



CONFERENCE

Celebrating 50 Years



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Belfast

Belfast has two airports, Belfast International and Belfast City. Belfast has many attractions such as the Botanic Gardens; Ulster Museum and Titanic Quarter. Less than 2 hours from Belfast you can visit the world famous Giant's Causeway; Mountains of Mourne or visit gardens such as Mount Stewart and Rowallane.



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City of Belfast International Rose Trials

The trial grounds are set in beautiful parkland where rose breeders exhibit their varieties which have to be in commerce for one year.

They are judged by a local panel for two seasons. An international panel adjudicates every July. Some 30,000 roses have been exhibited over 50 years of the trials.

Belfast hosted the World Rose Convention in 1991 and the Rose Gardens were awarded the Plaque of Merit in 2000. Belfast Rose Week is centred in the Park each July.



BELFAST CITY HALL, NORTHERN IRELAND
WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2014

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2014, BELFAST CITY HALL

10.00am Registration and Coffee

11.00am Welcome and Introduction

Craig Wallace, the President of the Rose Society of Northern Ireland

Conference Chair: **Rein Lae Solberg**

11.15am Dr Charles Nelson

Roses in Ireland

12.15pm Reg Maxwell

Going for Gold in Rose Breeding, a snapshot of the history of the Dickson's and McGredy nurseries

1.00pm Lunch

2.00pm Thomas Proll

Genes not Chemicals in the breeding of roses for disease resistance

2.45pm Bernhard Mehring

The search for the Golden Rose in Trials Describing rose trials in Europe generally and, in more detail in the UK, their aims and methodology.

3.00pm Rose Question Time

Panel: Thomas Proll, Bill Le Grice, Anne Bird and Colin Dickson

The ROSE SOCIETY of NORTHERN IRELAND

Celebrating 50 Years

The Rose Society of Northern Ireland and the International Rose Trials at Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park celebrate the 50th Anniversary of their inauguration in 2014.

The move to create a Rose Society and the development of Trial Gardens came together in August 1963 at a meeting of Craig Wallace and Sam McGredy in Portadown. With the support of Pat Dickson, and Reginald Wesley, the Director of Belfast Parks, the Belfast Corporation agreed in October 1963 to establish a Rose Garden and Trials to be known as The City of Belfast International Rose Trials. The trials were established at Sir Thomas & Lady Dixon Park in 1964.

The Rose Society was formed in March 1964 with one of its main functions to provide the panel of judges.



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BOOKING FORM

Conference Fee: £25

Members of The Rose Society of NI and The Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland Fee: **£20**

FEE INCLUDES MORNING COFFEE/TEA AND LUNCH

Name(s):

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The Rose Society of Northern Ireland

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