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International Green City Conference to demonstrate how City Greening makes healthier, happier places

The International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) and Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) invites all those with an interest in making our cities healthier and happier to join them in Vancouver, Canada on 16-18 March 2016 for the AIPH International Green City Conference, sponsored by TD Canada.

The conference will cover topics including:

- Using Living Roofs and Walls to combat stormwater threats and improve health
- Measuring and quantifying Living Green Infrastructure assets
- Developing new communities using principles of green sustainability
- Improving society with greening
- New 'Garden Cities'

Speakers from all over the world, including USA, China, Indonesia, Netherlands and Canada, will present what they are doing, share case studies and inspire delegates. International speakers will include Professor Li Xiong, Dean of the School of Landscape Architecture at Beijing Forestry University who will speak from his vast experience of greening Chinese cities and creating whole new green cities. Egbert Roozen, Director of the Dutch Landscape & Garden Contractors Association in The Netherlands will use real-life examples to demonstrate how greening can be used to overcome city challenges.

The former Mayor of Vancouver and Past Premier of British Columbia, Mike Harcourt, will talk about the journey being taken by Vancouver with its aim to be the greenest city in the world by 2020. Other speakers include Steven Peck, President of Green Roofs for Healthy Cities and Professor Daniel Roehr from The School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of British Columbia.

Delegates will also take part in walking and bus 'Green City Tours' of Vancouver and benefit from a network of delegates from around the world.

Commenting on the conference AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe, said: “This year our International Green City Conference is located in a city with serious greening ambitions. It brings together experts, practitioners, and government decision makers to debate the role of greening in tackling the biggest urbanisation problems of our time. This really is an event not to be missed.”

The conference will be held at the PanPacific Hotel in Vancouver on 16-18 March 2016. For more details and to book your place visit www.cnla-acpp.ca/greencity. Register before February 18 to secure your space.

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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. For further details visit www.aiph.org

CNLA

The Canadian Nursery Landscape Association (CNLA) is a national not-for-profit federation of ten provincial landscape and horticulture associations representing over 3,800 members in the landscape, retail garden centre, and nursery sectors. CNLA works to develop programs, undertake initiatives, and form alliances in order to achieve sustainable prosperity for members and stakeholders. CNLA is a member of AIPH. To learn more, visit www.cnla-acpp.ca.