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Finalists announced for AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016

Ornamental growers from Canada, China, Germany, Netherlands, Turkey, UK and USA are finalists in the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) International Grower of the Year Awards 2016.

- Arcadia Chrysanten, Netherlands
- Costa Farms, USA
- Dashun International Flower, China
- Dutchmaster Nurseries, Canada
- Flash Tarim Urunleri (Flash Flowers), Turkey
- Florensis, Germany/Netherlands
- Kunming Hongzihua Gardening, China
- Majestic Trees, UK
- Shanghai Yuanyi Seedling, China

Bronze, Silver and Gold will be awarded, where applicable, to each category - Finished Plants & Trees, Young Plants and Cut Flowers. Each of the category winners will be judged for the final and most prestigious award – the coveted Gold Rose, awarding them the global status of AIPH International Grower of the Year.

Chairman of the international jury and AIPH Past-President, Vic Krahn, commented on the entries, “The jury was very impressed with the exceptionally high standard of the entries received this year. It was a huge task with so many more entries than previous years. The high standards of the entrants meant the jury had to work exceptionally hard. However, in every judge’s case, they found it extremely thrilling to assess such high quality businesses. They know with certainty that when the winners are announced in January, this industry will be truly inspired by these world acclaimed businesses.”

AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe added, “We have been so pleased with the response from growers around the world to the call for entries in this expanded global

contest. There will be more winners this year than ever before and I hope the industry will join us to celebrate when the winners are announced in January."

Celebrating the world's best ornamentals growers, the Awards Gala Dinner takes place on Thursday, 28 January 2016, during IPM Essen, Germany - held in partnership with Headline Sponsor, FloraHolland.

AIPH invites growers, traders, suppliers, retailers, business leaders and all those linked to the ornamental horticulture industry to join them at this momentous horticultural occasion.

For information and tickets visit www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear

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International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH)

Since 1948, AIPH has united horticultural producers in an international community that thrives to this day. Much has changed in that time. Technologies advanced, cities rose from the ground, and we have become more connected than ever. As a result, our essential bond with nature has been weakened. AIPH strives to reignite and uphold an appreciation of plants that we believe is a basic human instinct. We support the work of grower associations globally and together we champion a prosperous industry, growing plants that enhance lives, advance societies and sustain our planet, for this generation and the next.

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