

## **Biography of Boulens Daniel**

BOULENS Daniel,  
Was born in 1955 in Thonon les bains, in the French Alps.

In 1978, he graduated from Grenoble University for a master degree related to a phytosociological and botanical investigation in the Alps. From 1978 until 1980, he attended the National Agronomy Institute in Paris, and was graduated agronomy engineer.

His first job was working as technical manager in a large nursery, where he used new original methods conditioning the roses.

In 1983, he left to work in landscape design and project manager in Saudi Arabia, near Riyadh. He learned the plants of the arid zones and how to save water adjusting the water irrigation systems.

In 1985, he returned to France and take up a position in the parks management of the city of Chambéry. In 1988, he became director of the parks and landscape services department in the City of Grenoble, where he was also in charge of the cleanliness dept. He developed a green master plan and implemented an important floral program, recognized in France with a special award.

In 2001, he joined the City of Lyon, where he is now the General Manager of the Open and Green Spaces Department. He is also in charge of the botanical and zoological gardens of the third city of France.

He is involved in many different associations. He was vice President of the French Association of Directors of public parks and gardens, and other scientific and naturalistic groups. He has joined IFPRA organisation in 2001, and attended Livcom competition in November 2007 in Westminster. The city of Lyon won a golden award in this competition for the enhancement of the landscape of the riverbanks of the Rhône river.

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Daniel Boulens was a lecturer in many countries (France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Italy, New Zealand, ...) to teach Sustainable Management in Parks and Gardens. He went especially in China in 2010 (Changzhou, Shanghai, Hong Kong), to explain how his parks and gardens Dept include an eco-friendly management in the daily work, preserving a high standard of quality, which has been awarded the certification iso 14001 in 2005 and 2008.

He proposed to the World Federation of Roses Societies (WFRS) to host the world convention of this federation in Lyon last June 2015. It was a real challenge to allow everyone to discover this nice city, with no doubts capital of gastronomy, but world capital of the rose! The world Congress gathered more than 650 participants from 35 different countries. He was totally involved with international festival of Roses in the City of Lyon with more than one million visitors in less than a week! A great success!

Daniel Boulens is a perfect choice to pay a tribute to the "rose", the gardens, and all the people involved in the creation and maintenance of parks and gardens! He will share with you this nice experience of the festival of roses.