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### **Shortlist announced for 2013 International Grower of the Year**

Four nurseries have made it to the final shortlist in the contest for the prestigious accolade of International Grower of the Year. Organised by the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) in association with awards sponsor FloraCulture International (who also developed the initiative), the winner will be announced at a gala dinner on 11 September during the AIPH Annual Congress in Niagara Falls, Canada.

Winners of awards in their own countries the shortlist is:

- Belgium – Romberama, Leiweg, Loenhout
- The Netherlands – Sion, de Lier
- United Kingdom – Whetman Pinks, Dawlish, Devon
- Canada – Sheridan Nurseries, Georgetown, Ontario

The shortlist will be judged by an expert jury from across the world who will assess the candidates against rigorous standards to ensure that a worthy winner emerges. The winner will receive a golden rose trophy and runners-up will receive silver and bronze roses respectively.

Commenting on the contest AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe comments “This award is given to the best of the best from around the world. The standard of entries goes up all the time and each year the award demonstrates the outstanding professionalism and integrity shown by the worlds’ leading nurseries.”

The gala awards dinner, hosted this year by the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) and Landscape Ontario (LO) in Niagara Falls will provide a fitting celebration for the shortlisted candidates and the eventual winner.

Places are still available for the gala dinner and the Congress tours. To book your place contact [sg@aiph.org](mailto:sg@aiph.org).

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## **Notes for Editors:**

### **International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)**

AIPH is a co-ordinating body representing horticultural producers' organizations all over the world. It was set up in Switzerland in 1948 to stimulate the international marketing of flowers, plants and landscaping services. Currently membership consists of 26 organisations from 19 countries. For further details visit [www.aiph.org](http://www.aiph.org).

### **AIPH Annual Congress**

The AIPH Annual Congress 2013 takes place at the Doubletree Falls View Hotel in Niagara Falls from 8-12 September. Congress details can be obtained from the AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe, at [sg@aiph.org](mailto:sg@aiph.org). Congress summary:

- 8 Sep Strategic planning day for all members
- 9 Sep Congress Day 1 – Committees: Green City, Novelty Protection, Environment & Plant Health
- 10 Sep Congress Day 2 – Marketing Committee and Council meeting
- 11 Sep Tours to the site for the Flora Niagara 2017 Expo, Niagara Falls, the Vineland Research Station and Sheridan Nurseries. In the evening there will be the 2013 awards gala dinner for the International Grower of the Year.
- 12 Sep Tours to Westbrook Nurseries, Blue Sky Nursery and J. C. Bakker & Sons nurseries followed by a farewell dinner

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