

Saturday, 17th May

Delegates Arrive

10:00 - 20:00 58th Fukuyama Rose Festival in 2025 (Day 1) (10:00- Opening Ceremony) *City-wide*

10:00 - 20:00 Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 1) *Midorimachi Park*

- 16:00 Participants of Pre-Tour Arrive

12:00 - 18:00 Registration Open *Hotel*

Sunday, 18th May (Day 1)

08:30 - 18:00 Registration Open *Hotel*

Delegates Arrive

10:00 - 18:00 58th Fukuyama Rose Festival in 2025 (Day 2) *City-wide*

10:00 - 20:00 Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 2) *Midorimachi Park*

08:30 - 11:30 **WFRS** Executive Meeting No.1 *Hotel*

12:30 - 13:30 Fukuyama Rose Festival Parade *Rose Park*

14:00 - 16:00 **WFRS** Publications Committee *Hotel*

16:00 - 18:00 **WFRS** Promotions Committee *Hotel*

18:30 - 21:00 Welcome Reception (includes Meal) *Fukuyama Castle Park Promenade*

Monday, 19th May (Day 2)

08:30 - 18:00	Registration Open	Hotel
10:00 - 17:00	Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 (Day 3)	Midorimachi Park
08:00 - 08:45	Depart by bus for Opening Ceremony (15 minute drive (by bus))	
09:30 - 11:30	Opening Ceremony	Fukuyama Hall of Art & Culture
11:30 - 12:00	Depart by bus for Lunch Party (5 minute drive)	
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch Party	Midorimachi Park
13:30 - 18:00	Delegates visit Rose Expo FUKUYAMA 2025 / Guidewalk in Rose Park	Midorimachi Park
13:30 - 18:00	Buses From Midorimachi Park to the Hotel (Fukuyama Station)	
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
14:00 - 16:00	WFRS Heritage & Conservation Committee	Hotel
16:00 - 18:00	WFRS Awards Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel
18:00 - 19:00	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
19:00 - 22:00	WFRS Convention Liaison Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel

Tuesday, 20th May (Day 3)

07:30 - 18:00	Registration Desk Open (Full-Day, Same-Day and Next-Day Registration)	Hotel
Roses in Asia		
08:30 - 09:15	Yoshihiro Ueda (Gifu World Rose Garden, Japan): Roses Raised by Japanese Breeders	Hotel
09:15 - 10:00	Nobuo Shirasuna (Kobe International University, Japan): The Rose Depicted in Historical Japanese Paintings	Hotel
10:00 - 10:30	Tea Break	Hotel
10:30 - 11:15	Yuki Mikanagi (Natural History and Museum Institute, Chiba, Japan): Stories of Roses which Started with a Wild Rose in Japan: Rosa multiflora Thunb. 2. Rambler Roses	Hotel
11:15 - 12:00	Jiang Zhengzhi (Founder of the "Langrosa" brand; Rose breeder of China): Wild Roses and Old Roses of China	Hotel
12:00 - 12:20	Presentation of Jurlique	Hotel
12:20 - 18:00	Lunch and Day Tour A ~ D (Tour A & D include lunch)	
18:00 -	Evening Free / Optional tourist activities	
17:30 - 18:00	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
18:00 - 20:00	WFRS International Judges Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel
20:00 - 20:15	Tea Break / Light Meal	Hotel
20:15 - 22:15	WFRS International Rose Trials Committee / The Breeders Club / WFRS Classification & Registration Committee (with Coffee / Light Meal)	Hotel

Wednesday, 21st May (Day 4)

08:00 - 18:00 Registration Desk Open (Same-Day and Next-Day Registration) *Hotel*

Roses for the Future (1) Conservation

08:30 - 09:15 Brigid & Charles Quest-Ritson (Conservation and Heritage Committee, WFRS, UK): Rose Conservation for the Future *Hotel*

09:15 - 10:00 Daniel J. Myhill (National Collection Holder of *Rosa persica* hybrids, UK): The UK National Collection of *Rosa persica* hybrids *Hotel*

10:00 - 10:30 Tea Break *Hotel*

10:30 - 11:15 Gregg Lowery (Vintage Gardens, US): The History of Roses in California *Hotel*

11:15 - 12:00 Svein Osen (Sweden POM Project, Sweden): The Collection and Conservation of Found Roses in Sweden *Hotel*

12:20 - 18:00 Lunch and Day Tour A ~ D (Tour A & D include lunch)

18:00 - 20:00 Fukuyama Street Dining *Downtown Shopping Streets*

Thursday, 22nd May (Day 5)

08:00 - 18:00 Registration Desk Open (Same-Day and Next-Day Registration) *Hotel*

08:30 - 17:30 Day Tour for Hiroshima City (Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park / Hiroshima Botanical Garden) *Whole Hiroshima Area*

18:00 - Evening Free / Optional tourist activities

19:00 - 21:00 WFRS Friends of the Federation Dinner (by invitation only) (Bus Departure at 18:15) *Hotel Ofutei*

Friday, 23rd May (Day 6)

08:00 - 18:00 Registration Desk Open (Same-Day and Next-Day Registration) *Hotel*

Roses for the Future (2) Disease Resistance

08:30 - 09:15 Maria Eva Giorgioni (Bologna University, Italy): Rose Trial in Bologna and Roses in Italy *Hotel*

09:15 - 10:00 Hayden Foulds (The New Zealand Rose Society, New Zealand): Improving Disease Resistance in Roses-A Combination of Breeding and Culture *Hotel*

10:00 - 10:30 Tea Break *Hotel*

10:30 - 11:15 Thomas Debener (Hannover University, Germany): Disease Resistance Breeding: Scientific and Applied Aspects *Hotel*

11:15 - 12:00 David H. Byrne (Texas A&M University, US): Rose Rosette Disease in the Landscape and its Management *Hotel*

12:00 - 12:20 Presentation of the WFRS Regional Convention 2027 in San Diego *Hotel*

12:20 - 18:00 Lunch and Day Tour A ~ D (Tour A & D include lunch)

18:00 - Evening Free / Optional tourist activities

19:00 - 22:00 **WFRS Council Meeting** *Hotel*

Saturday, 24th May (Day 7)

07:30 - 15:00 Registration Desk Open (Same-Day Registration and Dinner Registration) *Hotel*

Roses dor the Future (3) Other new techniques

08:00 - 08:45 Naomi Okubo (Institute of Vegetable and Floriculture Science, The National Agriculture and Food Research Organization, Japan): The Genealogy of Fragrance and New Scent Components in Roses *Hotel*

08:45 - 09:30 Koji Kawamura (Osaka Institute of Technology, Japan): The Origin of Mutations Introducing Recurrent Flowering and Double Flower Characteristics into Cultivated Roses *Hotel*

09:30 - 10:00 Tea Break *Hotel*

10:00 - 10:45 Pascal Heitzler (Institute of Molecular Plant Biology in Strasbourg, France): *Rosa arvensis*: a 30-year Old Experience *Hotel*

10:45 - 12:15 BREEDERS PANEL (5 breeders/) The Chair: Daniel Boulens
- Martin Vissers (Belgium, Viva International)
- Doug Grant (New Zealand, The New Zealand Rose Society)
- Matthias Meilland (France, Meilland International)
- Takunori Kimura (Japan, Kimura Kikaku) *Hotel*

12:15 - 12:45 Presentation of the 21st WFRS World Rose Convention in India *Hotel*

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch *Hotel*

14:00 - 16:00 Visit a local school and meet with children

14:00 - 16:00 **WFRS** Executive Meeting No.2 *Hotel*

18:00 - 22:00 WFRS Gala Convention Dinner and Awards Presentation *Hotel*

Day Tour **A** Sera Kogen: a Fascinating Highland Surrounded by Flowers

Day Tour **B** Encounter with Anne, and Lakeside Affectionate Handcrafted Rose Garden Tour

Day Tour **C** **<Recommended>** Join Rose Trials Voting! Explore Tranquil Rose Gardens & Meet Locals

Day Tour **D** Tomonoura, the Japan Heritage port town, and Shinshoji temple in the season of fresh green

Day Tour **E** Full of Peace and Culture, "The city of Water" Hiroshima