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International Rose Experts to Speak in Vancouver at the 2009 World Rose Convention June 18– 24, 2009

Vancouver, BC – The Vancouver Rose Society is pleased to announce the speaker lineup for the upcoming internationally acclaimed World Rose Convention being held in Vancouver from June 18 to 24, 2009. Speakers from all corners of the world will be coming to share their knowledge, research and experience with Convention participants.

The Convention theme is *“Roses in the Landscape,”* and lecture topics will focus on growing roses within the landscape and will emphasize the need for earth friendly gardening techniques.

“We are very pleased to be able to offer such a diverse collection of rose specialists for this event,” says Brenda Viney, World Rose Convention Co-chair. “These speakers will be sharing with participants an unprecedented level of research, information, background and experience. There really is something for everyone.”

The Convention speaker line-up includes:

- Beatrice Barni, Italy
- Peter Beales, England
- Gian Paolo Bonani, Italy
- Helga Bricchet, Italy
- Doug Grant, New Zealand
- Sheenagh Harris, South Africa
- Brad Jalbert, Canada
- Eva Kigyóssy-Schmidt, Germany
- Katsuhiko Maebara, Japan
- Maurice Parkinson, Ireland
- Lakshmi Sridharan, USA
- Torben Thim, Denmark
- Hui Wang, China
- Amanda Beales, England
- Deborah Bengé-Frost, USA
- Peter D.A. Boyd, England
- Alec Globe, Canada
- Gaye Hammond, USA
- Yong-Hong Hu, China
- Steve Jones, USA
- Claire Laberge, Canada
- Yuki Mikanagi, Japan
- Per H. Salveson, Norway
- Felicitas Svedja, Canada
- Aleksandr Ukolov, Russia

With 23 diverse lectures over four days, the World Rose Convention Lecture Series covers a broad spectrum of subjects within the *“Roses in the Landscape”* theme. Seminar titles include: Earthkind – The Science behind Carefree Roses; Classic Roses in the Garden Landscape; Roses on the Move – Tracing How and Where Roses

Traveled from Earliest Times to the Present; and Old Roses' Potential in Modern Rose Breeding in East China.

The World Rose Convention will bring together over 800 rosarians from 40 countries for seven days of lectures, workshops, idea and research exchanges, garden tours and more all around the rose. The American Rose Society is also hosting its annual convention alongside the World Rose Convention. For more information on the Convention and to register visit www.worldrose-vancouver2009.com.

In conjunction with the Convention, the World Rose Festival is being held at the newly expanded Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre. This event is a true celebration of the rose with a world-class judged World Rose Show, display gardens, expert advise from local and international rose breeders, floral design, workshops and lectures, art and photo exhibits, a marketplace, a kids garden area, entertainment and the Rose Bistro. For more information on the Festival and to sign up for the e-newsletter, visit www.worldrosefestival.com, or visit the blog at www.worldrose2009.blogspot.com. Tickets will go on sale in December 2008.

The World Rose Convention is hosted by the Vancouver Rose Society, the Canadian Rose Society, the World Federation of Rose Societies and the American Rose Society. The World Rose Festival is hosted by the Vancouver Rose Society.

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