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## FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR AIPH INTERNATIONAL GROWER OF THE YEAR (IGOTY) 2019 AWARDS

The International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) has today announced the finalists for the prestigious International Grower of the Year (IGOTY) Awards 2019. The nine ornamental grower finalists come from: Belgium, China, Denmark, Kenya, the Netherlands and Poland.

The finalists are:

1. Clematis Źródło Dobrych Pnączy Spółka, z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością Spółka komandytowa, Poland
2. Fujian Hongzhan Landscape Engineering Co., Limited, China
3. Gartneriet Tvillingegaarden, Denmark
4. Gediflora, Belgium
5. Inner Mongolia M•Grass Ecological Environment (Group) Co., Ltd, China
6. Jiangsu Zhonghe Flowers Co. Limited, China
7. OK Plant, the Netherlands
8. Oserian Development Company Limited, Kenya
9. Sichuan Colorful Forestry Development Co.Limited, China.

The IGOTY Awards will be held on 22nd January at the IPM Fairground, Essen, Germany, alongside the world's largest international horticultural trade fair, and are supported by headline partner Royal FloraHolland and founding partner FloraCulture International.

Established by AIPH, the IGOTY Awards have been championing outstanding achievement in the ornamentals sector since 2009. They recognise best practice in horticultural production by the top ornamental production nurseries from around the globe, celebrating the expertise and energy they give to horticulture. The awards also stimulate and promote best practice by giving global attention to outstanding producers and promoting knowledge throughout the industry.

The IGOTY Awards are judged by a jury of six internationally recognised experts. At the gala ceremony, winners of four separate categories will be announced; finished plants and trees, cut flowers, young plants and sustainability. From amongst the winners of all categories, an overall champion will be crowned the 'Gold Rose Winner', to receive the most coveted and prestigious award of the night.

2018 Gold Rose Winner, Eduard Ter Laak of Ter Laak Orchids said, "Every day we strive for top quality, so we invest continuously in technical innovations and the development of

our product. And always in a sustainable manner because respect for people and the environment is part of our character. Together with our customers, suppliers and staff, we set the bar a bit higher. That is why we invest not only in our product, but also in sustainable relationships. That our efforts are now being rewarded with this prize is fantastic!”

To book tickets for the IGOTY 2019 Awards and view the biographies of the IGOTY 2019 Jury visit: <http://aiph.org/groweroftheyear/>.

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**Notes for Editors:**

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.

**IGOTY Awards**

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