



## INDIAN ROSE FEDERATION

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#### Presidents Page

Dear Members,

Greetings to you, well back from the hectic tour of France, attending the World Convention at Lyon's and to meet friends and well wishers and rose lovers of the World, the four day event though hectic was memorable, attending the rose show, technical sessions, meetings of WFRS, visits to gardens and nurseries of fame, a very well organized event I must say.

While at the Convention the most important surprise in store for me when WFRS panel for gardens awarded the Garden of Excellence to the Green Valley garden prepared by me for the Regional Conference and simultaneously Silver Medal to me and Bronze to your Hon. Secretary for hosting the Regional Conference at Hyderabad, during the four day event, I met a lot of people who missed the event at Hyderabad and regretted and rued their non attendance and those who were with us complimented me for hosting the successful Conference, making me blush at times with their comments, "One of the best" and "most enjoyable", a lot of delegates attending have promised me to visit Hyderabad to enjoy roses by visiting the Green Valley rose garden, which they felt, by not attending they have missed a great chance to see the garden which has been selected for the garden of excellence.

I assure you all members that we will once again meet in Hyderabad, as I will arrange a rose show and a visit to the garden for all of you, very soon there will be a revamping of the Hyderabad Rose Society and under its aegis we will be keeping our winter show, where in you will be invited for the show and a visit to the garden.

Take Care

Ahmed Alam Khan.

## EDITORIAL.



Wow, what a gorgeous surprise, mind boggling, amazing, marvelous the news of Garden of Excellence being awarded to Green Valley Garden, I presume that it would be the first private garden being given this award by WFRS, Silver Medal for the President and Bronze Medal for the Hon. Secretary for hosting one of the finest Regional Conference, the President being re - appointed as Vice President, Central Asia, WFRS, all these revelations make us stand proud today, the National Flag flying graciously at the inaugural function, no doubt Mr. President, your efforts have set a mark in the minds of those who have under -valued us Indians, we are swollen with pride at your accomplishments and Thank You for your generous support to the rose family of India.

With the arrival of rains, a smile will be there on every one's face, let us hope that monsoon does not play a truant with us, the most happiest would be the growers, who had been toiling hard to save their precious plants, this season of summer was really bad for the growers as many have lost a lot from their collections, but with the advent of monsoons, once more the work load of the grower will increase to save their plants from water logging and attack of root fungus, pruning, feeding and spraying regularly will be at the top of the chart for the rose lover, in the mean time I have to remind the experts that their monthly tips are not coming to me for the last two months, as such please sit down and prepare a calendar for the do's and don'ts of your respective areas, once I have this 12 month chart with me I will not bother you every month, so please co - operate, when we started this Bulletin I had requested you all to send me articles, unfortunately the response has been very, very poor, mind you, sharing knowledge is imparting knowledge.

Thanks for now,

Arshad Bhiwandiwalla.

Images of World Convention at Lyon's France



Ahmed Alam Khan and Khadar Alam Khan with the Mayor of Lyons.



Conferred with the Silver Medal by Steve Jones, President WFRS



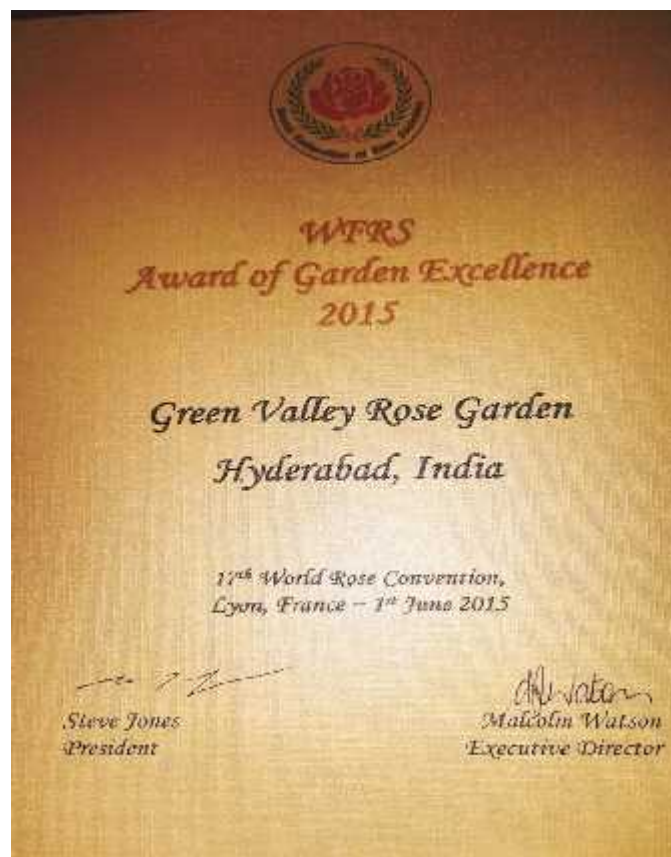
Exhibits on display at the Lyons Show



The Medal



Being Conferred with the Garden of Excellence Award at Lyons





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Dear friends,

All of you are indeed aware of the stupendous success of the Regional Convention of World Federation of Rose Societies which was hosted by the Indian Rose Federation and Hyderabad Rose Society at Hyderabad in Telangana, India, from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2014. While the honors go to all the members of both these bodies, the tireless efforts of the Vice-President of the World Rose Federation and IRF President, Mr Ahmed Alam Khan and the Organizing Secretary of the Convention, Mr. Vijay Kant bore fruit in a spectacular manner and the success of the Convention was a crowning jewel to their endeavors, putting India on the world map in this domain. Indeed, it was a revelation to many distinguished members and delegates of the WRF that a city in India could successfully host a Convention of this scale and magnitude.

All of you will be pleased to know that recently Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan, myself and Mr. Vijay Kant had been to Lyon in France to attend the World Federation of Rose Societies', Rose Convention from 26<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2015. Further, it is matter of pride to all of us rosarians in the country that the grand success of our Convention found popular mention and appreciation there. Importantly, a silver medallion was presented to Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan as well as Mr. Vijay Kant for their meticulous organizational skills and as a recognition of their memorable contribution to the success of the Convention.

Even more thrilling and noteworthy is the fact that Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan's garden at Green Valley Farms won the WFRS Award of '*Garden Excellence*' in a competition in which 21 gardens from all over the world, participated. The level of competition, as one would expect, was truly world-class. These laurels bring honor not only to the IRF and the Hyderabad Rose Society, but also do the nation proud. Quite justifiably, the IRF, the HRS and the country in general, share this moment of joy and feel honored in their honor. Our heartiest congratulations to Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan and Mr. Vijay Kant for bringing glory to our country!

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

**KHADER ALAM KHAN**  
*VICE PRESIDENT (SOUTH)*  
*INDIAN ROSE FEDERATION*



## 17th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION ABSTRACTS OF LECTURES

Friday, 29th May - 09.00-09.30

### **From Romans to Roses** **Some reflections during a walk round the city off the beaten track**

**Gerald Bettridge**

Lyon's historic past dates back 2000 years. From the old theatres to the new Confluence district it is a surprising and fascinating city, but one has to take the time to search out its hidden charms. Gerald Bettridge, an Englishman who fell under its spell many years ago, will take you on a tour off the beaten track to seek out what constitutes the essence of this town.

From the medieval *Abbaye d'Ainay*, hidden away between the two rivers the Rhône and Saône, you will cross the bridge to Lyon old town and its Renaissance district almost intact for centuries. In this part of the city, there are typical streets named *traboules* like passages that pass through buildings and link streets. Houses were built on four or five floors with interior courtyards and lovely staircases and galleries, many of which show the influence of the Italians who were such key trading partners at the time.

Then he will take you up to Fourvière. At the top of this hill is where the Romans founded the city in the 1st century B.C as the capital of the Three Gauls. There you will discover some important remains such as old roman theatres, and the aqueduct not far from the site of the forum, today the location of the basilica of *Notre Dame de Fourvière* and the chapel dedicated to Thomas Becket.

The walk will take you along the path of the funeral processions to the cemetery of Loyasse where the local notables are buried. From there you will have breathtaking views of the Saône and the landscape to the north. Then going down and crossing the river again to the Croix-Rousse, he will show you how to accede to a charming but well hidden park on the way. If Fourvière is known as "*the hill that prays*", the second one, the Croix-Rousse, is called "*the hill that works*" referring to numerous silk weavers. The silk industry was the main activity for centuries.

Then he will take you down one of the most "*lyonnais*" of the flights of steps to join the bank of the Rhône to end at the Parc de la Tête d'Or and its well known gardens of roses.

From Romans to Roses, a historical and heritage way that made Lyon especially renowned as a city of culture, architecture, silk, gastronomy and roses.

#### **Gerald Bettridge**

A foot in both countries, England and France!

Studies at Oxford and at the INSA of Lyon

Physics teacher at Eton College

Retired since 1996 and established in Lyon





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### Is Lyon a fine candidate for the title of world capital city of roses?

#### Stéphane Crozat

The region of Lyon was one of the main European centers for horticultural breeding during the 19th century, and at the beginning of the 20th. Thousands of flowers, fruits or vegetables varieties were created between 1830 and 1960, ranging from new potatoes through to new orchids. This remarkable context, stemming from geographical, historical and botanical local specificities, allowed the development of outstanding characters, such as the Guillot and Pernet- Ducher families, still considered as uncommon breeders. Within the field of roses, Lyon's horticulture made a notable name for itself, since about 60% of the world varieties as of 1850 had been created in this region.

This historical insight is based on the scientific work of Stéphane Crozat for the National Center For Research and Science (CNRS) from 2003 to 2008 and later, for the *Centre de Ressources de Botanique Appliquée* (CRBA), in Lyon. Based on historical documents from the 16th century to nowadays you will discover how and why the city of Lyon and the close suburbs held the lead for horticultural works. It will provide answers to the question: "Is Lyon a fine candidate for the title of world capital city of roses?"



#### Stéphane Crozat

Ethno botanist and garden art historian

Director of the CRBA (Centre de Ressources de Botanique Appliquée - Lyon)







Ahmed Alam Khan with Allain Meilland



Kelvin Trimper, President WFRS, Helga Brichet with Khadar Alam Khan and Ahmed Alam Khan. along with a guest at tea.



Cocktail : Modern Roses Hall of Fame.

Floribunda / Shrub. Bred by Francis Meilland in 1957.

Red Yellow blend. Mild spicy fragrance.

Medium Size (2.25 inches diam.) 05 petals.

Prolific bloomer. Lot of thorns.

Glossy Foliage.