In January 1939, Francis married Louissette Paolino. It was a grand wedding, celebrated on Cap d'Antibes. The young bride was only 19 years old, and even though she had been keen to help her father in the rose fields since childhood, she was to start a new era in her life. She was to help in the business out of doors, besides beginning housekeeping in the home. But *Grand'mère* Jenny was extremely helpful, and Louissette with her knack adapted easily to the work in her new home at Tassin.

Francis knew that an international conference for professional rose breeders from all over the world was to take place in France in 1939. He proposed to Papa Meilland that they should invite some of their foremost clients to spend a day at Tassin. "Let them come and see what we are striving to achieve", he said. Louissette agreed, for the roses were particularly beautiful that year. Although she was almost too young to be a hostess at such an important international event, she decided to serve an exquisite meal for them. With the help of *Grand'mère* Jenny and the family cookery book, a sumptuous men's dinner, worthy of the French president, was produced.



The day was a success from the moment the guests arrived. The many different nationalities, each with their own language, was no problem. They helped each other with translations, and – as with music – when the roses are blooming, there is no need for translation. Among rosarians there is only one language – that of roses!

All the roses in the trial bed were carefully judged, but the queen among them was an almost royal rose. All the superlatives came into play. The plants and the blooms were at their very best. The labels carried the numbers 3-35-40. These roses stole the show and the hearts of all the guests.

Antoine Meilland

Everyone wanted to test it in their own country, under different climatic conditions and in a different soil. They asked for budding material as soon as it would be available. Altogether the atmosphere of the gathering was so warm and agreeable when they sat around the table enjoying food and wine on that sunny day. They expressed a desire to repeat such a day the following year.

Among the guests was a great American rose breeder, Mr. Robert Pyle from Pennsylvania. He was later to be of the utmost importance to Francis, for the company of Meilland & Son, and for the 3-35-40. But more of that anon.

On that beautiful day, nobody took note of the dark cloud looming on the horizon. Adolf Hitler had begun mobilizing Germany and, in Italy, Mussolini went around bragging. On 1 September troops entered Poland and soon all Europe – in fact all the World – were at war. The friendly rose breeders, who had been sitting cosily round the table at Tassin, would not be able to meet again for many years.

However, Francis had promised several friends from the successful event of the summer of 1939 to send them budding material so that they could test the 3-35-40. Despite the war, a package was posted to Germany. Miraculously it reached its destination safely but, because of the situation, the recipient decided to grow the plants in his own garden rather than in the field. Here the plants became large and impressive. It was given the name of '*Gloria Dei*' (The glory of God).

The Italian rose breeder also received his package. Here the result was just as impressive, and they named it '*Gioia*' (delight).

The Turkish rose breeder never received his sample. It had to travel by train through Yugoslavia. Here the train was occupied by the military and everything that was not war material was thrown into a ditch.



Francis and Louisette Meilland



Francis Meilland with '*Peace*'

The American consul lived in Lyon. One day an express message arrived from him, "I have to leave the country and go home. Please bring me a package, weighing no more than 500 grams within 2 hours and address it to Mr. Robert Pyle, Pennsylvania". Francis realised that there wasn't a moment to lose and he managed it. Both the consul and the small package with budding branches arrived safely with the last Clipper flight to the USA.

Here the 3-35-40 reached its days of glory. Mr. Pyle did not waste time. He began testing and multiplying and, in due course, plants were dispatched for trial in many States from the dry State of Texas in the south, to cold and humid Michigan in the north - everywhere with great success. What had impressed everyone, besides the health of the plant, was the ability of the bloom to open slowly and to last a long time.

The rose received favourable feedback from members of the American Rose Society. This rose had, so to speak, been sent from Heaven and they agreed to hold a naming ceremony at the exhibition of the Pacific Rose Society in Pasadena, California. They fixed the date 29 April 1945 well in advance.

There were no means of communication open to France. They did not even know if Francis and Papa Meilland were still alive or if the rose garden at Tassin still existed.



'Peace'

On the date agreed, a large group of rose enthusiasts gathered. The sun was shining and two white doves were sent up into the air when the 3-35-40 became 'Peace'. Call it a coincidence that the ceremony took place on the day Berlin fell.

Robert Pyle did not forget to whom the honour of creating this beautiful rose was due. He had it patented, so that the company of Meilland & Son in future would get the profit from all 'Peace' roses sold in the USA.



'Peace' is found worldwide. Here it is photographed in the Durbanville Rose Garden, Cape Town, South Africa.
(photo – Jens Otto Pedersen – Denmark)

Never before had a letter been more welcome than the one they received at Tassin shortly after the end of the war. It came from Mr. Pyle and in it, he described the journey of the rose round the USA and the ceremony in which it had been named 'Peace'.

Papa Meilland had to go down into the cellar to find a hidden bottle and they cheered to peace and freedom and to all rose breeders all over the world. In the evening, Francis sat down to write a reply to Robert Pyle. "Fate has decided that our 3-35-40 was to be known with different names in different countries, but each of these names shows that, when you look at such a beautiful rose, good people will exclaim '*Gloria Dei*', and they will be moved to '*Gioia*', and most of all will wish for 'Peace', but here in France our rose will bloom in memory of a dearly beloved mother and wife, 'Mme. A. Meilland'.



Rose Convention of the Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde

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The 125th German Rose Convention was held in Uetersen, a small town in the heart of the rose breeding area in Northern Germany. From 23rd until 27th July, 2015, 303 delegates from home and abroad came together to enjoy the charming Rosarium Uetersen with its 30,000 rose bushes in full bloom. The Rosarium itself was founded in 1934 by the two rose breeders Mathias Tantau Sn. and Wilhelm Kordes II.

Andrea Hansen, the Mayor of Uetersen, welcomed the delegates in the Rosarium, including Inger Schierning, President of the Danish Rose Society, Theo Keller, President of the Rose Society of Switzerland, as well as guests from Austria, Belgium, Finland, and The Netherlands.



After the Opening Ceremony guided tours through the rosarium with its reputable collection of roses were offered, where nicely dressed actors in historical costumes accompanied the guests, while delivering short poems and stories of European history.

Historically dressed actors in the Rosarium



During registration, small pot roses such as 'Lupo' (Kordes), 'Centro' (Tantau), and 'Candia Meidiland' (BKN Strobel) were offered to the delegates as welcome gifts, a donation of the Bund deutscher Baumschulen (BdB), and were accepted with great pleasure.

Pot roses for the delegates distributed by our rose friend Gabi Schramm



Prior to the opening of the conference, our rose friend and famous rose expert Eilike Vemmer offered an advisory service, answering all kinds of questions about the rose.

Rose expert Eilike Vemmer (4th from left) available to give advice .

Committee sessions, the real congress business, took place in the early afternoon of 23rd July. In the course of the convention, the famous rose breeding companies Rosen-Tantau and W. Kordes' Söhne as well as the company BKN-Strobel, propagating and merchandising roses, could be visited alternately by separate groups. In addition, excursions were made to other rose gardens and spectacular garden parks and, of course into the city of Hamburg with its marvelous harbour scenery.

On Friday morning, 24th July, the wonderfully blooming rose fields of the company W. Kordes' Söhne and of BKN Strobel were visited. It was an exceptional experience for most of the delegates. Thomas Proll, the well known and successful rose breeder of Kordes showed us the novelties obtained after a long and severe selection process. Thomas also explained that during selection no pesticides are used on the field in order to obtain only disease resistant new rose varieties.

Wilhelm-Alexander Kordes made us familiar with the principles of the show garden at the company's home in Klein Offenseth-Sparrieshoop, where many rose bushes are presented together with accompanying plants to demonstrate the interesting effects of such combinations.



Convention delegates in the Kordes rose fields listening to Thomas Proll



Kordes' show garden with Alexander Kordes

In the rose fields of BKN-Strobel, the rose expert Klaus-Juergen Strobel (former Vice President of the GRF e.V.) outlined the concept of the company together with the rose specialists Armin Eßer and Hannsjoerg Kaehler. Here, in the North of Germany with its occasionally wet and cold weather, the novelties of the rose breeder Meilland (France) were propagated and tested for their suitability on the German market. Klaus Juergen-Strobel told us that this step is very important, because the roses of Meilland had been selected in the warm sunlight of Southern France, and may not grow equally well in the colder German climate.



The rose fields of BKN Strobel

On both rose farms, the separate groups enjoyed a generously served delicious lunch. The afternoon programme started with further committee sessions, before two splendid lectures were delivered by our rosarians Dr. Gert Mueller, President of the association 'Friends and Supporters of the Rosarium Uetersen', and Markus Brunsing, Chief Gardener of Baden-Baden and a renowned rose specialist in the WFRS.

The topic of Dr. Mueller's lecture was: "The natural (insect friendly) garden". The speaker showed us, how to make a garden a home for birds, bees, butterflies and other beneficial insects, to make it a fascinating environment. A broad collection of plants including many botanical specialties were presented, which help to make our gardens a lively natural resort.

Markus Brunsing took us on a spectacular trip "With fifty rose breeders around the world – International Breeders and their rose novelties". This exciting journey led us from Europe via the Americas, Africa, Australia/New Zealand to Japan. Markus Brunsing introduced us to grand old dynasties of rose hybridizers and made us familiar with interesting young breeders, male and female.

After this beautiful afternoon with many breath-taking close ups of bees and butterflies on blooms in the garden of family Mueller and superb rose photographs from old and new varieties in the worldwide history of rose breeding, even more highlights followed.



The delegates and the citizens of Uetersen were invited to a concert given by the 'Young Spirits Gospel Choir' in the beautiful baroque church of the monastery of Uetersen (which in the 18th Century was the home of Countess Augusta Louise zu Stolberg-Stolberg, who has lent her name to the enchanting HT 'Augusta Luise').

The baroque church in Uetersen



The ceiling fresco by the Swiss artist Giovanni Battista Innocenzo Colombo

The young and lively singers were enthusiastically applauded. They left the church singing and went to a stylish pavilion near the monastery. Here, the gospel song "Oh Happy Day" was then the magic highlight during the launch of a new rose from Kordes called 'Oh Happy Day', a beautiful HT garden rose. The atmosphere in the surroundings of the ancient monastery was touching, and we had great pleasure to meet Wilhelm Kordes III during the ceremony. This great rosarian died in January 2016, and is sadly missed by rose friends all over the world.

In the afternoon the delegates visited alternately the company Rosen-Tantau in Uetersen itself and a garden which specialized on herbaceous perennials, named as "Garden of the Horizons".



At Rosen-Tantau we rose friends were introduced to the exciting strategies of rose breeding. The company was founded in 1906 by Mathias Tantau Sen., who in 1919 decided to concentrate his efforts exclusively on hybridizing new rose varieties. Until today the company, owned and lead by the rose breeder Christian Evers, launches wonderful new garden roses and cut roses for the worldwide market every year. A number of experts including Jens Krueger, leading rose hybridizer at Tantau, as well as Thomas Löffler, Hartman Pain and Jens Busch, explained in detail the techniques of hybridizing and selecting new rose varieties.

Jens Krueger explaining the hybridization of roses at Rosen-Tantau

Here we could inspect the state-of-the-art glass houses used for the process of hybridizing roses and propagating millions of seedlings, from which only a few are selected at the end as potential new varieties. Many details such as the interesting grafting procedure to propagate selected seedlings were revealed.

A number of colourful impressions were gathered during the walk through the beautiful "Garden of the Horizons", located near Petersen. The incredible variety of flower shapes and colours among the vast number of Iris, Hemerocallis or Delphinium, just to name a few, enthused the visitors and prompted many of them to take home large bags with new plants.

Both groups were generously invited by Rosen-Tantau to a coffee break, serving home-made cakes.

John Langley, known as "TV-Gardener", was the moderator of our Convention Banquet in the evening. Live music of the North, interesting dialogues, delicious food and amusing entertainment made the evening a great experience for all participants. During the evening Hanne Stauch was awarded the first "Ambadress of Roses" in the GRF, as an acknowledgement of gratitude for her services to the German Rose Society.

An impressive firework, flashed up over the pond in the Rosarium, was very much enjoyed at the end of this remarkable evening.



On Sunday morning, 27th July, we visited a very special garden park, called "Arboretum", located in Ellerhoop near Uetersen. This Arboretum (originally a collection of woody plants from an old nursery) mutated during the last 20 years into a very interesting botanical entertainment park with many attractions for visitors.

The beautiful cottage garden in the 'Arboretum' Ellerhoop

Beautifully designed flower beds in delicate colour combinations fascinated everybody from early spring up to late autumn. In summer, a pond filled with Lotus in full bloom is a highlight, as well as the "Indian Summer" provided by the yellow lightening bald cypresses (*Taxodium distichum*) and the red

glowing maple trees. A concrete model of the basis of the world largest redwood tree, the “General Sherman” in California (USA), was still in construction, but brought us close to the giant size of such almost 2000 year old impressive trees. The founder of this park, Prof. Hans-Dieter Warda himself and other experts of his team of volunteers offered guided tours through the large area, where we learned a lot about the interesting ways, how exotic plants came to Europe and how they could be cultivated here, like the lotus flowers. We were taught about the importance of a strong colour regime in the garden, explained by examples of a red garden, a blue garden, or even a white garden. After three hours of splendid views and an overwhelming mass of impressive information about gardening – only few of us were aware that trees need music for better growth – we had to leave this outstanding facility.

Our next destination, after having a delicious lunch, was the recently opened German Museum of Tree Nursery (Deutsches Baumschulmuseum) and the “Rose Garden Pinneberg”. Alternatively, two smaller groups used the opportunity to visit two private gardens, the “insect friendly” garden of Dr. Gert and Karen Mueller and the huge garden area of the rose specialist Gerd Testorf and his wife.

Just for the German Rose Convention the Deutsches Baumschulmuseum had organized a special exhibition on the history of rose cultivation in Northern Germany, which grew up during the second half of the 19th century. Dr. Heike Meyer-Schoppa, head of the museum, welcomed us, and her highly motivated expert volunteers introduced the carefully collected examples of the tools used at that time, where most of the work had to be done manually, and in many cases by women! It was a profound insight into the pre-industrial area.

The ‘RosesGarden Pinneberg’ is a stylish facility, founded in 1935, whose history was explained by our rose friend Klaus-Juergen Strobel. The rose garden is mainly run by volunteers, who work hard to re-establish the original character of the garden.

With this really exciting day, full of breath-taking garden-impressions, the 125th German Rose Convention came to a close.

The Post Congress Tour took place on Monday, 27th July and included a visit to the famous garden Planten un Blomen in Hamburg, followed by the obligatory harbour boat tour. The interests of the rose friends was concentrated on the rose garden inside the park, where the beautiful rose arches with the charming rambler ‘Super Excelsa’ and others were real eye-catchers. But within a short time, the competent guidance of the expert gardeners drew the attention of our rose friends to the manifold aspects of the interesting garden architecture, which brought together elements from all over the world.



A harbour boat cruise on the river Elbe allowed us to learn about the containerised worldwide economy and to imagine the impressive building of the “Elbphilharmonie” (*Elbe Philharmonic Hall*), the new concert hall in Hamburg. A worthy finish to our National rose convention.

Harbour boat trip with the new Elbe Philharmonic Concert Hall in the background

ROSARIUM UETERSEN

Photos – Hans-Peter Mühlbach



Wedding Island

OBITUARIES



Alan Tew

Alan Tew, well known rosarian in South Africa died aged 94 on 5th March, 2016 following a stroke the previous week. Only the evening before going to hospital, he was seen walking on Leisure Isle 'looking as dapper as he always did', so was active to the end. He is survived by a daughter and a son, 4 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Alan's introduction to the rose world was the Gold Reef Rose Society AGM in 1997 when he gallantly agreed to be the new Chairman. It was during this time that Alan turned 80 and to celebrate, his wife, Charlie chose and arranged for a rose to be named in his honour.

Alan and Charlie moved to Knysna in 2005 and less than a year later in January 2006 Alan founded and was the first Chairman of The Knysna Rose Society.

Although Alan lived in Knysna, in 2006 when ROSA sanctioned the 2012 World Rose Convention to take place in Sandton, Alan gave his support and advice and will always be remembered for the excellent name and logo he provided for the convention. In 2009 Alan became WFRS Vice President for Africa and as such he attended part of the World Rose Convention in Vancouver.

In 2010 after the most successful Garden Route 2010 National Convention, Alan was honoured with the Zoë Gilbert Merit Award and in 2012 when Stefanie Seydack was ROSA President she presented him with the President's Trophy.

Sheenagh Harris



'Alan Tew' (MACven) (photo – Ludwig's Roses)



WILLHELM KORDES III

1953 - 2016

After a long and serious illness born with great patience and fortitude, Wilhelm Kordes III died on 22 January 2016. In him we have lost a leading rose breeder, a highly esteemed fellow member of our Rose Society and an exceptionally charming person.

Wilhelm Kordes was born the son of Reimer and Marianne Kordes in 1953. His father, who had run the family company with his two cousins Hermann II and Werner since 1964, was managing director and responsible for rose breeding. Wilhelm Kordes first joined the company in 1977, after training as a gardener and gaining experience abroad. In 1988 the company management passed onto the 4th Kordes generation and Wilhelm Kordes focused on breeding garden roses and finance. His cousin Tim-Hermann took over the breeding of cut roses and cousin Margarita's husband, Bernd Helm-Kordes, took on cut rose production.

A fundamental change in rose breeding established itself at the beginning of the 1990's: the selection of new breeds took place without the use of pesticides on the rose fields. This enabled rose breeders to market more and more varieties of roses and meet the increasing want for ecological gardening. Here Wilhelm Kordes succeeded in creating incredible new garden roses that not only appeal to the eye and are often fragrant, but also exhibit high resistance against the dreaded leaf diseases black spot and blight. Many of these roses have been given ADR (*All German Rose Testing*) awards. To him we owe such wonderful roses as the cream coloured 'Lions Rose' ('Champagne Moment'), whose launching ceremony initiated a fund-raising campaign for children in war zones. Compact shrub roses like the very popular 'Gaertnerfreude' ('Lancashire') or the lusciously fragrant climbing rose 'Laguna' and many hybrid tea roses such as the well known 'Beverly' ('Perfume Passion') are evidence of his critical eye and innate sense of trend. After all, the breeder has to see which roses will withstand the eight years' test of time between selection and production and still be able to compete successfully on the market.

Last year it was our good fortune as rose friends to meet Wilhelm Kordes once again at our National Rose Congress in Uetersen. Despite his serious ill health, he insisted on greeting us personally when we visited the Sparrieshoop location and at the launch of the enchanting rose 'Oh Happy Day'.

Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Mühlbach, President, Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde e.V. (German Rose Friends)



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**WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION AND
14th INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE
BEIJING, CHINA – 18th to 23rd MAY 2016**

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Rose Garden at the Beijing Botanical Garden

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY – 18TH MAY

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK - will be open at all five hotels and the conference centre from 09.00 – 21.00

WFRS MEETINGS - Rose International Hotel

19.00 – 19.30 Social Media
19.30 – 20.30 Publications
20.30 - 22.00 EC No. 1 (Reports on future Conventions -- Uruguay, Slovenia and Denmark)

THURSDAY – 19TH MAY

ATTENDEES

08.00 – Coaches leave for the opening ceremony
08.40 – 09.20 Music and dance at Longhe Rose Park
09.30 – 10.00 Opening Ceremony at Longhe Rose Park
10.00 – 11.00 Visiting Longhe Rose Park
11.00 – 12.15 Opening Ceremony and visit Rose Museum
12.15 – 13.00 Lunch at the restaurant of Longhe Rose Park
13.15 Coaches leave for lectures in the Conference Centre

13.45 – 17.25 Lectures (40 minutes/lecture, 20 Minutes/Tea Break)

Lectures:

13.45 –14.25 Chinese-American Roses: How Chinese Species Roses and Ancient Chinese Cultivars Transformed the Roses of America - Gregg Lowery (USA)
14.25 –15.05 Collecting Rose Species in Asia and their Conservation at Quarryhill Botanical Garden - William A. McNamara (USA)
15.05 –15.45 Conserving the Rose Heritage of Asia and other Warm Climates – Our Way Forward - Girija and Viru Viraraghavan (India)
15.45 –16.05 Coffee/tea Break - 20 minutes
16.05 –16.45 The Challenge of Identifying and Preserving Old Rose Varieties - Patricia Toolan (Australia)
16.45 –17.25 The Evolution of Climbing Roses in the 19th Century - Charles Quest-Ritson (UK)
17.35 Return to hotels by coach and arrive at about 17:55

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:

13.15 – 16.30 Afternoon Tour in Daxing District, please choose one of the routes -

Route 1: Leping Royal Melon Garden

Route 2: Song's Melon Garden

Route 3: Lvdejin Ecological Agriculture Tourism Park

16.30 Return to hotels by coach and arrive at about 17:30

ALL PARTICIPANTS:

18.30 Transfer by bus to the Reception

19.00 – 20.30 Reception (Dress code: smart)

20.45 - Return to hotels by coach

FRIDAY - 20TH MAY

ATTENDEES:

07.50 Coaches leave for the lectures at the Conference Centre

08.30 – 12.15 Five lectures (40 minutes/lecture, 25 minutes/tea break)

Lectures:

08.30 – 09.10 POM - Sweden's National Programme for Cultivated Plant Diversity –
Lars-Ake Gustavsson (Sweden)

09.10 – 09.50 The Evaluation, Innovation and Application of Wild Rose Species
in Northwest China - Ge, Hong; Yang, Shuhua (China)

09.50 – 10.30 Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen - Collecting and Maintaining Heritage Roses –
Concept of a Genetic Rose Bank - the status quo in 2015 - Thomas Hawel
(Germany)

10.30 – 10.55 Coffee/tea break - 25 minutes

10.55 – 11.35 Wild roses from Xinjiang and their potential value - Sun, Wei (China)

11.35 – 12.15 Development of Cut Rose Industry and New Cultivar Breeding in Yunnan Province,
China - Wang, Qigang; Jian, Hongying (China)

12.15 – 13.15 **LUNCH IN THE CONFERENCE CENTRE**

13.15 – 18.00 Visit Rose Show, Ansheng Rose Garden, Nabowan Rose Garden and
Yishuiyangguang Rose Garden

18.10 Return to hotels

FRIENDS OF THE FEDERATION

12.15 – 14.15 **Friends of The Federation Luncheon – by Invitation in the Conference Centre**

14.15 – 18.00 Visit Rose Show, Ansheng Rose Garden, Nabowan Rose Garden and
Yishuiyangguang Rose Garden

18.10 Return to hotels

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:

Whole Day Tour in Daxing District

08.10 - Accompanying persons coaches leave for the tour in Daxing District.

08.10 – 12.00 Morning Rose Garden Tour

Visit Rose Show, Ansheng Rose Garden, Nabowan Rose Garden and
Yishuiyangguang Rose Garden

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.30 Afternoon Tour - please choose one of the routes

Route 1: Beijing ulugu tropical botanical garden and Zhu village

Route 2: Lvyuanyijing Urban Agriculture Park and Taohuayuan Potted Vegetable Base

Route 3: Dreamy Purple Lavanda Manor and Beijing Wildlife Park

16.30 Return to hotels and arrive at about 17:30

ALL PARTICIPANTS

18.30 – 19.10 Buffet Dinner at hotel.

19.30 Coach to Chinese Traditional Performance

20.00 – 21.00 Chinese Traditional Performance

21.15 Return to hotels by coach

SATURDAY 21ST MAY

ATTENDEES:

07.50 Coaches leave for the lectures at the Conference Centre

08.10 Accompanying persons' coaches leave for the Garden Tour in Daxing District

08.30 – 9.50 2 Lectures (40 minutes/lecture, 30 minutes/tea break)

Lectures:

08.30 – 09.10 Solving Problems of Species Classification and Old Rose Pedigrees Using Molecular Approaches, an Overview - Pascal Heitzler (France)

09.10 – 09.50 Tumi, A Flowery Cultural Symbol in Ancient China - Wang, Guoliang (China)

09.50 – 10.20 Coffee/tea break

BREEDERS' FORUM - Conference Centre

Moderator: Kelvin Trimper

10.20 – 12.20 Breeders' Forum

12.20 – 13.00 Lunch - Conference Centre

13.30 – 16.30 4 Lectures (40 minutes/lecture, 20 minutes/tea break)

Lectures:

13.30 – 14.10 LYON ROSES 2015, the Festival of Roses, How to Involve Local Population, Institutions, Associations, Politicians, Keys to Success - Daniel Boulens (France)

14.10 – 14.50 European Roses before and after the Influence of the Chinese Roses
Torben Thim (Denmark)

14.50 – 15.10 Coffee Break

15.10 – 15.50 The Past, Present and Future of Roses in Beijing - Zhao, Shiwei (China)

15.50 – 16.30 Designing Rose Gardens - Nobuo Shirasuna (Japan)

Future Convention Presentations - Conference Centre

Moderator: Helga Brichet

16.30 – 16.45 WFRS Regional Convention – Uruguay (15min)

16.45 – 17.00 WFRS Regional Convention - Slovenia (15min)

17.00 – 17.30 WFRS World Rose Convention - Denmark (30min)

17.40 Return to hotels and arrive about 18.00

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS:

Whole Day Tour in Daxing District

08.10 –16.30 Route 1: Nanhaizi Park and Li Keran academy of painting
Route 2: Tempo Art Museum and Nanhaizi Park
16.30 Return to hotels and arrive about 17.30

ALL PARTICIPANTS

18.40 Coach to the closing ceremony to arrive about 19.10
19.30 – 21.00 Closing Ceremony, dinner and awards (Dress code: Smart)
21.15 Return to hotels

SUNDAY 22ND MAY – Whole day Garden Tour

8.30 Depart for Garden Tour
8.30 -12.15 Garden Tour
Route 1: Shougang Factory Rose Garden and Rose garden at Garden Expo Park
Route 2: Rose Garden at Temple of Heaven & Taoranting Park
12.30 -13.15 Lunch (Place TBD)
13.30 -17.00 Chinese Gardens Museum and Beijing Botanical Garden
17.15 Return to hotels for Buffet Dinner

WFRS MEETINGS - Rose International Hotel

08.30 – 09.30 Promotions and Friends Committees (combined)
09.30 – 10.30 Conservation and Heritage Committee
10.30 – 12.30 EC Meeting No. 2
12.30 - 13.00 Lunch - Rose International Hotel
13.20 – 17.00 Chinese Gardens Museum and Beijing Botanical Garden
17.15 Return to hotel for Buffet Dinner

MONDAY 23RD MAY - Whole day City Tour

08.30 Depart for City Tour
08.30 -12.15 Zhongshan Park and Beihai Park
12.30 -13.15 Lunch (Place TBD)
13.30 -16.00 Summer Palace
16.15 Return to hotels for Buffet Dinner

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS:

The tour of Wild Roses In Yunnan - China's wild roses in their native environment
The tour of Wild roses in Chengde – Exploration of China's Wild Roses.

POST CONVENTION TOURS:

The Chinese Culture Tour – visiting Xian, Guilin and Shanghai
The Chinese Classic Gardens Tour - a five day tour in Eastern China
The Tour of Beijing - including temples, museums and the Great Wall

During the Convention an inauguration ceremony will take place to open the newly-constructed Rose Museum which displays extraordinary architecture with exhibits ranging from roses in history to roses of the future and one section devoted to the WFRS, it's past and present. The Museum curators are making a special call for exhibit items, as donations or loans. Refer to the website where detailed information is available. All queries to: info_chinarose2016@126.com or 2668587780@qq.com

URUGUAY PRESENTS
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ROSES IN THE SOUTH

www.asociacionuruguayadelarosa.com

The 2016 Regional Convention in Uruguay is the 5th South American Regional Convention and it will be something different, combining beaches with countryside. The Convention takes place in PUNTA DEL ESTE - famous beach resort - 7th to 9th November, 2016

Queries to: auruguay@gmail.com or (00598) 99 662 791



WELL KNOWN SPEAKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

RAFAEL MAINO (Argentina) Roses Without a Name – Roses found in Argentina awaiting classification
ELBA SIMSON (Uruguay) Roses in the South
KELVIN TRIMPER (Australia) (President of the WFRS) Roses in the Southern Hemisphere
MATILDE FERRER (Spain) Rose gardens in Spain - General facts and concrete cases
STEPHEN SCANIELLO (USA) Designing gardens
KEITH KIRSTEN (S. Africa) Roses in the Garden Landscape - my philosophy-Planting and care of roses
THOMAS PROLL (Germany) Breeding Beautiful, Fragrant and Healthy Roses – the Kordes way
MARKUS BRUNSING (Germany) Around the World with 50 breeders - International Rose Breeders
and their Rose Novelties
JOLENE ADAMS (USA) Rose Nutrition
RICHARD ANTHONY (USA) New potting/planting methods
BOB MARTIN (USA) How to Exhibit Roses

Pre-Convention Tour: Visit Colonia del Sacramento and farms in the western and central countryside

Post Convention Tour: Visit farms in the eastern countryside and Montevideo, capital city of Uruguay

For more information and registration, please click on the following link:

<http://www.asociacionuruguayadelarosa.com/Convencion.html>

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**Jean Clevers Hotel,
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**Exclusive invitation to 'Friends Only' activities;
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rose growing knowledge, information on rose gardens,
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**Donor forms can be downloaded from the Federation's website.
Donations, with the exception of "Friends for Life", cover the period until the
conclusion of the World Rose Convention in 2018.**