



World Rose News

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- To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies.
- To co-ordinate the holding of international conventions and exhibitions.
- To encourage and, where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose.
- To establish common standards for judging new rose seedlings.
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification.
- To grant international honours and/or awards.
- To encourage and advance international co-operation on all other matters concerning the rose.

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This will be our first all-electronic *World Rose News*. It will be sent to at least one person from each member nation as well as associate members, executive, vice-presidents, breeders club and standing committee chairmen. It is hoped that it will be sent on to ALL members and associates for whom you have an email address. This will ensure the widest possible distribution of *World Rose News*. There will be two parts as there was more than enough material for one edition.

Richard Walsh (hon. Editor)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – September, 2009

SHEENAGH HARRIS

WFRS President 2009 – 2012

Dear Rosarians of the Forty-one member Countries,

It is more than two months since over five hundred friends and rose lovers met in the beautiful city of Vancouver for a convention which will long be remembered and talked about. The outstanding Rose Festival with its many facets, the local tours, particularly the day to the Butchart Gardens, varied lectures to choose from and entertainment such as the sunset cruise gave delegates a wealth of choice during the seven days of the 15th Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies. The pre convention tour is always a good introduction, where delegates make and renew friendships and this three day tour to the majestic Whistler Mountain, through magnificent forests and along the rushing Fraser River was indicative of a good tour.



The post convention tour to Vancouver Island was the Grande Finale. The Lantzville Rose Society members, under the leadership of Barbara Samerin, must be commended for their warm welcome and excellent organisation of a tour of charming gardens and a most delicious lunch; the magnificent Finnerty Garden, Patrick White's beautiful garden with a panoramic view of the sea, Hatley Park and the visit to Government House combined to make an excellent and most memorable post convention tour. On your behalf I would like to thank Darlene Sanders and Brenda Viney together with the Vancouver Rose Society and the many supporters and helpers for the years of work involved in producing this world class convention. For me it has been wonderful to be with so many rose friends from around the world and to have met so many new rosarians.

I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the outgoing Executive Committee who have all served you, the members of the WFRS in their different roles: Tommy Cairns for his contribution as Immediate Past President and for the 12 years he served as Editor of *World Rose News*; Margaret Macgregor after a full term of nine years as Vice President for Australasia; Lars-Ake Gustavsson after six years as Vice President for Europe; Marijke Peterich after six years as Vice President for North America; Rachel Flood, after three years as Vice President for North America and Isa Maria Bozzolo after three years as Vice President for South America. I have reluctantly relinquished my role as Vice President for Africa for obvious reasons! Of course it goes without saying that I am delighted that Maurice Jay, Stefan Wagner, Mian Zafar Iqbal, Takamasa Tsuge and Peter Elliott will be part of the support team once again. It is also a comfort to know I can rely on Malcolm Watson, Jill Bennell and Ethel Freeman, with all their experience to keep me in order!

I welcome Helga Brichet, our new Chairman of the Editorial Committee, Richard Walsh, our new Editor, Kelvin Trimper, VP for Australasia, Steve Jones and Patrick White, VP's for North America, Ann Bird as the new VP for Europe, Nilda Crivelli, the new VP for South America and Alan Tew, the new VP for Africa. It would be very remiss of me not to mention Gérald Meylan for his outstanding service to the WFRS over the last three years – his enormous contribution is reported in more detail elsewhere in this publication; thank you too to Lois Tabb, François Joyaux and Pierre Orard for the roles they have played leading their particular Standing Committees and welcome to Gérald Meylan who has stepped into the roles of Convention and Breeders Club. Fortunately we are not losing Marijke Peterich as she is the new Chairman of the Conservation standing committee.

Congratulations to the many award winners – honours, gardens of excellence and literary awards – all of which are described elsewhere in *World Rose News*.

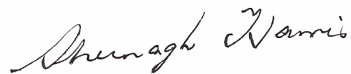
This is the first *WRN* which, thanks to modern technology will be available to all rosarians throughout the 41 member countries. I hope all will avail themselves of this innovation. I would like to think this will help to make rosarians much more aware of the WFRS and all that is involved in running an international organisation such as this. It is also my great hope that this will improve communication within the rose world. To help all the hard working members of the WFRS Executive Committee, rosarians are asked to please ensure good communication in the future. In other words, please reply when asked to. As an example only 19 countries replied to the request for nominations for the Hall of Fame. Did you vote for your favourite rose?

The death of Dick Balfour, a founder member of the WFRS is recorded in detail elsewhere, but I would just like to say we have lost a great rosarian whom it was a privilege to know and to call a friend.

Finally, I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me by making me your President for the coming three years. It is a great honour for me and for South Africa. This is the second time this honour has been granted to a member of the Federation of Roses Societies of South Africa as Professor Fred Ziady was President from 1976 to 1979. It is a huge responsibility - I will do my best for you, but I can only do it with your support and co-operation, mainly through good communication.

I look forward to seeing as many of you and as many of your rose societies as is possible in the coming three years. This will bring us to October 2012 when I look forward to welcoming many of you to South Africa – a great country with so much to offer you, the visitor.

Yours sincerely in roses,



Sheenagh Harris

The big event of the rose year was 15th World Rose Convention, Vancouver.

Pre Convention tour – Majestic West Coast Mountain and Valley Tour.

Pamela Corbett - Asociación Argentina de Rosicultura

Among the over five-hundred delegates who attended the Convention, forty rose enthusiasts signed up for the pre-convention tour to Whistler, a mountain resort famous as a summer retreat and also for its skiing (next Winter Olympics will be held there). We over-nighted at two hotels – a comfy, modern one in Whistler, and a slightly more folksy place in Harrison Hot Springs, another holiday destination, which, like Whistler, is set in beautiful countryside. The locals didn't seem to mind the bears, which were frequently seen around both towns, but which made hiking a little more fraught with adventure. As for me, I was glad growing roses, not hiking, was my sport. In Harrison Hot Springs, I was interested to note, there was a poster in the lobby indicated that we were "The Wild Rose Convention"!



We stopped at Hell's Gate (more fun than it sounds) between the two towns and were whisked by cable-car across the Fraser river and down the mountain face over enormous fir trees, to lunch at a restaurant improbably encrusted into the rock, overhanging the gorge. Looking down at the white, churning waters of the Fraser, I was reminded of a washing-machine on the "heavy duty" cycle; it was not the place to paddle your kayak, exactly, but it was certainly impressive.

Hell's Gate – photo Sheenagh



Entrance to Bill and Delores McCarthy's weekender – photo Sheenagh

The highlight of the tour was definitely our visit to “Shiloh Hill”, the weekend home of Mr. Bill McCarthy and family – and an unforgettable rose garden in every sense of the word. We were met with soft drinks, beer, champagne etc. and invited to walk with him while he described how the garden began. What impressed me was the infrastructure; everything very well made and solid. There were raised rose-beds of stone and cement on either side of asphalt-paved paths, and we saw a great variety of plants including mature trees and shrubs of every kind. Nearly everything was named, quite a triumph in so large a garden. There were several pretty wooden buildings

including a chapel, a guest-house, and a greenhouse and nursery. Bill told us he was a constructor – building was his business; no wonder the rose-beds were so well made! The roses themselves were an absolute joy – both modern and Old Garden roses abounded. Bill McCarthy's main rose consultant is Brad Jalbert, the Canadian rose specialist and hybridiser, who gave an excellent lecture at the Convention. Bill has a beautiful rose named for him – the **William J. McCarthy** rose.

We were treated to a gourmet lunch in their home, served by Mrs. Dolores McCarthy and her helpers and were able at this time to meet other family members. We were each given gifts of honey (from bees specially imported from New Zealand) and chocolates. The wonderful welcome our group received from the McCarthy family left us with very happy memories of this special occasion; it was a day to remember.

On our way back to Vancouver and the inaugural cocktail, we visited a University garden, high up above the city, with a remarkable view. There were many floribunda and hybrid teas in large beds, set in a pleasant park. What impressed me about these and other roses in Vancouver were the general health of the plants, which seem to flourish despite the rainy climate: it really was the most perfect venue for a rose convention. I'm so glad I went!



1. Philadelphous growing wild, Seton Lake 2. and 3. Walk to Othello Tunnel – photos Sheenagh

ROSE SHOW

Terry Martinich

Judging of the World Rose Show 2009 in Vancouver occurred on Friday morning, June 19 and was accomplished by fourteen teams of international judges. The head judge was Terrence Martinich of the Vancouver Rose Society. The judging roster included 57 horticultural and arrangements judges, 4 floral arts judges, and one photography judge. The horticultural and arrangements judges came from a wide range of WFRS-affiliated countries: 26 ARS, 21 CRS, 4 judges from New Zealand, 2 from Australia, and one each from England, Uruguay, Argentina, and Switzerland. We were delighted to have Peter Beales on the judging team. Peter seems to enjoy being in the "limelight" and graciously agreed to media interviews and filming, even during the judging period. I should mention that the roster of judges included the president of the WFRS, Gerald Meylan, as well as the presidents and vice presidents of several national rose societies. The judging of a rose show of this size, which was comprised of WFRS, CRS, VRS and ARS National and District classes, was a significant challenge, due to the complicated judging assignments and the complex layout of the exhibition area (at times it almost required a floor plan to navigate from one class to another). Also, the temperature in the exhibition hall had been lowered in order to better preserve the quality of the blooms over the three days of the Show. Unfortunately, this caused some discomfort to the judges during the judging period and I saw a few judges heading for their coats and sweaters before judging commenced! The quality of the blooms was very high and the ingenuity of the exhibitors in staging their entries was amazing. Just consider the logistics and challenges faced by the dedicated exhibitor who transported exhibition roses all the way from Japan and won Best-in-Show! The number of entries, particularly from the US and overseas, was very gratifying for those many Show volunteers who worked so hard and selflessly to produce a high quality event. A few inevitable "glitches" occurred from the perspective of the head judge and some lessons were learned. From my perspective, the Show was probably one of the largest events of its kind to be held in Vancouver and was a spectacular success, one of which we can be proud.

I wish to thank all of the judges for volunteering to help us with the judging and for their excellent and dedicated work.

American Rose Society National Spring Show

Vancouver, BC

June 19, 2009

NATIONAL CHALLENGE CLASSES

Class	Description	Exhibitor(s)	Rose(s)
ARS 1 – Nicholson Perpetual Challenge Bowl	An entry of nine (9) hybrid tea blooms, each of a different variety, correctly named and displayed in separate containers.	Jason Fredette, Seattle WA	Helen Naude, Savoy Hotel, Whisper, Marilyn Monroe, Liebezauber, Sunset Celebration, Andrea Stelzer, Tineke,
ARS 2 - C. Eugene Pfister Memorial Trophy	An entry of one (1) grandiflora specimen, disbudded or naturally grown.	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey, Tigard OR	Fame!
ARS 3 – New Zealand Kiwi Award	An entry of six (6) roses, each of a different cultivar consisting of two (2) heavily-petaled exhibition type roses, two (2) low-petaled hybrid tea roses in the stage of opening just past the tight bud stage, with only a few petals unfurling, and two (2) floribunda sprays.	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero, Studio City CA	Blueberry Hill, Golden Holstein, Moonstone, Trojan Victory, Futura, Marilyn Monroe
ARS 4 - Joseph J.	For the best collection of five (5) Old Garden	Jeff & Kathy	Old Red Moss,

Kern Trophy	Roses, including species, each of a different variety.	Wyckoff, Seattle WA	Charles de Mills, General Jacqueminot, <i>R. gallica versicolor</i> , Mme de la Roche Lambert
ARS 5 - Dorothy C. Stemler Memorial Award	The best Old Rose Bouquet of eight (8) or more blooms or sprays of Old Garden Roses, including species, prior to 1867.	Jeff & Kathy Wyckoff, Seattle WA	Ames Mason, Marchesa Bocella, Comte de Chambord, Marchioness of Lorne, Charles de Mills, Celine Forestier
ARS 6 - William H. Mavity Trophy	An entry of five (5) sprays of floribundas, each of a different variety.	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero, Studio City CA	Golden Holstein, Chihuly, Moonstruck, Special Effects, Julia Child
ARS 7 - Herb Swim Memorial Trophy	An entry of five (5) hybrid teas, onebloom- per-stem, different varieties.	- no entries -	
ARS 8 - Ann Reilly Memorial Trophy	An entry of five (5) one-bloom-per-stem, exhibition type floribundas, not more than two of any one variety.	- no entries -	
ARS 9 - Dr. Griffith J. Buck Trophy	An entry of three (3) different shrub varieties, one bloom or spray (2 or more blooms.	- no winner -	
ARS 10 - President's Trophy	Three (3) stems of any classification, one bloom or spray. One or more varieties. Open to members who grow no more than 50 rose plants.	- no entries -	
ARS 11 - Jan Shivers National Miniature Trophy	An entry of seven (7) one-bloom-per-stem miniature varieties of "Award of Excellence" winners, each being a different.	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero, Studio City CA	Child's Play, This is the Day, Doris Morgan, Baby Boomer, Bonfire, Kristin, Hot Tamale
ARS 12 - Dee Bennet Memorial Trophy	An entry of twelve (12) miniature roses, exhibition stage, disbudded. One variety or any combination of varieties.	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero, Studio City CA	Dancing Flame
ARS 13 - J. Benjamin Williams Mini-Flora Rose Challenge Trophy	An entry of ten (10) Mini-Flora roses, EITHER one each of ten (10) different varieties OR two(2) each of five (5) different varieties.	- no winner -	
ARS 14 - Garden Web Rose Forum Best in Show Trophy	In honor of our International Exhibitors, this trophy will be awarded to the best one stem award winner from any of the non-ARS classes in the Show. Selected from the entries for one stem of any classification only.	Christiana Cheng	Sexy Rexy
ARS 15 – The Nora Katherman Memorial Arrangement Trophy "From Yesterday to Today"	A Standard Sculptural Form design. Modern design featuring a three dimensional sculptural form. The use of additional plant materials is optional.	Cynthia Chuang, Los Altos CA	St. Patrick, Marilyn Monroe, Magic Lantern, Honey Dijon
ARS16 - The Bea Satterlee Memorial Miniature Rose Arrangement Trophy "Antebellum" (Pre-Civil War)	A Traditional Mass design. Must not exceed 10 inches in height, width or depth. The use of additional plant materials is optional. Miniature roses only.	Cynthia Chuang, Los Altos CA	Baby Boomer
ARS17 - Russ Anger Memorial Arrangement	"The Still Life" – A standard modern design arrangement to exceed 10 inches but no larger than 20 inches in height, width, and depth,	Bill Carlson, Pendelton IN	Excelsa, with 'walking onion'

Trophy "Our Presidential Heritage"	and having a grouping of roses (any type of rose may be used), other plant material and components by which a story is told or a theme interpreted. The use of at least one additional plant material, other than roses, is required, with the additional plant material(s) being named by the Exhibitor. Common plant names are acceptable.		
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PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT CLASSES

District Challenge Classes

Class	Description	Exhibitor(s)	Rose(s)
PNW1 - The J. Horace McFarland District Memorial Trophy	<i>NOTE – Open only to ARS members who reside in the Pacific Northwest District. A collection of six (6) hybrid tea blooms, no more than two of any variety, each displayed in separate containers.</i>	- no entries -	
PNW2 - The Al Schamel Memorial Trophy	An entry of five (5) hybrid tea or grandiflora blooms of the same variety, displayed in one container.	- no entries -	
PNW3 – The Robert MacGavin Memorial Judges' Trophy	<i>NOTE - Open to all PNW judges registered at this convention whether or not they are judging in the show. Three (3) different exhibition blooms, displayed in one container.</i>	Jack & Beage Kiley	Olympiad, Octoberfest, Liebezauber
PNW4 - The Dr. Paul and Carrie Miller Memorial Trophy	A classic bloom progression. One (1) variety of hybrid tea or grandiflora displayed in a single vase, the bud at the top and the exhibition bloom in the middle and a fully open bloom with the stamens visible at the bottom.	Jack & Beage Kiley	Solitaire
PNW5 - The Fred Edmunds Jr. Memorial Trophy	One (1) bloom per stem Hybrid Tea and one (1) bloom per stem miniature in separate vases, both exhibition type, matching characteristics, matching color class, blends allowed.	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Luis Desamero, Elina
PNW6 – Eleanor Conti Memorial Trophy	One (1) hybrid tea, one (1) floribunda, and one (1) miniature/mini-flora, same color class.	- no winner -	
PNW7 – The Seattle Rose Society Floribunda Trophy	Three (3) different varieties (any colour) of floribunda sprays in one vase.	John & Caroline Fredette	Europeana, Fragrant Wave, Lavaglut
PNW 8 - The Lee Allen Memorial Trophy	Five (5) stems of different varieties of Old Garden Roses, displayed in one container.	Jack & Beage Kiley	Mme Hardy, Reine Victoria, Tuscany Superb, Rose de Rescht, Comte de Chambord
PNW 9 - The PNW District Shrub Trophy	Three (3) stems of different varieties of shrub roses, displayed in one container.	Jack & Beage Kiley	Graham Thomas, Belle Story, Fair Bianca
PNW10 - The Helene Schoen Memorial Trophy	Rainbow of Bloom progression, consisting of three (3) different hybrid tea and/or grandiflora's displayed in a single vase, the bud	- no entries -	

	at the top and the exhibition bloom in the middle and a fully open bloom, with the stamens visible, at the bottom.		
PNW11 - The ARS Ralph S. Moore District Trophy	<i>NOTE – Open only to ARS members who reside in the Pacific Northwest District. Seven (7) miniature roses, each a different variety, exhibited in separate CONTAINERS</i>	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Fairhope, Bees Knees, Irresistible, Glowing Amber, Jean Kenneally, Dancing Flame, Luis Desamero
PNW12 – The Spokane Rose Society Miniature Rose Trophy	Three (3) sprays of miniature roses, different varieties, displayed in one container.	- no entries -	
PNW13 - The Vic Snitzler Memorial Trophy	Three (3) different exhibition-form miniatures or minifloras in one container.	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Bees Knees, Luis Desamero, Ruby Pendant
PNW14 - The Betty and Walt Gutoski Arrangement Trophy	“The Champagne of Roses” Traditional Line-Mass, Standard arrangement with “AG” (arranger grown) roses, correctly identified. Fresh plant material and other roses MUST be included. Subordinate accessory/ies permitted.	- no entries -	

VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY CLASSES

Class	Description	Exhibitor(s)	Rose(s)
Best Rose in Show	Best of all winners of one-stem classes.	Teizo Yoshiike	Tekone
2nd Best in Show		John & Caroline Fredette	Helmutchmidt
3rd Best in Show		John & Caroline Fredette	Asso di Cuori
Dowager Queen	Best OGR, introduced before 1867	Darlene Sanders	Celsiana
	Best OGR, introduced 1867 or after	Elizabeth Sheppard	Sophie's Perpetual
Division I	Most Meritorius	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero	Sunswept
Division II	Most Meritorius	Lonnie Garceau	Playboy
Division III	Most Meritorius	Gretchen & MikHumphrey	Luis Desamero
Best Novice		Anthony Wagner	Nancy Regan
Best Teacup and Saucer	Any two or more roses with other flowers or greenery in a cup and saucer.	Marianna Boda	mixed varieties
Best Miniature Teacup and Saucer	Any two or more miniature roses with other flowers or greenery in a cup and saucer	Janice Walker	Minnie Pearl
Best “Pretty as a Posy”	Any type of roses staged in a posy holder with other flowers and/or foliage. Accessories (ribbons, doilies, feathers, pins, etc.) allowed.	Derrol & Helen White	mixed varieties
Best “Cinderella's Slipper”	Any type of roses in a fancy shoe (e.g. ceramic shoes or your own fancy shoe). Other flowers and foliage may be added.	Janice Walker	Orchid Lace, Jemima
Ingrid Mander Memorial Award	3 stems of either miniflora or miniature roses in the Exhibitor's own container, with at least one stem a red or red blend, with other perennials/ annuals and greenery.	Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero	Glowing Amber

Janet A. Wood Challenge	3 sprays of a shrub, floribunda, Austin or any combinations, in one vase.	Lesley Finlay	Grace
VRS Diamond Jubilee Celebration	To commemorate the VRS's 60 th Anniversary. Yellow & White roses of your choice, 3 stems or more, with or without added greenery, in one vase	Lesley Finlay	Julia Child, Lemon Zest, Mme. Plantier
Best White Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		Yukio Ito	Matsukoi
Best Red Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		John & Caroline Fredette	Asso di Cuori
Best Pink Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		Teizo Yoshiike	Tekone
Best Yellow Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		John & Caroline Fredette	Helmut Schmidt
Best Mauve Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		Alister Brown	Stainless Steel
Best Orange/Apricot/Russet Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		Brian Fredette	Joyfulness
Best Blend Hybrid Tea Rose in Show		Brenda Viney	Peace
Best Fully Open HT / GR	Stamens may or may not be showing, side buds not allowed.	Sandra Simic	Sheer Magic
Best 3 or 5 stems – HT or GR		Yukio Ito	Rosey Crystal, Sanka
Best HT Spray		Dick & Sue Streeper	Lynn Anderson
Ingrid Mander Bloom Progression Challenge		Lesley Finlay	Shrewsbury Show
Best Floribunda Spray in Show		Christina Cheng	Sexy Remy
Best 3 stems – FL sprays		Lonnie Garceau	Playboy
Best Grandiflora Rose in Show		Sandra Simic	Queen Elizabeth
Best Shrub Rose in Show Best 3 Sprays of a Shrub Rose		Anthony Wagner	Linda Campbell Stretch Johnson
Best 3 stems of large flowered climbers, 1 or more varieties, in a vase.		Alister Browne	Dublin Bay, Don Juan, Crimson Cascade
Best Austin Rose in Show		Brenda Viney	Crocus Rose
Best 3 decorative blooms of David Austin roses, 1 or more varieties, in a vase.		John Bennett	The Pilgrim
Best Bouquet		Brenda Viney	Rosarium Uetersen
Best Canadian-Bred Rose	A rose hybridized in Canada.	June & George Dugaro	Vancouver Belle
Best 3 stems of an OGR		Brenda Viney	Hebe's Lip
Best Miniature / Mini-Flora in Show		Tommy Cairns & Luis Desamero	Behold
Best Miniature / Mini-Flora Spray in Show		Lonnie Garceau	Angelita
Best Miniature	Three (3) stems of one variety of miniature rose,	Gretchen & Mike	Luis Desamero

Bloom Progression	exhibited in one vase: One (1) bud, sepals down, showing colour and not more than ¼ open; One (1) exhibition bloom 1/2 to 3/4 open; One (1) fully open bloom, stamens may or may not show. Exhibit should be displayed with the bud at the top and the fully open bloom at the bottom.	Humphrey	
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FRAGRANCE

Most Fragrant Rose in Show		Lesley Finlay	Roseaie de l'Hay
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Best Entry in Photography	Jennifer Lamb	Pristine
Second Best Entry in Photography	Ata Safar	Unnamed Rose
Third Best Entry in Photography	Margaret Hysland	Unnamed Rose

FLORAL ART Open Classes

Best Exhibit in Floral Art		Margaret Nakahara	"Pipe Dreams"
FA1 "Spirit of the Rose"	An Exhibit of your own interpretation.	Anna Hanzlick	
FA2 "Pipe Dreams"	A Tubular Exhibit using any tubular material such as metal pipe, wrapping paper tubes, mesh, fabric rolls or plastic tubes, etc.	Margaret Nakahara	
FA3 "Yesterday's Grace"	An Exhibition Table Exhibit inferring elegance.	Margaret Nakahara	
FA4 "Dramatic Effect"	A Contemporary Exhibit in a modern style.	Cynthia Chuang	Magic Lantern, Gold Medal, Marilyn Monroe
FA5 "Inspired by the Past"	An Exhibit of Designer's Choice incorporating an antique accessory in scale and proportion to the Exhibit.	Margaret Nakahara	
FA6 "On the Move"	A Kinetic Exhibit having either implied or actual motion. May include a mobile, or may have a motorized base, or may be a Stabile, an Op Art Exhibit or Framed Spatial Exhibit.	Margaret Nakahara	
FA7 "International Flare"	A lighted or illuminated design. Lights must be incorporated within the overall Exhibit – above, over, underneath or in the container, etc. and not placed as a spotlight. Lighting effect must be subtle and not distracting. Shadows become part of the Exhibit. Care must be exercised to keep electrical lighting mechanics away from any water used. It is suggested to use battery operated lights.	Margaret Nakahara	
FA8 "Today and Yesterday"	A Duo Exhibit. A free standing creative exhibit in one container. Each side is different from the other side and judged	- no winner -	

	separately. A solid center between front and back of the exhibit prevents one side from showing through to the other. Suggested centers may be a man made screen, a grouping of twigs, large leaves, or whatever else to provide a curtain effect preventing one side of the exhibit from showing through to the other side.		
FA9 “Victorian Inspiration”	A decorated hat not to exceed 2 feet in diameter. Own staging required such as a hat stand, millinery mannequin, tennis ball on a post, etc. Ribbons and lace may be used. Fresh plant material must have a water source. Hat should be staged clearly visible by the judge and public.	- no winner -	
FA10 “A Fair to Remember”	A Petite Exhibit not to exceed 11 inches in height, width and depth. To be staged at the discretion of the Show Committee.	- no winner -	
FA11 “Around the World in Roses”	An Exhibit depicting a specific country. Accessories should not be dominant and numbers of accessories kept to a minimum (e.g. if one accessory suggests the country, then only one should be used).	- no winner -	
FA12 “Roses – All Ways”	An Exhibit of your own interpretation.	Cynthia Chuang	Gemini

Novice Classes

FA13 “Rose, White and Blue”	An Exhibit of your own interpretation. Accessories can be used but must be kept to a minimum. All plant material must have a water source.	Marianna Boda	
FA14 “Echoes from the Past”	An Exhibit using a picture frame(s). Frame may encompass a three dimensional design (e.g. flowers may peek through the center of a frame to give a three dimensional effect or the frames may be included in the design, or used as an accessory).	Alicja Paradzik	
FA15 “Country Roads”	An Exhibit featuring roses and fresh grass. Accessories permitted but must not dominate the exhibit.	Theresa Krause	

Special Class

FA16 “Antebellum Maidenform” (reflecting American Civil War era)	A free standing life sized dressed mannequin of Exhibitors interpretation in a floor space not greater than 6 feet x 6 feet. roses must be a dominant feature in the exhibit. Mannequin or form provided by the Exhibitor. Designated	Celia Thornton, Nanette Martel, Mei Harper, Dorothy Scott
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	Exhibit spaces will be positioned near antique cars. Accessories may be used.	
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INTERNATIONAL CLASSES

WFRS Challenge Classes

Class	Description	Exhibitor(s)	Rose(s)
WF1	Bowl – a bowl (VRS or your own) of 12 or more hybrid tea stems, one bloom per stem, 4 or more varieties.	Nelson Vitous & Jason Fredette	Liebezauber, Elina, Selfridges, Tahitian Sunset, Mondiale, Holsteinperle, Let Freedom Ring, Andrea Stelzer, Savoy Hotel, Gemini
WF2	Bowl – a LARGE bowl (VRS or your own) of 12 or more sprays of Floribundas or Shrubs or a combination of both, 4 or more varieties.	Jason Fredette	Lavaglut, Fragrant Wave, Hannah Gordon, Ebb Tide, Blueberry Hill
WF3	Bowl – a LARGE bowl (VRS or your own) of 12 or more stems of Old Garden roses, 4 or more varieties.	- no entries -	
WF4	Bowl – your own small bowl of 18 or more stems of Miniature or Mini-Flora roses or a combination of both, one or more varieties, not to exceed 10 inches in height, width or depth, including container.	Jason Fredette	Irresistible



Scenes from the show – photos Patrick White



From the show – photos Sheenagh



Photos Sheenagh



Photo Patrick White

POST-CONVENTION TOUR - "THE CROWN JEWEL," THE VANCOUVER ISLAND GARDEN EXPERIENCE

Melanie Trimper – Adelaide, Australia.

On 25 June an enthusiastic group of 37 people boarded their luxury bus for an unforgettable garden experience. The Post-Convention Tour set off to discover the gardens of Vancouver Island. In four busy days this group of rosarians travelled extensively around the Island, taking in beaches, forests, private gardens and some enchanting locations. As our tour came to an end we fully realised why Vancouver Island is known as a garden paradise.



The itinerary included many places of interest including the Cathedral Grove of ancient Douglas-fir trees at Provincial Park, the First Nations' Quw'ustun Cultural Centre, as well as stately heritage buildings and beautifully maintained gardens. We were privileged to see many private gardens, and experience the generous hospitality of the Lantzville Garden Club as well as admire Diana and Patrick White's tranquil residential garden in full bloom. Another interesting inclusion was a guided tour, tasting and dinner at the award-winning Merridale Estate Cidery at Cobble Hill.

Bonica and Alain Meilland in Patrick White's garden – photo Sheenagh

The group enjoyed the gardens, history and culture of British Columbia's capital city, Victoria, a jewel of the Pacific Northwest. A guided tour was arranged at Finnerty Gardens, University of Victoria, where a cherished collection of Rhododendrons featured. It was a wonderful experience to spend two nights at The Empress Hotel with its Victorian décor, grandeur and elegance. A highlight was having our farewell dinner in the Palm Court Room where the new WFRS President was inducted, marking the commencement of her reign.



Personally, I will never forget our visit to the grand, Edwardian era, Hatley Park National Historic site, set on 550 acres; it showcases ten different gardens. These are gardens people fall in love with and have names such as the walled garden, French, Italian, Japanese, croquet lawn with English borders, a rose garden featuring David Austin roses and woodland garden, set against a backdrop of natural forest and a lake with views across the Olympic Mountains. This historic property is owned and beautifully maintained by Royal Roads University and the Castle is used for social events. We greatly appreciated a tour by David, curator for 39 years. We saw an eye-

catching **American Pillar** in the Walled Garden, an impressive blood-red climber **Flammentanz** trained as a pillar in the original rose garden and a lovely pink H. Musk. **Belinda**.



Another special occasion was a guided tour and tea at Government House. Set on 36 acres, the gardens spread over 14 acres and include an English country garden, sunken rose garden and Victorian rose garden, herb garden, Monet's mauve garden, alpine rock garden, woodlands for endangered fauna and rare species, orchard and winter garden of ancient Redwoods. Despite the severe winter and rogue deer, these gardens are brilliantly and lovingly maintained by a group of knowledgeable volunteers, who told me they are mostly 60 to 70 years old!

The Victorian Rose Garden had a formal theme, with each hedged bed planted with one variety for impact. Many favourites, such as **The Fairy**, **Ballerina**, **Penelope**, **Iceberg** and **Margaret Merrill** were used to great effect. My favourite was the shell-pink, delicate **Celestial**, trained as a large climber.

This well-planned, customised tour was an opportunity to meet other passionate rosarians, make friends, talk to curators, share gardens, history and knowledge and take away some wonderful memories. Sincere thanks to our representatives from the Vancouver Rose Society, Dale Akerstrom and David and Crenagh Elliott.

Photos above by Melanie Trimper – Hatley Park (top), Government House Garden (bottom)



More show photos from Patrick White above

The Awards!

2009 HONOURS

President Emeritus, WFRS

David Ruston

Australia



David has lived all of his life in the South Australian town of Renmark, where he conducted his rose growing business. From his teenage years, he has been a passionate promoter of roses. This world-known garden houses the Australian National Collection of Roses, together with the recently planted National Tea Rose Collection.

David has written articles for society newsletters, gardening magazines, newspapers and books, as well as conducting a weekly segment on local radio. He was instrumental in establishing the annual Renmark Rose Festival, as well as organising extensive rose plantings in his home town, and has also been involved with the development of rose gardens throughout Australia.

David was first elected to the Executive Committee of the World Federation in 1988 as Vice-President, Australasia. In 1991 during "Rose Emerald", the 9th World Rose Convention conducted in Belfast, Northern Ireland, he was elected World President.

Since that time, he has served on numerous WFRS Committees, including the Honours, Awards, and currently chairs the Heritage Roses Committee. He has worked tirelessly in his endeavours to bring rose lovers of all types from around the world under one banner. As a past president he regularly attends Executive Committee meetings, where his contributions and opinions are valued. David has attended 13 World Rose Conventions and many Regional Conferences where he has been a guest speaker and flower arranging demonstrator.

Numerous organisations have acknowledged David's contribution to the rose world, and he has been recognised with the following awards:

Order of Australia Medal; Gold Pin and Gold Medal from the World Federation of Rose Societies; Life Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia and Heritage Roses in Australia; the Australian Rose Award, the Australasian T A Stewart Memorial Award and the Royal National Rose Society's Dean Hole Medal.

David's contribution to the well being of the World Federation of Rose Societies is outstanding.

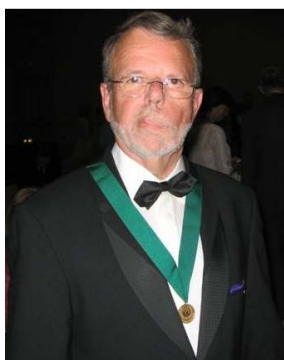
Gold Medal "For Service to the Rose and to the WFRS"

Gérald Meylan

Switzerland

In this, the 42nd year of the World Federation of Rose Societies it gives me pleasure and is a great privilege and honour for me to acclaim the achievements of Gerald Meylan during his term of office as President of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

In the three years since Gerald was made President of the Federation he has accomplished more than most people manage in a life time. He has traveled the world visiting 31 different countries, many of them a number of times. In doing so, he has taken 116 flights, apart from various other modes of transport.



These visits have taken place for many reasons – to present awards, preside over rose trials, attend conventions, give presentations and to assist in the organisation of forthcoming conventions. During these visits Gerald formed the Breeders Club and has already enrolled 13 members; he has brought in five new member countries, Iceland, Russia, Hungary, Mongolia and Serbia, making the grand total of 41 and he has increased the Associate members from 10 to 16. We are exceedingly grateful to him for this enormous contribution to the growth of our Federation and all this at no cost to the Federation.

This is an appropriate opportunity to congratulate Gerald on the many honours bestowed on him during his term of office – Honorary Member of the Chinese Rose Society, Romanian Rose Society and the Swiss Rose Society; the title of President Emeritus of the International Rose Trials of Geneva, the Rudolf Geschwind Medal from the Hungarian Rose Society, the statue of St Fiacre, patron saint of gardeners from the South American Rose Societies, The Golden Rose from the Dutch Rose Society and the Souvenir Rose from the Department of Agronomy, University of Bari in Italy. This has all taken place in this short space of time – 3 years and received with great humility and such dignity.

Gerald made the Federation a priority throughout his Presidency which earned him the respect and admiration of rosarians the world over. For such outstanding service to the Federation and the Rose I am proud to have the honour of presenting him with the prestigious WFRS Gold Medal.

Sheenagh Harris

Alain Meilland

France



In paying tribute to Alain Meilland, it is a whole dynasty of rose growers and breeders, whom we are bestowing an honour upon. Alain represents the 5th generation of the Meilland family and the 6th generation has already started to work with him.

The Meilland dynasty dates from the year 1850 when Joseph Rambaux started producing roses. From 1884 until 1914 his son-in-law, Francis Dubreuil, created sixty-four varieties. In 1936, the Meilland company introduced its first catalogue in colour and in 1949 the company obtained its first patent protecting the “Rouge Meilland” rose. In addition, four Meilland roses have received the award of the Hall of Fame from the World Federation of Rose Societies: PEACE in 1976, PAPA MEILLAND in 1988, BONICA in 2003 and EDEN ROSE, PIERRE DE RONSARD in 2006.

Thanks to his passion, communicative enthusiasm, vast professional knowledge and experience, as well as his concern for perfection, Alain Meilland has succeeded in developing the heritage he received from his ancestors and especially from his father, Francis, and his mother, Louisette.

The World Federation of Rose Societies is proud to count among the members of the Breeders Club Alain Meilland. It is a great honour for me to present Alain with the Gold Medal of our Federation.

Marie Louise Velge

Belgium



Kingpin on the organizing committee of the World Convention in Benelux, former WFRS vice-president for Southern Europe, member of the Honours Committee, member on the international jury of many rose trials in Europe, Marie-Louise Velge has attended a large number of world and regional conventions as a delegate for Belgium.

A very close friend of our founder president and President Emeritus, the Baroness Lily de Gerlache de Gomery, Marie-Louise is always ready to do a good turn and give sound advice. She is the perfect example of a rose

enthusiast who shares her passion by giving her time for others, our Federation and for rosarian friends.

The WFRS is proud to present the Gold Medal of our Federation to the Baroness Marie-Louise Velge.

Silver Medal

Mercedes Drever de Villar

Uruguay



Former WFRS vice-president for South America, participating in many world and regional conventions as the delegate for Uruguay, member on the international jury of a large number of rose trials, including Paris Bagatelle, where she presided ably over the 100th edition, Mercedes has demonstrated her passion for roses and her commitment to the WFRS. She is a marvellous example of someone, who is always available for organizing rose events in South America, and who gives sound advice and encouragement for the development of the WFRS in this part of the world.

The WFRS is proud to present the Silver Medal of our Federation to Mercedes Drever de Villar.

Ed Griffith

United States of America



Ed Griffith is literally a household name in the American Rose Society having devoted a lifetime of volunteer service to both ARS and WFRS in promoting their respective goals and objectives. As an authority on judging roses, he is well known throughout the world for his educational presentations. As Chairman of the WFRS Committee on Judging he has successfully established and implemented not only WFRS Challenge Classes in rose shows, but also authored the WFRS guidelines for judging such classes. This dedicated level of volunteer service has brought added value to international rose shows showcasing the WFRS and its activities throughout the world.

The WFRS is proud to present the Silver Medal of our Federation to Ed Griffith

Marijke Peterich

Bermuda



Marijke is a former WFRS Vice-President for North America and has been very active in the Conservation Committee for a number of years and its president since the Vancouver Convention. She has also attended many regional and world conventions. Marijke is a perfect example of a rose enthusiast through her commitment to the WFRS and the Rose Society of Bermuda and especially for her love of old roses. Always ready to give sound and positive advice and a word of encouragement, Marijke is very much appreciated in the world of roses.

The WFRS is proud to present the Silver Medal of our Federation to Marijke Peterich



Dr Stefan Wagner.

Stefan Wagner

Romania

Stefan was the representative of Romania when the WFRS was established in 1968 and at the present time he is the WFRS Vice-President for Eastern Europe.

Stefan is a wonderful example of a dynamic person who loves roses and does his utmost to promote their development. His work for the WFRS and especially his continual desire to find new member countries, the organization of trips for the Romanian delegation, which is regularly a very large one, to participate in regional and world conventions, his lectures and demonstrations are all examples of Stefan's positive attitude and commitment to the WFRS. During meetings of our committees, his remarks and proposals always rouse much interest and contribute to the development of our Federation.

The WFRS is proud to present the Silver Medal of our Federation to

World Rose Award

Walter Duncan



Australia

Walter has throughout his life been constantly involved in promoting both the growing of old and modern cultivars, as well as arousing the public's appreciation and enjoyment of roses.

He joined the Rose Society of South Australia in 1959, was Editor of the South Australian Society's Rose Bulletin from 1962 – 1974 during which time he also serviced on its Council. Walter was Society Vice President for 15 years and President from 1971 – 1974.

Life membership was bestowed for his outstanding service in 1976. Walter was a successful exhibitor at Society Shows and in 1968 imported roses from Japan for inclusion in the Society's 60th Anniversary display.

A world travelled global rosarian, he has given countless speeches and his knowledge and writing ability is evident from the numerous articles published. His oratory skills and quick wit still ensure he is

in regular demand, and eagerly sought by garden clubs and horticultural media.

Under Walter's enthusiastic leadership the Rose was promoted to large audiences attending Adelaide's Royal Agriculture and Horticultural Society's Annual Show as well as the Royal Autumn Shows in the 1990s.

Walter's own gardens have been opened to the public for many years, with funds raised benefiting local charities.

In 2007 Walter received from the National Rose Society of Australia, its highest honour - the Australian Rose Award, and in 2008 he was the recipient of the Australasian TA Stewart Memorial Award.

Anne Graber

Canada

Anne Graber is a world-recognized rosarian and one of Canada's foremost rose experts.



Anne was Secretary of the Canadian Rose Society from 1990 to 2000. In that capacity she was in constant contact with almost all Canadian rosarians and hundreds of others around the world, and won their admiration and respect for her rose knowledge, efficiency and charming personality.

Anne has long been involved in Heritage roses and has served on the World Federation of Rose Societies Heritage Rose Committee for the last nine years. She is still a member of that committee.

Anne has attended eight WFRS Rose Convention and has been an alternate delegate at several of them.

Her countless rose friends around the world are delighted that her ongoing efforts on behalf of the rose have been recognized by the WFRS with the World Rose Award.

Dean Stringer

Australia



Dean joined the Rose Society of South Australia in 1982, was elected to Council during 1984 and continued for 18 years, during which he served as a Council Member, Vice President and President. He was President of the National Rose Society of Australia in 1993 and has regularly attended Annual General Meetings of the Society that are conducted in all Australian States.

Dean is a very competitive and successful rose exhibitor. His particular interest has been the encouragement of junior judges. This interest has resulted in the establishment of a Judging School and accreditation system. He has been involved in the reviewing of both the National Rose Society and South Australian Judges hand books.

Dean has been active in promoting the Rose, and as an articulate speaker is in demand by horticultural societies throughout the country. He has also contributed to both radio and television gardening programmes, and written numerous articles for publication.

Dean was involved as co-ordinator of the very successful Adelaide Rose Festivals, conducted during the early 1990s, which were staged under the auspices of the Rose Society of South Australia.

His outstanding contribution in the promoting of the Rose was acknowledged with Life Membership of the South Australian Society.

His most recent project has been the establishment of the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia in a section of the Adelaide Botanic Garden. His outstanding contribution as Secretary for 13 years was recognized with a NRTGA Service Award.

Dean was also received the following honours –

- The Medal of the Order of Australia;
- The National Rose Society of Australia - Australian Rose Award
- The National Rose Society of Australia – Service Award
- The Australasian TA Stewart Memorial Award



Mian Zafar Iqbal of Pakistan presenting the Della and **Dick Balfour Rose Friendship Medal**, given by the Pakistan National Rose Society to Tommy Cairns.

Congratulations Tommy also on your award of Editor Emeritus.

Rose Hall of Fame 2009

Graham Thomas (AUSmas) is a very floriferous Shrub rose hybridized by David Austin of England and introduced in 1983. The deep yellow blooms are large, with old-fashioned form and a strong tea fragrance.

The parentage of Graham Thomas is [Charles Austin x (Iceberg x seedling)].



Old Rose Hall of Fame

Rosa Mundi

(*Rosa gallica versicolor*) Gallica, very ancient (before 1581). A sport of *Rosa gallica officinalis*. The large, very fragrant, semi-double blooms have 9 to 16 petals and are striped pink and red.

(Photo courtesy of Rogers Roses)



2009 GARDENS OF EXCELLENCE

Morwell Centenary Rose Garden

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The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden consists of four acres of gardens. These are imaginatively landscaped with manicured lawns and 110 beds in which are planted some 4000 roses comprising 260 varieties of recent hybrids and traditional favorites. The garden also contains a number of significant structures that enhance and complement the roses.



There is also an Australasian Rose Breeders Section which showcases a composite of rose breeding in Australia and New Zealand with particular emphasis on the Victorian rose breeders. One of the few public displays of its kind throughout Australasia, it contains both historical and modern Australasian bred roses

Shenzhen Renmin Park

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Shenzhen's Renmin Park in Southern China has more than 10,000 roses (100 species). Its crowning glory is the collection of 23 ancient Chinese roses. The garden also contains a rose exhibition hall, three rose "appreciating zones" and a rose photo exhibition corridor. More than 2, 000,000 people have visited the garden since its inception ten years ago.

Despite hot, rainy and persistently damp summers, rose culture problems have been solved by the construction of a blind drainage system. And by grafting miniature roses onto the old roots of species roses, the park's

gardeners have created some innovative bonsais - a harmonious blend of Chinese traditional bonsai and modern rose culture.

Beaujoire Rose Garden

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Beaujoire Rose Garden contains approximately 20,000 roses (1547 varieties) in 31 beds. The garden is modern in design and the roses are highlighted by their association with perennials, bulbs and shrubs.

The garden is also the home of the Biennale Internationale de la Rose Parfumée (Biennial International Rose Perfume Trials).

The Rose Garden in the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Jindai Botanical Park



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Email: akira.obata@member.metro.tokyo.jp

The Jindai Rose Garden, located in a residential area on the outskirts of Tokyo, is a beautiful garden that attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors every year. It is a sunken garden, rectangular in shape, with roses planted in beds around a spray pond.

The garden preserves roses donated by the City of Los Angeles nearly five decades ago, as well as more recent varieties. It also displays wild roses native to Japan and some Old Garden Roses. There are 5100 plants (274 varieties) of modern roses and 81 plants (74 varieties or species) of OGRs and wild roses. Located beside the Rose Garden is the trial ground for the annual Japan Rose Concours, sponsored by the Japan Rose Society.

City of Glasgow International Rose Trial Garden, Tollcross Park

254B Wellshot Road
Glasgow G32 7AX
Scotland

Website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/en/Residents/Parks_Outdoors/Parks_gardens/tollcrosspark.htm



The City of Glasgow International Rose Trial Garden, Tollcross Park contains a collection of modern rose varieties and displays their value as free-blooming, healthy and colourful flowering plants. The garden provides an opportunity to assess new rose varieties and to determine their suitability for use in planting schemes in gardens, parks and general landscaping. The main part of the garden has approximately 7000 plants (more than 350 varieties) in 16 beds.

The garden hosts an International Rose Trials every August.

Roserar de Cervantes



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The Roserar in the Parc de Cervantes has over 12,000 roses (more than 2000 varieties). These include wild species roses, old roses, modern hybrids and climbers and a special section for fragrant roses. The mild climate in Barcelona ensures that the garden is in bloom from April to November.

The garden is also home to an annual International Rose Trials.

Roseiral da Quinta do Arco



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The Roseiral da Quinta do Arco is one of the largest collections of roses in Portugal. There are more than 17,000 plants, including modern roses, climbing roses and some very ancient roses.



More convention photos from Patrick White



2009 LITERARY AWARDS

2009: - *All About Roses*



Author: Dr. Tommy Cairns

Publisher: Meredith Books (Ortho Books), United States of America

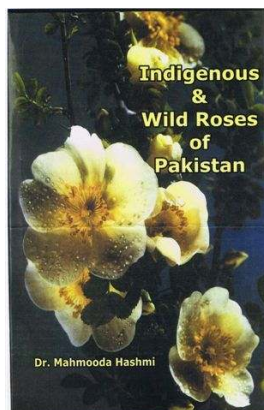
Year: 2007

Language: English

ISBN: 978-0-696-23217-6

This book presents expert growing techniques together with a comprehensive guide to more than 350 of the best roses for the garden. It is the best-selling rose book in North America and is specially directed to encourage and promote rose growing amongst the general public. This latest edition has been updated and expanded to include the latest and most exciting developments in rose breeding.

2009: - *Indigenous & Wild Roses of Pakistan*



Author: Dr. Mahmooda Hashmi (Mrs.)

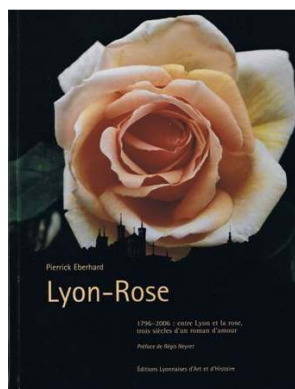
Publisher: Dr. Mahmooda Hashmi, Pakistan

Year: 2006

Language: English

This book covers in detail the various dimensions pertaining to Pakistan's treasure of wild and indigenous roses as well as its age-old rose culture. The first section of the book deals with the "indigenous" roses of Pakistan (such as *Rosa damascena*), that have been grown on a mass scale for centuries. The second section covers the wild roses of Pakistan and where today more than 33 named species have been identified.

2009: - *Lyon-Rose*



Author: Pierrick Eberhard

Publisher: Editions Lyonnaises D'art et D'histoire, France

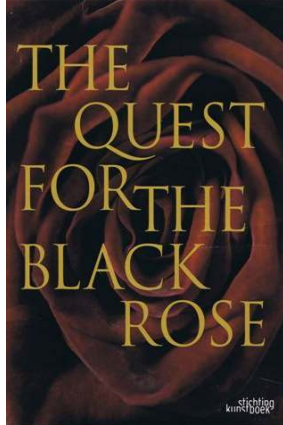
Year: 2007

Language: French

ISBN: 978-978-2841-47-6

This book explores all aspects of the three century love affair (1796-2006) between the city of Lyon and the Rose. It looks at its many famous hybridizers, its three most famous roses **La France**, **Soleil D'Or** and **Peace**, the creation of the French Rose Society in 1896, the current renaissance in Old Garden Roses, roses in painting and much more. It also contains 400 photos and original documents.

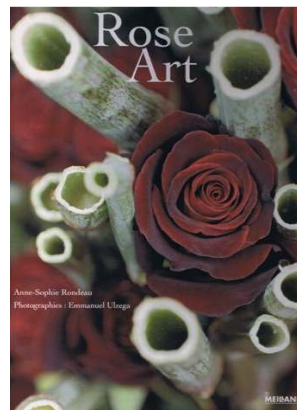
2009: - *The Quest for the Black Rose*



Author: Ingrid Verdegem, Anne Ronse, Anne-Sophia Rondeau
Publisher: Stichting Kunstboek, Belgium, in association with Ulmer Verlag, Germany
Year: 2006
Language: Dutch, German, English
ISBN: 978-90-5856-159-6

This book attempts to write the history of the black rose from three separate angles. The first is the history of dark roses from their very first traces in herbals and Middle Ages images right up to the dark Hybrid Teas of the 1950s. The second is an explanation of the genetics of color pigments of roses and why 'black' flowers are so difficult to create. The third section highlights present day dark roses and the hybridizers behind them. Garden roses and cut roses are both discussed.

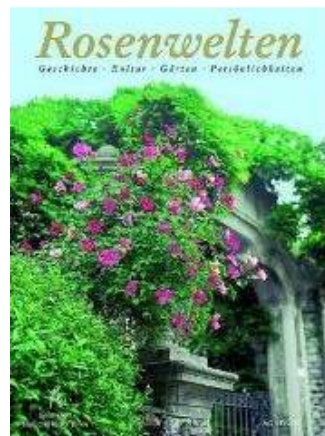
2009: - *Rose Art*



Author: Anne-Sophia Rondeau
Publisher: Rustica, France
Year: 2008
Language: French
ISBN: 978-2-84038-796-1

This book consists of forty imaginative floral compositions, created by six leading French florists (J.F. Bouchet-Odent, T. Boutin, R. Eberwein, A. Lechantre, H. Pothier and G. Moulis) using roses in unusual places, in bouquets and in other unusual ways. The inspiration for this book was Nature itself.

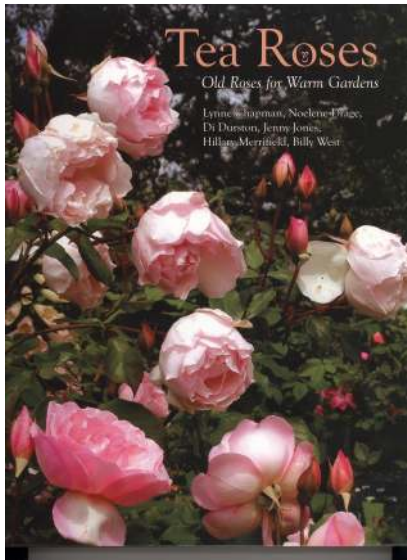
2009: - *Rosenwelten*



Author: Bernd Weigel, Klaus-Jürgen Strobel, Thomas Marschall, Sabine Kübler, Helle Brumme, Eilike Vemmer, Peter Pfliegensdoörfer, Volker Wissemann
Publisher: German Rose Society
Year: 2008
Language: German

This book was published on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the German Rose Society. It outlines the history of roses and rose breeding in Germany, the history of the German Rose Society and the most important rose personalities along the way.

2009: - Tea Roses - Old Roses for Warmer Gardens



Author: Lynne Chapman, Di Durston, Jenny Jones, Hillary Merrifield, Noelene Drage, Billy West
Publisher: Rosenberg Publishing Pty Ltd., Australia
Year: 2008
Language: English
ISBN: 978-1-877058-67-7

Teas - once almost forgotten - are now being acclaimed as superb roses for warm gardens. Bred for a century or so from 1820, they were descended mainly from Chinese garden hybrids introduced into Europe in the early nineteenth century. Teas brought characteristics that had not been seen before in European roses. These included an intriguing multi-layered fragrance; a new range of colours; a higher-centred flower shape; gently nodding heads; and a bushy, twiggly growth habit. Even more importantly, the Teas whose ancestors came from temperate to subtropical areas of China bloomed almost continuously in favourable

conditions and did not need a dormant period. The authors aim to bring together the observations and knowledge they have accumulated about the Teas and to tell something of their past history. The authors grow most of the Teas known in Australia, and these are a large proportion of those commercially available elsewhere. Consequently, the information given about them will be relevant wherever these roses are grown.



Awards Ceremony – photo Regine de Ligne



President Sheenagh and Secretary Malcolm – photos Malcolm



Right – Executive on stage – photo Malcolm

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
15th World Rose Convention
Vancouver 2009

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING No 1

held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, Sunday 21st June, 2009 at 1400hrs.

Present: The Chairman, President Dr Gérald Meylan, (Switzerland)

The following delegates were present to represent their National Societies:

Argentina	Mrs Nilda Crivelli
Australia	Mr Kelvin Trimper (Voting) and Mrs Margaret Macgregor
Austria	Mr Raymond Tripod
Belgium	Mr Frans Thomas (Voting) and Baroness Marie Louise Velge
Canada	Ms Shari-Lyn Safir (Voting) and Mrs Ethel Freeman (Past President)
Chile	Mrs Isa Maria Bozzollo
Czech Republic	Dr Stefan Wagner
France	Prof Maurice Jay (Voting) and Mr Robert Laperriere
Germany	Mr Bernd Weigel
Great Britain	Mrs Ann Bird
Greece	Mrs Helga Brichet, (Past President)
Italy	Mrs Beatrice Barni
Japan	Prof Akira Ogawa (Voting) and Mr Tomoo Tsuchiya
Luxembourg	Mrs Hélène Heldenstein
New Zealand	Mr Peter Elliott
Pakistan	Dr Mahmooda Hashmi (Voting) and Lt Col S.A. Shakoor
Romania	Dr Stefan Wagner
Slovenia	Mrs Breda Copi
South Africa	Mrs Sheenagh Harris (Voting) and Mr Alan Tew
Spain	Mrs Matilde Ferrer
Switzerland	Mrs Gret Sutter-Suter (Voting) and Mr Raymond Tripod
Uruguay	Mrs Mercedes Villar
USA	Mr Steve Jones

Mr David Ruston (Aust) Past President
Dr Tommy Cairns, (USA) Immediate Past President

Observers Richard Annick (France); Gilles Buna (France); Mrs Henrienne de Briey (Belgium);
Dominique Fournier (France); Mrs Mary Frick (Aust); Mr Paul Graber (Canada);
Mr Ed Griffith (USA); Bernard Joignette (France); Françoise Navratil (France);
Bernard Pierre Bissey (France); Josiane Pierre Bissey (France);
Mr Ian Spriggs (Aust); Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan).

In attendance: Mr. Malcolm Watson (Aust) - Executive Director.
Mrs Ruth Watson (Aust) - Secretarial Assistant.

Apologies: Mrs Jill Bennell, Treasurer (UK); Lt Col Ken Grapes, Past President (UK);
Mr Heinz Nouwens and Mrs Riekje Nouwens-van Weert (Netherlands)
Mr Michael Roberts and Mrs Gerta Roberts (UK).

A Minute's Silence in honour of President Emeritus Mr Richard (Dick) Balfour and Mr James (Jim) Naylor, WFRS Treasurer 1994-2000 was observed.

Item 1. The President asked for a roll call and the above responded as voting delegates to Council. Dr Meylan explained that he had scheduled two Council meetings at this Convention, so that the items in his President's report which had been circulated to all Member Countries during May 2009 could be discussed at the first meeting together with other agenda items, and where appropriate, a final decision made at Council 2.

Item 2. Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held in Osaka on the 16th May 2006 had been previously distributed and were confirmed.

Item 3. Report of the Executive Committee

3.1 The President's Report.

Dr Hashmi (Pakistan) congratulated the President on his report.

1. Dr Wagner (Romania) reported his concern about declining membership, and the need for younger people. He suggested that each Member Country be asked for an annual report, which detailed their activities and membership numbers.

2. Annual Subscription

The President suggested that the annual subscription amount be increased from 50 pound pa to 100 pounds pa. He expressed his concerns regarding the Federation's finance and gave a number of illustrations why he felt this was not a significant increase. After 3 years experience, he felt that the President should be entitled to one overseas trip each year, paid for by the Federation, and that Vice Presidents should be able to visit each country in their region. Delegates should also consider whether office bearers should receive some remuneration. At present, we were very fortunate that office bearers worked in a voluntary capacity. He asked for delegates comments, so that a decision could be taken at Council 2.

Comments received included

- smaller societies could not afford a huge increase.
- two levels of subscription were unwise, because larger societies paying a higher rate, could in the future request an increase in the number of votes.
The President was adamant that the voting procedure not be changed, i.e. one country, one vote.
- As some countries were experiencing declining membership numbers they may experience difficulty meeting this increase.
- As the largest expenditure in the budget goes to the Publications Committee, Mrs Freeman suggested that any decision be deferred until the budget for the next 3 years had been approved. In her opinion, there could be difficulties in doubling the annual subscription.
- It is clear when the reports are perused, the Federation needs to find a way of increasing our receipts and curtailing expenditure.
 - Greater use of technology.
 - Looking at sponsorship
 - Use of our logo by fertiliser companies and breeders.
 - Product endorsement
 - Not just levies on members, but we need to look at new ways of raising capital.

Item 4. Finance Report.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the Executive Director presented the following -

4.1 The Full Statutory Accounts and Directors' and Trustees' Reports for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 had been circulated and approved.

4.2 Abbreviated Audited Financial Statements 2007 and to the Year End 31 December 2008.

4.3. Draft Three-Year account (Income and Expenditure) 2007, 2008 and 2009

4.4. Balance Sheet Comparison as at 30 April 2009

4.5. Membership subscriptions list 2009

4.6. Notes on Bad Debt Provision

4.7. Budget (Income and Expenditure) 2010/2011/2012

4.8. Notes on Budget

The Treasurer had expressed concerns during the Executive Committee Meeting

No 1, at the cost of issuing unlimited Garden plaques and suggested a limit of 5 be placed on the number of awards approved.

Mr Spriggs, Chairman of the Awards Committee was not in agreement with any limitations on the number of Garden Awards approved. If the Garden met the criteria, it should be honoured.

Mr Trimper mentioned that the budgeted expenditure for the next three years appeared conservative. Limitation on garden plaques was unacceptable, and perhaps we should consider Member Countries contributing toward the cost of the plaque for their successful garden.

4.9 Unfinancial Members. It was agreed that Bangladesh and Poland be

transferred to an 'Inactive List' and the outstanding subscription were to be written off. It was also resolved that in future, where a member country's subscription remained outstanding for more than 2 consecutive years, that Society would also be placed on the Inactive list.

The WFRS website would still include the member on the Member Rose Societies page, with a notation of being inactive, but with no further details of the Society. An application to re-instate their membership would be reconsidered by the Executive Committee.

Annual Subscription. Members were reminded that their subscription must be remitted in pounds sterling, as conversion of other currencies incurred a fee, resulting in a shortfall each year. The possibility of having subscriptions paid by direct debit to the Member Countries account was to be investigated.

4.10 It was agreed that W Sutton & Co, Macclesfield, UK be appointed the Federation's auditor for the next 3 years.

Item 5. Proposed Amendments to the Articles of Association.

The following amendments, as recommended by the Executive Committee, were approved -

**ARTICLE 1,
Name and Office.**

Replaced with

The name of this Company incorporated on 6 June 1997 under the Companies Act 1985 of the United Kingdom as a company limited by guarantee, Registration Number 3382562, and registered as a Charity in the United Kingdom under the number 1063582, shall be the "World Federation of Rose Societies" (herein referred to as the "Federation"). The registered office of the Federation shall be situated in England and Wales and the principal business office shall be the address of the current Executive Director. The Executive Committee is also the Board of Directors. The text of the Articles of Association is in English and the text in any other language is a translation thereof. In the case of conflict between any two texts the English text shall take precedence.

**ARTICLE IV
Honorary Offices and Titles**

Section 1. Replaced with

The honorary title of President Emeritus may be bestowed by the Federation on a proposal of its Executive Committee and with the approval of Council upon any Past President the Federation thus chooses to honour. A limit of not more than two such titles is authorized.

Addition of new Section 2 -

The honorary title of Editor Emeritus may be bestowed by the Federation on a proposal of its Executive Committee and with the approval of Council upon any Past Editor of World Rose News the Federation thus chooses to honour. A limit of not more than two such titles is authorized.

**ARTICLE IV
Management**

Section 2. Replaced with

Meetings of the Council. The Council shall hold a meeting at each Triennial World Rose Convention. Additional meetings of the Council may be requested by two Members or ten per cent of the Members whichever is greater. The Executive Director shall call such a meeting of the Council not later than eight weeks after receipt of such a request. Any Members calling for a meeting of the Council shall give to the Executive Director full particulars of the business to be transacted not less than 30 days before the meeting is to be held. Questions arising at the meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Section 5. – Replaced with

Chairman. The President or in his absence any Vice President shall preside as chairman of the Council, but if neither the President, nor any Vice President be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the Council shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

Section 7. Replaced with

Voting. Subject to these Articles, every Member shall have one vote, but Associate Members and Breeders' Club Members shall have no vote. No Member shall be entitled to vote at a Council Meeting unless all moneys then payable by it to the Federation have been paid. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive. A vote must be made by a Delegate of the Member in person with the exception of the triennial election of any officer, or other important business as may be decided by the EC, by post, facsimile transmission or other electronic means provided such vote is received by the Executive Director not less than seven days before the election to which it relates. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded by the chairman; or by at least two Members having the right to vote at the meeting.

In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

Section 8. Replaced with
Minutes. The Executive Director shall keep minutes in books kept for that purpose; (a) of all appointments of officers made by the Council and (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee, and other committees.

Section 9. Replaced with
Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, Regional Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, Executive Director and all Past Presidents. The Executive Director and all Past Presidents shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The President shall act as Chairman of each meeting unless absent, when the meeting shall select a chairman for that meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Council between international conventions and may exercise such authority in the management of the business of the Federation. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the committee either assembled in person or by telephone, or by correspondence, written or electronic via electronic ballot of all voting members provided a majority cast ballots. The Executive Committee may not take any action to increase the indebtedness of the Federation beyond the limit previously established by Council or approve any expenditure. The constitution quorum, and terms of reference of all council committees shall be established by the Executive Committee and published in an appropriate document. The Executive Committee may not take any action which would represent a departure from the stated goals of the Federation without prior approval of the Council. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Nine officers shall constitute a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have a second casting vote.

ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

Section 4. Replaced with
Executive Director. The Executive Director shall act as Secretary of the Federation, the Council, the Executive and other Council Committees; shall keep a true record of the proceedings and all votes cast at each meeting of the Federation, the Council and the Executive Committee; shall notify each Member of the Council and the Executive Committee of all meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee; shall keep a record of all members of the Federation and their last-known address; shall account to the Treasurer at reasonable times for all monies received from the membership or otherwise; and shall perform such other duties as may be established by the Council and Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall, under the direction of the President (a) on a day-to-day basis manage the Federation's business; (b) be responsible for promoting the work of the Federation; (c) receive and record membership; (d) keep regular records, (e) communicate when required to Member countries with summaries of any meetings, (f) conduct the general business activities and projects of the Federation and carry out the policies and recommendations of the Council and the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall keep the Executive Committee advised of any significant administrative and policy matters which may arise.

ARTICLE IX Nominations and Elections

Section 1. Replaced with
Nominations for President, Vice Presidents and Treasurer, may only be made by a Member, with the approval of the nominee. Such nominations will be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 3 months prior to the Triennial International Convention, who will then forward such nominations to each Member at least 45 days before the Triennial International Convention.

ARTICLE XIII Indemnity

Replaced with -
Subject to the provisions of the Act every Member and any member of the Executive Committee or other officer or auditor of the Federation shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Federation against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Federation.

Article XIV replaced with ARTICLE XIV Rules

Section 2. Replaced with
The Rules of the Federation may only be added to, amended or rescinded after thirty days notice has been given to all Members and either at a meeting of the Council and then only with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members represented and voting at such a meeting or when it is not practicable for a meeting of the Council to be held by a postal, electronic or fax vote of the Members and then only with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the Members from whom votes are received. In either case each Member shall have one vote.

Item 6. Any other Business

6.1 Mrs Macgregor moved that Two Thousand pounds sterling be donated to the

David Ruston Sculpture Appeal.

The President pointed out that whilst this was a most worthy appeal, this is an Australian project and not a WFRS one, and expressed his embarrassment that this had been raised in the presence of Mr Ruston, who had only just been honoured with the title President Emeritus.

Mrs Macgregor withdrew her proposal.

It was agreed that the WFRS would send a letter of support to the Sculpture Appeal Committee, and also write to its Member Countries suggesting they consider making a donation to the Appeal.

6.2 Mr Elliott requested permission to read a letter from the Chairman of the Convention Committee Mrs Lois Tabb.

The President asked that it be presented to the Convention Committee later that day.

6.3 Mr Trimper requested

1. The Promotions Committee consider partnering with commercial organisations for reciprocal arrangements.

2. The Breeders' Club consider allowing for a fee, the use of our logo on a rose that has achieved an honour.

E.g. – "This rose is recommended by the WFRS".

The President responded that these items will be discussed at the Promotions and Endorsements Committee meeting next Tuesday.

The President thanked the delegates for their contribution to the discussions and closed the meeting.

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THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
15th World Rose Convention
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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING No 2

held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, Tuesday 23rd June, 2009 at 1815hrs.

Present: The Chairman, President Dr Gérald Meylan, (Switzerland)

Item 1. The President asked for a roll call and the following responded as voting delegates to Council:

Argentina	Mrs Nilda Crivelli
Australia	Mr Kelvin Trimper (Voting) and Mrs Margaret Macgregor
Austria	Dr Gérald Meylan
Belgium	Mr Frans Thomas (Voting) and Baroness Marie Louise Velge
Bermuda	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Canada	Ms Shari-Lyn Safir (Voting) and Mrs Ethel Freeman (Past President)
Chile	Mrs Isa Maria Bozzollo
China	Mr Wang Hui
France	Prof Maurice Jay
Germany	Mr Bernd Weigel
Great Britain	Mrs Ann Bird (Voting) and Mrs Jill Bennell
Greece	Mrs Helga Brichet, (Past President)
Italy	Mrs Beatrice Barni
Japan	Mr Yohsaku Shibuya (Voting) and Mr Katsuhiko Maebara
Luxembourg	Mrs Hélène Heldenstein
New Zealand	Mr Peter Elliott
Pakistan	Dr Mahmooda Hashmi (Voting) and Mr Mian Zaraf Iqbal
Slovenia	Mr Vladimir Vremec
South Africa	Mrs Sheenagh Harris
Spain	Mrs Matilde Ferrer
Switzerland	Mrs Gret Sutter-Suter
Uruguay	Mrs Mercedes Villar
USA	Mr Steve Jones (Voting) and Mrs Jolene Adams

Mr David Ruston (Aust) President Emeritus
Dr Tommy Cairns, (USA) Immediate Past President
Mr Takamasa Tsuge, (Japan) Vice President Far East

Observers Mrs Henrienne de Briey (Belgium); Mrs Mary Frick (Aust);
Mr Paul Graber (Canada); Mrs Anne Graber (Canada); Mr Ed Griffith (USA);
Prof Akira Ogawa (Japan); Lt Col S.A. Shakoor (Pakistan);
Mr Ian Spriggs (Aust); Mr Tomoo Tsuchiya (Japan); Masayo Imai (Japan)

In attendance: Mr. Malcolm Watson (Aust) - Executive Director.
Mrs Ruth Watson (Aust) - Secretarial Assistant.

Apologies: Lt Col Ken Grapes, Past President (UK);
Mr Michael Roberts and Mrs Gerta Roberts (UK).

Item 2. Financial Report.

2.1 Adoption of the budget 2009/2010/2011

Following considerable discussion centred on the expenditure figures in the budget, the Treasurer responded that she had already allowed a slight increase in these figures, (detailed in the supporting notes that had been distributed to all countries). With the changes that had been agreed with the distribution of World Rose News and Rose Directory a saving of approximately £4000per annum is anticipated. However it was agreed that the expenditure amounts be increased by 5% per year to cover inflationary increases. The Treasurer advised that she would prepare an updated budget sheet and distribute to all Members.

2.2 Review of Annual Subscription.

Dr Meylan had recommended in his Presidential Report that the subscription be increased from £50 to £100 per annum. It was agreed, in view of the current worldwide financial crisis, that the subscriptions be increased to £60 per annum.

Item 3. Report of Standing Committees:

3.1 Awards Committee

Mr Spriggs reported that the following nominees had been successful in the ballots at the Awards Committee Meeting -

Award of Garden Excellence – 9 Nominations

1. **Morwell Centenary Rose Garden**, Australia
2. **Beaujoire Rose Garden**, France.
3. **City of Glasgow International Rose Trial Garden**,
Tollcross Park, Scotland
4. **Jindai Botanical Rose Garden**, Japan
5. **Roserar de Cervantes**, Spain
6. **Shenzhen Renmin Park**, China
7. **Roseral da Quinta do Arco**, Portugal

WFRS Literary Awards – 10 Nominations

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 | <p>Rosenwelten –Bernd Weigel, Klaus-Jürgen Strobel;
Marschall, Sabine Kübler, Hella Brumme,
Pfliegensdörfer,
Volker Wissemann.</p> <p>The Quest for the Black Rose – Ingrid Verdegem,
Anne –Sophie Rondeau, Anne Ronse.</p> <p>All About Roses – Dr Tommy Cairns.</p> <p>Tea Roses – Old Roses for Warmer Gardens -
Lynne Chapman, Noelene Drage, Di Durston,
Jenny Jones, Hillary Merrifield, Billy West.</p> <p>Rose Art – Anne –Sophie Rondeau.</p> <p>Indigenous and Wild Roses of Pakistan –
Dr Mahmooda Hashmi.</p> <p>Lyon-Rose – Pierrick Eberhard.</p> | <p>Thomas
Eilike Vemmer, Peter</p> |
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Mr Spriggs advised Council that there had been considerable discussion concerning the Literary Awards. It was suggested that the rules be reviewed during the next 3 years, and in particular the need for nominated books to be displayed at future Conventions.

Rose Hall of Fame

A more diligent approach from Member Countries was encouraged in relation to both the nominating and returning of votes.

Roses elevated to the Halls of Fame were -

Rose Hall of Fame
Graham Thomas

Old Rose Hall of Fame
Rosa Mundi

3.2 Conservation Committee

Mrs Brichet had chaired the meeting on behalf of Prof Joyaux, with whom we had no contact since 2007. Items discussed at the meeting included –

Restoration of the rose garden in Budapest.

It was understood, no further action had been taken at this time.

Restricted Funds of the Committee had been transferred by the Treasurer to an investment account.

The World Core Collection – Conservation of Wild Species

The future Chairman and herself had spoken to Jolene Adams who will contact Marily Young in this regard.

The incoming Chairman is particularly interested in a project regarding wild roses as far as research is concerned, and we are hopeful there will be co-operation

between research institutes from around the world.

A number of reports received from members on activities being undertaken in their countries.

Mrs Brichet introduced the incoming Chairman - Mrs Marijke Peterich.

3.3 Convention Liaison Committee

The President advised members that the

- 2015 World Rose Convention would be held in Lyon France, hosted by the French Rose Society. The City of Lyon was providing full support to the event.
- 2018 World Rose Convention.
An expression of interest had been received from the German Rose Society to hold this Convention in Sangerhausen, Germany.
- Regional Conventions
From the 27th April – 1st May 2010 the first regional convention in China would be held in Changzhou.
In May 2011 Sakura Japan will host the WFRS International Heritage Rose Conference.

3.4 Heritage Roses Committee

Mr David Ruston reported that it was agreed that future Heritage Conferences would be held every three years, in the year preceding the World Rose Convention.

Future WFRS International Heritage Rose Conferences would be held under the auspices of the WFRS, and as such a levy of £10 per registrant would be payable to the Federation.

The date of Heritage Roses has been agreed as '1900'.

His committee would continue to issue two bulletins each year, and he encouraged contributions.

3.5 Promotions

Dr Meylan advised that the Committee suggested the introduction of a new category of supporter – e.g. Supporter of the WFRS/Patron etc as a means of attracting wider exposure and raising additional income.

The suggestion was approved, subject to

The Executive Committee

investigating a suitable name;

a triennial fee, to be paid electronically.

£25 was suggested.

the benefits;

and also whether this is permissible bearing in mind our status as a registered charity in the U.K.

WFRS Logo.

It was approved that Breeders of roses who had received Hall of Fame honours and publishers of Literary Award winners be permitted to use the WFRS logo free of charge in publicity material as a means of creating awareness of the WFRS.

Partnerships

The Promotions Committee to investigate partnerships/endorsements with major world wide commercial organisations e.g. fertilizer companies etc. so that there may be some mutual financial benefit from that, certainly the Federation would look at receiving royalties. Before approaching any company the Promotions Committee to determine suitable criteria for approval by Council.

This item also needed investigation relating to our Charity Status and would require registration of a trademark.

3.6 Publication Committee

Dr Tommy Cairns advised Council that his Committee had established new guidelines for governance – an editorial policy advisory board, which brings together a group of

people between triennial conventions that will guide the publication of World Rose News.

In the case of World Rose News, it is placed before Council that we go electronic, that is discontinue the hard copy completely, and by doing so save just over 2000 pounds per annum, which is a considerable amount of money. And so if we go electronically we can despatch the bulletin a lot easier to the 41 members, as well as additional lists of emails of officers in the various societies who are members.

It was agreed that -
the WRN be published electronically, up to 4 times per year;
the new Editor be Richard Walsh (Australia);
Web Master and Editor of the Rose Directory be Mrs Ethel Freeman; and Chairman of the Publications Committee be Mrs Helga Brichet.

Dr Cairns concluded his report by thanking Council for 12 years of wonderful memories.

The President congratulated Tommy on being awarded the Editor Emeritus Honour for the work he had undertaken on behalf of the Publications Committee and as Editor of the World Rose News for 12 years.
The Council acknowledged the honour with acclamation.

3.7 Shows Standardisation

Mr Ed Griffith reported that his Committee is recommending the establishment of an 'International Judge' position.

The criteria for this position included

1. The position of 'International Rose Judge' be established for the purpose of identifying those individuals qualified to judge at international shows as well as local shows.
 2. Each individual who wishes to be formally recognized as a 'WFRS International Judge' should make application through their own National Society, to the Chairman of the Shows Standardisation Committee. Candidates for this designation should include their credentials of successful completion of a judging school of a member country as well as experience of actively judging amateur rose shows.
 3. Since each international rose show has a chairman and a chairman of judges, Accredited Judges of Member Countries should inform the chairman of judges during the registration process of the convention that they wish to be considered as a judge in the show.
 4. It is also recommended that each individual recognized as a 'WFRS International Judge' receive from the WFRS a badge stating the designation which can be worn at the time of judging. Each international judge shall be required to pay a small fee for the badge secured from WFRS. (The cost was estimated at £15). The proposal was approved.
- Mrs Harris (South Africa), Mrs Bennell (UK) and the Executive Director to obtain quotes for a suitable badge.

3.8 Rose Classification and Registration Committee

Mr Kelvin Trimper, who chaired the meeting in the absence
Mrs Gerta Roberts, advised the following outcomes -

3.8.1 Rose Code Names. Now available online.

Cost of US\$15 per annum.

Hard copy of publication 'The Official Registry and Checklist – Rosa' is available at a cost of US\$49.95 plus postage. Contains in excess of 33,000 unique cultivars, including all known synonyms for a given cultivar.

3.8.2. Publication of Modern Roses 13.

In view of the large number of complaints received regarding the exclusion of code names from MR12, it has been decided to revert to the format used in MR11. At this stage, no date has been set for the next publication.

It was agreed that the WFRS should suggest to the American Rose Society, as publisher of Modern Roses, they consider an early publication date.

3.8.3 Breeders' Club

Member Countries were to encourage their local rose breeders to join the Breeders' Club.

3.8.4 Breeders' Club Liaison.

It was recommended that a representative from this committee attend the Breeders' Club meetings and a reciprocal arrangement be implemented. This would be referred to the Executive Committee for implementation.

3.8.5 Registration of New Roses.

Member Countries were to encourage local rose breeders to submit full information when registering new roses. A registration form will be included on the WFRS website, and also published in a future edition of World Rose News.

3.9 International Rose Trials (Judging) Committee Trials.

Mr Bernd Weigel presented the following report –

3.9.1 Judging Criteria - point system

Feedback from rose breeders indicate a preference for a uniform judging evaluation system. International panels to be encouraged to use the 100 point system.

3.9.2 Trial Garden Evaluation Technique

Details to be sought from Trial Gardens around the world. Consistency to be sought on the following points -

- Process;
- Growing Conditions;
- Define pointing system;
- Judging procedure' involve a rose breeder in determining parameters.

3.9.3 Liaison with the Breeders' Club.

Reciprocal arrangements for representation on committees -
Breeders'/Classification/Judging.
Referred to Executive Committee for implementation.

3.9.4 WFRS People's Choice Award

To generate publicity for the WFRS, it is recommended that the Federation issue a certificate for use by Trial Gardens throughout the world. This award could be – Children's Favourite; Media Personality; Public Favourite etc. This could be in-conjunction with the International Judging Panel or on a separate occasion.

Agreed.

3.9.5 Potted Roses Trial.

With the trend toward container grown roses, it was suggested that Trial Gardens consider introducing a competition.

Rose Hills will be accepting entries from 2011, and Monaco will have a new trial accepting these roses in 2012.

Item 4. Chairmen of Committees 2009 – 2012

The following appointments were confirmed

Awards Committee	Mr Ian Springs
Breeders' Club	Dr Gérald Meylan
Classification and Registration Committee	Mrs Gerta Roberts
Conservation Committee	Mrs Marijke Peterich
Convention Liaison Committee	appointed by Executive Committee 2.
Heritage Roses Committee	Mr David Ruston
International Rose Trials (Judging) Committee	Mr Bernd Weigel.
Promotions and Endorsements	The President
Publications Committee	Mrs Helga Brichet
Shows Standardisation (Judging) Committee	Mr Ed Griffith

The Honours Committee

The recommendation from the Executive Committee that the following personal be appointed to the Honours Committee was approved -

Chairman – The President

Committee – Immediate Past President Dr Gérald Meylan,

Baroness Marie Louise Velge, Mrs Jill Bennell and Mr Takamasa Tsuge

Item 5. Election of Officers.

Treasurer. Mrs Jill Bennell (United Kingdom) was elected unopposed.

Election of Vice Presidents.

As there was only sufficient nominations to fill the vacancies, the following were elected on a show of hands

Africa	Mr Alan Tew (South Africa)
Australasia	Mr Peter Elliott (New Zealand)
	Mr Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
Central Asia	Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)
Europe	Prof Maurice Jay (France)
	Dr Stefan Wagner (Romania)
	Mrs Ann Bird (United Kingdom)
Far East	Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)
North America	Mr Steve Jones (USA)
	Dr Patrick White (Canada)
South America	Mrs Nilda Crivelli (Argentina)

Election of the President

Mrs Sheenagh Harris (South Africa) was elected unopposed.

Mrs Harris responded, "Thank you Gérald, I hope I can live up to this confidence you have shown in me. Now that this is a reality I really feel quite overwhelmed, I realize it is a great honour not only for me but also for South Africa as well and a huge responsibility. I will do my best for you and for the Federation but I can only do it with your support and by support, I mean your cooperation and loyalty. I can't be doing this with emails being sent around the world, emails that could be destructive and hateful some times and negative. It doesn't do any good for the sender or the receiver. If you have a problem come to me and we'll sort it out at the source. If you don't want to come to me direct, I'm sure Malcolm can handle it very well. We are a team and we need to be seen to be working as a team for the good of the Federation.

Good communication is a very important and integral part of our work as members of the Federation. We need to be seen as team workers. We need to keep in touch with each other to know what is happening in other countries otherwise how can we support each other, and of course if we do keep in touch, we can also learn from each other tremendously.

When Gérald started his term of office 3 years ago one of the first things he did was to ask all the VP's to send in a report to the World Rose News which was then twice a year. You all know, from receiving World Rose News the response was very disappointing. I have a saying "the rot starts at the top" so let's change that. I'm sure Malcolm will give us a gentle reminder.

I am very aware of the 16 illustrious Presidents who have gone before me. Each one has worked hard for the Federation. Each one has built a road or a path for the following President to follow, and here I thank Gérald for the very strong highway he has built to make my path easier. Gérald has made the World Federation a priority in his life for three years – he even gave up his home language for a time, and practiced the language of the Federation. He travelled the world bringing in new member countries, new associates, and he started the Breeders Club. As many of you know he took 116 flights to visit an amazing number of 31 countries. His travel agent is going to miss him and so are we.

I can tell you right now there is no way I can begin to travel in the same way as Gérald. As you know I live at the tip of South Africa, which is probably the furthest point from our many rose societies, but what is more in Africa, we have "mickey mouse money" which doesn't go very far in other countries, but I will do my very best for you

We all know Christina has been the most wonderful help to Gérald and I am hoping she comes with the job!

Gérald has achieved a great deal during his term of office and what is more he has conserved the depleted funds of the Federation. He didn't leave it all to Jill. In every possible way and I intend to follow his example and I have a few ideas of ways we can improve our funds.

I am sure I speak for everyone here as I thank you Gérald and you Christina for all you have done for the Federation, for the selfless way you have worked and handed it over in such good standing. It is a very hard act for me to follow. It actually reminds me of Walter Duncan in Adelaide – many of you will remember when he had to follow Tommy's excellent presentation – he said sitting through Tommy's presentation he felt like an incoming cricket batsman waiting through 300 hundred runs, knowing he was only capable of making 20.

I look forward to working and being in touch with each one of you, and I couldn't be more grateful to have Malcolm Watson and Jill Bennell to keep me on the straight and narrow. Thank you."

Past President, Mrs Ethel Freeman said how happy she was that Sheenagh was now President. She

commented that at the 1985 World Rose Convention in Toronto, Canada, Sheenagh's mother - Mrs Mary Wise was awarded the WFRS Rose Pin for service to the World Federation - she would be so proud of you now.

Item 6. Any other Business

Applications from Changzhou Gardening & Greening Management Bureau (China) and The Associació Amics de les Roses de Dant Feliu de Llobregat (Spain) for Associate Membership had been approved by the Executive Committee and were ratified by Council.

Gérald said it was his last meeting as President. Although he will give his final speech at the Closing Ceremony tomorrow night he wished to thank everyone for their support and loyalty during his term as President, and for their friendship to both he and Christina. He said it would have been impossible to be President by himself and paid particular tribute to his wife Christina. He continued - "Thank you once again for your support and I am very confident that with our new President we can have a good way and after the important Heritage Committee decisions this afternoon, we are all rose lovers under the same umbrella. Thank you again."

The President's closing remarks were acknowledged with acclamation.

The Executive Director reminded Members of the Executive Committee that they will meet at 3.00pm tomorrow afternoon.

The President closed the meeting.

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Member Societies

The World Federation of Rose Societies is the international organisation for 41 National Rose Societies around the world representing more than 100 000 individuals who share a love of the rose.

Argentina	<i>Rose Society of Argentina</i>
Australia	<i>National Rose Society of Australia</i>
Austria	<i>Österreichische Rosenfreunde in der Österreichischen Gartenbau-Gesellschaft</i>
Bangladesh (Inactive)	<i>Bangladesh National Rose Society</i>
Belgium	<i>Société Royale Nationale 'Les Amis de la Rose'/Koninklijke Nationale Maatschappij "De Vrienden van de Roos"</i>
Bermuda	<i>Bermuda Rose Society</i>
Canada	<i>Canadian Rose Society</i>
Chile	<i>Asociación Chilena de la Rosa</i>
China	<i>Chinese Rose Society</i>
Czech Republic	<i>Czech Rosa Club</i>
Denmark	<i>Det Danske Rosenselskab</i>
Finland	<i>Suomen Ruususeura R.Y. – Finska Rosensällskapet R.F.</i>
France	<i>Société Française des Roses</i>
Germany	<i>Gesellschaft Deutscher Rosenfreunde E.V.</i>
Greece	<i>Hellenic Rose Society</i>
Hungary	<i>Hungarian Rose Society</i>
Iceland	<i>Icelandic Rose Society (IRS)</i>
India	<i>Indian Rose Federation</i>
Israel	<i>The Jerusalem Foundation</i>
Italy	<i>Associazione Italiana della Rosa</i>
Japan	<i>Japan Rose Society</i>
Luxembourg	<i>Lëtzeburger Rousefrënn/Association Grand-Ducale des Amis de la Rose</i>
Mongolia	<i>Mongolian Rose Association</i>
Netherlands	<i>De Nederlandse Rozenvereniging</i>
New Zealand	<i>New Zealand Rose Society Inc.</i>
Northern Ireland	<i>Rose Society of Northern Ireland</i>
Norway	<i>Norwegian Rose Society</i>
Pakistan	<i>Pakistan National Rose Society</i>
Poland (Inactive)	<i>Polish Society of Rose Fanciers</i>
Romania	<i>Asociația Amicii Rozelor din Romania</i>
Russia	<i>Russian Association of Rosarians</i>
Serbia	<i>Royal Serbian Rose Society (Kraljevsko Udruženje Ljubitelja Ruza Srbije)</i>
Slovakia	<i>Rosa Klub</i>
Slovenia	<i>Društvo Ljubiteljev Vrtnic Slovenije (Slovenian Rose Society)</i>
South Africa	<i>Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa</i>
Spain	<i>Asociación Española de la Rose</i>
Sweden	<i>Svenska Rosensällskapet</i>
Switzerland	<i>Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde</i>
United Kingdom	<i>Royal National Rose Society</i>
United States of America	<i>American Rose Society</i>
Uruguay	<i>Asociación Uruguaya de la Rose</i>

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES

15th World Rose Convention

Vancouver 2009

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - No. 1.

held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, Saturday 20th June, 2009 at 1400hrs.

Present Chairman: The President, Dr Gerald Meylan (Switzerland)

Immediate Past President - Dr Tommy Cairns (USA);
Mrs Jill Bennell, Treasurer, (United Kingdom);
Vice Presidents for Europe - Professor Maurice Jay (France), Dr Stefan Wagner (Romania);
Vice President North America - Mrs Marijke Peterich (Bermuda);
Vice President South America - Mrs Isa Maria Bozzollo (Chile);
Vice Presidents Australasia - Mrs Margaret Macgregor (Australia) and Mr Peter Elliott (New Zealand);
Vice President Central Asia - Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan);
Vice President Far East - Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan);
Vice President Africa - Mrs Sheenagh Harris (South Africa);
President Emeritus Mr David Ruston (Australia);
Past Presidents - Mrs Ethel Freeman (Canada), Mrs Helga Brichet (Italy),

Also in attendance: Mrs Christina Meylan (Interpreter, Switzerland),
The Executive Director, Mr Malcolm Watson (Australia), and
Mrs Ruth Watson (Secretarial Assistant - Australia)

A Minute's Silence in honour of President Emeritus Mr Richard (Dick) Balfour and Mr James (Jim) Naylor, WFRS Treasurer 1994-2000 was observed.

Item 1. Apologies for Absence: Lt Col Ken Grapes, Past President (UK),
Mr Lars-Åke Gustavsson, Vice President Europe (Sweden),
Mrs Rachel Flood, Vice President North America (Canada).

Item 2. Confirmation of the Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held in Adelaide on the 24th October, 2008 had been circulated and were confirmed.

Item 3. President's Report: Dr Meylan's report (copy had been distributed) detailed the progress the Federation had achieved over the past 3 years, and raised a number of discussion points, some of which were discussed at the relevant Standing Committee.

VP visiting member countries within their region.

EC Video conferencing Dr Cairns congratulated the President on encouraging the use of modern technology, and hoped this would be of benefit to the organisers of the 2012 Convention.

VP allowance

Annual Subscription increase

Classification/Registration and Breeders' Club collaboration

Rose Conservation Database

Database of all rose books/publications

Convention Liaison Committee

Rose Trials – Similarity between trial grounds

Publications Committee

Show Judges – Training of new judges.

Item 4. Financial Report. Mrs Jill Bennell reported that -

4.1. The Full Statutory Accounts and Directors' and Trustees' Reports for the years 2006, 2007 and 2008 had been circulated and approved.

4.2. Abbreviated Audited Financial Statements 2007 and to the Year End 31 December 2008.

4.3. Draft Three-Year account (Income and Expenditure) 2007, 2008 and 2009.

4.4. Balance Sheet Comparison as at 30 April 2009.

4.5. Membership subscriptions list 2009.

4.6. Notes on Bad Debt Provision.

4.7. Budget (Income and Expenditure) 2010/2011/2012.

4.8. Notes on Budget.

Mrs Bennell thanked all EC Members who had kept expenditure to a minimum, especially the President, Executive Director and the World Rose News Editor, however there were ongoing problems in collecting the annual subscription. She commented that on occasions the funds were not being remitted in pounds sterling, resulting in a conversion fee being deducted from the remittance with a resultant shortfall.

Unfinancial Members It was agreed that Bangladesh and Poland be transferred to an 'Inactive List' and the outstanding subscriptions were to be written off. It was also resolved that in future, where a member country's subscription remained outstanding for more than 2 consecutive years, that Society would also be placed on the 'Inactive List'. The WFRS website would still include the member on the Member Rose Societies page, with a notation of being inactive, but with no further details of the Society. An application to re-instate their membership would be considered by the EC.

Budget Forecast for 2010/2011/2012 The Treasurer expressed concern at the cost of issuing Garden plaques and suggested a limit of 5 be placed on the number of awards approved. It was agreed that a recommendation to the Awards Committee be that we must honour the criteria with no restrictions on the number approved.

Annual Subscription. The suggestion in the President's report that the subscription amount of Member Countries be increased to 100 pounds per

annum was discussed at length and not supported. As some countries were experiencing declining membership numbers they may experience difficulty meeting this increase. Other suggestions put forward included the implementation of 2 levels of membership subscription, based on Society membership numbers. This proposal was also not supported, as the EC was adamant that each Member Country must have only one vote, and a two level structure may imply a different importance of Membership.

The President requested that the Federation's thanks be recorded to acknowledge the professional manner in which Mrs Bennell had discharged her duties as Treasurer.

Item 5. Reports by the Regional Vice Presidents.

Mrs Sheenagh Harris – Currently had 10 Societies within the Federation of Rose Societies of South Africa, with only one increasing membership. They were working enthusiastically toward the 2012 WRC.

Mr Peter Elliott reported that there had been a slight decrease in numbers in New Zealand, and were finding it difficult to attract younger members and to host national events, however the next three years had been allocated. There was a contingent of Kiwis in Vancouver.

Mrs Margaret Macgregor was pleased to report that membership in Australia was stable, and the Rose Society of SA's Regional Convention was an outstanding success attracting 350 registrants from around the world. Victoria has an aging membership population. The 30 - 40 year olds were not interested in joining a society as the web site was available for knowledge.

Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal reported "that he had attended the 25th Silver Jubilee Conference and Rose Festival of the Indian Rose Federation (IRF) held at Pune, India. It was his pleasure to present the Award of Garden Excellence to the Centenary Rose Garden of Tamil Nadu. He presented on behalf of the Pakistan National Rose Society (PNRS) 5 Gold Medals to eminent rosarians of India. Early 2009 he was again invited by the IRF to attend their Rose Festival, however was unable to obtain a visa.

He was very sad to mention that in spite of his best endeavours, the Bangladesh Rose Society did not respond to his correspondence. Receipt of the World Rose News was most helpful for promoting the rose and he has distributed photocopies to the Pakistan Rose Society which kept them abreast of the activities of the WFRS. He was encouraging Iran, Dubai and Abu-Dhabi to raise rose societies. On an invitation from the Abu-Dhabi government he had visited them to plan a rose garden for them, and also offered to provide them with rose plants free of cost on behalf the PNRS. In April every year PNRS organises a Rose Festival which he attends and which are always a great success. Patron and Editor of the PRNS Dr Mahmooda Hashmi has always been highlighting the usefulness of the

World Federation and the International Heritage that PNRS has with the rose world.

As the late Mr Dick Balfour is no longer with us, his demise is not only a great loss to the rose world, but has also deprived me of a great friend. It was on his inspiration that PNRS was raised by me in 1988 with our Rosarian friend in Pakistan."

Mr Takamasa Tsuge advised that after the 2006 World Convention in Osaka, he had worked with the Chinese Rose Society to open up to the rose world. On several occasions he met with Dr Meylan in China, and was pleased that the Changzhou Convention was approved. He was also pleased that in 2011 Sakura Tokyo is holding the International Heritage Conference - he is a member of the organising committee. He had also been to South Korea and although they don't have a rose society, only government research institution, there were rosarians, and he is trying his best to organise a society to enable membership of the Federation. The current turmoil in that region has upset South Korea severely, and he will monitor the situation before contacting again.

A letter had been received from the Japan Rose Society, expressing concern at the acceptance by the WFRS of the nomination of Mr Takamasa Tsuge as Vice President, by the Chinese Rose Society. It was agreed that the Far East Region comprises Japan and China, and the Vice President is responsible for both Member Countries.

Members agreed that Mr Tsuge as VP for the Far East was fulfilling his duties to both Countries and the Federation and had their full support.

Dr Stefan Wagner reported that he had worked hard with various countries in his region, but is unable to visit all countries as it is too vast. Dr Wagner had held discussions with Hungary, Mongolia and Serbia regarding their successful applications to join the Federation, as he felt it was vital to its ongoing success to continue attracting additional new members. Visits to Bulgaria and Moldavia had not progressed due to the political situation in these areas. He has encouraged all Societies in his region pay their subscriptions. Dr Wagner encouraged the incoming President to obtain a yearly report from each Society detailing membership numbers and activities.

Mrs Marijke Peterich said that Bermuda Society is aging as are all Societies. They are slowly increasing their membership, have a new President and are actively trying to involve students and their parents. She has had no response from the islands such as Jamaica.

Prof Maurice Jay advised that he attended two Regionals – Orleans and Luxembourg and the last two years Avignon had an exhibition of new roses, titled "The Rose in the Garden". He has tried to visit all trials in his region throughout the past 3 years. The French Rose Society is a candidate to host the 2015 WRC. Dr Meylan reported that Prof Jay will assume the office of President of the French Rose Society in July.

Mrs Isa Maria Bozzollo said that their group is small, comprising only 28 members. The Santiago Regional was very successful with 108 registrants.

Past President Mr David Ruston reported for the World Heritage Rose Society advising their World Convention, planned to be held in Madeira in May this year, had been cancelled. It had been decided to hold their events every three years, commencing in 2011 in Sakura Japan. Subsequent conventions would therefore be held in the year preceding the World Rose Conventions.

Item 6. Articles of Association: The proposed alterations, covering

1. Article VI, Management, Section 9, - Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, Regional Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, Executive Director and all Past Presidents. The Executive Director and all Past Presidents shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The President shall act as Chairman of each meeting unless absent, when the meeting shall select a chairman for that meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Council between international conventions and may exercise such authority in the management of the business of the Federation. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the committee **either** assembled in person or by telephone, or by correspondence, written or electronic **via electronic ballot of all voting members provided a majority cast ballots**. The Executive Committee may not take any action to increase the indebtedness of the Federation beyond the limit previously established by Council or approve any expenditure. The constitution quorum, and terms of reference of all council committees shall be established by the Executive Committee and published in an appropriate document. The Executive Committee may not take any action which would represent a departure from the stated goals of the Federation without prior approval of the Council. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. **Nine Five** officers shall constitute a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have a second casting vote.

2. Minor typographical corrections detailed by the Executive Director in Attachment A, and

3. Inclusion of a new article –
ARTICLE IV

Honorary Offices and Titles

Section 2.

The honorary title of Editor Emeritus may be bestowed by the Federation on a proposal of its Executive Committee and with the approval of Council upon any Past Editor of World Rose News the Federation thus chooses to honour. A limit of not more than two such titles is authorized.

were adopted and would be referred to the Council for ratification.

Item 7. Standing Committees, Composition and Procedures

New Guidelines -

7.1 Breeders' Club.

The following addition covering the operation of the Breeders' Club was approved.

A. Composition

- (1) The President
 -) Ex
 - (2) The Hon. Treasurer
 -) Officio
 - (3) Authorised representatives of Members of the Breeders' Club.
- In attendance: The Executive Director

B. Quorum

A majority of members, provided that this does not fall below 5 members.

C. Duties

- (1) To strengthen ties between professional and amateurs, at the same time encouraging discussion and exchange of opinions between its members.
- (2) Explore the possibility for breeders to be present as exhibitors or lecturers at regional and world conventions.
- (3) Review the guidelines and co-ordination of international rose trials.
- (4) Prepare written articles for inclusion in the World Rose News.
- (5) To collaborate with the Registration and Classification Committee.

7.2 Heritage Roses Committee – As the suggested procedures and composition document had been recommended at the Adelaide Regional in October 2008, the document was referred to the Heritage Roses Standing Committee for discussion.

7.3 Proposed Reviews of Existing Procedures

7.3.1 Item 7 The Convention Committee

The amendments/additions as outlined in attachment B were approved.

The meeting was adjourned 4.15pm.

The President reconvened the meeting at 8.00am on Sunday 21st June, 2009

7.3.2. Item 10. The Publications Committee

Two proposals had been received

and distributed, and following considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Publication Committee operate under the following composition and procedures -

A. COMPOSITION

The President } Ex-officio
 The Hon Treasurer } Ex-officio
 The Editor World Rose News
 The Webmaster for WFRS Website
 The Editor Rose Directory
 One delegate from each Member Country
 In attendance: The Executive Director

B. QUORUM

A majority of Members, provided that this does not fall below 12 Members.

C. EDITORIAL BOARD

Between World Rose Conventions, the work of the committee to be carried out by an Editorial Board consisting of:-

The Chairman of the Publications Committee
 The President
 The Immediate Past President
 The Editor, World Rose News
 The Webmaster
 The Editor, Rose Directory
 The Executive Director
 The Hon Treasurer (Ex Officio)
 Two other Members
 Quorum: 5 Members

D. DUTIES

- Establish policy for the content of World Rose News.
- Establish a budget and schedule for the production of World Rose News for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Nominate an Editor for the World Rose News for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Establish policy for the content of the Rose Directory.
- Establish a budget and schedule for the production of the Rose Directory for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Nominate an Editor for the Rose Directory for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Establish policy for the content of the WFRS Website.
- Establish a budget for the WFRS website for approval by the Executive Committee.
- Nominate a Webmaster for the WFRS Website for approval by the Executive Committee.
- To be responsible for any other WFRS publications that may be approved by Executive Committee.

WORLD ROSE NEWS

Dr Cairns highlighted the need for change in the way we distributed WRN recognizing that communication with and between Member Countries is at the very core of the mission of WFRS, the time has arrived to take full advantage of the advent of high speed internet access across the world. Converting to this manner of distribution would save the Federation 2000 pounds per annum.

It is an obligation of WFRS, as a registered Charity in England, to disseminate rose news and information to its Members and the general public whenever possible.

It was approved, that -

1. Future editions of WRN go completely electronic, with distribution to Member Countries, Associate Members, Breeders' Club, Members of the Executive Committee and Chairmen of Standing Committees. It would be the Member Societies responsibility to forward the material to their members.

2. The frequency of WRN be a maximum of 4 issues per annum, and not less than 2 issues at the discretion of the Editorial Committee.

To was also agreed that Richard Walsh (Australia) be appointed the WFRS Editor, effective immediately.

Item 8. Committee Appointments

The following appointments were agreed

8.1 Honours Committee

The President; The Immediate Past President Dr Gérald Meylan; Baroness Marie Louise Velge (Belgium); Mrs Jill Bennell (UK); Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan).

8.2 Chairmen of Standing Committees

Awards Committee
 Mr Ian Spriggs (Aust)
 Breeders' Club
 Dr Gerald Meylan (Swi)
 Classification and Registration Mrs Gerta Roberts (UK)
 Conservation
 Mrs Marijke Peterich (Ber)
 Convention
 EC 2 to make this decision
 Heritage Roses
 Mr David Ruston (Aust)
 International Rose Trials
 Mr Bernd Weigel (Germany)
 Promotions and Endorsements The WFRS President
 Show Standardisation
 Mr Ed Griffith (USA)
 Publications
 Mrs Helga Brichet (Italy)

Item 9. Appointment recommendation to Publications Committee

9.1 Rose Directory and Webmaster – Mrs

Ethel Freeman.

The Committee expressed its very grateful thanks to Mrs Freeman for the work she had undertaken to maintain the website and directory over the past 3 years.

Mrs Freeman queried the necessity for the production and distribution of the Rose Directory.

After discussion, and although it was difficult obtaining information from some sources, it was agreed that its compilation was beneficial, and should be continued.

Item 10. World Rose Conventions

10.1 WRC 2012 South Africa

Mrs Harris reported that Ludwig Taschner had resigned as a co-convenor of the convention, and Mrs Diana Girdwood, who has her own convention company has been co-opted as his replacement and was attending this Convention. It was hoped that Mr Taschner would continue to support the Convention as there was a day visit to his rose farm planned. He had also been responsible for obtaining a considerable sponsorship. Planning had centred on production of a preliminary programme brochure and this had been distributed to all registrants. A promotional table is situated at the Westin Bayshore with publicity material. They had settled on two hotels, situated a block apart, one more expensive than the other - one of which has an internal passage to a large shopping mall for convenience of residents.

The Convention Centre is located not far away from the Hotels, where lectures, the exhibition and photographic exhibition will be held. A shuttle bus will be in operation.

10.2 Application to Host WRC 2015. An application from the French Rose Society had been received, and Prof Maurice Jay will make a presentation to the Convention Committee.

Item 11. Regional Conventions

11.1 2010 Regional Convention 27 April - 5 May Changzhou China

Full details will be available in September, and they are expecting 150 overseas visitors.

Post Tour will be conducted to Beijing. Mrs Freeman requested that the Executive Director keep her as web mistress informed of all details.

11.2 2011 Heritage Conference Sakura Japan 28th May

Mr Tsuge reported that brochures were being prepared, the committee hoped there would be at least 400 registrants. A post tour would be held to Gifu and Echigo Rose Garden.

11.3 Dr Cairns reported that he hoped there would be a World Rose Forum 2 in October 2011 in conjunction with the ARS Fall Convention.

11.4 An expression of interest in hosting the 2018 WRC had been received from the German

Rose Society.

Item 12. Change of Name – Della Balfour Medal

The request from the Pakistan National Rose Society to change the name of the Della Balfour Medal to the Richard and Della Balfour Medal had previously been circulated and approved.

The 2009 Medal would be presented at the closing ceremony.

Item 13. Any other Business

13.1 Application for Associate Membership

The following applications were approved - Associació Amics De Les Roses De Sant Feliu De Llobregat,

Barcelona Spain and
Changzhou Gardening & Greening
Management Bureau Changzhou, Jiangsu, China

13.2 Unlocated 2006 Hall of Fame Rose Painting – Pierre de Ronsard

Dr Cairns advised that he had arranged a replacement painting at a cost of US \$225.

The Japanese Rose Society had advised that they were prepared to meet the cost, however Dr Cairns informed the meeting that he would pay for the replacement painting.

The President thanked Dr Cairns who advised that the painting would be presented to Alain Meilland at the lecture session – “Meet the Rose Hybridisers” on the 24th June.

13.3 Mrs Macgregor said that this was her final meeting, as she had completed the maximum term of 9 years. She was very sad to be finishing and commented it was vital that we view the concept of the whole world. Mr Elliott moved a vote of thanks.

The President reported that this was his final meeting as Chairman of the Executive Committee, and thanked retiring Members – Mrs Margaret Macgregor (Australia), Mrs Rachel Flood (North America) – who is desperately ill, Mr Lars-Åke Gustavsson (Europe), Mrs Marijke Peterich (North America), Mrs Isa Maria Bozzollo (South America) and then presented a personal souvenir from Geneva to the VPs who had not already been presented with a similar gift.

Dr Cairns said to Gérald “that he had served with dignity, with honour, with loyalty to the goals of the Federation and you deserve the accolades of us all.”

Members honoured the President with a standing ovation.

Item 14. Close Meeting

The President closed the meeting.

Attachment A –

World Federation of Rose Societies

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

(Proposed June 2009)

ARTICLE I

Name and Office

The name of this Company incorporated on 6 June 1997 under the Companies Act 1985 of the United Kingdom as a company limited by guarantee, Registration Number 3382562, and registered as a Charity in the United Kingdom under the number 1063582, shall be the "World Federation of Rose Societies" (herein referred to as the "Federation"). The registered office of the Federation shall be situated in England and Wales and the principal business office shall be the address of the current Executive Director. The Executive Committee ~~are~~ is also the Board of Directors. The text of the Articles of Association is in English and the text in any other language is a translation thereof. In the case of conflict between any two texts the English text shall take precedence.

ARTICLE II

Objectives

The Federation's objectives are for the advancement of education for the benefit of the public in Horticulture and in particular in the conservation, cultivation and classification of the Rose (and its cultivars), as detailed in the Memorandum of Association.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1.

The following and no others may be voting Members of the Federation:

- A. A National Rose Society representing its country.
- B. A country or state rose societies or state garden clubs applying jointly where no national rose society exists.

Section 2.

The following may be Associate Members of the Federation:

- A. Horticultural societies and similar horticultural organisations.

Section 3. Breeders' Club

- A. The following may be Professional Industry Members: Rose breeders, introducers and growers.
- B. The Breeders' Club may be composed solely of Professional Industry Members and report to Council only through the Executive Committee.

Section 4.

No body shall be admitted a member of the Federation unless its application for membership is approved by the Council itself or by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Council.

Section 5.

The Council may in its absolute discretion permit any member of the Federation to retire, provided that after such retirement the number of members is not less than two, and the Council may, by a majority of not less than two-thirds, order the removal of the name of any member society from the membership list.

Section 6.

Each Member shall appoint two delegates to act on that Member's behalf. Details of the representatives or any changes to details shall be notified to the Executive Director within fourteen days from the date of appointment or change and in any event prior to any vote of the Council.

ARTICLE IV Honorary Offices and Titles

Section 1.

The honorary title of President Emeritus may be bestowed by the Federation on a proposal of its Executive Committee and with the approval of Council upon any Past President the Federation thus chooses to honour. A limit of not more ~~than~~ two such titles is authorized.

Section 2.

The honorary title of Editor Emeritus may be bestowed by the Federation on a proposal of its Executive Committee and with the approval of Council upon any Past Editor of World Rose News the Federation thus chooses to honour. A limit of not more than two such titles is authorized.

ARTICLE V Dues

Section 1.

Dues shall be established only by Council at a Triennial International Convention.

Section 2.

Annual dues shall be payable January 1 of each year. Members who are delinquent may not vote on issues before the Federation.

ARTICLE VI Management

Section 1.

Council. The Council of the Federation shall consist of the delegates named by the Member countries, but each member country shall have only one vote. The Executive Director and past Presidents of the Federation shall be non-voting members of the Council. The Council shall have ultimate authority to supervise, control and direct the affairs of the Federation.

Section 2.

Meetings of the Council. The Council shall hold a meeting at each Triennial World Rose Convention. Additional meetings of the Council may be requested by two Members or ten per cent of the Members whichever is greater. The ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** shall call such a meeting of the Council not later than eight weeks after receipt of such a request. Any Members calling for a meeting of the Council shall give to the ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** full particulars of the business to be transacted not less than 30 days before the meeting is to be held. Questions arising at the meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the case of an equality of votes, the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Section 3.

Council Delegates. The management of the Federation shall be vested in the Council. This function shall include, among other things: the granting of prizes and awards; the appointment of such agents, servants and committees as it may find necessary; jurisdiction over the procedures and operations of any committee, or agent, whether appointed or elected; authority to provide and approve changes to articles and rules. Council shall be convened at the triennial International Convention.

Section 4.

Quorum. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. Ten delegates entitled to vote upon the business to be transacted, or one third of the total number of such Delegates for the time being, whichever is the greater, shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present within half an hour

from the time appointed for the meeting, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the next day at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Council may determine.

Section 5.

Chairman. The President or in his absence any Vice President shall preside as chairman of the Council, but if neither the President, nor ~~the Immediate Past President~~ any Vice President be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the Council shall elect one of their number to be chairman.

Section 6.

Agenda. An agenda for each general meeting of the council shall be circulated by the Executive Director at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Any Member may place matters on the proposed agenda provided a brief describing the proposed issue be distributed to each Member in accord with these articles and rules established by Council.

Section 7.

Voting. Subject to these Articles, every Member shall have one vote, but Associate Members and ~~Professional Industry Members~~ Breeders' Club Members shall have no vote. No Member shall be entitled to vote at a Council Meeting unless all moneys then payable by it to the Federation have been paid. No objection shall be raised to the qualification of any voter except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting shall be valid. Any objection made in due time shall be referred to the chairman whose decision shall be final and conclusive. A vote must be made by a Delegate of the Member in person with the exception of the triennial election of any officer, or other important business as may be decided by the EC, by post, facsimile transmission or other electronic means provided such vote is received by the Executive Director not less than seven days before the election to which it relates. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless before, or on the declaration of the result of, the show of hands a poll is duly demanded. Subject to the provisions of the Act, a poll may be demanded by the chairman; or by at least two Members having the right to vote at the meeting. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he may have.

Section 8.

Minutes. The Executive Director shall keep minutes in books kept for that purpose; (a) of all appointments of officers ~~may~~ made by the Council and (b) of all proceedings at meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee, and other committees.

Section 9.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Immediate Past President, Regional Vice Presidents, the Treasurer, Executive Director and all Past Presidents. The Executive Director and all Past Presidents shall be non-voting members of the Executive Committee. The President shall act as Chairman of each meeting unless absent, when the meeting shall select a

chairman for that meeting. The Executive Committee shall have the authority of the Council between international conventions and may exercise such authority in the management of the business of the Federation. All decisions of the Executive Committee shall be determined by the committee **either** assembled in person or by telephone, or by correspondence, written or electronic **via electronic ballot of all voting members provided a majority cast ballots**. The Executive Committee may not take any action to increase the indebtedness of the Federation beyond the limit previously established by Council or approve any expenditure. The constitution quorum, and terms of reference of all council committees shall be established by the Executive Committee and published in an appropriate document. The Executive Committee may not take any action which would represent a departure from the stated goals of the Federation without prior approval of the Council. No business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present. **Nine Five** officers shall constitute a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes, the President shall have a second casting vote.

Section 10.

Regional Vice Presidents. Geographical regions shall only be established by the Council. Changes in the Regional boundaries may be approved by Council from time to time when recommended by the Executive Committee. Each Region shall elect the allotted number of Vice Presidents to serve a three-year term.

Section 11.

Committees. The Committees of the Council may meet by means of telephonic, electronic or other communication facilities and any Member of a committee participating in such a meeting will be deemed to be present in person at such meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in the quorum accordingly. Such meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is, and the word 'meeting' shall be construed accordingly. The reports of the Committees of the Council shall be circulated to all Members. No member of a Committee of the Council may vote at a Council meeting unless he is the appropriate representative/delegate of a Member.

ARTICLE VII Duties of Officers

Section 1.

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and the Executive Committee, and may call special meetings of the Executive Committee; shall keep informed of the work of the Federation and make such reports to the Council as the President deems appropriate or as the Council may request. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, shall appoint such standing, special, or other committees or subcommittees as the President may deem necessary or proper. The President, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee may also appoint ad hoc committees or task forces as deemed necessary or proper. In case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the Immediate Past President shall automatically fill the vacancy. The President

shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2.

Regional Vice Presidents. The Regional Vice Presidents shall represent, supervise and coordinate the work of the Federation within their assigned geographical boundaries; provide articles of interest for publication in the Federation's newsletter; perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section 3.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Council. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment into and out of the Federation's bank accounts of monies received and expended on behalf of the Federation. The Treasurer shall present all member societies with statements of accounts as and when reasonably required and the annual return of accounts in accordance with the Companies Acts. The Treasurer will present a budget to the Council at each Triennial Convention for each coming term. The budget may only be varied during the term with the two-thirds approval of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall account for all funds of the Federation and shall pay accounts as approved by the President and the Executive Committee. All checks and orders for the payment of monies shall be signed by any two of the following: President, the Immediate Past President, a Vice President, Treasurer and Executive Director.

Section 4.

Executive Director. The Executive Director shall act as Secretary of the Federation, the Council, ~~and~~ the Executive and other Council Committees; shall keep a true record of the proceedings and all votes cast at each meeting of the Federation, the Council and the Executive Committee; shall notify each Member of the Council and the Executive Committee of all meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee; shall keep a record of all members of the Federation and their last-known address; shall account to the Treasurer at reasonable times for all monies received from the membership or otherwise; and shall perform such other duties as may be established by the Council and Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall, under the direction of the President (a) on a day-to-day basis manage the Federation's business; (b) be responsible for promoting the work of the Federation; (c) receive and record membership; (d) keep regular records, (e) communicate when required to Member countries with summaries of any meetings, (f) conduct the general business activities and projects of the Federation and carry out the policies and recommendations of the Council and the Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall keep the Executive Committee advised of any significant administrative and policy matters which may arise.

ARTICLE VIII

Triennial Election - Terms of Office

Section 1.

The Triennial Election by the voting Delegates of the Federation to fill the elective offices of the Federation shall be held at the Council Meeting during the Triennial International Convention. Except to the extent permitted by the memorandum, no member of the Executive Committee shall take or hold any interest in property belonging to the Federation or

receive remuneration or be interested otherwise than as a member of the Executive Committee in any other contract to which the Federation is a party.

Section 2.

The President. The President shall be elected at the Council and shall hold office for one period between successive Triennial International Conventions. The President shall not be eligible for re-election as President for two terms after the expiration of his tenure of office. The President shall be installed during the Closing Ceremonies of the World Rose Convention and shall preside over the Executive Committee at the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Section 3.

The Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be elected by Council and shall hold office for one period between successive International Conventions. The Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election as Treasurer at the next two consecutive International Conventions so long as the tenure of his office has not exceeded nine consecutive years.

Section 4.

Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have authority to negotiate the employment agreement with the Executive Director, including proposed compensation and his or her duties, not inconsistent with duties specifically provided for in these articles.

Section 5.

Regional Vice Presidents. The Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Council and shall hold office for one period between successive Triennial International Conventions. They shall be eligible for re-election as Vice Presidents at the next two consecutive International Conventions so long as the tenure of their office has not exceeded nine consecutive years. The Vice-presidents to be elected should represent the following geographical areas which may be varied from time to time at the Council's discretion: Europe (three Vice Presidents), North America (two Vice Presidents), South America (one Vice President), Africa (one Vice President), Central Asia (one Vice President), Far East (one Vice President), Australasia (two Vice Presidents).

ARTICLE IX

Nominations and Elections

Section 1.

Nominations for President, ~~and~~ Vice Presidents ~~and~~ **Treasurer**, may only be made by a Member, with the approval of the nominee. Such nominations will be forwarded to the Executive Director **at least 3 months prior to the Triennial International Convention**, who will then forward such nominations to each Member at least 45 days before the Triennial International Convention.

Section 2.

The officers shall be elected by the Council at the Triennial International Convention.

Section 3.

Election shall be by poll for each office, unless only one candidate is nominated, in which case the election shall be viva voce. A majority vote shall elect. In the event of a tie, the President shall have the deciding vote.

Section 4.

For the avoidance of doubt any serving officer may continue to serve until his replacement is elected and the Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than three members to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

Disqualification and Removal of Members of the Executive Committee

A member of the Executive Committee shall cease to hold office if he ceases to be a member of the Executive Committee by virtue of any provision in the Act or is disqualified from acting as a member by virtue of section 45 of the Charities Act 1992 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that provision); becomes incapable by reason of mental disorder, illness or injury of managing and administering his own affairs; resigns his office by notice to the Federation (but only if at least two members of the Executive Committee will remain in office when the notice of resignation is to take effect); or is absent without permission of the Executive Committee from 3 consecutive meetings of which he had received notice and at which his attendance was required and the Executive Committee resolve that his office be vacated.

ARTICLE XI

Annual Report and Return

The Federation shall comply with its obligations under the Charities Act 1992 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to preparation of an annual report and its transmission to the Commissioners.

ARTICLE XII

Annual Report and Accounts

The Federation shall comply with its obligations under the Companies Act 1985 (or any statutory re-enactment or modification of that Act) with regard to the preparation of an annual report and accounts and their transmission to the Companies House.

ARTICLE XIII

Indemnity

Subject to the provisions of the Act every Member and any member of the Executive Committee or other officer or auditor of the Federation shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Federation against any liability incurred by him in that capacity in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which **judgment** is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application in which relief is granted to him by the court from liability for negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the affairs of the Federation.

Attachment B

7. The Convention Committee

- a. Composition.
 - (1) The President }
 - (2) The Hon. Treasurer }Ex Officio
 - (3) One delegate from each Member countryIn attendance: The ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director**
- b. Quorum. A majority of the Members, provided that this does not fall below 12 members.
- c. Duties. To consider applications and recommend to Council the allocation of World Rose Conventions.

Section 1.

The Council or the Executive Committee with the approval of the Council may from time to time make such standing rules as they deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Federation and for the purposes of prescribing classes of and conditions of membership, and in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, they may by such rules regulate: the admission and classification of members of the Federation (including the admission of organisations to membership) and the rights and privileges of such members, and the conditions of membership and the terms on which members may resign or have their membership terminated and the entrance fees, subscriptions and other fees or payments to be made by the members; the conduct of members of the Federation in relation to one another, and to the Federation's servants; the procedure at all general meetings (including extraordinary general meetings) of the Council and committees of the Council in so far as such procedure is not regulated by the Articles; the workings of the Executive Committee generally, all such matters as are commonly the subject matter of company rules.

Section 2.

The Rules of the Federation may only be added to, amended or rescinded after thirty days notice has been given to all Members and either at a meeting of the Council and then only with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the members represented and voting at such a meeting or when it is not practicable for a meeting of the Council to be held by a postal, **electronic** or fax vote of the Members and then only with the consent of not less than two-thirds of the Members from whom votes are received. In either case each Member shall have one vote.

ARTICLE XV

Amendments to Memorandum and Articles of Association

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Federation may only be amended, added to or rescinded by special resolution at a general meeting of which at least thirty days notice has been given.

A. WORLD ROSE CONVENTIONS

Procedures.

- (1) One year before each World Rose Convention, the ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** is to circulate Member countries advising them that applications to host future World Rose Conventions should be submitted not later than six months before the next convention. This letter is to include copies of the Guidelines (see Annex A) and an application form (see Annex B).
- (2) Completed application forms are to be sent to the ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** who will circulate them to the Chairman of the Convention Committee and the Executive Committee.
- (3) Each applicant Member is to make a presentation at the next World Rose Convention, which may last up to 30 minutes, with time for questions afterwards. The presentations should, if possible, include the use of images and/or video.
- (4) The committee will then vote by secret ballot for the ~~selected winning applicant~~ **for approval by Council. In the event of three or more applicants with no applicant receiving a majority on the first ballot, balloting should continue between the top two applicants determined by the first ballot.**
- (5) ~~Between World Rose Conventions a small convention Sub-Committee will monitor progress on planned future World Conventions. This sub committee will consist of:~~
 - ~~(a) The Chairman of the Convention Committee~~
 - ~~(b) The President~~
 - ~~(c) A representative appointed by the Member country concerned.~~
 - ~~(d) The Secretary~~
- (5) **The management of World Rose Conventions, once site selection by the Convention Committee, will reside with the Executive Committee plus two representatives from the Member Country hosting the event.**
- (6) **The contract to hold a WFRS World Rose Convention is made directly with the Member Country selected and may be delegated by that Member Country to one of its affiliated societies as host site. However, the overall and particularly financial responsibilities detailed in the contract remain with the Member Country and not the chosen affiliate of that Member.**

B. REGIONAL ROSE CONVENTIONS.

- (1) These will be held under similar arrangements to the World Rose Conventions except that:
 - (a) The Executive Committee will consider and approve applications. ~~which are supported by the Chairman of the Convention Committee.~~
 - (b) The per capita levy from the delegates' registration fees will be £10 per delegate.
- (2) Regional Rose Conventions must not take place within three months of a World Rose Convention.

ANNEX A

To WFRS Standing Committees
Composition and Procedures
Convention Committee

GUIDELINES FOR MEMBER SOCIETIES WISHING TO HOST A WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

INTRODUCTION

1. The Triennial World Rose Conventions are run under the sole auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) Executive Committee and Council. The Executive Committee and Council, however, delegate the detailed organisation of each successive Convention to a WFRS national member society. These guidelines detail the procedures to be followed in submitting applications to host a convention.

2. APPLICATIONS.

- a. These may only be submitted by a WFRS Member Society.
- b. The official application form should be completed and returned to the WFRS ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** not later than 6 months before the next World Rose Convention.
- c. The application form should be signed by two officers of the Member Society.
- d. All applications will be acknowledged by the WFRS ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director**.

3. PROCEDURES.

- a. Applications will be considered at the World Rose Convention held six years prior to the year in question.
- b. Each applicant will be given the opportunity to present the case for its Society at the aforementioned Convention.
- c. The presentation is to last up to 30 minutes and should be accompanied by either slides or video. Time will be allowed for questions afterwards.
- d. An outline budget must accompany each presentation.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS.

- a. All matters to do with the organisation and management and promotion of the Convention in co-operation with the WFRS, which will establish the basic requirements and provide any necessary help and advice.
- b. All financial matters including sponsorship.
- c. The invitation of speakers. The WFRS has no obligation to pay fees or expenses for speakers, which is the sole responsibility of the local host society.
- d. The schedule of WFRS meetings (in consultation with the WFRS President and ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director**), the programme of lectures and all Convention tours/trips.
- e. The staging of a rose show and/or rose exhibition and production of the necessary show schedule.
- f. Pre and post Convention tours.
- g. To circulate all WFRS Officers and Member Societies with the preliminary Convention programme of events **plus** details of pre and post convention tours at least eighteen months in advance.
- h. To circulate to all WFRS Officers and Member Societies with the final Convention brochure and registration details at least nine months in advance.
- i. To ensure that the Editor of the World Rose News is supplied with appropriate copy promoting the Convention on a regular basis.
- j. **The Host Society will provide to the WFRS Executive Officers – President, Treasurer and Executive Director,**

- 1. Accommodation.
- 2. Registration fee (to enable attendance at events covered by this fee)
- 3. Invitations to all official functions – e.g. Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
- 4. The Regional Vice President may also be offered the above at the discretion of the Host Society.

5. VENUE.

A city or town with the following attractions/amenities should be selected:

- a. A suitable Convention Centre (see below).
- b. **Some private rose gardens** in, or within a reasonable distance of, the centre.
- c. If possible, special rose events e.g. festivals, international trials.
- d. An international airport.
- e. A main convention hotel.
- f. A wide choice of **other** accommodations.
- g. A good choice of restaurants.
- h. A good public transport system.

6. CONVENTION CENTRE.

- a. This need not necessarily be the main Convention hotel.
- b. It should be within easy reach of the main Convention hotel; where hotels are not within a reasonable distance, transport to and from the Convention Centre should be provided for delegates and the cost of such, if any, included.
- c. It should have:
 - (1) At least two large lecture halls with seating capacities capable of fully accommodating the expected attendances.
 - (2) Lower capacity halls/meetings rooms for lectures of limited appeal.
 - (3) Rooms (if not at the Convention hotel) for WFRS Council and Committee meetings, seating capacity 60-80 and 30-40 respectively (See item 11)
 - (4) Facilities for simultaneous translations (**see para 7d below**), audio-visual/overhead projection and power point presentation capabilities etc.
 - (5) Halls and/or grounds for rose shows and/or exhibitions.
 - (6) Room for an information and message centre to be manned throughout the Convention.
 - (7) A comfortable and private rest area for use should a participant become unwell during a meeting or lecture.
 - (8) Medical/first aid backup.

7. LECTURE PROGRAMME.

- a. The programme should appeal to as wide a diversity of rose enthusiasts as possible. ~~such as professional and amateur breeders, exhibitors, flower arrangers, curators of gardens and research establishments.~~ While special attention may be given to roses and their culture in the host country, it is stressed that a majority of talks be directed to a general audience.
- b. Small discussion groups on subjects of limited appeal should be considered.
- c. Invited speakers/lecturers should represent a wide demographical distribution.
- d. The official (international) language of the WFRS is English and all meetings and lectures should be held in English or simultaneous translation into English provided. Translations into other languages to be provided at the discretion of the host member society, which shall decide if the number of non-English speaking participants warrants simultaneous translations and/or interpreters.

8. CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

- a. The Convention should last approximately one week.
 - b. Time should be allotted for an Opening Ceremony, two Executive Committee and one Council meeting, a minimum of five standing committee meetings, rose show/exhibition, lectures, tours/special visits, banquet and closing ceremony. The latter two events should preferably be combined. The detailed programmes for the opening and closing ceremonies are to be approved by the WFRS President before publication.
 - c. **A Master of Ceremonies should be appointed and speeches kept to a sensible minimum. At Closing Ceremonies, one speaker giving a vote of thanks to the host Member is sufficient. Pleas from the many delegates wishing to add their thanks should be politely declined.**
 - d. Tours and special visits should be organised to take in rose gardens/nurseries or places of natural beauty and/or historic or general interest.
9. COMMITMENTS.
- a. The Convention shall be held under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies and this should be acknowledged on all printed literature/brochures/schedules etc.
 - b. ~~The Executive Committee~~ **Convention Sub-Committee** is to be kept informed of the planning and progress of the programme of events.
 - c. All persons attending the Convention must pay a registration fee to cover the general costs of putting on the event.
 - d. The registration fee must include a per capita levy (currently £20), which is to be paid to the WFRS Hon. Treasurer within three months of the end of the Convention.
 - e. The Convention is ultimately the responsibility of the national Rose Society even if it chooses to delegate it to a regional society from within its Federation.
 - f. The elected Convention Chairman/Convenor should be empowered to act and speak for the national Member Society and make binding decisions on its behalf.
10. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.
- a. A list of all registered participants must be made available to each delegate upon arrival at the Convention. An addendum with latecomers should, if possible, be offered a few days later. Lists should include home addresses. Identification badges bearing the participant's full name and country of origin should also be provided. The registrant's chosen name should be clearly visible.
 - b. There MUST be a prominent, central information desk open throughout the Convention, where any information can be sought and messages left and/or received. While those on duty may not have the answer to every question, they should have the means of quickly obtaining it.
 - c. A central hospitality area where tea and coffee is constantly available is desirable. This could also double as a 'rest area', bearing in mind the average age of the delegates.
 - d. The availability of main meal catering should avoid competition with the general public. In many cases participants have only a limited time to eat between meetings or other functions, and most will want to sit together and chat.
 - d. Adequate seating at all social functions must be provided, particularly where some delegates may be physically handicapped.
 - e. At social events, and in particular at the closing banquet, it should be made clear whether drinks are or are not included in the price of the ticket.
 - f. Lectures should attempt to cover a wide range of topics about roses. Ideally, lecturers should come from a variety of climatic regions of the world, thus offering the widest possible appeal. All delegates should be able to attend lectures, and no charge should be made for admission (other than what is built into the registration fee). Good planning will ensure that space problems are avoided.
 - g. Whenever possible, lecture notes provided by the guest speakers should be provided by the host.
 - h. If convention events are held on more than one site, there should be maps, assistance, and public transport or constantly circulating shuttle buses. Actual distances involved should be clearly defined in the Convention brochure.
 - i. Host Societies must carry appropriate public liability insurance in case of accidents. They should also brief their representatives attending every meeting or function or leading tour buses, on how to deal with emergencies. If preparation for the worst disaster situations is made beforehand, any problems that do arise will seem trivial!
 - j. A rose show or rose exhibition must be held in conjunction with the Convention.
 - k. Interpreters should be provided where the number of participants speaking only their native language warrants it. The actual arrangements are left to the host country.
 - l. It should always be remembered that those attending the Convention are there because they want to meet old friends and chat about their common interest, roses. They also want to attend lectures and, in many cases, WFRS business meetings. Had they just wanted to go sightseeing, they could have done that without entering a Rose convention at all. Tours are therefore entertainment outside the main purpose of the visit. On the other hand, social events are the real stuff of which good conventions have always been made.

11. **SOME USEFUL TIPS.**

a. **Speakers.**

- (1) Unsurprisingly some speakers cancel even if they have confirmed early on. It's inevitable, so some alternative speakers should be ready so that a typed addendum can go in each registration kit.
- (2) When speakers confirm, the Lecture Chairman should send him/her a form to complete asking for some background and what lecture aids will be required. This information should be ready for the person who will chair the lecture.
- (3) It is preferable to choose one or two persons to chair all the lectures.
- (4) All lecturers should be asked to provide a copy or summary of their script well beforehand. This can then be issued at the Convention.

b. **Registration Desk.** This should be staffed throughout the Convention and have a telephone, word processor and printer and access to a photocopier for the WFRS ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director**.

c. **WFRS Meetings.** **It is the Host Society's responsibility to meet the cost of meeting rooms, computer equipment (eg projector for power point presentations); amplification equipment, tea, coffee and water facilities, administration equipment for the Executive Director (eg computer, printer, photocopier).**
It is important to avoid overlapping of Committee meetings and to allow sufficient time to cover all matters on the Agendas. These meetings must not overlap lectures, but may take place at the same time as the Rose Show/Exhibition. The following is a guide for the organisers, who should liaise closely with the WFRS ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director**.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Duration (hours)</u>
Executive Committee No. 1	15	3
Honours Committee	5	2
Awards Committee	30/40	2
Breeders' Club	20	1
Classification/Registration Committee	15	1½
Convention Committee	30/40	2½
Heritage Roses Committee	30/40	1
Publications Committee	30/40	1½
Promotions & Endorsement Committee	30/40	1½
Conservation Committee	30/40	1½
Show Standardisation Committee	15	1½
International Rose Trials Committee	15	1½
COUNCIL MEETING	60/80	3
Executive Committee No. 2 (at any time after Council)	15	2

Standing Committees

Awards: Mr Ian Spriggs, PO Box 215, Narre Warren, Vic 3805, Australia
narreian33@yahoo.com.au

Breeders Club: Dr Gerald Meylan

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Convention Liaison: Dr Gerald Meylan

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THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
APPLICATION TO HOST A WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

This form is for use by a Member Society applying to host a World Rose Convention. The application should be signed by TWO OFFICIALS OF THE **MEMBER SOCIETY** and sent to the WFRS ~~Secretary~~ **Executive Director** **NOT LATER THAN 6 MONTHS BEFORE THE NEXT WORLD ROSE CONVENTION.**

Application from (name of National Member Society):

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to host the World Rose Convention for the year

In (host city).....

From (date) to (date).....

If this application is successful, it is our intention that the following Officer will act as co-ordinator until further notice:

Name:

Address:.....

.....

Tel: Fax: e-mail:.....

Additional information required in support of this application is attached.

If successful, this Society will send a report every six months prior to the Convention to the Chairman of the Convention Committee.

The above named Society will guarantee a minimum attendance of 400 people to the Convention.

(Signature).....Position.....Date.....

(Signature).....Position.....Date.....

APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATIONS TO HOST THEWORLD ROSE CONVENTION

VENUE:

Host City:

Nearest International Airport:

Main Convention Hotel:

Address:

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Number of Rooms: Approx Tariff: Double:

Single:

Convention Centre (if different from Main Convention Hotel):

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Address:.....
.....

Convention Centre Facilities:

- Lecture Halls (minimum two):
1. Seating for people
 2. Seating for people
 3. Seating for people

? Are there Meeting Rooms for:

WFRS Council - 80 people

WFRS Executive/Standing Committees-Either 15 or 40 people

? What banqueting facilities are available:

1. Seating for people
2. Seating for people
3. Seating for people

? Will there be a designated room, serving tea or coffee, to be used as a meeting point for delegates at all times
.....

? What rest/first aid facilities would you plan to provide.....
.....

? Do you plan to hold a Rose Show/Exhibition. Please state venue:
.....

OTHER ACCOMMODATION

? Do you intend to provide other accommodation separately from the Convention Hotel – please list:

Hotel Approx Tariff: Double:..... Single:.....

Distance from Convention Centre.....

HotelApprox Tariff: Double:.....Single:.....

Distance from Convention Centre

HotelApprox Tariff: Double:..... Single:.....

Distance from Convention Centre

University Accommodation

Approx Tariff: Double:..... .Single:.....

Distance from Convention Centre

? Will you provide transport between these hotels and the Convention Centre?
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? Will this transport be free or on repayment.....

LECTURES

? Will you invite lecturers from all parts of the world, speaking on different subjects; please give examples

Name.....Subject.....

Name.....Subject.....

TOURS

? Please give examples of tour venues during the Convention week:

Gardens.....Local Sites

GardensLocal Sites

GardensLocal Sites

PRE & POST CONVENTION TOURS

? What are your plans for pre & post Convention Tours:

1. Pre Convention Tours:

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2. Post Convention Tours:

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Name of proposed Tour Operator:

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Address:.....

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Tel:.....Fax:.....e-mail:.....

PRESENTATION AT THE WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

Your presentation will take place at the Convention Committee Meeting at the next World Convention. You will be allocated one half hour for the presentation with time for questions afterwards. You may include a slide, video or power point presentation. You should provide the meeting with estimated costs of accommodation, Convention week tours and any other out of pocket expenses they may incur, for example dining out. It is also important that you give information on local amenities, for example restaurants, banks, shops, bus and train services etc.

Please remember that the registration fee for delegates to Conventions must include the per capita levy due to the World Federation, which is currently £20 per registered delegate.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that any videotape used is compatible with the television system of the country in which the presentation is to be made.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF ROSE SOCIETIES
15th World Rose Convention
Vancouver 2009

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - No. 2.

held at the Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver, Canada, Wednesday 24th June, 2009 at 1500hrs.

Item 1. Present:

Chairman: The President, Mrs Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)

Immediate Past President – Dr Gérald Meylan (Switzerland);
Treasurer - Mrs Jill Bennell (United Kingdom)
Vice Presidents Australasia – Mr Peter Elliott (New Zealand) and Mr Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
Vice President Central Asia – Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)
Vice President Europe - Professor Maurice Jay (France)
Vice President Far East - Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)
Vice President North America – Mr Steve Jones (USA)
Vice President South America - Mrs Nilda Crivelli (Argentina)

President Emeritus - Mr David Ruston (Australia)
Past Presidents - Mrs Ethel Freeman (Canada), Mrs Helga Brichet (Italy).

Item 2. Apologies for Absence:

Vice President Africa - Mr Alan Tew (South Africa)
Vice President Europe - Mrs Ann Bird (UK)
Vice President Europe - Dr Stefan Wagner (Romania) and
Past President - Lt Col Ken Grapes (UK).

In attendance: The Executive Director, Mr Malcolm Watson (Australia), and
Mrs Ruth Watson (Secretarial Assistant – Australia)

Item 3. Honours bestowed at this Convention.

President Emeritus	Mr David Ruston (Aust)
Gold Medal	Baroness Marie Louise Velge (Belgium) Mr Alain Meilland (France) Dr Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
Silver	Mrs Mercedes Drever de Villar (Uruguay) Mrs Marijke Peterich (Bermuda) Mr Ed Griffith (USA) Dr Stefan Wagner (Romania)
World Rose Award	Mrs Anne Graber (Canada) Mr Walter Duncan (Aust) Mr Dean Stringer (Aust)

Item 4. Decisions ratified at Council 2, at its meeting on the 23rd June, 2009 were -

4.1 Honours Committee Mrs Sheenagh Harris, Chairman, (South Africa)
Dr Gérald Meylan, Immediate Past President (Switzerland)
Baroness Marie Louise Velge (Belgium)
Mrs Jill Bennell (United Kingdom)
Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)

4.2 Articles of Association.
The alterations proposed by the Executive Committee (Meeting 1 refers).

4.3 Finance

The following budgets were set for the period -

Member Country Subscription increased from £50 to £60pa, effective 01.01.2010	
World Rose News	£ 300.00 (for three years)
Website	£ 600.00 (for three years)
Directory	£ 100.00 (for three years)

Council had approved an overall increase of 5% in the budgeted expenditure items, to cover inflation.

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4.4 Election of Office Bearers 2009/2012

<u>President</u>	Mrs Sheenagh Harris (South Africa)
<u>Treasurer</u>	Mrs Jill Bennell (United Kingdom)
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	
Africa	Mr Alan Tew (South Africa)
Australasia	Mr Peter Elliott (New Zealand)
	Mr Kelvin Trimper (Australia)
Central Asia	Mr Mian Zafar Iqbal (Pakistan)
Europe	Prof Maurice Jay (France)
	Dr Stefan Wagner (Romania)
	Mrs Ann Bird (United Kingdom)
Far East	Mr Takamasa Tsuge (Japan)
North America	Mr Steve Jones (USA)
	Dr Patrick White (Canada)
South America	Mrs Nilda Crivelli (Argentina)

Chairmen of Standing Committees

Awards	Mr Ian Spriggs (Aust)
Breeders' Club	Dr Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
Classification/Registration	Mrs Gerta Roberts (UK)
Conservation	Mrs Marijke Peterich (Bermuda)
Convention Liaison	Dr Gérald Meylan (Switzerland)
	(This appointment was made at Executive Committee 2)
Heritage Roses	Mr David Ruston (Aust)
International Trials	Mr Bernd Weigel (Germany)
Publications	Mrs Helga Brichet (Aust)
	Mrs Brichet reported that she had approached Mrs Jolene Adams (USA) to fill one of the two vacancies on the committee, and would also America or the Far East to fill the remaining vacancy as these areas were not covered.
Show Standardisation	Mr Ed Griffith (USA)
World Rose News Editor	Mr Richard Walsh (Australia)
Web Master	Mrs Ethel Freeman (Canada)
Editor of the Rose Directory	Mrs Ethel Freeman (Canada)

4.5 World Rose News

To be published electronically, up to 4 times per year.

Item 5. Any other business

5.1 David Ruston Sculpture Appeal.

It was agreed that the WFRS would send a letter of support to the Sculpture Appeal Committee, and write to its Member Countries suggesting they consider making a donation to the Appeal. This letter to be reproduced in World Rose News.

5.2 WFRS Award of Garden Excellence

It was agreed that Mrs Brichet would arrange the production of 6 plaques in Italy, and Mrs Macgregor would organise for the remaining plaque to be manufactured in Australia. A budget of £150 per plaque had been agreed by Council.

It was suggested that Member Countries be requested to contribute toward the cost of plaques in their region. Members were not in favour of this proposal, however if a member country wished to donate funds it could not be for a specific award.

5.3 WFRS Literary Award.

Members were disappointed that the nominated books were not on display prior to completing their ballot at the meeting. It was agreed the Executive Director would liaise with the Chairman of the Awards Committee and review the current procedures, and report to the Executive Committee.

5.4 Promotions and Supporter Class of Subscription.

Council had agreed at its meeting to the introduction of a new level of subscription. Prior to any action being taken by the Executive Committee, Mrs Bennell had agreed to investigate with the Charities Commission whether this is permitted.

Mr Trimper, with the assistance of Mrs Mary Frick would prepare guidelines for a "Supporters Group" and forward to the Executive Director for discussion at the next Executive Committee meeting.

5.5 Partnerships/Endorsements - Registration of WFRS Trademark.

Mrs Bennell would also investigate the possibility and cost of registering our Logo as a prerequisite to the Promotions and Endorsement Committee's suggestion of entering into agreements with world wide commercial organisations.

5.6 International Rose Judges.

Following the approval of an International Judging Panel, it was agreed that Mrs Bennell, Mrs Harris and the Executive Director would liaise with the Chairman of the Shows Standardisation Committee Mr Ed Griffith, regarding the production of a suitable badge.

Item 6. Next Meeting.

Would be scheduled to take place during the Regional Conference in Changzhou, China during April, 2010.

The President closed the meeting.

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Heritage Roses in Australia Inc
Royal Society for Agriculture and Botany
Shanghai Botanical Garden
Shenzhen Remin Park & Shenzhen Rose Centre
Taicang Rose Society
Les Amis de la Roseraie du Val de Marne à; L'Hay-Les-Roses
Rosa Gallica Association
Roses Anciennes en France
Société Nationale d'Horticulture de France
Fondazione Roseto Botanico "Carla Fineschi" di Cavriglia
La Tacita S.R.L. Società Agricola
"Hana no Miyako Gifu" Centre for Promotion of Flowers and Greenery
The Rose Culture Institute
Quinta do Arco Rose Garden
Scottish Sweet Pea, Rose & Carnation Society
Ashdown Roses Ltd.