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Rosarium in Arboretum Volcji Potok, Slovenia [WFRS Award of Garden Excellence, 2022]

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'C'est la Vie' [Lukasz
Rojewski,2012]



"Our love for
roses can make
the world a
better place!"



EDITORS' MESSAGE

At the 19th WFRS Convention held in Adelaide, Australia in 2022 I had the honour to be appointed Vice-President for the Eastern part of Europe. In this region there are 9 countries with rose societies which are members of the WFRS: **Austria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovenia**. Not all of these societies are active but hopefully we can change this. Also there are other organizations, not yet members of our community but hopefully they will want to share the love for the rose with us.

I consider that a regional newsletter would help us to know each other better and disseminate all news about our activities regarding our favourite flower, The Rose: rose societies, other organizations, growers, nurseries, breeders, gardens, parks, books, professionals and amateurs. That is the reason you read this newsletter and I hope you agree with me and will be happy to contribute to the following issues.

The main issues will be in English, but, as we want that this newsletter to arrive to all those who love roses, I think that with today's technology we can translate it as it would be necessary. Any volunteer's help is welcome.

As your vice president for the next three years, I look forward to working with you to spread the love for The Rose and make our world a better place.

Angela Bokor

Romania

WFRS Vice-President for Eastern Europe



THE AUSTRIAN ROSE SOCIETY

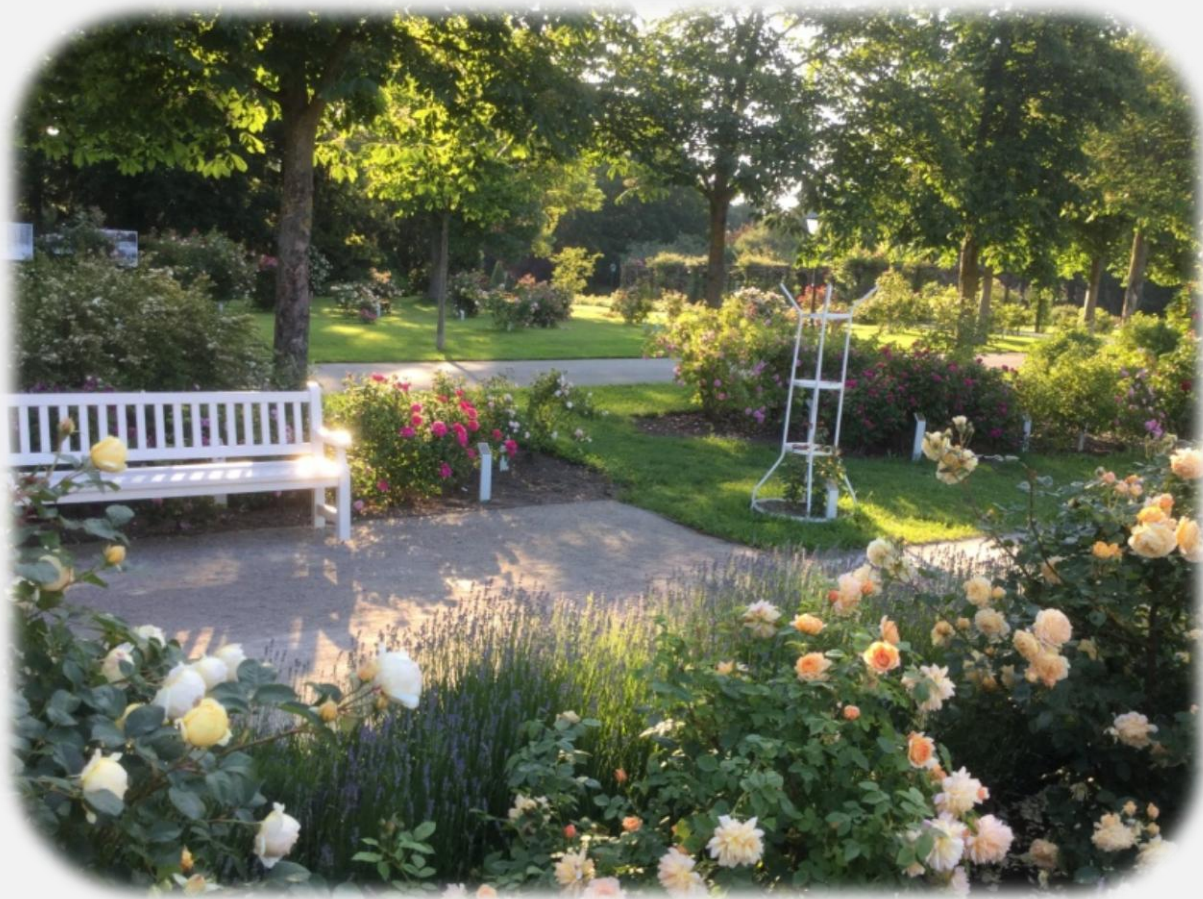
Unfortunately, I have little information about this rose society. All I have is from the WFRS website which states that all members of local rose societies in Austria belong to the Austrian Horticultural Society.

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In Baden bei Wien, there is a public garden with a large collection of historic and modern roses, *Rosarium Baden Doblhoffpark*. In 2019 the garden was awarded the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence.

photo: Angela Bokor



Doblhoffpark, Baden bei Wien

The Rosa Club of the Czech Republic was founded in 1968 continuing the activity of the Society of Growers and Lovers of Roses, founded in 1929. The society is part of the national Czech Gardening Association and also member of the World Federation of Rose Societies. Bringing together the professionals and amateurs, the rose lovers and rose growers, Rosa Club promotes the all-round knowledge about rose cultivation and disseminates information about the rose cultivation in the country and the world.

The main activities of the Rosa Club consist of publishing a Newsletter for members, organising the International Rose Competition in Hradec Králové, organising summer meetings and the annual general meeting for members, tours and visits to gardens.

The Newsletter, a colour A5 notebook, *Zpravodaj*, is published twice a year, with a range of information regarding rose events, tours to gardens and parks in Czech Republic and abroad, professional articles, results of various contests for rose novelties from all over the world, and the latest news about the rose world.

The Rosa Club is involved in the **International Rose Competition in Hradec Kralove**, where new rose cultivars have been evaluated each year since 1975 and also members attend the international conventions organised by WFRS.

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'Bohemia' [Jan Bohm, 1928]

THE HELLENIC ROSE SOCIETY

Unfortunately, I have little information about this rose society. All I have is from the WFRS website which states that The Hellenic Rose Society was founded in 1996 by Mr. Damianos Constantinou.

The Society's Historic Rose Garden is situated in the building complex of the "Centre for Hellenism Damianos Foundation", which is located 75 km southwest of Athens, near the Corinth Canal.

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Historic Rose Garden, Greece

THE HUNGARIAN ROSE SOCIETY – MAGYAR RÓZSA BARÁTOK TÁRSASÁGA

The society's objectives are to preserve the cultural heritage and the dissemination of the knowledge related to roses; expert advice for rose lovers on all issues related to roses, organisation of meetings and exhibitions.

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With the society's help and expertise a Rosarium was created in Kecskemet, and there are plans to renew the garden.



Rosarium A Boldogasszony Rózsakert, Kecskemet, Hungary

THE WOHL ROSE PARK IN JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

From Israel we have as member of
WFRS - *The Wohl Rose Park* in
Jerusalem.

Rose Park Curator: DALIT KASLASSI

The 19 acre park was established in
1981 and it is the largest rose park in
Israel. There are 15000 roses
comprising about 400 different varieties.
There are also sections with roses
donated from different countries
(Germany, Japan, Holland, Switzerland,
Argentina, Canada, France, Austria,
Spain and the UK), the Swiss garden
being designed for the blind with
fragrant flowers and Braille signage.

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This year the garden will be renovated
and the rose collection renewed.



Wohl Rose Garden



THE POLISH ROSE SOCIETY – POLSKIE TOWRZYSTWO ROZANE

The Polish Rose Society was founded in 2016, bringing again together the rose lovers, both professionals and amateurs, after the Polish Society of Rose Lovers ceased its activity in 2000.

A very active society, the members work relentlessly to promote knowledge about the cultivation and history of roses, organizing conferences, exhibitions, competitions, trainings, visits to rose gardens, promoting rose nurseries. The society participates in organising the Rose Festival in Kutno, known as the City of Roses.

The bulletin *Roze* edited by the society is a valuable source of information for the members and anyone interested in learning about roses.

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Kutno, City of Roses



THE ROMANIAN ROSE SOCIETY – ASOCIATIA AMICII ROZELOR DIN ROMANIA

The Romanian Rose Society is a non-profit organization, created in 1990 by the late Stefan Wagner.

The main purpose of the society is to disseminate knowledge related to all aspects of rose cultivation. For this the society organises meetings, pruning demonstrations, visits to rose gardens, practical demonstration of planting, budding and taking care of roses.

With 500 members, the society publishes a bulletin *Rosariums* which presents aspects of the society's activity and also professional articles. Each year, members attend international meetings organised by the WFRS.

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'Rusticana' [Stefan Wagner, 1995]

THE RUSSIAN ROSE SOCIETY –THE RUSSIAN ASSOCIATION OF ROSARIANS

The Russian Association of Rosarians was established under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies, in 2007. The majority of its members are enthusiastic amateur rosarians, both those who are beginners and those who have been cultivating roses for a long time.

The society holds seminars about methods of growing roses, presenting rose varieties , pruning and winter protection aiming to assure amateur rosarians that the cultivation of roses is not complex if one works with love.

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'Peace' [Meilland, 1935]



THE SLOVENIAN ROSE SOCIETY -DRUŠTVO LJUBITELJEV VRTNIC SLOVENIJE

The Slovenian Rose Society is a non-profit association created in 2003 for both amateurs and professionals interested in the culture of roses. The goals of the society are the protection of natural and cultural heritage, professional training and education, assistance in creating rose gardens.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of the president, the society organises meetings, conferences, trips to rose gardens, being a very active society.

In 2017 the society organised the first WFRS Regional Conference in Eastern Europe.

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‘Portoroz’ [Kordes, 2000]

ASSOCIATE MEMBER – POLSKIE STOWARZYSZENIE HODOWCOW ROZ -POLAND

The Polish Association of Rose Breeders brings together people for whom the development of rose culture and sharing knowledge about these beautiful flowers is an important part of everyday life.

Together they deepen their knowledge in the field of rose cultivation, learn and create new varieties, selecting those suitable for Polish climatic conditions. The association conduct lectures and training in the field of breeding new roses

In the Botanical Garden of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Powsin, the association created the first rose trial garden in Poland

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Warsaw Rose Trial Garden



The World Federation of Rose Societies

(WFRS) is the umbrella organization for 39 active national rose societies and 16 associate societies around the world. Taken together, these member societies have more than 100,000 members, all of whom share a love of the rose.

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The objectives of the World Federation of Rose Societies are:

- To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information about and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies.
- To coordinate 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 assist in coordinating the registration of new rose names
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification
- To grant international honours and/or awards
- To encourage and advance international cooperation on all other matters concerning the rose

The WFRS publishes two bulletins: 'World Rose News' and 'By Any Other Name', which can be accessed on the website.



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The 15th International Heritage Rose Conference

INVITATION

5-9 June 2023
Brussels - Belgium

www.rosabelgica2023.com



'Pastel roses' by Vera Kavura (b.1978)



'Roses' by Ferdinand Georg Waldmüller (1793–1865)