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EDITORIAL

The combined conventions in Beijing have come and gone, and a great deal of other activity in the WFRS has followed. Our President has been particularly busy and some of his travels are described in the pages that follow. Read all about the exciting and most colourful time in Beijing, but in an effort not to make WRN too large the post convention tours in China and the beautiful garden tour in Japan will be featured in the next WRN.

In this issue we have contributions from three countries for the unveiling of four Award of Garden Excellence plaques.

Six WFRS meetings were conducted, sometimes late into the night and a great deal of work was covered. See the summary of minutes on page 26.

Please send your suggestions for a title for the 50 year book and photographs as requested by our Publication Chairman elsewhere in this issue. Please also send your suggestions for a name for the rose to be baptised in Copenhagen in the name of the WFRS for the 50 year anniversary.

Enjoy WFRS news on Facebook as described by Paul Hains – Social Media on page 24.

By now most members will have received *by any other name*, compiled by Editor Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert for the Conservation and Heritage Rose Committee and if not, please refer to the WFRS website for an interesting read.

The next issue of WRN will be in October, 2016.

Sheenagh Harris
World Rose News Editor



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August, 2016



**PRESIDENT
2015 - 2018**

Dear Rosarians,

The past few months have been very busy for the WFRS. I had the pleasure of participating in the 14th International Heritage Rose Conference combined with the WFRS Regional Convention in Beijing, preceded by a quick visit to South Korea. This was followed by a 3 ½ week visit to Europe which I will report on in more detail in the next WRN.

On the way to China, Melanie and I visited South Korea where we had four days visiting gardens, historic cultural sites and meeting with a number of very enthusiastic rosarians. Korea has a long historical association with roses which are very important in their culture. We visited the lovely rose gardens at the Greenhill Aged Care Nursing Home and the extensive gardens at the Everland Resort at Yongin.

I wish to thank the members of the local rose group for their kind hospitality, giving up their time to show us several gardens including the stunning Garden of Morning Calm, a historic temple and the majestic Chang Deok Gung Palace Secret Garden. led by Mr. Wook Kyun Kim, a familiar face at many WFRS Conventions. The Korean Rose Group may become our 40th WFRS Member Country.

After Korea we travelled to China where we were met at the Beijing Airport by our welcoming hosts and travelled to the District of Daxing in South Beijing which was the venue for the WFRS Regional Convention and Heritage Conference.

The first thing we noticed were the extensive and spectacular roadside plantings of roses in Beijing, in particular significant plantings of a rose named 'Spectra' (MEIzalitaf). We later learned that Beijing has over 1400 hectares (over 3,000 acres) of roses planted in public parks and adjacent to the city's thoroughfares to enhance the city.

The Opening Ceremony was a grand affair held in the Convention Rose Theme Park with entertainment, dignitaries and hundreds of enthusiastic locals enjoying the event. The well designed theme garden included a heritage rose section and a garden to showcase new Chinese-bred roses. This was followed by the Official Opening of the Rose Museum, a magnificent, modern complex built to display the history, culture, art and cultivation of roses – a central focus within the beautiful rose park. During these ceremonies it was very evident that the rose is a significant part of China's heritage and culture and the growth in the local rose industry is immense.

I must congratulate the Chinese Rose Society, led by Professor Zhang, with strong support from Dr. Shiwei Zhao (WFRS Vice President Far East) and many others who worked closely with the local Officials of the Municipality of Daxing, Chinese Flower Association and City Parks Officers to plan and deliver an outstanding convention.

International registrants enjoyed the Pre- and Post Tours, the diverse excellent lecture programme and visits to local gardens and cultural sites. Despite the challenges of language, food and culture – our Chinese hosts ensured we shared great and memorable experiences, many of which are unique to China.

I do wish to thank Past President Mrs. Helga Brichet our Convention Liaison Committee Chairman, who was ably assisted by Past President, Dr. Gérald Meylan, Convention Liaison Committee Vice Chairman and Past Executive Director Malcolm Watson and wife Ruth, who significantly contributed to the planning of the convention and collecting items for the museum. I also thank the many international visitors, including delegates who travelled considerable distances to attend and those who travelled to China for the first time.

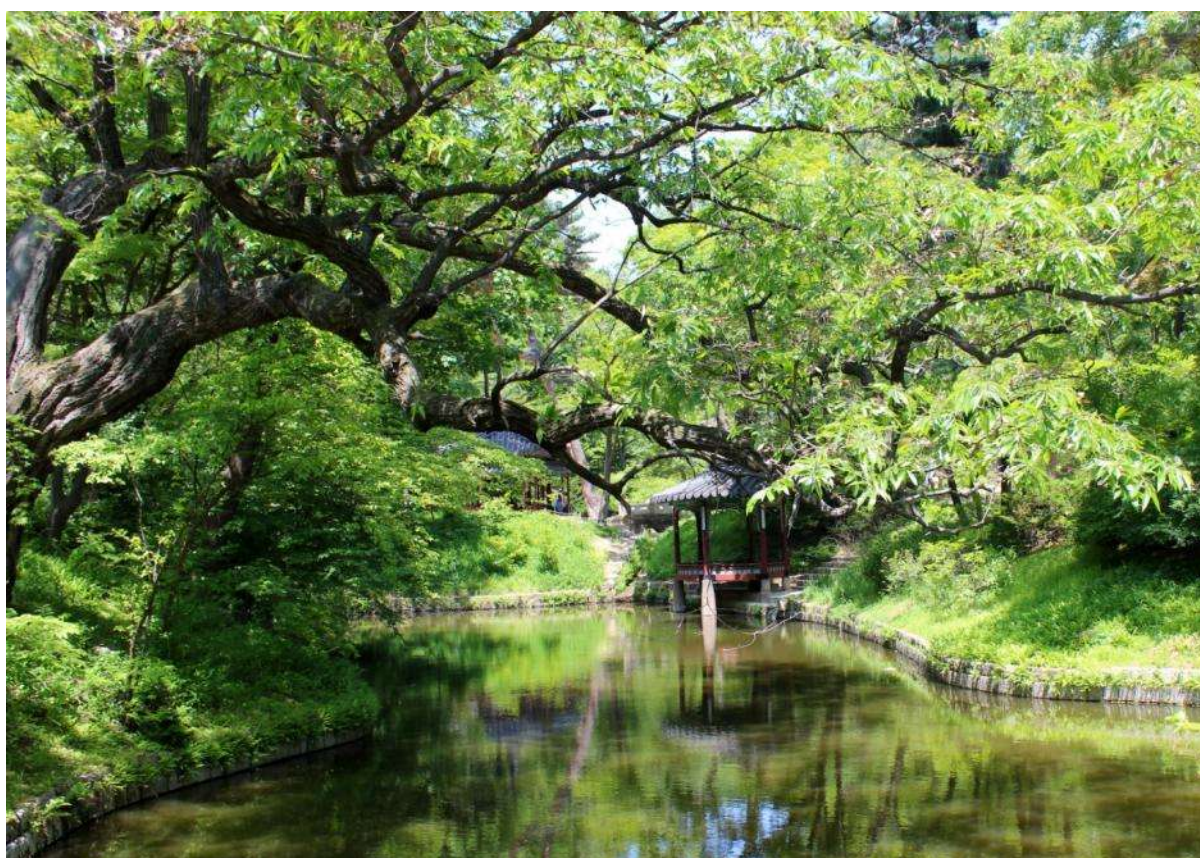
Looking forward, we have the next WFRS Regional Convention in Uruguay in November, 2016 which includes exciting Pre and Post-Convention Tours. I am eagerly awaiting exploring South America as it will be my first trip to the region. For details and bookings, the website is: www.asociacionuruguayadelarosa.com/Convencion.html

Registrations are also open for the WFRS Regional Convention in Slovenia, June 2017, and these, too, can be accessed via our website. A great program touring Eastern Europe has been organized by our Slovenian hosts. Visit <http://roseslovenia2017.com> for all the details.

Finally, the WFRS has embraced the Social Media phenomenon of the 21st century and thanks go to Paul Hains (Australia), Matthias Meilland (France) and Hayden Foulds (New Zealand) for their involvement. We now have a Facebook page and other social media (for more information refer to the article in this WRN).

As those in the Northern Hemisphere enjoy their summer holidays and roses and we in the Southern Hemisphere undertake our rose pruning, I wish you all great enjoyment growing your roses wherever you are.

Kelvin Trimper



Chang Deok Gung Palace Secret Garden, South Korea

(photo – Melanie Trimper)

WFRS AWARDS OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE

SACRAMENTO HISTORIC ROSE GARDEN – USA - Jolene Adams (USA)

Jolene Adams, WFRS Vice President for North America presented the Award of Garden Excellence plaque to the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden located in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery on 2nd April 2016. The roses were in full bloom and cascading over their supports, the fragrance in the garden was heady and the crowds of spectators were excited to see the Garden in such excellent shape. An early spring brought much needed rain to this drought-plagued area of California and the roses responded with exceptional vigour, giving us abundant blooms for the ceremony.



Past President Steve Jones and his wife Susie were in attendance at the Awards Ceremony and also garden directors from other parts of California stepped forth to offer their congratulations to the “keepers of the garden” – the exceptional volunteer force that maintains the roses.

Receiving the award on behalf of the Garden was Anita Clevenger, Curator. City Council member Steve Hanson also presented a Resolution from the Council honouring the Historic Rose Garden volunteers.

This garden is dedicated to the preservation of Californian Heritage Roses. It contains nearly 500 antique and Old Garden Roses with particular emphasis on those roses found in abandoned sites and roadsides in Northern California.



**Jolene Adams
and Steve Jones**

**Steve Hanson,
Jolene Adams and
Anita Clevinger**



WOODLAND LIBRARY ROSE CLUB PUBLIC GARDEN – USA

Jolene Adams – (USA)

Jolene Adams, Vice President for North America presented the Award of Garden Excellence plaque to the Woodland Library Rose Club Public Garden on 14th May, 2016 in a lovely ceremony held on the entry steps to Woodland’s historic Carnegie library. Present were many citizens who love this garden, heritage rose lovers from California and also the Mayor of the City of Woodland who spoke regarding the beauty of the rose, his memories of his grandmother’s and mother’s rose gardens and the importance of this rose garden to the community of Woodland.



The Plaque is mounted at the entrance to the garden. The roses were blooming nicely and the grounds were crowded with people moving along the paths between the beds of roses. Docents were located in the garden to guide the public through the garden. A lovely lunch was held after the ceremony.

AU DIABLE VERT – SWITZERLAND

Monique de Clarens (France)

Photos – Melanie Trimper (Australia)

Below is the speech given by Monique de Clarens at the unveiling of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence plaque for the Au Diable Vert garden at Bex, Switzerland on 22 June, 2016.

“We are gathered here today to reward the Rose Garden Au Diable Vert with a Garden Award. This distinction is attributed once every three years during the WFRS World Rose Convention. This is a way to award this exceptional rose garden that was selected last year in Lyon, by the 39 member countries of the Federation. This rose garden is truly exceptional with more than 1 600 rose bushes of 130 different varieties. The beauty also comes from both the spiral set up of the roses and the sensational perfume of the different varieties.

The rose garden is cultivated in an environmentally responsible way and emphasizes the plants which are resistant to diseases and insects. This spring was particularly cold and wet and didn't help our friends Dominique and Magali Mottet. Therefore this reward is even more deserved.



Au Diable Vert



Yves Piaget, Kelvin Trimper, Monique de Clarens, Dominique and Magali Mottet

On behalf of the Federation Awards Committee, that I'm very proud to chair, I would like to congratulate and thank M. Yves Piaget, a rose lover, whose passion and generosity was used to conceive this little wonder. I would also like to congratulate Dominique and Magali Mottet who dedicate their time and knowledge to help grow and maintain the garden in such a wonderful state even against deer! Furthermore, I invite all rose lovers to visit the Au Diable Vert garden over and over again. It is truly a magical and peaceful place - ideal to relax.”

THE GEOGRAPHICAL GARDEN – KOLDING, DENMARK

Inger Schierning – Denmark

Below is the speech given by Inger Schierning at the unveiling of the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence plaque for the Geographic garden at Kolding, Denmark on 3 July, 2016.

“Today, on the Day of the Rose, it is my great pleasure to be here in this beautiful garden, as a rose lover, as Chairman of the Danish Rose Society and as Vice-President for Northern Europe of the World Federation of Rose Societies. The World Federation of Rose Societies consists of 39 national rose societies, which propose and elect its President, an Executive Council and the members of its 12 working committees in a democratic way. Our guiding aim is to promote knowledge and understanding of roses and their beauty.



Inger Schierning and Lene Holm prior to the unveiling of the WFRS plaque



Jens Otto Pedersen, Inger Schierning, Jasper Elkjaer and Lene Holm on the bench with the plaque

A world convention is held every 3 years and it was in 1994, at the 10th World Rose Convention, ‘Rose World’, in New Zealand, that the first Award of Garden Excellence was awarded to the oldest rosarium in the world, ‘La Roseraie du Val-de Marne’, south of Paris and better known as Roseraie L’Haÿ. Yes, indeed, that is also the name given to a lovely, strongly scented bush rose.

Since then, beautiful rose gardens on several continents have been given this prestigious award. To be considered for this award, a comprehensive procedure has to be followed, as the award came into being to promote the aims of the Federation, especially with regard to disseminating knowledge of all matters concerning roses to the general public.

An Award of Garden Excellence is a declaration by the World Federation acknowledging that the rose garden’s design, development and maintenance are of the highest standard. In order to be considered for this honourable award, a rose garden must perform to a continuous high standard of rose planting and rose collection. That is: be beautiful and attractive and be open to the general public, spread knowledge and interest in roses, in particular through labelling, which must provide the names of all the roses and their breeders, and, preferably the date of introduction, thereby strengthening the public’s knowledge and appreciation of roses.

The garden being considered for the award has to be evaluated by two independent experts. We were fortunate to have a visit from former World Federation President, Sheenagh Harris exactly 3 years ago, when Jens Otto Pedersen guided us through all the roses, which were then blooming at their very best. Sheenagh met several of the Friends of the Geographical Garden, who had been dead heading the rose bushes. She took photos of the colourful wheelbarrows full of rose petals, which were standing decoratively as witness to the great effort of the Friends.

The other expert was our own Knud Pedersen from Rosenposten.dk. The descriptions given by the two experts, and their beautiful photos of the Garden, resulted in an Award of Garden Excellence to Denmark’s Geographical Garden at the 17th WRC in Lyon.

Before unveiling the award on behalf of the World Federation, and in particular, the Danish Rose

Society, I must say a few words about the 18th WRC, A Fairy Tale of Roses, which will take place here in Denmark in 2 years.

Denmark was given the task of hosting the 18th WRC in 2012 at the 16th WRC in South Africa. The signing up will begin in less than a year. See the programme on our website: www.rosenselskabet.dk Click on the box WRC2018 Rosenkonference. There you will also be able to read that many visitors from the international rose world will pay a visit to the Geographical Garden on pre- and post Convention tours in 2 years time.

To conclude, I congratulate the Geographical Garden, its management and gardeners, the Friends, and all the rest of us, on this splendid award, which will place the Geographical Garden and Denmark on the world rose map."

INTERESTING EXTRACTS FROM THE SPEECH OF LENE HOLM, CURATOR OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL GARDEN

It is an immense honour for the garden to receive the Award of Garden Excellence and therefore the vision has been to plan a unique reception of the award. To say THANK YOU so that it can be heard and felt by everyone: the societies involved as well as the visitors to the garden. The garden was founded by Aksel Olsen nearly 100 years ago.

The Award has been incorporated into a new multifunctional installation in the shape of a deck of oak round one of the 100 year old oak trees. The deck will provide the visitors to the garden with the opportunity to see the Award and at the same time use the deck as a bench, table, rostrum, platform or as a new playing or climbing facility.

A distinguished award deserves a worthy reception, therefore a number of innovations have been added to the unveiling function -

The publication of a rose booklet, *A World of Roses*, in which the Garden's rose gardener describes a selection of the modern roses, heritage roses and species roses in the garden. There is also an article about the Award of Garden Excellence and an article about the great contribution to the high standard of the rose garden provided by the many volunteers.

An exhibition at Kolding municipal library of the roses in the Garden and the Award of Garden Excellence. In this way we have awakened public awareness to the presentation of the Award, when the World Federation of Rose Societies was represented by Inger Schierning, Vice President for Northern Europe and Chairman of the Danish Rose Society, who delivered a very beautiful speech and unveiled the Award.

At the presentation on 3 July, roses were distributed among the audience. There was a beautiful rose wreath at the new installation, and refreshments were served in the rose garden.

A tour of the rose garden, guided by Jens Otto Pedersen from the Danish Rose Society, *Trekanten* district, who had defied the rain and conducted a guided tour of the rose areas in the garden with great knowledge and enthusiasm.

All the roses in the rose garden have had their labels updated with the name of the rose, the breeder etc. complying with the format recommended by the Danish Rose Society.

Lene Holm ended her speech saying that they looked forward to the WRC2018 in Denmark with visits to the Geographical Garden, where they hoped a great many rose lovers and rose experts from all over the world will want to learn more about this garden and its exciting history which includes the home of Aksel Olsen.

WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION AND 14TH INTERNATIONAL ROSE CONFERENCE-BEIJING

Text – Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

Photos – Melanie Trimper (Australia) unless otherwise stated

THE OPENING CEREMONY



An extravaganza of colourful performers entertained the delegates prior to the opening of a most spectacular convention



President Kelvin Trimper welcomes 100 delegates from 26 different countries on a hot and sunny day to this grandiose function set in the Rose Theme Park in Beijing which ended with a shower of rose petals to honour the officials on stage



Delegates walked through the newly made Rose Theme Park containing 100,000 rose plants to witness the official opening of the newly built Rose Museum designed by the Amsterdam-Beijing based collective Next Architects and opened by Mr. Niu and Kelvin Trimper. Delegates were then guided through this most impressive building with its rose perforated metal façade which houses rose artifacts and information from rose growing countries of the world.



Rose Museum - Beijing

One entire floor is dedicated to the World Federation of Rose Societies and it was interesting to see what the various member countries had contributed.



Eighteen WFRS Presidents

(photo – Penelope Schultz – Australia)

Can anybody put the correct name to each person in the picture? From L to R – Kelvin Trimper, Steve Jones, Sheenagh Harris, Gérald Meylan, Tommy Cairns, Ken Grapes, Helga Brichet, Ethel Freeman, David Ruston, Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, ??, ??, ??, ??, ??, ??, Susan Begg.

One of the many attractions in the Rose Theme Park was the Meilland Wall of Peace and bed of 'Peace' roses in full bloom.



The Meilland Wall

(photos – Paul Hains)



'Peace'



Rose Theme Park - Daxing

WELCOME RECEPTION



The newly opened Joyful Rose International Hotel where the welcome reception for the convention delegates was held.



Zhao Shiwei welcomes the guests



Steve and Susie Jones at the Welcome Reception



The most impressive Convention Centre where 16 lectures by lecturers from 9 different countries took place over three days. A most interesting Forum on Modern Roses was led by Kelvin Trimper. The panel consisted of members from 7 different countries and included enjoyable audience participation.



Cao Yang, Zhang Zuoshuang, Kelvin Trimper, Wang Guoliang and He Rui at the opening of the Commemorative Heritage Rose Garden by Kelvin Trimper

CLOSING CEREMONY



(photo – Barbara Woode)

Delegates from other hotels were bussed to the luxurious Beijing Longxi Hot Spring Resort Hotel for the Closing Ceremony during which a delicious meal was served, awards were presented, delegates were entertained and the traditional flag ceremony took place.



(photo –Sheenagh Harris)

A stage with a mirror image of the guests in the banqueting hall prior to an evening of dining, presentations and enjoyable entertainment



(photos – Sheenagh Harris)

Beautifully laid and decorated tables prior to a delicious and interesting meal



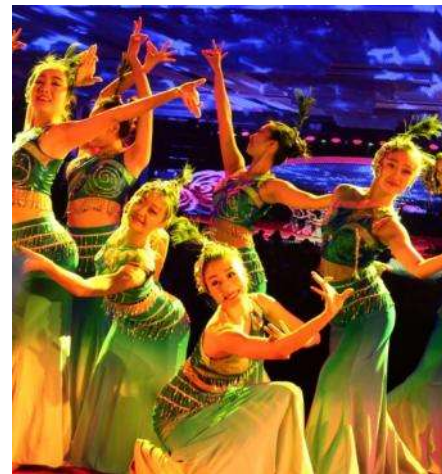
Kelvin Trimper presents Zhao Shiwei Secretary General of the Chinese Rose Society with the WFRS Silver Commemorative Medal for his contribution to the convention in Beijing



He Rui, Vice Mayor of Daxing and Executive Director of the Convention Organising Committee with the WFRS Bronze Commemorative Medal presented by Kelvin Trimper



Six delegates Helga Brichet, Laurie Newman, Gérald Meylan, (Zhang Zuoshuang) Takamasa Tsuge, Malcolm Watson and Zhao Shiwei received a medal of honour from the Chinese Rose Society for their contribution of help for the Convention and the museum. Laurie Newman's medal was presented thanking him for his enormous contribution to the rose garden in Beijing which included collecting old roses.



Graceful and colourful dancers entertained the Convention guests



Rosario Algorta and Kelvin Trimper with the WFRS flag in readiness for the Regional Convention in Uruguay

PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

WILD ROSES OF YUNNAN –

Text - Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert (France)

Photos – Hayden Foulds unless otherwise stated

After a four-hour flight from Beijing, it was hard to believe, as we drove from the modern airport in Kunming over and under new highways, all available space being landscaped with plants and trees, (where the soil that could be seen was the colour of wet rust) that we were beginning the China Wild Rosa and Modern Rose Exploration Tour in Yunnan. Everything was so modern and new. Distances in China are immense, especially between the modern areas in which we were lodged and the places we were to visit which gave us the opportunity both to see the landscape but also for the thirty-four in our group to get to know each other.



Our first stop of the day was the Kunming Botanical Garden, founded in 1938. The 44 hectares houses more than 600 species and cultivars of plants with 14 plant specific gardens of camellias, magnolias and azaleas, tended by twenty full-time gardeners. Each garden is beautifully landscaped flowing seamlessly from section to section, with birds singing overhead. Trees were marked with tags in both English and Chinese with the possibility to “smart phone” link to the database connected to the garden.

Azaleas form one of the 14 plant specific gardens in the Kunming Botanic Gardens

Unfortunately, we ran out of time before being able to explore the Rosaceae section, but this did not prevent us from stopping, photographing and consulting with each other every time we came across a rose: a pattern that would be repeated throughout the tour and was a tribute to the patience of our guides.

After lunch and leaving the city behind, we were driven up to the Yang Rose Company in Yangzonghai. A water reservoir, surrounded by species roses, the identification of which consumed most of our time which is a shame as we did not get the chance to properly explore the surrounding terraced hillsides which were covered with more roses, hydrangeas and other plants which are supplied to the large cities in China as well as exported throughout Asia. It was interesting to note how some of the very thick and old rose bushes had been newly budded with different varieties. While overcast, the weather was quite warm.



Roses, Hydrangeas and other plants grow well on the hillsides at Yang Rose Company in Yangzonghai

Running behind schedule with tempers beginning to fray as the weather deteriorated, we nonetheless did make a quick stop at Dian Lake which is the largest fresh water lake in the province of Yunnan. On a clear day, the vistas would be magnificent, but our luck had run out weather-wise and large clouds rolled in, accompanied by rain. The Jinmabiji Arch (Golden Horse Green Jade Chicken Arch) in the centre of Kunming, the city's emblem, was seen through the windows of the bus in pouring rain.

Another flight and bus ride deposited us, along with our luggage, literally on the pavement of a large road and at one of the entrances to the old city of Lijiang, listed by UNESCO in 2012 as a World Heritage site. As the printed schedule indicated that we would be checking into the hotel before lunch, we were rather confused at having to pull out our raingear on the sidewalk, hand over our passports, be divided up into smaller buses and whisked off to lunch. But by now a camaraderie had been firmly established and we were up for whatever lay ahead.

I cannot properly describe the elation of many when confronted with *Rosa odorata* var. *gigantea* growing along the fence of the Lijiang Alpine Botanical Garden. Was it the same as the one described in the Philips and Rix book? Ecstasy! We took a flurry of pictures before we hiked past the seed collection house into the greenhouse and, despite the deteriorating weather, across a field and up a steep slope to view "our baby" rambling between bamboos.



Rosa odorata var. *gigantea* growing along the fence at the Lijiang Alpine Botanic Gardens.



By then many of us were tired and drenched, which unfortunately meant that we were most ungracious when shown a section of the old town on our way back to the hotel despite the fabulous roses growing through trees and the cultural shops on display. While being tired and quite wet the journey through the old city to our hotel reminded us why we were here...China. No bus could have coped with the narrow cobbled stone streets to our hotel but once settled there, the feeling of being there was magical. This hotel was unlike all the others of the universal modern type, said to have at one-time been a monastery, historical culture seeped into the walls and courtyards of this one. This led some of us to explore the vistas and courtyards around which the hotel was built. Thankfully, the next morning while our luggage was being loaded into the bus, we were able to explore the old city on foot. A true jewel of winding streets and amazing views built on the concept of Feng Shui: surely China's Venice.

(photo – Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert)
China's Venice



Heritage roses growing in Lijiang Old Town



Hotel in Lijiang (photo – Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert)



Rock Museum (photo – Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert)

The former residence of Joseph Rock is located in the village of Xuesong and remains untouched by modernity. The short walk up to the museum along the cobbled streets, passed traditional homes with enclosed courtyards. The museum while being small is a tribute of the esteem that the local population have for this explorer who, true to the times he lived in, was interested in all the facets of the area in which he chose to make his home for many years.



First Bend of the Yangtze River was our first stop on our route to Shangri-La. Forming a dramatic V-shaped bend with the river departing from its south eastern course to flow towards the northeast. Despite the low-lying clouds which blocked any ray of sun, it did not take much imagination to see why this spot is so famous for its scenic beauty.

Scenic First Bend of the Yangtze River

On the mountain above the river is the town of Shingu with the 16th century marble drum built in the Ming dynasty to commemorate the victory of a Lijiang Naxi ruler over an invading Tibetan army. While the stele itself is inscribed with a legend of peace, the crack in it, reminds us that throughout history from Kublai Khan to the Red Army in 1936, this location has been a strategic launching point for military campaigns. It was on the walk back to the bus that one of our group identified several 'Hume's Blush Tea Scented China' growing in a hedge behind the market stalls.



An ancient legend claims that a tiger used a huge bolder in the gorge of the Jingsha river to leap from one bank to the other hence the name "Tiger Leaping Gorge". Only a handful of our group were brave enough to scamper down the 200 meters (700 feet) and it's many levels of viewing decks to the river below.

Tiger Leaping Gorge

The Tibetans called it Gyalthang, the Chinese Zhongdian. However, maybe inspired by James Hilton's famed novel "Lost Horizon", it is now called Shangri-La. Most of the old city was burnt in a fire in 2014 which explained the misnomer of our new hotel as "Old Town International". Be that as it may - after all Hilton had never been to China and was probably inspired by Joseph Rock's articles in National Geographic - we were here to see a bit of earthly paradise. The following day we were not disappointed. To reach the Shangri-La Alpine Botanical Garden we drove through an immense plain. To one side of the road we could see traditional houses, some actually being constructed which gave us a better idea of their layout. Behind them, an immense plane with horses, yaks and cattle roaming free as far as the eye could see. On the other side, flanked by the foothills that led to the mountains were thousands of native azaleas in full bloom forming lilac-coloured seas. At higher elevations, the mountain sides were speckled generously with rhododendrons and peach trees in bloom easily seen as the trees had yet to leaf. It was a stark reminder that the ancient Chinese painters were not exaggerating, simply painting what they saw.



The Shangri-La Alpine Botanical Garden is at an altitude of over 3,200 metres and quite a number of us had acquired oxygen canisters the previous night. Many made use of them that day. Overlooking the Napa lake, the view looking back towards the valley we had passed through, was breathtaking, and we were informed that when the snows melt much of the valley is flooded. We were waylaid on our climb to the top station - which had a display area containing both lovely photographs as well as some plants and books for sale - by tiny irises and the flowers of alpine plants and of course specie roses which were mere days away from blooming.

Lilac coloured Azaleas seen on the way to Shangri-La Alpine Botanic Garden

The Songzalin Lamasery built in 1679 (i.e. little Potala Palace) was a sharp reminder that the majority population in the area are Tibetans and Buddhist. It is still in use as a place of worship and, as with the Vatican in Rome, tourists tend to forget that. It is built on a grandiose and opulent scale.



The Songzalin Lamasery

Our final excursion was to the outstanding Potatso National Park, a natural reserve covering 300 square kilometres. All visitors must take the official buses which stop at various locations from which one can walk along wooden pathways along the lake to the next bus stop. Strolling along part of it, amid the rhododendrons in full bloom, and gazing across the lake to the other side where horses and yaks roamed free in a narrow valley that would soon be covered in wild flowers, it was easy to believe that we were in a paradise. A thought to hold onto along with the many beautiful things we had seen and friendships that had formed when confronted by the frustration and hustle-bustle of modern travel today.



Rhododendrons in full bloom in Potatso National Park

WILD ROSES IN CHENGDE – Text and photos - Geoff Crowhurst (Australia)

This tour proved to be part plant hunting, and part cultural tour. Having left Beijing about 8.30am on the first day, we travelled north, seeing parts of the Great Wall before going right under it via a tunnel. We were in quite mountainous country, which made for fascinating viewing before our main stop for the day, the Baicaowa National Forest Park. This appeared to be a recently developed reserve, with new and adequate facilities for visitors. We transferred to small electric buggies for a tour of the park, but were unable to get to the highest points owing to the track not being serviceable.



Mountains north of Beijing

Our group was fortunate to have a young Chinese man accompanying us, who had good knowledge of the flora, and carried a guide book which he consulted from time to time. We were hoping to see four rose species: *R. xanthina* f. *normalis*, *R. davurica*, *R. bella* and *R. multiflora*. Plants of *R. davurica* and *R. bella* were located, but neither had come into flower. A single hip remained on the former from the previous season. *R. davurica* is found in the northern provinces of China, Mongolia, Korea and Eastern Siberia. We were later to learn that it is one of a small group of species being used by the Chinese to develop cold hardy hybrid roses suited to the northern provinces. *R. bella* is found in the northern parts of China and Inner Mongolia. Both the flowers and fruit have been used for medicinal purposes. Delegates with an interest beyond roses were pleased to see a range of flowering plants, including the stunning little *Iris lactea*.

After an overnight hotel stay in Chengde, the group visited the Imperial Summer Resort, not to be confused with the Summer Palace near Beijing. It was built during the Qing Dynasty, and consultations there proved useful in developing good relations with ethnic groups which might otherwise have been hostile to the Chinese. Pine trees, some obviously very old, grew in nearly all the courtyards we went through, but very few other plants.



Not far beyond the further exit we came upon a large plant of *Rosa xanthina* (the double form), so there was much photographing. I would be surprised if anyone knows whether the double form was found in the wild, or occurred among cultivated plants. It is quite widely grown in northern China, and on a previous visit I saw plants in the North Beijing Botanic Garden, and also at the foot of Tai Shan, in Shandong Province. This time, after the conference, I was lucky enough to see a number of plants of *R. xanthina* f. *normalis* in flower beside a mountain road at Wutai Shan in Shanxi Province.

Imperial summer resort - Chengde



***R. xanthina* f. *normalis* in flower beside a mountain road at Wutai Shan in Shanxi Province**

This Pre-conference Tour was interesting enough, though seeing only one species type rose in flower was disappointing. It would have been a fairly gentle introduction to China for anyone visiting there for the first time.

LECTURES IN BEIJING

Crenagh Elliott – Canada

My overall impression of the lectures was that conservation was of great worry. Loss of habitat and the effect of climate change is a concern with all species. With regard to heritage or historic roses there are fewer and fewer specialist nurseries and international borders are getting more difficult to cross.

The first day's lectures mainly explained the relationship between American, Chinese and European rose breeding mainly before the twentieth century. The other lectures concentrated on how warm and cold climate rose species are being incorporated into modern rose breeding.

The second day had three lectures on conservation methods being used in Sweden, USA and Germany. The next lecture was on the work being done to use wild roses in northern China to develop modern cultivars suited to warmer and drier climates in China. Finally, the development of the cut-rose industry in Yunnan in the last thirty years was explained as it has modernised and become more scientific and efficient.

On the third day some interesting work on the genetic history of species and old roses which clarifies and both confirms and denies existing classifications. The next lecture was on roses in very old Chinese art as proof of the age of rose varieties. Later in the morning there was a very lively panel discussion chaired by Kelvin Trimper. The majority of the panel contestants being rose breeders. The questions were the following.

1. What is a modern rose? One within a wide colour range. Pre-1867 classifications versus heritage designation. Recent and fashionable roses. The introduction of recurrence. The WFRS Hall of Fame uses 1900 as the divide between modern and old roses.
2. Your best three twentieth century roses? Alphabetically – 'Buccaneer'; 'Crimson Glory' (1935) Kordes; 'Elina'; 'Iceberg'/'Schneewittchen'; 'Independence'; 'Knock Out' (1988) disease resistant; 'Mme A Meilland'/'Peace'; 'Pierre de Ronsard'; 'Prairie Princess'; *Rosa kordesii*; 'Stars 'n' Stripes'; 'Temple Bells'; 'The Fairy' led to "drift roses"; 'Wife of Bath' (1969) David Austin.
3. What will be the next big advancement in breeding? Flower colour and disease resistance, compact and bushy; add new blood (species) to add heat resistance for climate change, disease resistance and fragrant cut roses; winter and drought hardy using species; perfect plant for breeding with hard petals and with fragrance to pass to descendants; something out of the ordinary, a fragrant cut flower which is more difficult to transport as it is cut later; blackspot has almost disappeared, but, rust and anthracnose have appeared; Chinese roses should be used in breeding to avoid pesticides; 50% of roses have Chinese blood therefore are tolerant; fragrance, colour, hultemia hybrids and thornless; one leaf, thornless, something bigger, hultemia, bush, cut flowers for the garden.
4. What about potted plants as 86% of the population live in cities in Australia and worldwide? There are not enough and not enough information in publications.
5. If you had only one rose which would you choose? Many of the following roses were chosen because of their use for propagation. 'Arctic Ice'/'le Rose de Petit Prince'; 'Cardinal'; 'Dorothy Rose' Steve Jones' breeding; 'Double White Scots'; 'Gemini' has good seed, perfume and a different colour; 'Iceberg' or 'Gemini'/'St John's College'; 'Madam President' McGredy; 'Mirandy'; 'Pierre de Ronsard' with volcanic or seismic soil; in a temperate climate 'Pristine'; *Rosa wichurana*; 'St Cecilia'; A thornless Japanese rose alias 'Spring Wind'; 'Terracotta' is both edible and prunable.

The afternoon had lectures on the present and future values of *Rosa spinonisissima*. On the research history and location of *Rosa chinensis* var. *spontanea*. Also how to get the public involved in rose celebrations. Designing rose gardens. Finally there were presentations on the two regional and one triennial WFRS conventions.

THE CHINESE SCROLL PRESENTED TO THE WORLD FEDERATION IN BEIJING

Jolene Adams (USA)

For the Convention in Beijing, the delegates were spread out into three hotels. Those in the main hotel – The Joyful Rose – traveled about in one group for most of the tours and those in the other hotels were in a second bus and they also traveled together.

On the evening of 20 May the delegates were taken to a Gala Performance – each bus to a different location – our bus attended a demonstration of rose arranging in two different styles, done by noted experts in Beijing. Then we were treated to a Chinese Opera and a Poetry reading. There was also some traditional dancing demonstrated.

As the evening came to a close, Mrs. Jolene Adams, the Vice President for North America who was the only Executive representative among the second bus group, was called to the stage to represent the WFRS and to receive a lovely hand-written scroll done by a noted Chinese Master of Calligraphy and of Chinese History. The scroll was presented to her as the representative of the World Federation of Rose Societies and she graciously accepted and praised the thoughtfulness and kindness of the Chinese people and the wonderful care they were taking of the delegates to their beautiful Conference.



Jolene Adams accepts the scroll on behalf of the WFRS

To all friends of the World Federation of Rose Societies,

The Publications Committee is seeking photos from past Conventions and WFRS events. Old photos, recent photos, your own photos, posted photos – we would like to see them for possible inclusion in The 50th Year History Book.

If you wish to share your photos with us, please send them to Jolene Adams: 776 Pinedale Court
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Please include a note with each photo to let us know who is in the picture and when (approximately) it was taken. If you wish the original photo returned to you, also let us know.

There is no guarantee the photo you send will be used, but we really need to have them so the book will be full of wonderful memories of times past.

Thank you for helping us out,
Jolene Adams - Chairman, Publications Committee



THE WORLD FEDERATION STEPS FORWARD INTO SOCIAL MEDIA

Paul Hains - Australia

The world today moves at a crazy pace. I am sure you have all heard that “life was simpler back when I was young” or something similar. While this may be the case, life marches on at a frantic pace around us. Rose societies around the world have had to adapt to many changes. Rose growers can now access so much of the information they need from the internet. In the past it was the role of books and rose societies to help guide people on their rose growing journey. We now need to adapt our societies to ensure we engage our members personally at meetings and also in the online world.

Websites are an important source of information and are more like the “books” of the internet world - Not to take away from their value but they remain relatively static. Although they may be changed at regular intervals, they do not respond interactively with users. That is the difference with social media. It provides a two way conversation with the user. Interactive services on the internet are part of the WFRS’ future and increasingly part of the work and private lives of WFRS members.

Social media can be defined as ‘any conversation or activity that occurs online, where people can share information or data that might impact on the WFRS or its members’.

This will be new to many WFRS members, but those identifying as Generation X and Millennials interact with social media daily. They typically spend the last 15 minutes before sleep looking at Social Media, and have direct updates on social media throughout the day from their smart phones and tablets. The average millennial checks his or her Smartphone 43 times and spends 5.4 hours on social media per day. 71% engage in social media daily. Facebook remains the most used social media platform in western countries.

With the support of the Publications Committee, the Executive Committee approved the WFRS’ entry into social media on 22 May 2016. Paul Hains, Matthias Meilland and Hayden Foulds were charged with establishing and administering the social media platforms. The five channels selected were Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

The WFRS Facebook Group was launched just seven days later on 29 May 2016 and had over 130 members in its first 24 hours with many posts coming in of photos from the Beijing Regional Convention held the week before. This is an exciting way for attendees to see the images others captured. Sometimes it is a different perspective on what they saw. Other times it has been a different area of a garden not everyone visited. For those who did not get a chance to attend all or part of the convention they are able to experience the wonder of the whole event through member photos. Our President, Mr Kelvin Trimper, even posted photos from Beijing on the Facebook page on the launch day. The Uruguay Regional Convention presentation has been loaded onto the group page so people can get inspired to attend the next meeting.

In the future we aim to have videos on YouTube showing past and future events, along with videos of WFRS Award of Garden Excellence recipient gardens. We may have interviews and additional videos

as the YouTube channel is developed. This will be a fantastic resource for rose growers worldwide. It will enable members who are not financially or physically able to travel to experience the wonders of rose gardens and roses around the world. It will also encourage others to travel to far reaching destinations to visit rose gardens and members in those locations.

I would like to encourage everyone to get involved. If you have a Smartphone, tablet, or computer then it is never too late to join social media and enter the future with the WFRS. Ask a friend, younger relative or rose society member for help if you need it. You will be able to experience events and activities from around the world. You can interact and become friends with people from different countries. There were many occasions in Beijing where people were introducing themselves to “Face book friends” who they had only ever talked with online. They could continue their friendship in person as if they had known each other for years ... because they have.

This is a great step for the Federation and I would like to thank our President, Kelvin Trimper, our Publications Chairman, Jolene Adams, and the Executive Committee for supporting this bold new direction. I would also like to thank the Social Media Subcommittee of Matthias Meiland, Hayden Foulds, Angelika Throll, Susan Fox, Makoto Hiraoka and Sanda Simic for their support and work on this project. The future is an exciting place for rose growers and our rose societies.

You can find us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/groups/worldrose



DIARY OF EVENTS

7 – 9 November, 2016	WFRS Regional Rose Convention - Punta del Este, Uruguay
12 – 14 June, 2017	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Ljubljana, Slovenia
28 June – 4 July, 2018	WFRS 18 th World Rose Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark
21 - 28 October 2021	WFRS 19 th World Rose Convention – Adelaide, Australia

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN BEIJING MAY 2016

Derek Lawrence – Executive Director

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS:

Two meetings were conducted where many topics generated lively discussion. The first Executive Meeting concentrated on future Conventions.

Mrs Schierning, V.P, North Europe updated the Committee with the preparations for the 18th World Rose Convention, “A Fairytale of Roses’ being held in Denmark in 2018. This magnificent event will mark the 50th Anniversary of the WFRS and the 25th Anniversary of the Danish Rose Society. The opening Ceremony on 29th June, will take place at Copenhagen City Hall. This will include a performance by gymnasts and a rose exhibition to celebrate past ‘WFRS Hall of Fame’ winners.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness, Crown Princess Mary will be in attendance at Rosenborg Castle, where there will be tours of the gardens and a rose fragrance competition. There will be a ceremony to officially name a rose to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Federation. This will be the climax to a competition, where Member Countries will be invited to choose a name for the anniversary rose.

During the week there will be an exciting mix of lectures. Monday will focus on the past, Tuesday on the present and Wednesday on the future. Post tours will include Sweden and also a cruise to the Baltic.

There will be a mix of hotels available to suit most budgets. It promises to be a remarkable event, with breath-taking fragrant rose gardens, and the added backdrop of stunning Danish architecture and landscapes.

Mrs Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Vice President South America, outlined the plans for ‘Roses In The South’ to be held in Uruguay 7 – 9th November, 2016. Highlights include a visit the Atlantic coastline to see sumptuous rose gardens; to enjoy the delights of the winery at Bodegas Garzón and a rose show. The event promises to be relaxed, but informative.

Mrs. Breda Copi, Vice President, Eastern Europe gave a presentation of the Regional Convention being held in Slovenia 11th – 14th June 2017. There will be pre tour to include Italy and Vienna, with varying landscapes that encapsulate rose gardens. During the Convention, lectures on roses in Eastern Europe will be given by the Professor of Botanic Garden, Ukraine. The programme will include lectures from Hungary, Czech Republic, Sangerhausen and participation from the President of the Rose Society of Russia.

Mrs Brichet, Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee reported that there are two possible Regional Conventions and one possible Heritage Conference for the period 2019 – 2021, but had concerns that there is currently no forthcoming proposal to hold a World Convention in 2024.

At the second Executive Meeting, the Committee approved of the new subcommittee which has been created to use social media to promote the work of the WFRS through such networks as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

There were discussions about revaluating the criteria for Awards within the WFRS. The Chairmen of Awards and Honours have been requested by the President to revise the current protocols to ensure awards are more objective and fair. Their ideas to be debated at a future date.

Ms. Adams, Chairman of Publications Committee announced that there will be a hard-back book produced to mark the 50th Anniversary of the WFRS in 2018. Every delegate at the event in Denmark will be presented with a copy. In her role as Editor of the book, Ms. Adams is seeking contributions for suitable material.

The protocols for the recently formed Conservation and Heritage Committee (an amalgamation of two previous committees), were approved.

A proposal by Mr. Desamero, Chairman of the Show Standardisation Committee, to change the title of the committee to 'International Judges Committee' was carried.

Dr. Gérald Meylan of Switzerland confirmed that the Piaget Company had given the sum of £15,000 in three instalments of £5,000, the last one having been paid on 17th February 2015. This sum is at the disposal of the WFRS, to be used in the field of roses, with the exception of anything in the commercial line. Dr. Meylan suggested that Vice Presidents request the National Rose Societies of his or her region, to apply to the Piaget Foundation Funds and present a detailed project. These applications to be sent to the Executive Director by 31st October 2016. An ad-hoc Committee made up of WFRS President, immediate Past President and the Chairman will study the projects received, and make one or more proposals to the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee will allocate all or part of the funds to the successful application. Details of this scheme have already been circulated by Vice Presidents to their respective National Societies.

In his capacity of Chairman of the Breeders Club, Dr. Meylan was happy to report two new Members had recently joined. Martin Vissers (Belgium) and Georges Dorieux (France). Both of these gentlemen are exceptional rose breeders and will be a great asset to the Club.

CONSERVATION AND HERITAGE:

The meeting was attended by 33 delegates. There was much discussion in the quest to obtain a definition date for heritage roses. Mr. Elliott, VP North America had received correspondence from the Danish and Icelandic Rose Societies and Mr. Quest-Ritson from the UK regarding this. After lengthy discussions they collectively had come up with the terms: Native species/ Heritage / Historic / Natural bred varieties / Unidentified. The later term to be used until a variety has been properly identified. Mr Elliott felt that it was not possible to apply a worldwide date. He said that in New Zealand, the people had declared a worldwide date of 1945. He explained that many people would like the year 1900, as used by the WFRS in the 'Old Rose Hall of Fame Award'.

Mr. Boyd from the UK suggested that the Committee need to define the term 'definition' for individual countries. Mr. Quest-Ritson proposed that the Committee agree that Member Countries should be able to use their own guidance date. This was carried.

There was much deliberation on the possibility of forming a WFRS Conservation Data Base to list and consequently help preserve endangered cultivars. Mr. Elliott explained his idea on how to administer the site: owners of rare varieties could volunteer to register and be willing to donate propagation material by using a coded security system. Mr. Hains, VP Australasia, suggested using email addresses of donors would be a better solution. It was concluded that the Committee investigate further, and report back. Mrs. Monasterly-Gilbert, the co-Editor of the WFRS newsletter, '*by any other name*' was invited to speak about the publication. She explained that it is hoped to produce two editions per year and requested articles to be used. Mrs Gilbert felt that there was an immense volume of material around the world that deserved to be published and shared by a wider audience. She asked everyone present at the meeting, that if they know an author who has knowledge on matters pertaining to heritage roses to contact her.

PROMOTIONS / FRIENDS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman, Mr. Steve Jones explained the role of the new 'Friends Committee'. This is to include the promotion of the Friends scheme and encourage rose lovers to become a 'Friend' of the WFRS. Their donations are a great financial support to the WFRS.

Presently, there are 57 registered 'Friends' and 17 'Life Friends', and the Committee would welcome more. It was reported that four new Friends had joined whilst in Beijing, and another had become a Life Friend.

It was suggested that 'Friends' badges/pins be created and to be given when a person becomes a 'Friend'. There was discussion about using booths at events, where the group could be actively promoted. It was felt that using 'YouTube' to promote future WFRS events, would be of great benefit.

The President felt that the organisation needs to encourage people who are not necessarily active in rose societies to attend WFRS events; those in countries such as Singapore and Malaysia, where there is a flourishing cut-flower industry.

SOCIAL MEDIA SUB COMMITTEE:

The Chairman, Mr. Hains explained that the new Sub Committee reports to the Publications and Promotions Committee. He expressed his special thanks to Mr Meilland from France and Mr. Foulds from New Zealand for their input and work setting up the Committee. He confirmed that a draft strategy had been created to assist in deciding what social media channels could be effectively used to promote the aims of the WFRS.

The policy document to act as guidance to ensure the website is used in the manner that it is intended and discourage inappropriate use. The goal is to prevent clogging-up on the system with content not relevant to the WFRS. At the moment, the Chairman would concentrate on the global channels we know, and look into other options once the media website is fully established.

It was reported that 'Facebook' would be a closed group. Members would be able to invite people; however, Moderators will check to see if new Members are appropriate candidates to join. If a potential Member was not interested in roses or the WFRS and posted inappropriate comments, they will be removed from the site.

It was felt that there needed to be some flexibility required from the Executive Committee when seeking approval for the WFRS to join upcoming social media sites. It was generally thought that social media would be an ideal way of keeping everyone informed of any 'up to date' news items compared to the static website. Member Countries will be invited to send PDF file with current news items from their region, which could be of interest to rose growers of the world. The Chairman stated the primary difference is that social media allows feedback from Members, and felt it was a good way of going forward.

The President responded by stating that he would like to see the social media project fully operational by the end of 2016. He suggested that new protocols might be adopted when asking guest speakers at Conventions for their permission, should the WFRS wish to use that person's lecture or material pertaining to their presentation being used on 'YouTube' or social media.

Since the meeting in Beijing, the Face book page has become an instant success, with over 400 Members joining the site.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

The Chairman, Ms. Adams reported that since the last meeting held in Lyon, during May 2015, the Committee have been working on various aspects of creating a book to mark the 50th anniversary of the WFRS in 2018. She pointed out that certain Members had been appointed to research certain parts of the book, managing to utilize individuals with an aptitude for required skills. She noted Mrs. Harris had contacted Past Presidents or surviving families of deceased Past Presidents, requesting collective personal memories during their Term of Office.

Ms. Adams suggested that the Committee adopt a flexible way of working because some material may need to be condensed, mentioning that Mrs. Harris from South Africa would be a great asset to undertake this editing role. Ms. Adams concluded that much has to be decided on the publication within the next 3 or 4 months. She invited suggestions and content material to be sent to her. Mr. Jones from the United States, enquired that if anyone contributed photos in slides, could the Committee recommend someone who could undertake to transform the images into digital format.

Mr Hains, from Australia, ventured that contributors needed direction where to send material, and pointed out that most photo-processing stores offer this type of service. The Chairman felt it was of paramount importance that the book should illustrate how the WFRS has evolved to its present form.

The President was of the opinion that the Publications Committee needed to be expanded to include Mr. Hains (Social Media) and Mrs. Gilbert (Editor of *baon*) and enable them to present the Committee with reports on progress made. Ms. Adams thought this was a good idea and this was agreed.

Mrs Harris, Editor of World Rose News presented her report stating that in August 2015 there was an 82-page edition. This covered the World Convention in Lyon and for obvious reasons there was no space for anything else. However, it has since been agreed that coverage of Conventions should not be as lengthy in the future. In January 2016 there were 67 pages published. However, a larger 6 MB size was produced, due to the use of high-resolution photography. The journal had to be despatched in two parts. Mrs Harris was pleased to report the issue has now been rectified and this problem will not occur in the future.

Ms. Adams thanked Mrs. Harris for the report and expressed delight in the high standard of the journal.

Dear Members -

The Publications Committee has been requested by the Executive Committee to ask for suggestions for a name for the History Book we are working on. This book is a history of the first 50 years of the World Federation. It will contain the history of the events that led up to the first Convention, the lists of our many medallists, the lists of the golden rose (or equivalent) from the rose trials held since our founding, the memoirs of our past presidents and the events that happened at their Conventions, the list of office holders over the years and photos, photos, photos!

We have asked you all to try to find relevant photos and to send them to the Chairman of the Publications Committee. We will go through them and digitize those we want to use. All photos will be sent back to the donors.

We are also asking for suggestions for a name for the rose that will be baptised in Copenhagen in 2018 for the World Federation of Roses.

Please send all suggestions to Derek and he will send them on to the Chairman of the Publications Committee.

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The World Federation of Rose Societies, also known as the WFRS, is the umbrella organisation for 39 national rose societies around the world. Taken together, these member societies have about 100,000 members, all of whom share a love of the rose.

1979	Argentina	Rose Society of Argentina
1968	Australia	National Rose Society of Australia
2000	Austria	Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Gartenbau-Gesellschaft
1968	Belgium	Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'
1988	Bermuda	Bermuda Rose Society
1968	Canada	Canadian Rose Society
1988	Chile	Asociación Chilena de la Rosa
1985	China	Chinese Rose Society
1985	Czech Republic	Czech Rosa Club
1968	Denmark	The Danish Rose Society
1997	Finland	Finnish Rose Society
1968	France	Société Française des Roses
1968	Germany	Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde
1997	Great Britain	Royal National Rose Society
1997	Greece	The Hellenic Rose Society
2008	Hungary	Hungarian Rose Friends Society
2007	Iceland	Icelandic Rose Society
1983	India	Indian Rose Federation
1968	Israel	The Jerusalem Foundation
1968	Italy	Italian Rose Society
1968	Japan	Japan Rose Society
1979	Luxembourg	Luxembourg Rose Society
2012	Monaco	Société des Roses de Monaco
1968	Netherlands	Nederlandse Rozenvereniging
1968	New Zealand	New Zealand Rose Society
1981	Northern Ireland	Rose Society of Northern Ireland
1988	Norway	Norwegian Rose Society
1991	Pakistan	Pakistan National Rose Society
1991	Romania	Asociatia Amicii Rozelor din Romania
2007	Russia	Russian Association of Rosarians
2008	Serbia	Royal Serbian Rose Society
1994	Slovakia	Slovak National Rose Society
1998	Slovenia	Slovenian Rose Society
1968	South Africa	Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa
1991	Spain	Asociación Española de la Rosa
1994	Sweden	The Swedish Rose Society
1968	Switzerland	Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde SA
1968	USA	American Rose Society
1985	Uruguay	Asociación Uruguaya de la Rosa

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LECTURES:

Rafael Maino (Argentina): Roses Without Name Found in Argentina Awaiting Classification

Elba Simson (Uruguay): Lecture While Showing herG with OGR and Modern Varieties

Kelvin Trimper (Australia): Roses in the Southern Hemisphere

Matilde Ferrer (Spain): Rose Gardens in Spain: General Facts and Concrete Cases

Stephen Scaniello (USA): Designing Gardens

Keith Kirsten (South Africa): Roses in the Garden Landscape - Planting and Rose Care

Thomas Proll (Germany): Breeding Beautiful , Fragrant and Healthy Roses –the Kordes Way

Markus Brunsing (Germany): Around the World with 50 Breeders and their Rose Novelties

Jolene Adams (USA): Rose Nutrition

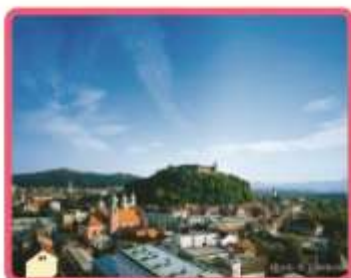
Jim Sproull (USA): Breeding Hulthemia Hybrids

Linda Kimmel (USA): How to Exhibit Roses



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