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- Brookdale Treeland Nurseries Limited, Canada
- Jens Meyer Jungpflanzen, Germany
- Luxaflor Roses, Zimbabwe
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Spring Meeting 2022 in Dubai

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The Spring Meeting programme will include:
- 6 March – a series of delegations and welcome dinners
- 7 March – Expo preparations – progress reports from upcoming AIPH approved Expos as well as all AIPH committees
- 8 March – AIPH General Meeting – including candidature discussions on upcoming Production, City Expo, Digital Expo and City Free-Expo
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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 Spring Meeting for international horticultural exhibitions.
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, followed by Thai music and dance concert and welcome speeches.

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 Lotus) and Ban Chiang National Museum. These visits were followed by a concluding session with the province and city administration.

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.

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 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 15th February, the inspection team received a formal presentation of the Expo project at the Udon Thani City Hall.

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. 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 Florida 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.

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AIPH Green City Conference: Greening Cities for Sustainable Development

In the 2022 AIPH International Green City Conference, high profile speakers will present their services and approaches to the sustainable development of cities and towns. Cities and local governments have the capacity to generate innovative ideas and locally implement effective projects. There are many opportunities for cities to be innovative, perhaps by a question of scale, perhaps by limited promotion, yet there these have immense potential to inform city planning. Local governments and city leaders demonstrate how important it is to engage cities as partners to reach global sustainability and climate agendas.

Now is the Time for Greener Cities

The inaugural edition of the AIPH Green City Conference will take place in Almere in 2022. The conference will bring together leaders from non-governmental organisations (NGOs), researchers from the scientific community, and employees from the public, private, and civil sectors to develop ways to achieve the UN SDGs and other global initiatives (such as the Paris Agreement), with a specific focus on the development and implementation of green cities. This conference will focus on the local government’s role and the implementation of green strategies. The conference will discuss sustainable and green city policies, strategies, and ways to achieve the UN SDGs and other global initiatives. The conference will provide a platform to exchange knowledge and ideas on how to achieve the SDGs and other global initiatives. The conference will also address the role of local governments in achieving the SDGs and other global initiatives.

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- Sustainable urban planning and design
- Green infrastructure and climate resilience
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- Greening public spaces and green roofs
- Sustainable water management
- Sustainable energy systems
- Green economy and job creation
- Social equity and inclusion
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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).

According to the Turkish Ornamental Plants and Products Exporters Association, Turkey’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.

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 merging director of Bedrijfschap voor de Groothandel in Bloemkwekerijproducten in Aalsmeer (Dutch Floral Wholesale Board).

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 and much more...