

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 for **rose research**.

# WFRS

## 5 DAYS OF CONFERENCES, EXCLUSIVE VISITS TO ROSE PRODUCERS AND ROSE GARDENS, SOCIAL EVENTS

Dear Rose Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in my country. The Belgian Royal National Rose Society is most than honored to host this event under the auspice 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 Europe's father) because in the years 800 he encouraged the cultivation of the rose in our country and of course by that time it was only question of old species.

Belgium has a long old rose cultivars history. Parmentier, Crépin, van Houtte and Lens are famous names that have in the past made Belgium's renown through the world. P.J. Redouté, borned in Belgium was certainly the "Raphael" of the rose painters. He was a favorite of Marie- Antoinette and he instructed Empress Joséphine. 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 exiting visits and Belgian cultural experiences. 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 2020 for friendship around the rose.

To end I would like to say :

**"Roses from all over the world, let's go and see again the cradle of you childhood because it is in the dew that pearls on the wild rose that the heart finds its morning and its freshness"**



With all my roses regards,  
Henriette de Briey,  
President

**WE** HAVE THE PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU ALREADY SOME INSIGHT OF THE JUNE EVENT. **EACH DAY WILL RESERVE BEAUTIFUL SURPRISES AND SHORT STOPS ON THE WAY TO CASTLES AND ROSE GARDENS.**

Amongst the most important rosaries: Hex, Le Roeulx, Kortrijk 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 the South of Belgium and Luxemburg.

THE REGISTRATION OPENS ON **OCTOBER 15, 2019** ON **WWW.ROSABELGICA2020.COM**



### (OPTIONAL) PRE-TOUR IN THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY

#### Friday, June 5

Arrivals in Ghent \* check in at hotel in the historical part of the city \* free evening

#### Saturday, June 6

On the way to Bruges: visit of LENS rose producers who grow more than 800 different varieties of roses \* 2 private rose gardens \* lunch in a typical place \* guided walk in Bruges \* dinner in a private owned castle

#### Sunday, June 7

In the city of Ghent: visit with an art historian "flowers and plants in art" \* rose garden visits in the surroundings \* dinner in one of the most beautiful houses\* boat tour on the canals

#### Monday, June 8 (end 05:00pm)

The beautiful landscapes of the rivers Lys and Schelde \* rose growers and castles \* Kortrijk rosary

### (OPTIONAL) POST-TOUR IN THE SOUTH OF THE COUNTRY AND LUXEMBURG

#### Saturday, June 13

From Brussels to Saint-Hubert: rehabilitated rosary \* rose gardens of great connoisseurs \* ANNEVOIE restored park \* meeting with a garden architect.

#### Sunday, June 14

From Saint-Hubert to Luxemburg: le REDOUTE museum \* famous rose garden in Luxemburg \* dinner at Chateau de Sept Fontaines

#### Monday, June 15

Luxemburg: MUNSBACH castle, MONDORF village - 03:00pm End of the Post tour

### MAIN PROGRAMME FROM MONDAY JUNE 8 TILL FRIDAY JUNE 12, BRUSSELS AND REGION

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

#### Monday, June 8

06:00pm **Opening ceremony** of the 15th Rose Heritage Conference and **Meet & Greet**, Palais des Academies, Brussels

#### Tuesday, June 9

*Morning:* Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels  
*Afternoon:* HEX castle and his magnificent rose gardens \* ALDENBIESEN abbaye \* WIDOOIE private estate \* free evening in Brussels

#### Wednesday, June 10

*Morning:* Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels  
*Afternoon:* MEISE botanical garden \* WESPELAER arboretum and garden \* CASTEELS rose nursery \* dinner at VRIJBROEK domain

#### Thursday, June 11

*Morning:* Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels  
*Afternoon:* LE ROEULX rose collection \* Enghien city of Parmentier \* free evening

#### Friday, June 12

*Morning:* COLOMA rose garden,  
*Afternoon:* choice of visits: private gardens \* Brussels historical center \* monuments  
08:00pm the 15th Rose Heritage Conference **Closing Dinner** at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels

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