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## **Germany, Netherlands and China are finalists in the Young Plants category of the AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016**

Ornamentals growers from Germany, Netherlands and China are finalists in the Young Plants category of the AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016.

- **Florensis, Germany/Netherlands**
- **Kunming Hongzhihua Gardening, China**
- **Shanghai Yuanyi Seedling, China**

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 and Founding Partner, FloraCulture International (FCI).

**Florensis** provides professional growers with new varieties and plant propagation material. More than 2,000 devoted and skilled employees in Europe (with its head office in the Netherlands) and throughout the world produce more than 900 million young plants from seed and cuttings each year. The company specialises in annuals, perennials, pot plants, primroses, pansies and cut flowers.

**Kunming Hongzhihua Gardening Co. Ltd.** produces and sells cuttings and cut flowers of chrysanthemum. The company's chrysanthemum cuttings are mainly exported to Japan. In 2014, the export volume was 140 million pieces, which accounts for over 90% of China's total export volume of these products and 42% of the total import volume of Japan.

**Shanghai Yuanyi Seedling Co. Ltd.** is a leading horticultural enterprise which initially worked with plug seedling production in China. Bedding plant seedlings are the main products of the company, which include annual and perennial flowers, hanging plants, potted plants, ornamental vegetables and fruit and mosaiculture materials.

The Awards event commences at 6pm with a drinks reception followed by a four course dinner and ceremony. Chris Beytes, Editor of GrowerTalks and Green Profit magazine, is to

be the master of ceremonies and after the awards there will be an evening of celebration with live entertainment and international networking. For information and tickets visit [www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear](http://www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear)

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#### Notes for Editors:

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