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## LAST CHANCE TO BOOK TICKETS FOR AIPH INTERNATIONAL GROWER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2019

Just one week remains to book tickets for the International Grower of the Year Awards (IGOTY) 2019 until **ticket booking officially closes at midnight (GMT) on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. The IGOTY Awards, the most prestigious award ceremony for the ornamentals industry, will be held on the evening of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at the IPM Fairground in Essen, Germany. It will be the tenth IGOTY Awards to take place to celebrate best practice and reward excellence in ornamentals production.

The awards event consists of a drinks reception, gala dinner, award ceremony and live musical entertainment from Fresh Music Live. The event ticket price also includes admission to IPM Essen – the industry's largest international trade fair.

The IGOTY Awards 2019 will be presented for four categories; finished plants and trees, cut flowers and bulbs, young plants and sustainability. One category winner will be crowned overall AIPH International Grower of the Year 2019 and receive the 'Gold Rose' – the most coveted prize of the evening.

The IGOTY 2019 jury, consisting of a panel of six internationally renowned industry experts, have shortlisted 9 finalists from Belgium, China, Denmark, Kenya, the Netherlands and Poland. The winners will be announced live on the evening.

The IGOTY Awards 2019 Finalists are:

Butterfly Garden, Denmark  
Clematis The Source of Good Climbers, Poland  
Fujian Hongzhan Landscape Engineering Co. Ltd. China  
Gediflora, Belgium  
Inner Mongolia M-Grass Ecological Environment (Group) Co.ltd. China  
Jiangsu Zhonghe Flowers Co.Ltd. China  
OK Plant, the Netherlands  
Oserian Development Company Limited, Kenya  
Sichuan Colorlink Co.Ltd, China

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Tickets for the IGOTY Award 2019 cost €225 per person and €205 per person for groups of ten. **To book your tickets before the deadline visit [www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear/](http://www.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**

Brought to you by AIPH in partnership with Founding Partner, FloraCulture International (FCI), the IGOTY awards have been championing outstanding achievement in the sector since 2010. 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. In 2018 ornamental growers, from Canada, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Israel and the Netherlands reached the finals, with Ter Laak Orchids - The Netherlands, winning AIPH IGOTY 2018.

For more information including brochures, past winners and a video of the 2017 awards visit [www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear](http://www.aiph.org/groweroftheyear)



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