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Spring Meeting 2022 in Dubai



Following two years of restrictions and uncertainty, AIPH announces its first in-person event in two years – the 2022 AIPH Spring Meeting, held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dubai, UAE.

The Spring Meeting programme will include:

- **6 March** – arrival of delegates and welcome dinner
- **7 March** – Expo conference – progress reports from upcoming AIPH-approved Expos as well as an application from Thailand.
- **8 March** – AIPH General Meeting – including committee discussions on Ornamentals Production, Green City reports and Expos – and AIPH Green City Conference.
- **9 March** – VIP tours of pavilions in Expo 2020 Dubai
- **10 March** – visit to the Dubai Miracle Garden and free time at Expo 2020 Dubai

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International Grower of the Year 2022 Finalists



AIPH International Grower of the Year Awards ceremony will take place on 14th June 2022 at GreenTech Amsterdam, the top horticulture technology event in the Netherlands.

The awards recognise best practice in horticulture by the top ornamental production nurseries from around the globe, celebrating the expertise and energy they give to horticulture.

The IGOTY 2022 Finalists

(in alphabetical order):

- **Bunnik Group Bv.**, Netherlands
- **Brookdale Treeland Nurseries Limited**, Canada
- **Jens Meyer Jungpflanzen**, Germany
- **Luxaflor Roses**, Zimbabwe
- **Matina Flowers S.A.S**, Colombia
- **Metrolina Greenhouses**, USA
- **Prim'rose (SCA Clementine)**, Morocco
- **Sítio Kolibri**, Brazil
- **Wagagai Limited**, Uganda

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At the beginning of February, the **AIPH Secretary General Tim Briercliffe** was in Dubai visiting many Dubai Expo country pavilions and preparing for the AIPH spring meeting here on 7-10 March. He had very positive meetings with Commissioner Generals and Directors from Singapore, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Poland, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Thailand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Israel, China, Russia, Oman, Italy, Netherlands, Germany and many more.

This month, **AIPH Senior International Relations Manager, Treve Evans**, travelled to South Africa to meet with key organisations in the country. He was invited to introduce AIPH to the Executive Committee of the **South African Nurseries Association (SANA)**, by Paul Vonk (President) and Gerdie Olivier (Operations Manager) on 9th February in Johannesburg.



Treve talked about AIPH's industry leading initiatives, our Green City programmes and our Expos, and presented the opportunity for SANA to become a full member of AIPH. As a result, SANA will be submitting its application to become a valued member in AIPH Region 9 (Africa). We look forward to welcoming them to the global AIPH family.



In Cape Town on 15th February, Treve was joined by AIPH's Zimbabwe based consultant, Timothy Blatch, at a meeting with ICLEI (Africa) – Local Governments for Sustainability. AIPH, through our Green City initiative, and ICLEI, through its Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC) has a global partnership to collaborate on the CitiesWithNature partnership initiative.

Talks were held on progressing the partnership further, particularly through information sharing and resource platforms for city greening. CitiesWithNature (which provides a global shared platform for cities, and which ICLEI is a founding partner) is also a valued partner of the **AIPH World Green City Awards 2022**, and ideas were discussed on developing that collaboration for future rounds of the awards.

AIPH International Relations Manager, Elena Terekhova, completed an Executive Master in Management of International Organisations at SDA Bocconi School of Management this month. She was awarded the best thesis prize; the topic was: *Rationales of Partnership Building at the Rights' holder of Mega Events: the case of Global Partnerships framework for AIPH World and International Horticultural Expos.*



INTERNATIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXPO NEWS

The city of **Udon Thani** wishes to gain the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH) approval to host a **Category B International Horticultural Exhibition** following the AIPH Regulations for International Horticultural Exhibitions.

Udon Thani would like to host the Expo in 2026 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of His Majesty the King's Maha Vajiralongkorn Accession to the Throne and Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn's 72nd birthday anniversary.

On 13th February 2022, the site inspection team was greeted at Bangkok international airport by Mr Chiruit Isarangkun Na Ayuthaya, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) President.

The AIPH site inspection team included **President Bernard Oosterom; Chair of Exhibitions Committee, Kevin Chung; Vice Chair of Exhibitions Committee, Takuhiro Yamada; Representative of Region VIII, Karen Tambayong and International Relations Manager, Elena Terekhova.**



On 14th February, the site inspection team held successful meetings in Bangkok with His Excellency, the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives, His Excellence, Permanent Secretary of Agriculture of Thailand and His Excellence, the Permanent Secretary of Interior of Thailand, their teams, as well as Excellencies Udon Thani governor, vice-governors, joined by AIPH member in Thailand, Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) as well as representatives of the city administration involved in the project preparation.

The group then flew to Udon Thani, warmly greeted by the citizens at the airport and by children at the hotel. The evening programme included the visit to Udon Thani Museum and an experience of local hospitality, food, arts and crafts, facilitated by citizens of all ages, followed by Thai music and dance concert and welcome speeches.



On 15th February, the inspection team received a formal presentation of the Expo project at the Montatip Hall of Udon Thani International Convention and Exhibition Centre. The city administration, governor of Udon Thani province Mr Sayam Sirimongkol, vice-governors, and key stakeholders provided the presentation and answered AIPH inspection team questions.



Later in the day, the AIPH team were taken to the proposed Expo site Nong-Dae, to see its parking lots, plant nursery centre area and water feature. On 16th February, the AIPH team visited one of the area's major attractions, the Talay Bua Daeng (Sea of Red Lotuses) and Ban Chiang National Museum. These visits were followed by a concluding session with the province and city administration.

The key stakeholders reinstated their commitment to the project and enthusiastically received the AIPH inspection team's suggestions.

Udon Thani will officially present its application for Category B International Horticultural Expo approval for 2026 at the [AIPH Expo Conference in Dubai](#) on Tuesday 7 March. For more information, and to book your place, [click here](#).

Horticultural innovations and the future of green cities at Expo 2022 Floriade Amsterdam Almere



From 14 April – 9 October 2022, Almere will be the stage for the **AIPH Approved A1 World Horticultural Exhibition, Expo 2022 Floriade Amsterdam Almere**.

[Catch-up with the latest updates before the opening ceremony here.](#)

Expo 2021 Hatay, the AIPH approved B International Horticultural Expo will open on 1st April until 30th June 2022. It will showcase Turkey's horticulture and educate visitors about this region's rich history, with the theme *Garden of Civilisation*.



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GREEN CITY INITIATIVES NEWS



AIPH Green City Conference: Greening Cities for Sustainable Development

In this **2022 AIPH International Green City Conference**, high profile speakers will present the activities and programmes that cities and countries are making to achieve the UN SDGs and other global initiatives (such as the Paris Agreement), with a specific focus on the contribution that 'living green' makes to meeting the stated objectives. Cities and local governments have the capacity to generate innovative ideas and locally implement approaches that contribute to reaching global initiatives. These contributions can be overlooked, perhaps by a question of scale, perhaps by limited promotion, yet these have an immense potential to influence change. Local governments and city leaders demonstrate just how impactful local innovation can be and how important it is to engage cities as partners to reach global sustainability and climate agendas.

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**WORLD
GREEN CITY
AWARDS
2022**



Now is the Time for Greener Cities

The inaugural edition of the **AIPH World Green City Awards 2022** recognises city-led initiatives relying on a greater use of plants and nature to create better and greener city environments – helping to fulfil local aspirations for improved economic, social and

environmental resilience. With the deadline for submission of entries on 14th March 2022, AIPH invites all cities, large and small, to showcase their “living green” and demonstrate that they are champions for the power of plants.

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ORNAMENTALS PRODUCTION NEWS

At the **Spring Meeting on 8 March** AIPH members can find out more on how we are representing the ornamental horticulture industry in discussions about the context and implementation of plant breeders' rights and keeps the industry informed about the latest developments, judicial consequences, and possible solutions through the AIPH Sparring Partner Group (SPG).

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Forthcoming webinar: What to import and how to procure ornamental horticulture from Türkiye



According to the Turkish Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters Association, Türkiye's flower industry is in great health, rapidly growing its production, exports and horticulturally skilled workers. FloraCulture International will be hosting a webinar on the Turkish opportunities on Thursday 7 April.

[Find Out More](#)

Tributes to former AIPH board member and industry champion Jan Willem Wessel



Mr Jan Willem Wessel passed away on 28 January 2022 in his hometown Bentveld. He was 71. He was an industry champion, talented administrator, former secretary, and managing director of Bedrijfschap voor de Groothandel in Bloemkwekerijproducten in Aalsmeer (Dutch Floral Wholesale Board).

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The **March** edition of *FloraCulture International* will be out next week. It features

- An interview with the US President of WF&FSA
- A focus on women in horticulture,
- High-tech greenhouses in unfeasible places
- Market update on Belgium - striking a balance between profit, workers and the environment
- A burst of spring with Head-turning super blue Senetti
- Integrated pest management for 2030

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