Global Wedding Flowers Webinar
FloraCulture International (FCI) magazine, supported by the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH), and Flower Academy Italy are delighted to announce the first global live-stream wedding flowers industry event on Monday 25 October from 4pm to 5.30pm (Central European Summer Time).

Welcome...

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His Excellency Mr Willem van Ee
Dutch Ambassador to Italy
Our special guest of honour is His Excellency Mr Willem van Ee, the Dutch Ambassador to Italy.

He was born in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. He studied Political Sciences, International (Economic) Relations, and graduated from the University of Leiden in 1987.

He joined the Dutch Foreign Service in 1987 and held positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague and various Dutch embassies abroad.

**Recent positions:**
- 2017 – 2021 Deputy Secretary General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague
- 2012 – 2017 Director, Consular Affairs and Visa Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Hague
- 2009 – 2012 Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission at the embassy in Beijing
- 2005 – 2009 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Bulgaria
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- 1997 – 2001 Principle Private Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in The Hague
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Ms Patrizia di Braida, is a renowned floral design teacher, wedding event planner and floral designer.

She began her career in floral design in 1997 in Valeggio sul Mincio, Verona. She attended the introductory and monographic courses of Federfiori. She continued mastering her studies in Italy and abroad learning from the best International Floral Designers at the time including Gregor Lersh, Kazumasa Kubo, Klaus Wagener, Karen Tran and Peter Hess.

In 2005 she gained her national teaching certification as a national level Federfiori teacher and Floral Designer accredited at the University of Pavia, attending the course “Sciences of the Flower and of the Green”, with 105/110 evaluation.

In 2018 she inaugurated her new Academy of Floral Design “Bloom’s”, dedicated to her father, who passed away a year before.

Patrizia works all over Italy, and mainly in the Veneto and Lombardy regions.

She is also a wedding planner, exceptionally expert, recognised nationally for her exclusive personalised floral arrangements at Italian events and weddings and, gaining noteriety internationally for making Italy a romantic wedding destination.

If you want to organise an unforgettable wedding – Patrizia is the right person for you!

In addition to the art of Floral Designer and Wedding Planner, Patrizia Di Braida runs her Academy as a teacher of Floral Designer: Bloom’s Accademy.

Bellissimo!

Over the past few days Patrizia and her team of Bloom’s Accademy have toiled away to turn the Villa Mosconi Bertani into a magnicent floral oasis. We wish to thank the following companies for their support with the photo shoot.
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Passionate about international business, 30-year-old Mr Reinier Haasnoot is the New Business Manager at OZ Export.

He is responsible for developing global growth strategy, research and identify new business opportunities, and grow sales through new or existing clients.

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Mrs Simona Polli
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Ms Simona Polli, is chief editor of two of Italy’s leading wedding magazines.

Simona started her career in 1989, working previously for the magazine Sposabella in Milan and later in Spain and Portugal.

Today she is the editor in chief of the biannual Real Wedding (featuring wedding celebrations worldwide) and WhiteSposa, an inspirational magazine published three times a year and sold in bookshops, stalls and online.

The Real Wedding and WhiteSposa have a combined circulation of 70,000 copies.

Simona has prepared a comprehensive overview of the Italian wedding market, which our audience can find in this webinar’s handouts.
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Ms Jules Lewis Gibson is ready to update us about what is going on in the American wedding flowers market.

She is a third-generation female entrepreneur, and has acquired an abundance of know-how in the publishing and luxury marketing industries.

For the past decade, Jules owned Fuse Media+, the Sarasota-based media company creators of Florida Homes Magazine, Florida Boating Magazine, and the award-winning women’s publication, GRAVITAS.

In January 2021, Jules’ company acquired Florists’ Review, Superfloral, Canadian Floral brands.

Before media, Jules founded an advertising agency specialising in the luxury home industry and launched an online floral/garden boutique, among other ventures.

She says: “I am honoured and feel a great sense of responsibility to move these brands forward for the florists, the growers, the craftsmen, and for all of us to have beautiful flowers in our lives. I love the process of creating beautiful products and online experiences. We have so many exciting things to create, people to meet, and fabulous flowers to enjoy!”
Avalanche+® has certainly earned its nickname, being in a class of its own since day one. This modern classic has a large flower and fabulous presence and offers top quality all year round. It is no surprise that Avalanche+® regular features at major occasions such as royal weddings and other top events.

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Ms Valeria Randazzo is organiser of forthcoming trade show MyPlant&Garden from 23 until 25 February at Fiera Milano in Milan.

Myplant & Garden is the most important professional trade fair for horticulture, garden and landscape in Italy.

It is the main reference for the Italian industry and top-level actor for international markets.

The trade fair promotes green culture, circular economy, environmental protection and green design.

One of the highlights will be a purpose built Wedding Pavilion.

www.myplantgarden.com
Villa Mosconi Bertani has been an important reference point for Verona’s wine and culture for centuries.

The Estate, located on the Valpolicella Wine Route, with its ancient 16th-century cellars and splendid vineyards, is a natural Wine Museum with a history of centuries of harvests and a central role in the creation of the modern Amarone Classico della Valpolicella.

The elegant frescoed rooms and the idyllic romantic park were used by the artists and intellectuals of Ippolito Pindemonte’s eighteenth-century literary salon.

Today the Bertani family continues with uninterrupted passion this long tradition of excellence in production, wine innovation and cultural activity.

www.mosconibertani.it
The industry association AFFI (Associazione Floricoltori e Fioristi Italiani), including cut flower growers, florists, and floral designers, was founded in January 2020 by Cristiano Genovali, the former President of the Associazione Piante e Fiori d’Italia.

Cristiano recalls, “The first question they asked me was why setting up yet another trade association when there were already so many in Italy? My response was as plain and simple: none of the existing ones are about cut flowers and none of them include growers and retail florists.”

FCI/AIPH’s wedding flowers event is an excellent example of a happy Dutch-Italo marriage. Because next to a beautiful display of Dutch cut flowers, Italian quality flowers from the country’s dedicated flower growers occupy pride of place.

www.associazionefloricoltoriefioristiitaliani.it

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- Cristiano Genovali, Coop Flor-Export, Viareggio (Lucca)
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