



SLOVENIA REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION AWAITS YOUR ATTENDANCE



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EDITORIAL

This, the first issue of World Rose News for 2017, covers the Regional Rose Convention in Uruguay – Roses in the South. From all accounts it was a 'fun' convention with beautiful roses and gardens, good food and wine and friendly fun loving people. In accordance with previous practice two WFRS meetings were held.

The magnificent gold rose, bred and given by Rosa Eskelund, Denmark attracted much attention in the last WRN and Derek Lawrence, our hard working Executive Director has received a number of suggestions for a name. This issue is the last to feature this beautiful rose, so do send your suggestions to Derek and hopefully a decision will be made in Slovenia.

We have a new subject of interest introduced on page 32 - rose stamps. I intend to continue this new innovation, and with your help make it a regular feature, so please send articles about rose stamps from your country with high resolution pictures of First Day Covers.

It is a year since we had reports from our Vice Presidents and so it is good to receive their contributions covering 2016. Next issue will include reports from Standing Committee Chairmen and will be available shortly prior to meeting in Slovenia.

Sheenagh Harris
World Rose News Editor



Kelvin Trimper
President WFRS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

February, 2017



PRESIDENT
2015 – 2018

I wish all Rosarians around the world a Happy New Year and every success for your various rose activities.

Since my last report, we have had a very enjoyable and interesting WFRS Regional Convention in Punta del Este, Uruguay, South America. The Convention is covered specifically in this edition of WRN. However, as this was my first visit to South America, I must thank all who welcomed us to their countries and extended some great hospitality to everyone. I was most impressed by the scenery, rose gardens and, above all, the friendly people we met during our pre-tours in Argentina (organized by WFRS Past Vice-President for South America, Nilda Crivelli) and Uruguay, the Convention and post tour in Uruguay.

The Convention was well organized with great lectures and opportunities for us all to meet new rose enthusiasts. I congratulate everyone who assisted in making this an outstanding event, including our WFRS Vice President – South America, Ms. Rosario Algorta de Carrau, President of the Uruguay Rose Society, Ms. Rosario Enriquez de Fazzio, and Ms. Patricia Cummins de Uberti, Convention Coordinator, together with the organizing Committee.

What was especially pleasing was the large number of South Americans from host country Uruguay and neighbouring countries Chile, Argentina and Brazil. This Regional Convention was truly regional in nature, as it should be, and catered well for local regional interests. South America is a very interesting place to visit with lovely rose gardens and I certainly recommend it to all rosarians.

Immediately prior to and during the Uruguay Convention two further WFRS Regional Conventions were approved by the WFRS Executive. The first of these will be held in late April / early May, 2019 in Nanyang, China. This city is in the Henan Province in central China and is home to the majority of China's rose production. It will be significantly different from the last Regional Convention in Daxing and offer new experiences and exposure to China's rapidly expanding rose industry and some exciting cultural highlights.

The second WFRS Regional Convention will be in Kolkata, India, in January 2020. This is being arranged in conjunction with the Agri and Horticultural Society of India which will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary in 2020. Kolkata is renowned for its great flower shows which include roses, particularly potted roses, which are among the best I have seen anywhere in the world. Kolkata is a large, interesting and historic city which is home to Mother Theresa's Mission and importantly, only a short distance from the great Himalaya Mountain range, sure to be part of either a Pre- or Post tour.

The year 2017 will be very busy for the WFRS. First we have the much anticipated WFRS Regional Convention in Ljubljana, the capital and largest city of Slovenia. This will be the first ever WFRS Convention in this region and I am looking forward to visiting new countries, cities and gardens, experiencing new cultures and scenic sites and, of course, meeting new rose lovers. The pre-tour and post-tours organised by Slovenia look exciting and, for those interested in staying longer, I have organized a Post-post-convention tour from Vienna to Budapest and Prague over 8 days. Please contact me for details.

Also during the latter half of 2017 our hard working Executive Director will be seeking nominations for the WFRS Garden of Excellence and Literary Awards to be decided at the World Convention in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2018. Nominations will also be sought for WFRS positions and Awards and items for Agendas will be requested for the various WFRS meetings to be held in Denmark.

Registration will certainly be open for those wishing to attend the World Convention in Copenhagen which will also be celebrating the WFRS's 50th Anniversary. Details will be on our website. A commemorative book is being prepared and an exciting programme has been organized by our Danish friends. We certainly have much to look forward to in 2017 and 2018.

In the meantime, I hope you continue to enjoy your roses whether they are emerging from their winter slumber in the Northern Hemisphere or continuing their seasonal flushes in the Southern Hemisphere.

Best wishes,

Kelvin Trimper **President, WFRS**

WFRS AWARD OF GARDEN EXCELLENCE

Text – Jolene Adams (USA)

On Friday, 7 October, 2016, Lois Fowkes, on behalf of the WFRS, unveiled the plaque for the Award of Garden Excellence at the Rudolf van der Goot Rose Garden in Colonial Park in the Somerset section of Franklin, New Jersey, USA, in the presence of the Somerset County Park Commissioners and staff.



Horticulture Supervisor, Shauna Moore; Freeholder Director, Pat Walsh; Vice President of the Jersey Shore Rose Society, Dr. Suni Bolar; World Federation of Rose Societies representative, Lois Fowkes; Former New Jersey Governor and Park Commission President, Don Di Francesco; Horticulture Manager, Jim Avens.

The Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden is one acre (0.4 hectares) in size and contains more than 3,000 roses of 325 different varieties. The garden was named in honour of Rudolf W. van der Goot, the first horticulturist with the Somerset County Park Commission, as a tribute to his efforts in designing and developing the garden.

From late spring through fall, the roses present a kaleidoscope of colour, form and fragrance. Visitors can view popular modern hybrids, species roses and various classes of Old Garden Roses. All roses are clearly labeled for easy identification and only roses that thrive in Central Jersey are cultivated in this rose collection.



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Countdown: WRC2018 in Denmark

Less than 5 months to early-bird registration

Are you ready? Of course you are. Here is a little bit more for you to know.

You cannot imagine what a great event we are preparing for you in the heart of Copenhagen and in regions of Denmark. Rose lovers are excited and preparing for you to visit their lovely rose gardens – public and private.

Denmark has a reputation for sustainability (wind power mills, green products) which you will see all over as a recurring pattern – walking hand in hand – connecting all of you - as our honoured guests and rosarians.

Surrounded by Danes who are so looking forward to hosting and assisting you to feel at home in the Hans Christian Andersen Fairy Tale Country.

You will experience many events, all of them with a common denominator of sustainability and Danish coziness.

Here are some:

1. *The scent of the Royal Danish Court: Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Mary will name the Convention rose in front of Rosenborg Castle*
2. *The scent of rose wisdom: Exciting and scientific lectures will be held in the Tivoli Congress Center*
3. *The scent of roses: Celebration of 50 years of WFRS and 25 years of the Danish Rose Society will be celebrated in Valby Park among thousands of fragrant roses.*

It is our sincere hope that you will never forget your stay in Denmark for WRC2018.

We urge you to visit our website where you can find much more information about this exciting event for Rosarians and garden lovers. It's all on www.wrc2018.dk

REPORTS FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES



AFRICA SOUTH AFRICA Rae Gilbert – South Africa



Although South Africa is still the only member country on the continent, it has been a busy year for members.

WFRS Convention attendance

The South African currency experienced a drastic devaluation late in 2015 which resulted in a number of potential delegates to the 2016 Conventions, cancelling their travel plans. In the end, only 9 South African delegates attended the convention in Beijing where they were enthralled by the magnificence of Chinese roses, parks and of course, the Rose Museum. A flurry of presentations on the Convention to local societies followed and were very well attended and received.



A stand at the flower exhibition depicting a map of the world. The west of Africa can just be seen on the right in roses (photo Gail Birss)



South Africans at the Meet and Greet in Beijing –
Back: Leonore Bremer, Elizabeth Thornton-Dibb,
Mid: Vivienne Black, Barbara Wood, Ludwig
Taschner, Lizette du Plessis, Di van der Hoven
Front: Gail Birss and Sheenagh Harris



Isa Marie Bozzolo (Chile)
Rosario Algorta (Uruguay)
Keith Kirsten (South Africa)
at the Rose Show in
Punta del Este

Keith Kirsten, a much-loved South African gardening celebrity, was one of the speakers at the 'Roses in the South' Convention in Uruguay. Two other South African delegates were Barbara Wood and Hugh Brown.

ROSA National Convention

An extremely successful National Convention was held in Johannesburg during October, 2016. Forty-five delegates attended. Delegates viewed the host society's Spring Rose Show, visited some exquisite gardens and, as is customary, attended a formal dinner and Awards Ceremony.



Sheengh Harris, Jackie Kalley and Rae Gilbert (WFRS VP for Africa and Guest Speaker) enjoying rose friends at the Meet and Greet



Gail Birss (President of ROSA) presents the Zoë Gilbert Award to Jackie Kalley at the Closing Ceremony



Vivienne Black and the barman caring for the guests (photo Barbara Woode)



Sundowners and a picnic on the lawns of Vivenne's beautiful garden (photo – Sheenagh Harris)



Chris Bellingan and Convention Convenor, Barbara Wood at the Closing Ceremony



Margaret Betty and Rhona McLoughlin enjoying a stroll in the rose garden (photo – Sheenagh Harris)

Rose Shows

It was encouraging to see a revival in interest in competitive rose showing. The Knysna Rose Society (a relatively young society with around 100 members) has been staging shows for almost 10 years and the Midlands Rose Society held their second show this year after a long break. The Gold Reef Rose Society also dusted off the show benches and the event is set to go from strength to strength judging by the enthusiasm witnessed in October. Smaller, unofficial shows were also held in Mossel Bay and the Free State.



Stefanie Seydack, Ludwig Taschner and Sheenagh Harris judging the roses at the Knysna Rose Society Autumn Rose Show in April (photo – Carol Kennedy)



Kathleen and Graham Paverd with the Queen of the - Show 'Colourama' at the Gold Reef Rose Society show in October (photo – Barbara Woode)



Midlands Rose Society Rose Show – October, 2



'La Rochelle', 'Shaleen Surtie-Richards', 'Deloitte and Touche'

Social Media and Web Site

The Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa (ROSA) launched a new website in 2016. The site is still being fine-tuned, but it is encouraging to see ROSA's presence on the web. ROSA has also created a new Facebook Page. Three of their member societies have also created pages and the following is growing steadily.

Old Garden Roses

The interest in Old Garden Roses has grown tremendously and it is especially exciting that two new 'Heritage Rose' gardens are planned and construction will hopefully commence early in 2017. These gardens were announced at the National Convention during a talk I gave on Old Garden Roses. The first is proposed at the Castle of Good Hope, the oldest building in South Africa and the point of introduction of roses to sub-Saharan Africa during the 17th Century. I submitted a funding proposal to the WFRS, but this was unfortunately not taken up because of the scale of the project. The second will be housed at a private residential estate in the province of KwaZulu/Natal. The SA Rosarium has also secured tenure of the land on which it is housed. We have also seen the extension of the Old Garden Rose Nursery at the Boschendal Wine Estate. Funding for these projects remains a concern, but we are trusting that we will be able to continue with them as planned.

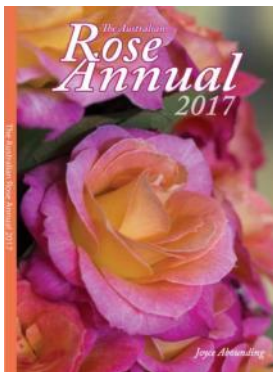
AUSTRALASIA AUSTRALIA

Paul Hains - Australia



The WFRS continues to have strong representation in Australia with the President, Treasurer, and me acting as representatives.

As I have recently taken on the role of Editor of the Australian Rose Annual, I can advise that 15% (24 pages) of the publication directly relates to the WFRS including articles, photographs, and also advertisements for Denmark 2018 and for the Friends of the Federation. There are additional pages relating to gardens that have received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence. Electronic versions of this publication will be sent to all WFRS member countries from this coming edition due out in March 2017.



'Joyce Abounding' on the Cover page of The Australian Rose Annual 2017 was bred by the late Bruce Chapman and named for his wife, Joyce.

The website for the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) was completely redeveloped 12 months ago and one third of the front page relates to the WFRS with direct links to conventions and to the World Rose News. These links have definitely encouraged knowledge of WFRS activities to our members and to website visitors.

Our plans for holding a World Rose Convention in 2021 are on track with our President, Kelvin Trimper providing leadership as Chairman of the organising committee in Australia. All of our member states have made commitments for fundraising and we are confident that we will be able to meet the targets. We have a number of initiatives including selling fundraising wine. We are excited to also announce the release of a beautiful new rose to further support our fundraising efforts. This rose was selected after shortlisted roses were trialed in each State during 2015 and 2016. The lovely deep pink Hybrid Tea Rose, bred by Kordes in Germany, will be named 'Unconventional Lady'. It will initially only be available to Rose Society members across Australia in 2017, before an expanded public launch in 2018. We also plan to have an Australian bred rose as a Convention rose in 2021.

Western Australia hosted the 2016 National Rose Championship and NRSA AGM early in October 2016. It was a great weekend although the weather was unseasonably cold, making it a challenge for rose growers to show flowers at their best. There was a good display of roses with many excellent blooms.

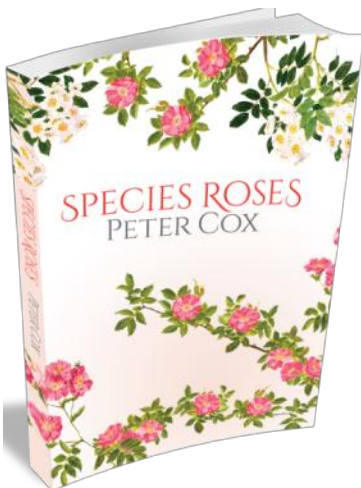


Western Australia Rose Show held during the 2016 National Rose Championships in Perth



Back Row – Stewart Coles, Colin Hollis, Gavin Woods, Laurie Newman, Tony Hanna, Carl Ellefsen, Terry Burke, Yvette Franklin, Kelvin Trimper, Jim Cane, Paul Hains.
Front Row – Kristin Dawson, Mary Frick, Kath Chalmers, Veronica O'Brien, Diane vom Berg, Vivienne Etter, Sandy Beverley **Absent – Glynis and Doug Hayne**

In 2017 Victoria has the task of hosting the event and NRSA President, Veronica O'Brien, and her committee have been working hard to make it an excellent event. Melbourne is a beautiful city and Victoria is home to three WFRS Award of Garden Excellence gardens. There will be an opportunity to visit these over the course of the weekend's activities along with other gardens.



Heritage Roses in Australia (HRiA) have released a new book written by Peter Cox titled "Species Roses." The book is both an authoritative botanical text and a high quality coffee table book, with 56 high resolution reproductions of the paintings done by Peter of each species rose available in Australia. You can email Clive West (savwest@bigpond.com) to see if it is available internationally.

The NRSA recently elected Pat Toolan to represent Australia as the WFRS Conservation and Heritage Committee Delegate. Pat is internationally recognised for her outstanding work on conservation of roses and for her vast experience with heritage roses. I am certain she will add great value to discussions at this committee for a long time to come.

HRiA also ran a very successful 13th National Conference and biennial general meeting in late 2016 hosted by the Illawarra/Southern Highlands regional group with more than 180 people in attendance. In answer to the age old question of "what is a heritage rose?" HRiA has elected to adopt a moving feast premise that, "all roses which are 75 years old or over will henceforth be classed by HRiA as 'heritage roses'".

One of the things I have enjoyed about my time in the WFRS is seeing Rose Societies and Heritage groups work together in advancing a love of the rose to anyone who will listen. I experienced this in India while talking with many WFRS heritage enthusiasts, such as Nimet Monasterly-Gilbert and Viru and Girija Viraraghavan, who have a passion for species and old garden roses and work to encourage people to experience all rose types. Just 10 years ago my only rose experience was with modern roses only and was really restricted to hybrid teas, even though I had grown roses for some 20 years before that.

I discovered heritage roses by joining the Queensland Rose Society, a group traditionally interested in modern roses. The enthusiasm of HRiA members in Queensland, such as Bonita Cattel and Barbara Beerling, who were also actively participating at rose society events is what drew me in. It is frequently through these rose societies that members such as myself can experience and gain enthusiasm for heritage roses as many members have broader passions with their rose growing. One of my highlights from the WFRS World Rose Convention in France was the time spent looking through Josephine's garden at Malmaison. I now personally grow heritage roses with species, tea, noisette and bourbon roses in my collection.

Australia will continue to encourage and support attendees to all WFRS events and I look forward to seeing many of you in Slovenia in 2017 and then of course Denmark in 2018 for the next World Rose Convention.

AUSTRALASIA NEW ZEALAND

**Doug Grant – New Zealand
photos - Hayden Foulds**



Unfortunately no New Zealanders were able to make the trip to Uruguay to attend the WFRS Regional Convention. Being held at the same time as our busy spring rose season did not help. November is a busy time for rosarians in New Zealand with rose shows and trials being held throughout the country. After a very mild winter, spring was wet, cool and windy making it a challenging time for rose growers and exhibitors.



In May 2016, eight New Zealanders travelled to China for the WFRS Regional Convention and 14th International Rose Conference in Beijing. They had a great time and a highlight for many was the opening of the International Rose Museum to which members of the New Zealand Rose Society had contributed a number of items including rose books, journals, posters, medals and other memorabilia. Some of the New Zealanders took part in the pre- and post tours and were most impressed with what they saw and the people they met.

Back - Stephen Chalmers, Hayden Foulds, Doug Grant, Jens Otto Pedersen (DK), Gunnar Midtgaard Krag (DK) Front - Verna Chambers, Rachel Chalmers, Alison Ludemann.

The National Spring Rose Show and Feilding and was hosted by the This was their first time at hosting a tremendous job in organising a very supported by the local community. time to smell the roses'. From the Champion of Champions for the 'Invincible' exhibited by Irene Taylor while for the miniature-type roses fully open bloom of 'Amore' exhibited Rose Society.



'Amore'

Convention was held in late November in Feilding and Districts Rose Society. National Convention. They did a successful event and it was well The theme of the show was 'Take many great roses on display the larger roses was a small stem of of the Matamata Rose Society the Champion of Champions was a by Sheree Gare of the Waikato

The New Zealand Rose Society held its Annual General Meeting in Palmerston North in late April with Doug Grant continuing as President and two new councillors, Daphne Rissman (South Canterbury) and Rachael Chalmers (Otago) being elected. Anna Bradbury (Horowhenua) retired from council. At the Annual Meeting Sally Allison from Rangiora was presented with the New Zealand Rose Award for services to the rose in New Zealand. Sally is widely known nationally and internationally as a leading authority on heritage roses. She has published several books and has served for two terms as President of Heritage Roses New Zealand Inc.



Doug Grant with Sally Alison - NZ Rose Award



Doug Grant with Eileen Wilcox – Life Member - NZ Rose Soc.

Life membership of the New Zealand Rose Society was bestowed on Eileen Wilcox from the Waikato Rose Society. Eileen is a Past President of the New Zealand Rose Society and has served on the National Council since 2001. This includes a term as President from 2011 to 2014. Eileen is a highly respected and valued member and is also Chief Judge for the New Zealand Rose Society.



The 2016 Frank Penn Memorial Award for service to a district rose society was presented to Kelvin and Helen Banks from the Nelson Rose Society. Both have been long time society members and have held many positions on the Nelson committee. They have also convened five National conventions and are busy preparing for their sixth, the National Autumn Rose Convention in March 2017.

Doug Grant with Kelvin and Helen Banks, recipients of the Frank Penn Memorial Award

The New Zealand Rose Society continues to produce two excellent publications for its members. In June, the *New Zealand Rose Annual* was published. This was the first time it had been produced in full colour by editor Rachael Chalmers. The Annual contained articles from the convention in China.

The *New Zealand Rose Review 2016-17* was produced in October under the editorship of Hayden Foulds. This is a valuable publication for promoting newer roses and it continues to receive excellent support from the New Zealand rose growing industry. Details from rosarians on the performance of newer roses are collated by Doug Grant from contributions made from many of our members.

The New Zealand Rose of the Year trials were held in Hamilton in mid November in conjunction with the Pacific Rose Bowl Festival. The overall winner of the New Zealand Rose of the Year 2016 was the red floribunda 'Christchurch Remembers' (Somcrimart) bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand. This rose also won the award for best floribunda, the best New Zealand raised rose and was the choice of local school children who came to judge the roses. The rose was named to commemorate the victims of the 2011 Christchurch earthquake. Rob also won Best Hybrid Tea for 'Sunline' (Somwarmag), a yellow edged pink rose named for the champion race horse with the same name and the Most Fragrant Rose with 'Double Fragrance'. This is a climbing sport of

'Deep Secret' with dark red scented blooms. The only overseas bred rose to win an award in this trial was the purple 'Indigo Knights' (Chewpurplex) bred by Chris Warner of England. This won the Best Climbing Rose award.



Rob Somerfield with the 2016 New Zealand Rose of the Year winner 'Christchurch Remembers'



The 2016 New Zealand Gold Star of the South Pacific winner 'Quitessential' bred by Rob Somerfield of New Zealand

In early December, the awards were presented for the New Zealand Rose Society International Trials in Palmerston North. Rob Somerfield won the Gold Star of the South Pacific for 'Quitessential' (Somhearteen), a pink floribunda. This also won the World Federation of Rose Societies Certificate as the best rose on the day as voted by invited guests. Rob also won a Certificate of Merit for 'Purple Pizzazz', a cerise purple patio rose with white centre and reverse.

The Nola Simpson Novelty Award went to Chris Warner of England for his rose 'Eye of the Tiger' (Chewbullseye). This is one of the Persica roses with yellow blooms and a striking red eye. Bob Matthews of New Zealand won a Certificate of Merit with 'Mattliandup' a pale pink floribunda that is yet to be named.

Matthias Meilland from Meilland International in France was the special guest for the trial ground awards and presented a lecture on the history of the Meilland family and their roses.



Matthias Meilland planting a 'Peace' rose with John Ford, Chairman of the Trial Ground Committee.

Heritage Roses New Zealand had a quieter year as the National Executive moved from the Canterbury region to the Northland region for the next three years with Olga Yuretich taking over as President. Planning is already underway for the second ever National Heritage Rose Conference to take place during 2018.

2017 promises to be another busy rose year in New Zealand with many events lined up. In early February the South Island Rose Ranfurly will be held in Greymouth. This is the 40th anniversary of this event. The National Autumn Rose Convention and Show is to be held in Nelson from 16th to 18th March and the National Spring Rose Convention and Show will be hosted by the Northland Rose Society in Whangarei from 17th to 19th November. Overseas rosarians are most welcome to come to New Zealand and attend these conventions.

CENTRAL ASIA INDIA and PAKISTAN

Ahmed Alam Khan – India



The year 2016, started with a lot of activities as the initial four months are the blooming period for roses ranging from East to West, then Central and South with Northern areas catching up in March and April. A total of nineteen rose shows were held during the first quarter of the year.

Pune started the rally with a rose show and then with an All India Rose Convention and Rose Show, which was attended by WFRS President, Mr. Kelvin Trimper and Ms. Helga Brichet. Gold Medals of the Indian Rose Federation were awarded to breeders and members who have put in an effort to popularise rose activities followed by launching the Annual of 2016. After the conclusion of the Convention the other eighteen Rose Societies, Garden Clubs and other institutes had their rose shows at their respective places.



Anupama Bharve, Suresh Pingale, Suman Kirloskar, Kelvin Trimper, Helga Brichet, Ahmed Alam Khan and Vijay Kant at the inauguration of the Convention – Pune



Rose Show - Pune

During the month of March, the Moghul Garden situated at Rashtrapati Bhavan (Presidents Palace) was opened up for public viewing. This garden has 280 varieties of Roses and is maintained by the Government. In April 2016, at Srinagar the gardens were full of roses at their peak.

The Green Valley Rose Garden located at Vikarabad, Hyderabad was visited by several visitors from across the country and abroad. A special tour for the Botany students from various colleges was organised. About 500 students visited the garden and were enlightened about different varieties of roses and other exotic plants.



Green Valley Rose Garden, Hyderabad, India

This year the IRF progressed with the induction of four new Rose Societies from the cities of Belgaum, Jakpur, Vijayawada and Kolkata and the Agri Horticulture Society of India, which was founded in 1820. Henceforth the IRF plans to encourage more rose societies from various states and to have them affiliated to the IRF, so that they receive regular monthly bulletins which are also mailed to our members. Some rose societies have rose shows bi-annually during winter as well as monsoon.

IRF has also formed a body of breeders, which shall be meeting every three months to chart out their plans, discussions on new varieties to be released and to approach the Government with a blue print. Plans are afoot to have a trial ground at Hyderabad.

In December 2016, the Pune Rose Society hosted their rose show, while the 35th All India Rose Convention and Rose Show was held at Kolkata, organised by the Bengal Rose Society and the Agri Horticulture Society of India at their historical grounds. It was a mega event with a large attendance of delegates from all over India. There was also participation of delegates from the United States, Malaysia and Bangladesh together with Kelvin Trimper, President of the WFRS and Helga Brichet, Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee. They were mesmerised by the pot culture of Roses in India.



'Suchitra' at Kolkata Rose Show
(photo – Debdas Bhunia)



Roses in pots at the Kolkata Rose Show



Helga Brichet at Puspanjali Nursery, Jakpur, (West Bengal)
looking at roses grown in soilless culture

A visit to Jakpur was organised, where a flower show was held and was inaugurated by me with Helga Brichet in attendance. This village was declared the Rose Village of India. Two new roses were released at the occasion, one named after the President of India and the other in the memory of the President's late wife.

Seven members of the Indian Rose Federation attended the conventions in Beijing and Uruguay.

Plans are afoot to host a WFRS Regional Rose Convention in 2020 at Kolkata by The Bengal Rose Society in collaboration with the Agri Horticultural Society of India. Kelvin Trimper, WFRS President and Helga Brichet Chairman of the Convention Liaison Committee were briefed with a power point presentation, showing plans to have a grand reception of roses for the delegates.

EUROPE
DENMARK, FINLAND, GREAT BRITAIN, ICELAND, NORTHERN
IRELAND, NORWAY AND SWEDEN
Inger Schierning – Denmark



When I was appointed VP for Northern Europe, I stated my goals as a strong wish to work for more openness and transparency between the WFRS and the Council Members. A lot more can be done and therefore it's still my goal. And of course to plan an outstanding World Rose Convention (WRC) in Denmark in 2018.

I am very grateful for the efforts and the great job that Past President Ken Grapes performs by helping me, the RNRS and the WFRS. Last June he was host to President Kelvin Trimper and his wife Melanie in England for 5 days. He drove them in his Volvo to the venues and gardens they visited, like The Garden of the Rose in St. Albans and David Austin Roses in Albrighton. Ken Grapes is the epitome of a real gentleman. He is deeply committed to protecting the values that the WFRS is built on, and he is always willing to help a worthy cause.

Executive Director Derek Lawrence also makes my job easier by delivering extremely well-written columns on WFRS events in the RNRS member's magazine *The Rose*.

Our hard-working Editor, Sheenagh Harris also deserves high praise for angelic patience and much more. Always willing to give good advice, which I have availed myself of ever since the amazing and fascinating 16th WRC, ROSAFRICA. It means a lot for all of us that the WFRS Executive Committee has a core of experienced members like the Past Presidents and others with a great affection for the WFRS and what it can become.

The places I visited in 2016 have all been adventurous in different ways. The WFRS conventions and pre- and post tours in China, Japan, Argentina and Uruguay have all been well documented by others. There were 10 delegates from Northern Europe in Beijing - 3 from Denmark, 3 from Sweden and 4 from the UK and Lars-Åke Gustavsson was one of the speakers. Jens Otto Pedersen gave a presentation on the forthcoming WRC in Denmark. I was pleased to have the opportunity to promote WRC 2018 and give presentations in Sakura, Kyoto, Norway, Uruguay and many times in different parts of Denmark.



I would like to mention the Rose Trials in Baden-Baden, as always orchestrated to perfection by Markus Brunsing, where all rosarians present knew Wilhelm Kordes and felt his absence with sadness. Emotions flowed freely as Wilhelm Kordes son, Alexander was called to the podium again and again to receive awards for Kordes winning roses - twelve awards including the Golden Rose of Baden-Baden. Congratulations to the Kordes family. My husband and I met Ute and Wilhelm Kordes on a pre-tour in New Zealand, when we were invited by Sam McGredy together with his best friends from around the world, prior to the 10th WRC, Rose World in Christchurch in 1994. Lasting friendships arose on that tour.

**Markus Brunsing, Jeanne Bichet Besser, Beatrice Sauvegrain,
Philipp Sauvegrain, Inger Schierning, Werner Hirth (Deputy Mayor)**



Poulsen Roses won the prestigious fragrance award for 'Mathilde Renaissance'. Like many previous times at International Rose Trials, I had the great pleasure of accepting the fragrance awards with thanks and to say a few words about the Danish Rose Dynasty of Poulsen. In recent years, I have also taken the opportunity to welcome rosarians to Copenhagen and Denmark for the 18th World Rose Convention, A Fairy Tale of Roses in June 2018.

'Mathilde Renaissance'

In July, I was at the Nordic Rose Society (NRS) Convention - NRS consists of the rose associations in the 5 Nordic countries: Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Denmark. The Presidency rotates, for a 2 year period, and the country holding the Presidency hosts the rose convention. For the next 2 years, the Danish Rose Society has the Presidency and the NRS Convention will be part of A Fairy Tale of Roses.

The NRS Convention in 2016 took place in Bergen, Norway, and we were told to pack for Bergen weather. We had a drizzle, but also lovely sunshine from 16 to 22 degree C. Bergen is surrounded by mountains and archipelagos. The warm seawater from the gulfstream and the sheltering mountains make a pleasant climate with plenty of moisture and almost no wind. Charles and Brigid Quest-Ritson (Great Britain) gave lectures in Bergen as did Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Sweden), Peter Boyd (Great Britain) and Per Salvesen (Norway).



We visited The Botanic Garden at Milde with many rare and unexpected trees and plants for so far north and there were many beautiful roses. The air was so clean and full of oxygen, I felt comfortable walking in this woodland for hours. All plants were a lush green like in spring and it was the middle of July.

View from the Botanic Garden (photo – Jens Otto)

On the last day, all 150 Nordic rosarians and a few from the UK went sailing on the Hardanger Fjord for almost 2 hours to reach the Barony Rosendal. The boat docked at a pier at an idyllic peaceful tiny village. After a short walk, we arrived at the Castle Rosendal - Danish for *Valley of Roses*. There, in front of us was the little white castle, built in 1665 in a green and fertile landscape, surrounded by mountains and cascading waterfalls. Rosendal was built by the mightiest of all Danish kings, Christian IV, who reigned over all the Nordic countries.



Rosendal Castle with the rose garden (photos – Jens Otto)



Rudolf Geschwind's rose - 'El Ariana'

The romantic landscape garden features rose gardens, a herb and vegetable garden and a café. One of the rose gardens was planted with Poulsen Renaissance roses. The roses were disease free and looked as healthy as a perfect rose can be - prettier and more colorful than we have ever seen them before.



Herb Garden at Rosendal (photo – Solv Jagd)



Vegetable Garden at Rosendal (photo - Solv Jagd)

Along the Orangery, where we enjoyed a tasty meal of salmon from the fjord and herbs from the fully organic garden, was the most beautiful line of lavishly blooming rose trees of 'Maidens Blush'. We were all completely overwhelmed by the stunning beauty of this paradise on earth. We could easily have stayed much longer, when we were called to leave for the boat sailing back to Bergen. If you are planning a cruise along the west coast of Norway, remember to stop and visit this paradise Rosendal - Valley of Roses.



Delegates admire roses in a street in Bergen (photo - Mona Vestli)



'Allotria' (1958) a Tantau rose performing well in Bergen (photo – Jens Otto)

My plans for 2017 are to attend Rose Slovenia, The Rose Trials in Baden-Baden, Belfast and Glasgow and a number of power point presentations in Denmark.

The registration for WFRS World Rose Convention in 2018 opens on 15th June 2017.

EUROPE
AUSTRIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, GREECE, HUNGARY, ISRAEL,
ROMANIA, RUSSIA, SERBIA, SLOVAKIA AND SLOVENIA
Breda Bavdaž Čopi - Slovenia



2016 was a very busy year for the region of Eastern Europe, because it was the year of preparing for 2017, when the countries of this region will host the biggest annual rose event. Slovenia, as its organizer, will become the centre of the region and of the rose season 2017.

Slovenia undertook the organization of the 1st Regional WFRS Rose Convention for Central and Eastern Europe in 2015. Due to the location, it will be much easier for rose lovers of this part of Europe to attend the Rose Convention and enjoy the rose time with rose friends from all over the world.

This Convention will be a very important event, especially for the countries of the eastern part of the region. It is the 1st Regional Rose Convention of Central and Eastern Europe, so it offers a great opportunity for Slovenia to promote all the beauty of the region and its roses. It is also a good opportunity to make new friendships and expand the knowledge about the rose world.

At first, we expected close cooperation between the countries to help organize the event. We assumed the convention would be the best opportunity to get to know each other among roses and in a good company. The organizing committee of the Slovenian Rose Society prepared a very special fee for the countries of the eastern part for the early bird registration. In spite of this, there have been few registrations. Nevertheless, we still hope to see our nearest members speak about their experience of rose life in the rose gardens of Slovenia. As the Vice President of this region, I am familiar with the current situation in this part of Europe. The inactivity of its rose societies was, in fact, the main reason for organizing the Convention here. It was and still is meant to encourage the societies here to take some initiative and become more involved.

The passivity of rose societies in this region is the result of numerous factors, such as different languages, long distances, lack of money – the same as all over the world! The region of Eastern Europe has 11 member countries, many of which are currently very inactive, for example the Romanian Society or the Russian Association. There is, however, a positive exception – the newly revived Polish Rose Society *Polskie Towarzystwo Rozane (PTR)* with its new and very enthusiastic President Łukasz Rojewski. My congratulations to Mr. Rojewski for organizing an active rose group!

As the Vice President for Eastern Europe and the President of the Slovenian Rose Society my duty this year is to promote the Slovenian Rose Convention 2017 as well as possible. Therefore, I have attended all the most important world and regional events in 2016, where I promoted and invited the delegates to this event.

Year 2016 was a very popular rose year. There were two Regional Rose Events in two different countries and on two different continents - China and Uruguay. These were nice and very different events! Eastern Europe was represented by a group of 11 Slovenian Rose Society members in Uruguay and in China, there were two members from Slovenia, 1 member from Greece and another one from the Czech Republic.

The members of the Slovenian Rose Society attended a lot of European trial events, which were, as always, very interesting. We represented Slovenia in Hradec Kralov and Olomouc in the Czech Republic. We were also at a meeting in Dolna Krupa in Slovakia and in Szeged in Hungary to invite our rose friends to the Convention. In spring, May and June 2016, during the high rose season, we were present at rose trials in Barcelona, Baden Baden and Le Roeulex. However, I must admit I missed the trials in Monza and in Geneva. Personally, I think the WFRS should support the idea of restoring those rose trials.

We were also very active in Italy, where we presented the work of our society to our Italian rose friends. This year, thanks to our proposal and encouragement, they registered a new Associated Rose Society named La Compagnia delle Rose from Pordenone. I think this is a very big success and it is the beginning of fruitful

cooperation between the Slovenian and Italian Rose Societies. We also represented Slovenia and the Slovenian Rose Society in La Tacita rose garden in Italy.

I am still not in good contact with our other neighbour – Croatia. Slovenia is located on the western edge of Eastern Europe. Croatia is the only country in the region without an official rose society and, thus, is not a member of WFRS. In March 2013 I tried to make the first steps and help to establish a rose society there. I got in touch with the Faculty of Agronomy in Zagreb. I met some interesting people there and we jointly designed a rose garden. However, because of the work responsibilities, these employees could not organize and manage a society. Consequently, it was not established. I'm hopeful that with rose blooms in the new garden collection, they will get in touch with us again, respond to our invitation to the Convention and succeed in setting up a society.

To sum up, year 2016 was a very busy year of preparation for the forthcoming convention. We sincerely hope that the result of our hard work will be seen in Ljubljana in June 2017, where all rose friends will be together in the rose garden of Arboretum Voljčji Potok.



Arboretum Slovenia



Pletna Boat on the Bled River

EUROPE
BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, MONACO
NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND
Henrienne de Briey – Belgium



In Europe, 2016 presented a climatic challenge to our roses: a very mild winter, a cold and dry spring and a rainy month of June followed by a July and August that were hot and at times torrid. Although the roses were less abundant than in previous years, this did not prevent us from participating in numerous international rose trials and our breeders from obtaining good, well-deserved results. Moreover, we enjoyed an extremely sunny late summer which ensured a good, increased blooming for the September trials.

I have taken the liberty, for once, of beginning the annual report with my little country, Belgium.

BELGIUM - I should first like to pay homage to Baroness Marie-Louise Velge, a pillar of our National Royal Rose Society for twenty-five years. Thus, it is with great regret that we announce her decision to step down as Vice President, a position that she held for 25 years in Rosa Belgica.



Baroness Marie-Louise Velge



'Marie-Louise Velge' (photos – Sheenagh Harris)

From 1991, when she attended her first World Rose Convention in Belfast, Marie-Louise was very active within the WFRS. In 1994 in New Zealand she was appointed WFRS Vice President for Southern Europe, a position that she held until 2000.

In 1997 Marie-Louise coordinated the Benelux Convention. No one has forgotten the wonderful activities that allowed us to celebrate the rose and discover the cultural joys of the three Benelux countries.

Marie-Louise, often accompanied by her husband, Baron Jean-Charles Velge, participated at different world or regional conventions. We saw them at the conventions in Ireland (1991), Uruguay (1998), Argentina (2001) the UK (2003), Japan (2006), Australia (2008), Canada (2009), South Africa (2012) and France (2015). In 1999 Marie-Louise went to Greece to visit the Shinos Rose garden and to Poland to visit the Poland National Rose Society. In 2003 she went to Germany to celebrate the centenary of the Sangherhausen Rose Garden.

In 2010 we mourned the loss of Jean-Charles, who was always at her side and so generous to both our national society and the WFRS. In 2015, we had the great pleasure of Marie-Louise's presence at the 17th World Rose Convention in Lyon.

As a member of the Honours Committee from 2000 to 2015, Marie-Louise very generously sponsored the die for the Commemorative Medallions. In addition, she participated in numerous International Rose Trials, where she would often act as President of the Jury. In 2000, Marie-Louise received the WFRS Rose Pin in Houston, Texas for Service to the WFRS and in 2009, the WFRS Gold Medal in Vancouver, for service to the Rose and to the WFRS.

As the current Vice President of Rosa Belgica and the WFRS Vice President for Southern Europe, I should like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the rose friends, to thank Marie-Louise for all her years of work and collaboration in the service of the Rose in Belgium and throughout the world.

(Note from the Editor: This makes Marie-Louise Velge and Ethel Freeman the only two people in the WFRS to have received both the WFRS Gold Pin and WFRS Gold Medal.)

BELGIUM SAW GREAT ACTIVITY IN 2016 -

Ghent Floralties - participation of Rosa Belgica.

The visit of our WFRS President and his wife, Melanie. In a remarkably short time we were able to visit the Botanic Garden Meise with its well-known Herboratum Crépin, the Hex Gardens, the Coloma Rose Garden, the Lens Rose Nursery and the city of Bruges.



The short meeting between Kelvin and Lily de Gerlache was greatly appreciated by our founding president
(photo Henrienne de Briey)

Kortrijk Rose Trials Frans Thomas participated in the judging of a hundred or so roses from 19 breeders. A great tribute was paid to Kordes - not only did they obtain 3 gold medals but he was also awarded the golden rose.

Le Roeulx Rose Trial Fortunately, the late summer was very sunny and ensured that there was an increase in blooms for the September trial. We must bear in mind that a trial during a second blooming is particularly selective and provides a real test for our breeders.

There was a good hundred of us on the international jury, presided over by Gérald Meylan. In order to promote the scented varieties, 3 prizes were awarded for fragrance. On this 53rd occasion of the trials a rosebush in the shrub category Park rose was named 'Henrienne de Gerlache' (my maiden name). This rose bush, offered jointly by my mother and the Lens house, has prestigious parents (the mother and father are none other than 'Tapis Volant', Lens 1982 and 'Reve d'Or', J.C. Ducher, 1869); it has already obtained a silver medal at Monza and the prize for best landscape rose in Barcelona and Lyon. My special thanks go to Gérald Meylan and my sister Hélène de Gerlache who took on the roles of Godfather and Godmother for the occasion.

CHINA

The volcanic eruption in Iceland in 2010 prevented my plane from taking off from Brussels and from that moment I was determined that I would be at this second Regional Convention in Beijing. It was a unique occasion for me to discover the wonders of China. This Regional Convention coupled with the 14th Heritage Roses Conference had the allure of a World Convention. Both the opening and closing ceremonies were grandiose, the quality of the lectures was high and the forum on modern roses led by Kelvin Trimper was particularly interesting. For me, the highlight was most certainly the Rose Museum. The latter, built in record time in a superb rose garden created especially for the occasion, was certainly one of the principle attractions of the convention.



Henrienne de Briey, Monique de Clarens and Breda Čopi in the Theme Park surrounding the Rose Museum

The museum is unique in the world and is impressive in both its size and ellipsoidal shape. Among its 8 sections, we could admire the WFRS section, complete with its history and numerous artefacts donated by member countries, as well as the caricatural fresco representing all the presidents to date. The general impression gleaned from this trip is that the Chinese are very aware of the need to conserve their patrimony and the species under threat from climate change. On a personal note, this trip lifted the veil on an extraordinary country that has the longest and richest history of the Rose. Frans Thomas and I were the only delegates from Belgium.

Finally, 45 rosarians from Southern Europe went to Beijing with a large participation of 18 people from France, followed by 8 from Switzerland, 7 from Germany, 5 from Monaco, 5 from Benelux and 2 from Italy. In China Thomas Hawel, from Germany, explained how the Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen, ensured the safe guarding of rare species. Pascal Heitzier, from France, presented a unique way to explore rose biodiversity. Daniel Boulens, from France, explained how the local population, Institutions, Associations, and Politicians were involved in the Lyon Roses 2015 organisation.

FRANCE

Bagatelle Due to the appalling weather in the weeks preceding the trial, the Jardins de Bagatelle rose garden was not as resplendent as usual. The blooms of certain varieties, notably those of the late flowering ones, were penalised because their buds were not even open. In general, it was rather disappointing to see so many wilted flowers and blemished petals. Nevertheless, there was a great atmosphere and everyone was pleased to meet again in Bagatelle. The President of the Jury was the great perfumer Jean Guichard. Among the 91 varieties from the 23 breeders and 6 countries (France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and Denmark) first prize was awarded to a rose created in the Andre Eve establishment - a wonderful homage to a great man of the Rose who died a short time later. We were also present for the christening of the rose of the well-known French television presenter, 'Christophe De Chavanne'.



President Kelvin Trimper addressing the judges and dignitaries at Bagatelle

Orleans and Nantes Frans Thomas attended the Rose Trials in these two International Trials.

Saverne The Saverne trials enjoy the special feature of being an international trial while at the same time maintaining a homely feel. As at Bagatelle, the roses here had been badly affected by the weather but I had the honour to act as President of the Jury at this 90th anniversary in a very pleasant atmosphere. The Saverne Rose Garden was created in 1898 which means that it is the 2nd oldest rose garden in France and it received the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2002. Maurice Jay, President of the French Society of Roses presented Markus Brunsing with the 'Flore' medal in recognition of his work within the WFRS on the harmonisation of the European rose competition results and for his warm welcome in Baden Baden during the post-convention tour of the World Convention in Lyon 2015.



Henrienne de Briey, President of the Jury



Stefan Wagner from Romania

MONACO

The 3rd International Rose Trials of Monaco, organised by the Society of The Friends of the Rose of Monaco and presided over by Monsieur Yves Piaget, took place at the beginning of June. This competition is held every 2 years and is the only one where roses are presented in pots and not in the ground. We judged 98 varieties from 10 different countries, fortunately in pleasant weather.

The 2016 winner was the rose 'Mademoiselle Meilland' an HT, bubblegum pink with a subtle scent. This rose bush also obtained the public's choice prize and the Piaget Rose Trophy.



'Mademoiselle Meilland'



Kelvin Trimper, Markus Brunsing, Helga Brichet and Henrianne de Briey judging in Monaco

SWITZERLAND

Diable Vert Although Switzerland no longer has the well known trials in Geneva, I had the privilege of being present at the 50th anniversary celebration of Gérald Meylan's passion for new roses. It was a wonderful affair commensurate with the devotion to the rose that he has exhibited throughout the world.

The following day, the Diable Vert rose garden in Bex captured my heart. This rose garden lies at the foot of the mountains and although situated in a private domain it is open to the public, and by chance to deer.



Yves Piaget is the man behind this rose garden but the technical management has been entrusted to Gérald Meylan. The owners, Magali and Dominique Mottey have worked with very specific criteria – geobiology and the golden ratio being just two. The rose garden is a true work of art where one can walk among 1800 roses of 160 varieties. I agree wholeheartedly with Yves Piaget when he compares the roses to a group of graceful dancers rehearsing their ballet throughout the summer.

Kelvin Trimper and Monique de Clarens had the honour of presenting this little gem with the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence. We ended this Swiss adventure with a delicious dinner, given by Yves Piaget, in the company of cheerful friends in the alpine pastures.

Henrianne de Briey, WFRS VP for Europe in Switzerland

GERMANY

Baden - Baden is the unofficial rose capital of Germany. Each year, the Baden-Baden International Rose Trial is the place to be for rose friends to come together in a beautiful setting. This year Kordes won the majority of the awards including the golden rose; a fine recompense for the grieving Kordes family.



**Lukasz Rojewski from Poland and
Marga Verwer from the Netherlands**



**Breda Čopi (Slovenia), Inger Schierning (Denmark)
and Ken Grapes (UK) – rose friends coming together
in the beautiful garden of Beutig for the Int. Rose Trials**

URUGUAY

For the fifth time South America organised a WFRS Regional Rose Convention which reflects how much our friends from the southern hemisphere are passionate about roses. This is even more remarkable, given that there is not one indigenous species to Latin America. Every single one was introduced by immigration or by local agents of foreign producers.

‘Joie de vivre’ was the key word to this convention. From Colonia Del Sacramento, Punta Del Este to Montevideo we were welcomed everywhere with the same enthusiasm. I had the honour of moderating a morning of lectures devoted to roses in gardens. There were two lecturers from Southern Europe: first Mathilde Ferrer (President of the Spanish Rose Society) who together with her husband showed us as fast as they could and in a very short time the fantastic rose gardens in Spain and secondly Thomas Pröll, head of the Kordes breeding department, who explained the Kordes way of breeding beautiful, fragrant and healthy roses. A big thank you to Rosario, one of the organisers of this convention. Frans Thomas and I were the only delegates from Belgium.

Fifteen rose lovers from southern Europe crossed the Atlantic to Uruguay - 5 from Germany, 4 from Benelux, 2 from Italy, 2 from Spain and 2 from Switzerland.

NETHERLANDS

Den Haag Frans Thomas went to Den Haag in The Netherlands for the International Rose Trials.

FAR EAST CHINA AND JAPAN Zhao Shiwei – Japan

No report available

NORTH AMERICA
BERMUDA, CANADA, USA
David Elliott – Canada



In North America there are two Vice Presidential positions. At the present time one was proposed by the American Rose Society and one by the Canadian Rose Society. In a quick discussion it was decided that Jolene Adams naturally represents the ARS interests and myself those of the Canadian Rose Society. Both of us try to represent the Bermuda Rose Society.

The difficulties of the CRS continue with a continued drop in membership. I am trying to work with other members of the CRS board.

In June we traveled to Beijing, China for a regional convention hosted by the Chinese Rose Society. The conference itself was well run and very interesting, catering for both Heritage Rose interest and those with modern rose interests. Crenagh and I were the only two Canadians attending.

During the conference I attended the Executive meeting and also attended the Conservation and Heritage meeting chaired by Yuki Mikanagi of Japan. I reported on my endeavors to define 'Heritage' as the term pertains to roses. No consensus was achieved. Since then I have consulted widely and feel that we are close to agreement. I have also been involved with the proposal to regularize the voting procedures at Regional Conservation and Heritage regional meetings to conform with WFRS procedures.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Uruguay Regional Meeting this last November, but there were two delegates from Canada. I was disappointed, as I have attended all the WFRS meetings since becoming a member of the executive. Throughout the year I have been involved in email discussion and decisions within the Executive Committee.

Although we were unable to visit Bermuda this year, as members of the Bermuda Rose Society we have been kept informed of their events through their newsletter. Items of interest include the refurbishing of their propagation facilities. This they employ for the propagation of the Bermuda Mystery Roses. Completion of the propagation facility was delayed until after the hurricane season which was fortunate since the island suffered a hurricane with some damage. By the time they had their next show, 6 weeks later, roses had recovered both foliage and flowers.

As to the future I will be working to help the Canadian Rose Society rejuvenate. We plan to attend the WFRS Regional Convention in Slovenia next June.

Thanks to Kelvin Trimper, our president and Derek Lawrence, Executive Director for their support over the year.

Addendum from the Editor: The **BERMUDA ROSE SOCIETY** continues to be very active with well attended meetings every month from October to May. Five rose shows were held at BRS meetings, often with a theme such as Christmas decorations in December and in April the meeting showcased arrangements in a teapot or on hats.

Society Members were delighted to provide rose arrangements at Government House when HRH the Duchess of Gloucester visited Bermuda.

They continue to maintain the rose repository garden at Waterville.

There were no BRS attendees at the convention in Beijing, China, but Felicity and Peter Holmes enjoyed the convention in Uruguay.



Roses arranged in teapots



Waterville Rose Repository

A highlight of the year was a visit from Mike and Joan Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium, Texas, USA for the February meeting and luncheon. Mike's presentation focussed on the success of compost tea replacing pesticides and other fertilisers.



Jean Shoup, John Howells, Mike Shoup, Liesbeth Cooper, Lisa Marshall

The **VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY** holds 9 meetings a year, one of which is a fundraiser and at the end of 2016 had a membership of 207 members. They have lecturers from far and near and recently Thomas Proll from Kordes, Germany was their guest speaker. Dale Akerstrom gave a PPP on the WRC in Lyon and other meetings included a rose show and a Christmas social and they organise Open Gardens in Vancouver.



Brad Jalbert – rose breeder and nurseryman in Vancouver



Best Grandiflora on show – 'South Africa', exhibited by Bob Price



Dale Akerstrom's rose garden

NORTH AMERICA BERMUDA, CANADA, USA Jolene Adams – USA



Touring in China and attending the WFRS Regional Convention was a highlight of 2016. I went on as many tours as I could fit into my schedule. I represented the WFRS at one of the official entertainments and received a lovely scroll, hand written by a noted historian and calligrapher in Beijing that expressed the gratitude of the people of Daxing Province in Beijing for the Rose Convention and for the presence of so many rose enthusiasts in their city. Sixteen delegates from the USA were present in Beijing.

Once home again I took up my duties as VP for North America and began traveling to various districts and regions in the United States. I spoke many times to various horticulture groups and promoted roses for the landscape and for decorating the office and the home. Some groups wanted a presentation on how to grow roses well in their particular microclimate, other groups wanted to see photos of good roses for their garden and to exhibit in their rose shows.

I unveiled the Award of Garden Excellence Plaque to the Historic Rose Garden in the Old Sacramento Cemetery in Sacramento, California, and to the Woodland Library Rose Club Garden in Woodland, California. Lois Fowkes of New York represented the World Federation of Rose Societies and unveiled the Award of Garden Excellence Plaque to the Rudolf van der Goot Rose Garden in New Jersey.

I attended a lovely American Rose Society Miniature and Miniflora Rose Conference and Rose Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania during July. They held a large rose show with many entries from the people in the east part of the United States. Some exhibitors even flew their roses from thousands of miles away to be exhibited in the rose show.

As our summer progressed I judged several local rose shows in the states of California and Nevada as well as Arizona. Our Judges really have to work hard to travel and visit as many rose gardens in each of our areas as possible so they will not make mistakes when identifying these roses.

I am often called as a Consultant for one of the public rose gardens in the San Francisco Bay area of California. Several gardens asked me to come and speak at their summer events. Many family events are held in the gardens and the children as well as their parents can attend workshops of interest to them on caring for roses, how to choose roses to bring into the home for a bouquet – always popular with the children so they can give a bouquet to the mother – and other workshops on gardening.

My speaking engagements then took me to Oregon, more of California, Nevada and North Carolina. I was on the International Jury for the Biltmore Rose Trials in North Carolina and I also traveled to Glasgow, Scotland for the Rose Trials at Tolcross Park. Once back in the United States I traveled to Southern California to judge at the Rose Hills Trials in Whittier. It is great fun to renew friendships with other judges you haven't seen for a long time. We enjoy judging at the Trials and gathering for the social events during the time we are together.

In October I traveled to the home of the American Rose Society in Shreveport, Louisiana to attend the Fall Board Meeting of the American Rose Society. Time was spent on various social events as well as taking care of the business of the society. A large river runs through the City of Shreveport and metal sculptures of roses are mounted along the banks of the river in the downtown section of the city.

Late in the year I traveled to Uruguay for the WFRS Regional Conference in South America. What an amazing country! Fourteen from the USA went to Uruguay and Linda Kimmel, Stephen Scaniello, Jim Sproul and I gave lectures at this convention.

Now is the time to prune roses along the California Coast of North America – from the Oregon Border down to the Mexican Border. I am engaged every day with one garden or another. We are finally enjoying rain – eleven storms in January with one or two days between them. We need all the water, but it makes pruning that much more difficult.

SOUTH AMERICA ARGENTINA, CHILE, URUGUAY

Rosario de Algorta Carrau – Uruguay



2016 was a very busy year as the Uruguayan Rose Society prepared for the 5th South American Regional Convention to be held in Punta del Este. In May I was able to give a power point presentation advertising the convention while in Beijing. Ten delegates from Uruguay attended this convention in China.

Ten delegates from Uruguay attended the WFRS Regional Convention and Heritage Roses Conference in Beijing. I was invited to be part of the panel discussion, together with rosarians from 5 continents who were mainly rose breeders. At the closing ceremony I was given the WFRS flag in readiness for Roses in the South, the WFRS Regional Convention to be held in Uruguay.



Delegates from Uruguay in Beijing

Inés Diaz de Licandro, Graciela Pereira Zabala, Carmen Montes, Angela Scalone de Burgueño, Osvaldo Ingold, Marta Alvarez de Ingold, Octavio Sciandro, Marta Blanco de Azzini, Teresa Schiaffino, Rosario Algorta de Carrau



**Rosario Algorta, Kelvin Trimper
and Zhang Zuoshuang -
Flag Ceremony at the closing banquet in Beijing**



In October 2016, I was invited to be a judge at the Rose Show for Rosicultura in Buenos Aires, Argentina. While there, I visited the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence garden, Rosaleda de Palermo. It continues to be excellent and well maintained.

Marta Blanco, judge from Uruguay, Susana Ferowrer, President of Rosicultura Argentina, Rosario Algorta, judge from Uruguay and Beatriz Frois, judge from Argentina at the Rose Show in Buenos Aires

The Asociacion Uruguaya de la Rosa was delighted to welcome 259 delegates from 22 countries to Roses in the South, the WFRS Regional Convention in Punta del Este in November, 2016 - Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Bermuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Germany, Holland, India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, United States and Uruguay. Prior to the Opening Ceremony a Rose Show with more than 130 exhibits from at least 60 members was staged.



Rosario Algorta, Cristina Mac Leod (Argentina), Mercedes Villar (Uruguay) and Valerie Chediak (Argentina) at the Rose Show



Adriana Hidalgo, Florencia Pinuer, Pamela Peede, Cecilia Cea, Ana María Guillón, Brindys Sveinbjorndottir, Rosario Algorta and Eleana Rodríguez – some of the delegates from the Associate Member - Association de la Rosa de Coyhaique, Chile



Delegation from Chile in Colonia di Sacramento - Rebeca San Martín, Eliana Flores, (President), M. Angélica Errazuriz, M. Ines Court and Rosario Farias

The Opening Ceremony was held at the Hotel Jean Clevers. The Mayor of Punta del Este, Kelvin Trimper as President of the WFRS and authorities in Uruguay opened the event.

**Patricia Cummins (Convenor of the Convention)
Rosario Enriquez (President of the Uruguayan Rose
Society) and Rosario Algorta (Co-convenor of the
convention**



**Rosario Algorta and Vladimir Vremac
in el Retoño garden**

During the Closing Ceremony I gave the flag of the WFRS to Breda Čopi, Convenor of the next convention to be held in Slovenia in June 2017.



**Breda Čopi, Kelvin Trimper, Jean Pierre Hounie
(Uruguay) and Rosario Algorta with the WFRS flag**



**Kelvin Trimper and Rosario Algorta with the
cake depicting the convention logo**

ROSE STAMPS

POTENTIAL WFRS INTEREST GROUP

Text - Kelvin Trimper – WFRS President – Australia



These rose stamps were issued by China Post especially for Nanyang Philatelic Club (Photo – Melanie Trimper)

Rose enthusiasts around the world express their love for the rose in many ways. Some have huge collections of rose plants in their gardens while others specialise in making superb floral arrangements using roses and other flowers and there are those who have a great passion for exhibiting roses in competitive rose shows.

One of the more unusual pursuits is the collection of rose postage stamps. Those who have been to China and India have seen these enthusiasts display their prized collections at various rose events.

The Chinese Rose Philatelic Research Society is a branch of the Chinese Flower Association. They have expressed interest in forming connections with other rose stamp enthusiasts around the world using the good auspices of the WFRS. The contact person for this group is Mr. Zhang Zhanji.

If you are interested in communicating with rose stamp enthusiasts, please contact Mr. Zhang Zhanji via the Chinese Rose Philatelic Research Society E: crprs2015@163.com and send a copy of your email to our Executive Director, Mr. Derek Lawrence.



Commemorative Stamps for Nanyang Philatelic Club.
(photo - Melanie Trimper)



Unminted First Day Cover stamps issued in May 2016 for the Regional Convention held in Beijing (photo Sheenagh Harris)

Editors note: Having received the article, POTENTIAL WFRS INTEREST GROUP from our President and while researching information for the WFRS 50th anniversary book in THE ROSE BULLETIN OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY, Autumn, 1980, it was a co-incidence that I should come across the following contribution -

ROSE STAMPS

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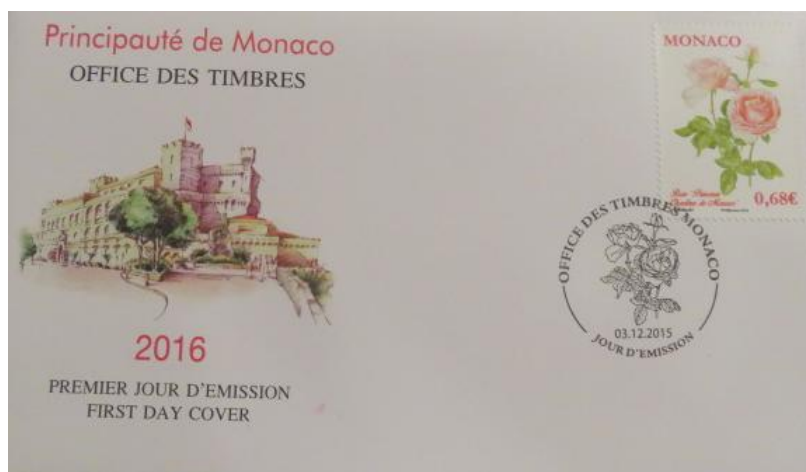
Recently founded is a 'sub-society' wherein forty-two members from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy, Romania, Belgium, Luxemburg and Sweden have gathered. All are Rose-stamp-collectors and want to:

- Find more like minded
- Publish a catalogue of all stamps with rose motifs
- Achieve the issues of more rose stamps
- Pass information about new issues
- Establish an exchange service
- Find out the names of roses on existing issues

People who would like to know more about it please write to:

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Yours sincerely
Walter Herrmann



A new stamp from Monaco issued on 3 December 2015 to commemorate the Meilland rose named for 'Princesse Charlene de Monaco'

ROSES IN THE SOUTH

5TH SOUTH AMERICAN WFRS REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTION

November, 2016

PRE-TOUR

Text – Frans Thomas (Belgium) Photos Marga Verwer (Netherlands)

The Pre- Tour of the Regional Convention, Roses in the South on the 5th and 6th of November started from Montevideo for most of the participants and those who visited Argentina came from Buenos Aires by Buquebus.



'Nozomi' in the foreground of Elba Corral de Simson's well designed garden, naturally integrated into the landscape

The first stop was Elba Corral de Simson's garden. The garden design was natural and well integrated into the landscape. Near the borders we noticed mainly once flowering old roses, but they have colourful hips in the winter. There were many modern roses and the combination of roses and annuals was beautiful and thanks to the companion plants, there were very few weeds. I was surprised to see the small Japanese rose 'Nozomi' growing and covering a Juniper. One of the companion plants was a pink *Oenothera*. We also saw *Cosmos* and several other interesting plants. I noticed a fine purple flower looking like a mini *Iris* and somebody told me it is a native there. Before starting my report I looked it up in pictures of flora and fauna of Uruguay and the name of this plant is: *Herbertia crosae*. I was really happy to see *Tillandsias* and epiphytic orchids *Oncidium* and some *Cattleyas* growing on the stems of trees. I also noticed a large variety of *Ligustrum japonicum* 'Texanum' with coloured leaves and fine flowers and a fine specimen of *Araucaria*.



Thanks to the companion plants there were very few weeds in the Simson garden



Brunfelsia covered in Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow flowers



Beautiful vistas throughout this large garden

During the travels through the country we saw plantations of Eucalyptus, a native of Australia, planted for wood production. It is also used for manufacturing paper.

We enjoyed a good lunch in a Radison hotel, after which Rafael Maino from Argentina gave a lecture about old roses he found in several places in Argentina, mostly near farms and in cemeteries.

In the afternoon we visited the oldest city, Colonia del Sacramento. This city is on one side of Rio de la Plata and the other side is Buenos Aires. Colonia del Sacramento was founded by the Portuguese about 1680. The City Centre is an architectural treasure and is classified as a World Heritage by UNESCO.



Historic quarter of Colonia del Sacramento with its café cobbled stones - a UNESCO World Heritage site



A large bougainvillea shades the pavement

On the second day, we visited the Bodegas Garzón winery. On arrival, delegates from every participating country were asked to plant a rose bush. On the way to Punta del Este we visited a private garden, but could only see part of the garden as we had to stay away from the house. After that we arrived at our hotel at Punta del Este.



Bodegas Garzón Winery - Maldonado



Vineyards viewed from Bodegas Garzón



A shady garden in the hot Jose Ignacio area

PRE-TOUR TO COLONIA

Text - Gail Robertson (Canada) Photos – Markus Brunsing (Germany)

Saturday, 5 November –

We started our tour in Western Uruguay at the historical town, Colonia Del Sacramento, originally a 17th century Portuguese smuggling port. A delegation from the Uruguayan Rose Society welcomed us to Uruguay and we started our visit with a walking tour of the historical area of Colonia Del Sacramento called Barrio Historico, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Uruguay was a progressive country in the early 20th century when sweeping social reforms were made such as religion tolerance and voting for women, making it South America's first welfare state.

After lunch Rafael Maino from the Patagonia region of Argentina spoke on the research he and the group called "Old Roses in Argentina" are undertaking to recover the forgotten roses in their country. Rafael is a painter and restorer of art. Some years ago he realized many of the old rose varieties he was growing in his garden that he had found in old farms were in some of the paintings he was restoring. The title of his presentation was "Roses without a name - Roses found in Argentina awaiting classification."



We travelled through the beautiful pastoral landscape of Uruguay to a delightful farm nestled between gentle rolling hills. It was late afternoon when we arrived, giving us the special evening light to view an excellent rose garden - Elba Corral de Simson's rose garden is located in Paraje San Luis, Colonia, with over 1000 roses consisting of 400 varieties. She grows many old garden roses and is involved in identifying them in her region. Also, there are many modern roses in her large and outstanding rose garden.

Markus Brunsing and Thomas Proll enjoying the roses in Elba Corral de Simson's garden.

(photo – Angelika Throll)



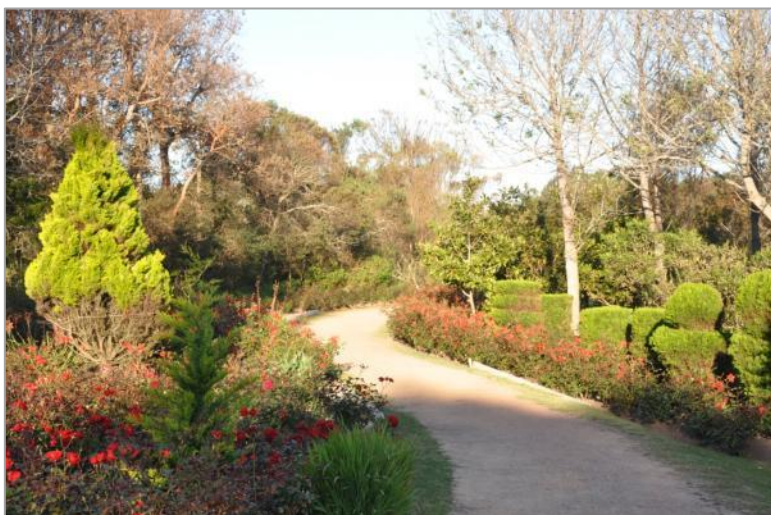
Elba Corral de Simson's beautiful garden is located in Paraje San Luis. 'François Jouranville', 'American Pillar', 'Silver Moon' and 'Excelsa' caused a sensation in this garden (photos – Beatrice Halter)

Sunday, 6 November –

In the morning we travelled through more of Uruguay's beautiful landscape to the winery "Bodegas Garzon" in the Maldonado region. This landscape is described as "little Uruguayan Tuscany" surrounded by olive groves and vineyards. The winery is state-of-the-art architecture, built on natural terraces, allowing for the production to benefit from the gravity system. It is surrounded by contemporary water-wise gardens with many different varieties of roses. Our visit of the garden and winery was culminated with the planting of roses by a representative from each country registered at the convention.



Bodegas Garzon: Hans-Peter Mühlbach (Germany) planting the German rose supported by Marga Verwer (Netherlands), Mireille Steil (Luxemburg), Beatrice Halter (Switzerland) (photo - Markus Brunsing)



The inviting entrance to a private garden near Jose Ignacio (photo – Markus Brunsing)

Next we visited a private garden near Jose Ignacio. It was a well-planned strolling rose garden featuring red roses making it delightful to see a giant swath of red. This visit was the end of our tour. We will remember the warmth of our welcome to Uruguay, the beautiful countryside and the outstanding and healthy roses in all the gardens.

THE FIFTH SOUTH AMERICAN REGIONAL CONVENTION, ROSES in THE SOUTH at PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY 7th to 9th NOVEMBER, 2016



Kelvin Trimper, President of the WFRS opens the Regional convention in Uruguay

President Kelvin Trimper opened the WFRS Regional Convention and welcomed the 259 delegates from 22 countries. This was followed by the Meet and Greet party at the Yacht Club in Punta del Este where professional tango dancers entertained the guests.

A BRIEF RESUME OF THE CONVENTION LECTURES

Barbara Wood (South Africa)

TUESDAY 8 NOVEMBER – ROSES IN GARDENS

Moderator – Henrianne de Briey



ROSE GARDENS IN SPAIN - General facts and concrete cases.

Matilde Ferrer (Spain) works with new rose varieties and 2 lines of improved genetics – one for cut flowers and one for garden roses. Matilde is a third generation Spanish rose breeder and President of the Spanish Rose Society. She regularly wins prizes for her roses at Rose Trials in Spain.



GARDENING WITH ROSES - Stephen Scaniello (USA)

Stephen is the President of the Heritage Rose Foundation of USA and Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Gardens. He also works with displaced children in Harlem encouraging them in the world of gardening and caring for our planet. He loves climbing roses and incorporates many in his gardens. Some of his favourites are 'Trier', 'Veilchenblau' and 'Minnehaha'. Stephen is passionate about bringing heritage roses back into the garden.



ROSES IN THE GARDEN LANDSCAPE – my Philosophy and Planting and Care of Roses – Keith Kirsten (South Africa)

Keith made a grand entrance to the lecture hall giving out sarongs, bracelets, necklaces, scarves from his Out Of Africa goodie bag. In Keith's presentation he shared some beautiful pictures of his garden outside Pretoria and his organic retail outlet. He also had some enticing pictures of South African tourist attractions including game parks. His presentation ended with a South African choir singing an African themed song. Keith is well known in South Africa for his wide knowledge of gardening.



BREEDING BEAUTIFUL, FRAGRANT AND HEALTHY ROSES – the Kordes way – Thomas Proll (Germany)

He assured us that Kordes has been actively engaged in rose characteristics for fragrance for many years. He also confirmed that not every heritage rose has fragrance and there is no truth in the belief that modern roses do not have fragrance. In 2012 Kordes brought out the **Perfuma** varieties that all have strong fragrance. He spoke at length of Claudia Valder, a pharmacist, from Grasse who defines and detects the fragrance of trees, fruits, herbs and grasses. Claudia and Kordes work alongside each other in assigning fragrance to rose varieties. In 2016 Kordes was awarded many awards for healthy, fragrant roses in the **Perfuma** variety.

WEDNESDAY 9 November
Moderator - Jean Pierre Hounie



Around the World with Fifty Breeders - International Rose Breeders and their Novelties - Markus Brunsing (Germany) Markus is Chairman of the WFRS International Rose Trials Committee. Markus gave a most professional and inspiring presentation about rose breeders around the world, both professional and amateur. He is responsible for the gardens, Beutig and Gonneranlager and he is director of the International Rose Trials in Baden Baden.



ROSE NUTRITION - Jolene Adams (USA) was the 54th President of the ARS and she spoke on rose nutrition and testing the soil. Organic vs In-organic. She explained how the nutrients in our soil must go into a watery solution so the root hairs can absorb them and send them up into the plant.



A PATH TO NEW ROSES – Jim Sproul (USA) is a physician and has been growing roses from seed for 30 years. He raises 15,000 new seedlings every year. Jim also mentioned the dwindling numbers in rose societies. Should we not be encouraging more low maintenance roses for the busy professionals of our time? He felt very strongly that in rose shows there should be less, if not no disqualifications and more encouragement for first time exhibitors.



HOW TO EXHIBIT ROSES – Linda Kimmel (USA) Linda is an international rose judge and has participated in World Federation International Rose Trials in Scotland, California and France. She defined a rose show as a public display of roses, grown by amateurs in an outdoor garden and rose shows should be fun. Linda had some interesting ideas for categories in rose shows eg Rose Sprays, Hi-Lo, 2 different roses but matched, 4 – 6 box display, Rose in a frame.

After lectures in the mornings, delegates had the pleasure of visiting beautiful private gardens.



Avalon in Punta del Este the garden of Ines Diaz de Licandro



A visit to the atelier of Pablo Atchugarry to view the work of this renowned sculptor
(photo – Markus Brunsing)

Octavio Sciandro's garden -

**Heidi Matter (Switzerland), Nivia Salaberry (Uruguay)
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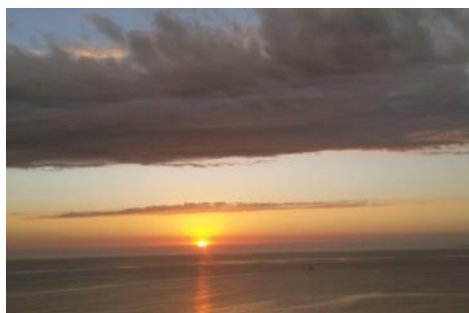
Octavio Sciandro's nursery garden
(Photo – Markus Brunsing)



San Pedro y sus Rosas, the garden of Angela Scalone (photo – Markus Brunsing)



Sun down at Casa Pueblo in Punta Ballena, House of the artist Carlos Paez Vilar (photo – Markus Brunsing)



Kelvin Trimper presented WFRS Commemorative Bronze Medallions to Patricia Cummins de Uberti, Convenor of the Convention and Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Co-convenor

Frans Thomas, Marga Verwer, Beatrice Halter, Markus Brunsing, Mireille Stiel, Marta Blanco and Thomas Proll at the Closing Banquet (photo – Angelika Throll)



POST TOUR IN URUGUAY Text – Jolene Adams - USA

After attending the wonderful Regional Convention in Punta del Este – the feasts, the dancing, the roses, the garden tours, the educational and inspirational lectures, and more roses, two busloads set out in the early morning of 10 November for a post conference tour.

The buses took us out into the countryside and over a long, unpaved road to the beautifully landscaped gardens on the farm of Hortensia Camañeo de von Metzen. As our bus rolled past sweeping pastures on rolling hillsides we saw horses and cattle, wooded valleys and wildflowers, and then – an amazing house with a view out to a large pond and a lovely valley.

The gardens of roses and other flowers surrounded the house and extended along the hillside and down to the fence surrounding the pastures. Beautifully clipped shrubs and many, many roses adorned the landscape along with fascinating and sometimes comical garden sculptures. We were able to walk through the gardens until we were tired and then we found seating outside the house where a table was set with beverages and snacks. This garden was very peaceful and we all enjoyed watching the animals ramble across their pastures and into the woods on the surrounding hills.

Next we visited the farm of Carol Raquet de Brown. Many lovely rose plantings could be seen as we approached the arched gateway into the area surrounding the houses. On arrival we went to see the Chapel and to admire the enclosed garden leading to it. From there we toured through the house and on to see more of the gardens facing the farm. There were also horses here and they were watching us as we watched them.

Our tour took us to lunch at an unusual restaurant perched on top of a steep hillside in Minas, Lavalleja – the Ventorrillo de la Buena Vista. Here we almost filled every space available in the restaurant. The windows surrounded us on three sides and were tilted outward at the top so we could look down onto the valley below to houses and roads and admire the hawks and other animals and birds that lived on this verdant hillside.

After lunch we drove on to the Capital of Uruguay – Montevideo, and toured through the city and along The Rambla – the waterfront. We saw many of the large and architecturally interesting buildings of this large city and also monuments throughout the parks and streets. At the end of this tour we had tea at the Golf Club and then retired to our hotel to relax and remember all that we saw and also to rest so we would be ready the next day for another tour in Montevideo.

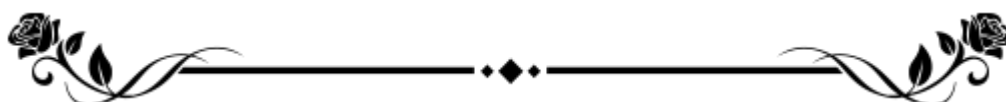
On the morning of 11 November our buses took us through the city to see the older parts and to admire the port area. We stopped for lunch at the Port Market – a very large building with many shops and places to eat inside.

From the Port we went to visit private gardens in Montevideo. One was the fabulous garden of Rosario Fazzio. A large group of her roses were placed along a traditional arched and lined pathway leading towards her residence. Another group of roses surrounded the house in places that received adequate sun. There were many other plants and large trees to give shade and shelter close to the house. Rosario had a very tasty snacks table set out for us which we all enjoyed.

The next garden we were scheduled to visit belonged to Letitia Daremberg but was undergoing restoration so only a small part was available to us for viewing. We enjoyed strolling around the grounds, took many pictures and then headed back to the buses, being careful to not step into construction holes and to not try to climb over heaps of soil and materials. It reminded me of the last time I “reinvented” my own garden and how it dragged on far longer than I had anticipated.

And to make the day complete we visited the small garden of Marita Lindner. What a jewel she has cultivated! I was astonished to see so many Miniature and Miniflora roses among her plantings as I had heard that the vendors in Uruguay do not usually offer them for sale. She told me she finds them from other gardens and makes cuttings to grow at home. I do that too (with permission) – and it is a good way to increase a collection. She even has one little rose that is named for her. It was bred by Luis Desamero and presented to her in Japan at the WFRS Convention in Osaka.

As the afternoon came to an end we returned to our hotels to prepare to leave lovely Uruguay and fly home. We have now wonderful memories of Uruguay and we made many friends while we were there. Some of us have vowed to return to visit these friends and spend more time in this interesting and beautiful country.



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12 – 14 June, 2017	WFRS Regional Rose Convention – Ljubljana, Slovenia
28 June – 4 July, 2018	WFRS 18 th World Rose Convention – Copenhagen, Denmark
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Please send your suggestions to Derek Lawrence for a name for the rose that will be baptised in Copenhagen in 2018 for the World Federation of Rose Societies. This superb and most fitting golden rose was bred by Rosa Eskelund, Denmark.



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- 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
- 1968 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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accommodation and other points of interest relative to their region.***

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