



The 15th International Heritage Rose Conference

INVITATION

5-9 June 2023
Brussels - Belgium

WFRS

The **World Federation of Rose Societies** is a federation of the national rose societies representing **rose lovers around the world**. Our goal is to expand contact among them and increase the flow of knowledge about the rose and act as a clearing house rose research.



5 DAYS OF CONFERENCES, EXCLUSIVE VISITS TO ROSE PRODUCERS AND ROSE GARDENS, SOCIAL EVENT, PRE & POST TOURS

PRE-TOUR June 2-5
15th INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE June 5-9
POST-TOUR June 10-15

Dear Rose Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in my country. The **Belgian Royal National Rose Society** is more than honoured to host this event under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). The attachment that Belgium has for the Rose goes back to the time of Emperor Charlemagne (the father of Europe) as around the 800's he encouraged the cultivation of the rose in our country and of course at that time only some species were available.

Belgium has a long tradition in rose cultivation. Parmentier, Crépin, van Houtte and Lens are famous names that have in the past made Belgium's renown through the world. P.J. Redouté, born in Belgium was certainly the "Raphael" of the rose painters. He was a favourite of Marie-Antoinette and he tutored Empress Josephine. Famous for his water paintings of old rose cultivars he gave a good picture of early rose breeding.

For all rose lovers, our organizing committee is preparing a beautiful event with speakers dedicated to the old rose family and their conservation along with exciting visits and Belgian cultural experience. During the Pre and Post tours, participants will have the opportunity to see more historical places and gardens. I strongly encourage you to visit us in **June 2023 for friendship around the roses**.

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important." (Saint-Exupéry)

With all my *roseful* regards,

Henrienne de Brier
WFRS Immediate Past President



We have the pleasure to give you already some insight of the 2023 June event.

Each day will reserve beautiful surprises and short stops on the way to castles and rose gardens.

Amongst the **most important rose gardens**: Hex, Le Roeulx, Meise, Coloma and Vrijbroekpark.

The dedicated website will give you all the needed information on the optional pre-tour in the North of Belgium, the main programme in Brussels and the optional post-tour in Luxemburg, Germany and Switzerland.



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MAIN PROGRAMME from Monday June 5 till Friday June 9, Brussels and region.

Main hotel nearby the park of Brussels, the Royal Palace and the meeting venues: Hotel**** Motel One.

Monday, June 5

06:30pm-09:30pm: Opening ceremony of the 15th Rose Heritage Conference and **Meet & Greet**, Théâtre du Vaudeville, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **WIDOOIE** private estate • **HEX** castle and his magnificent rose gardens • free evening in Brussels • (for those concerned) WFRS Friends' dinner.

Wednesday, June 7

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • light lunch at Motel One.

Afternoon: **MEISE** botanical garden and François Crépin herbarium • visit and dinner at **VRIJBROEK** Park in Mechelen.

Thursday, June 8

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **Le ROEULX** rose garden and rose trials • free evening in Brussels.

Friday, June 9

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch and visit at **COLOMA** rose garden.

End Afternoon: optional visit of Brussels historical center.

08:00pm 15th Rose Heritage Conference

CLOSING DINNER at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.



MORNING LECTURES, Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Welcome by the WFRS President and the President of the S.R.N les Amis de la Rose.

"François Crepin and the Heritage Roses in Meise botanical garden", Ivan Hoste, Belgium.

"Hybrid Musk Roses from Lambert Pemberton to Lens", Rudy and Anne Velle for Lens roses, Belgium.

"The conservation of Heritage Roses: problems and solutions", Charles Quest Ritson, United Kingdom.

"A great taxonomist and the world's largest rose - a magical interaction", Viru and Girija Vivararaghavan, India
Moderator: Behcet Ciragan, President Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde, Switzerland.

Wednesday, June 7

"Historical Roses in the Europa Rosarium Sangenhausen", Hella Brummer and Eilike Vemmer, Germany.

"Roses in Bhutan", Prakash Sushil, India.

"On the origin of the cultivated roses: DNA authentication of the bourbon rose founding pedigree"
Pascal Heitzer, France.

FELCO, presentation
Moderator: Helga Brichet.

Thursday, June 8

"Rosedal Juana de Ibarbourou, Montevideo's historic rose gardens", Inés Diaz de Licandro, Uruguay.

"The unique beauty of old chinese roses", Zhengzi Jian, China.

"A time capsule of roses-Building a future for heritage roses", Greg Lowery, USA.

Panel Discussion, moderated by Helga Brichet.
Moderator: Brigid Quest Ritson, UK.

Friday, June 9

"André Dupont Rose Herbarium, the story of a discovery"
Vincent Derkenne, France.

"Thirty years with roses in Sakura and the aim of our rose garden." Katsuhiko Mebara, Japan.

"Rose social legacy", Lukasz Rojewski, Polan

"In Search of the Lost Heritage of the Rose in Korea", Wook-Kyun Kim, South Korea.

"Project rescue-Rescuing the heritage rose collection of Aoteara New Zealand", Murray Radka, New Zealand
Moderator: Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Uruguay.

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Registration open: 🌐 www.rosabelgica2023.com

(OPTIONAL) **PRE-TOUR**
in the North of the country



BRUGES, KORTRIJK & GHENT
3 DAYS

Friday, June 2

Arrivals in **Brussels** • From 03:00pm check in possible at Hotel Motel One • free evening.

Saturday, June 3

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • Visit of LENS rose producers • private rose garden in OUDENBURG • lunch in LISSEWEGE • Castle garden OOSTKERKE • ADORNES domain in Bruges • dinner in a private owned castle in LOPPEM • stay in Ghent.

Sunday, June 4

Starting from Ghent, • BEAUCARNE HOUSE • visit and lunch at the International rose garden in KORTRIJK • visit with an art historian of the Mystic Lamb by van Eyck "flowers and plants in art" • dinner at Hotel FALLIGAN • boat tour on the canals • stay in Ghent.

Monday, June 5 (end 05:00pm)

Starting from Ghent, the beau ful landscapes of the river Lys • OOIDONK castle • LATHEM-St-MARTIN and lunch • back in Brussels at 04:00pm for "Meet & Greet".

"WFRS Garden Awards" for Belgium:

HEX, VRIJBROEKPARK, KORTIJK

(OPTIONAL) **POST-TOUR**



LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY
& SWITZERLAND 6 DAYS

Saturday, June 10 • Luxembourg & Germany

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • private garden in ERLONFOUET • ANSEMBOURG castle • Munsbach castle rose garden • free evening • stay in Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

Sunday, June 11 • Germany & Switzerland

Departure from Freiburg-im-Breisgau • visit ETTENBÜHL rose garden • visit the largest Swiss collection of historic roses in KARTAUSE ITTINGEN • visit and dinner in MAINAU, the flower island on the Bodensee • stay in Konstanz.

Monday, June 12 • Switzerland

Departure from Konstanz • visit FELCO premises and lunch with the management team • visit and wine tasting at Château d'AUVERNIER • typical Swiss dinner • stay in Neuchâtel.

Tuesday, June 13 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • ESTAVAYER LE LAC rose garden • Pic-Nic in a private rose garden hosted by William Guinness in EPALINGES • Alain and Gisèle Tschanz historical and English roses in ACLENS • visit the arboretum and its wild roses in AUBONNE • free evening • Stay in Neuchâtel.

Wednesday, June 14 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit the Camille BLOCH Chocolate factory • visit and lunch at the BELLELAY monastery and cheese maker • Swiss Clock Museum in la Chaux-de-Fonds • free evening • stay in Neuchâtel.

Thursday, June 15 • Switzerland,
End Post-tour in Geneva

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit PIAGET Manufacture with the Patrimonium Gallery and Piaget rose jewelry collection • rose garden in PARC DE LA GRANGE • the historical rose garden at the BOTANICAL garden of Genève • end post-tour late afternoon.

June 15, end afternoon:
 flights or trains from Genève.

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