



*We hope that our last message of the year finds you well.*

The light is fading, and the end of the year is fast approaching. The rose bushes are adorned with a thousand fruits that will delight fruit-eating birds. This quiet period in nature invites us to take a brief look back at the past year: 2023 saw the Queen of Flowers celebrated at the 4th Concours de Nyon under excellent conditions. Thanks to the tireless work of the Nyon Environmental Services team and volunteers, the rose garden is always very well maintained, and we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank them for their unstinting efforts.

For the second time, the autumn competition highlighted the best varieties from among those entered in the 4th Competition on 17 June 2023. The judging took place on 18 October and all the results have been sent to the breeders. Many of the varieties in this "zero treatment" competition proved to be highly resistant and flowered well into the autumn. Ground cover rose no. 110

Simsalabim® (KORnekraz) scored 86 points and won first prize. This rose appears to be completely disease-resistant and was judged to be "exceptionally floriferous" right up to the frosts. The judges were right to award this variety the ADR label in 2023.



*1st prize in the 2nd Autumn Trial : Simsalabim® (KORnekraz), KORDES Rosen, ADR 2023. Photo : ©Michel Perret ADN, Nyon*

The winners of this 2nd autumn competition have been communicated to the breeders concerned. They were also invited to visit the rose garden on November 3 in the company of the President of the Permanent Jury, Mr Hugues Rubattel, the Honorary President, Dr Gérald Meylan, the General Secretary of the competition, Mrs Hester Macdonald, and the undersigned.



*Participants in the autumn visit to the rose garden with, from left to right: Martin Vissers, Hugues Rubattel, Gérald Meylan, Pierre Orard, Jean-Luc Pasquier, Franck-Johann Bodenmann, Simone Monney, Alain Diebold, Hester Macdonald and Claudine Bagnoud. Photo: DR*



*Many volunteers rose lovers and apprentices from the Lullier School of Horticulture work between July and October to maintain the rose garden so that the Autumn Competition can take place. Here, a delegation from the Société Romande des Amis des Roses et de l'Horticulture SRARH and the Association des Amis de la Rose de Nyon at the aperitif. Photo: DR*

With a wonderful year behind us, our efforts are now focused on organising the planting of the 6th edition, as well as preparations for the next edition, whose roses were planted last March and will be judged at the 5th Concours International de Nyon on 15 June 2024.

With all best wishes for the festivities and for the coming year!

*On behalf of the Organising Committee*

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President

Hester Macdonald  
Secretary General

Luciana Bonelli  
Vice-President

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Vice-President

Hugues Rubattel  
President of the permanent jury

The mission of the Competition is to evaluate the creations of professional breeders according to the official criteria of the World Federation of Rose Societies WFRS while offering a unique "zero treatment" management.



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