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The finalists of the Finished plants and trees category of the AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016

Ornamentals growers from Canada, China, UK and USA are finalists in the Finished plants and trees category of the AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards 2016.

- **Dutchmaster Nurseries, Canada**
- **Dashun International Flower, China**
- **Majestic Trees, UK**
- **Costa Farms, USA**

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).

Dutchmaster Nurseries is one of the leading wholesale nurseries in Ontario producing trees, shrubs, and perennials for wholesale purposes and shipping throughout Eastern Canada and the Eastern United States. It prides itself in being the best it can be at growing and supplying its products, and knowing that there are many excellent growers in Canada and beyond, the company looks for ways to set itself apart.

Dashun International Flower Co. Ltd. is the largest pot plant grower in China supplying 10,000,000 finished plants to the market. Dashun focuses on the production of plants with colourful flowers, leaves and fruits for the home and office. Its award winning product range, recognised for its best new varieties and high quality, includes Anthurium, Medinilla magnifica, Bromeliaceae, Marantaceae, Rieger Begonia and Kalanchoe.

Majestic Trees grows finished plants and trees and has had resounding success in unlocking the market potential for direct supply of mature trees. With trees from 12/14 up to 1.1 metre girth, 3 to 13 metres tall and 50 to 5,000 litres AirPots, the company grows, supplies and plants nationwide with its own fleet of heavy transport and custom equipment to ensure total customer satisfaction.

Costa Farms is one of North America's largest growers of ornamental plants regularly bringing new products to retailers on an international scale. It is one of the largest indoor plant growers in the world and one of the largest growers of annual bedding plants and perennial plants in the United States.

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

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Notes for Editors:

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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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