

## Forrest Medal Perth 2009



*Iris suaveolens*

Exhibited by

Cyril Lafong

Same exhibitor different plant!

Cyril showed his skill in cultivating the whole range of rock garden plants, from bulbs to cushions with this fabulous dwarf Turkish Iris. A rhizomatous species, like a tiny border Iris, *Iris suaveolens* grows from the Balkans to Turkey. As you might expect from a plant with such a wide distribution it has different colour forms, which vary from this partial bicolor to pure yellow and pure violet.

Because of the transient nature of the flowers it is difficult to get a lot in perfect condition at the same time. Cyril's skill and maybe a wee bit of luck combined to bring this painful to perfection at judging time at Perth. How often has that perfect plant of yours been fabulous just a few days before or a few days after a show? Just a note on luck! Isn't it strange that the more effort, skill and time you invest in something, the 'luckier' you are?

I can only say, **'Well done again Cyril.'** I hope the 'Beechgrove Garden' tells everyone in their next programme, about this latest success at the Perth SRGC show. I was aware of George Anderson telling the general gardening public about all your Forrest medals without anyone telling them about SRGC shows.

