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Metrolina Greenhouses, USA, wins AIPH International Grower of the Year 2022



Metrolina Greenhouses, a USA-based ornamentals grower, has been awarded the title of **International Grower of the Year (IGOTY) 2022** by the International Association of Horticultural Producers (AIPH). The coveted 'Gold Rose' award was presented to Metrolina Greenhouses by Royal FloraHolland CEO, Steven van Schilfgaarde, on Tuesday 14 June 2022 at GreenTech Amsterdam.

IGOTY 2022 WINNERS

Young Plants	GOLD Wagagai Ltd, Uganda SILVER Jens Meyer Jungpflanzen, Germany
Finished Plants & Trees	GOLD Metrolina Greenhouses, USA SILVER Bunnik Group Bv., Netherlands BRONZE Brookdale Treeland Nurseries Ltd, Canada
Cut Flowers & Bulbs	GOLD Matina Flowers S.A.S. Colombia SILVER Prim'rose (SCA Clementine), Morocco BRONZE Luxaflor Roses, Zimbabwe
Sustainability	GOLD Brookdale Treeland Nurseries Ltd, Canada SILVER Wagagai Ltd, Uganda BRONZE Sitio Kolibri, Brazil



(Left) Young International Grower of the Year 2022, Pablo Bazzani, General Manager of Plazoleta Flowers, Colombia, receiving his award from (Right) AIPH Vice President, Mr Leonardo Capitanio.

Young International Grower of the Year 2022

Horticultural professional Pablo Bazzani won the inaugural Young International Grower of the Year Award. This award is vital to reward future talent, and recognise the ambition of young entrepreneurial professionals.

[Read more...](#)

[Read more about the winners' organisations, what the judges think and how you can enter for AIPH's IGOTY 2023](#)

AIPH WORLD GREEN CITY AWARDS 2022

Shortlist Announced for the Inaugural AIPH World Green City Awards 2022



AIPH is proud to announce the shortlist of eighteen entries from cities around the world for the first edition of the AIPH World Green City Awards. In each of the six Awards Categories, the Technical Panel of Judges selected the three top scoring entries for this prestigious list. The 2022 AIPH World Green City Awards Shortlist of entries per category is proudly announced as follows:

Living Green for Biodiversity	Reverdecer Bogotá Bogota D.C., Colombia Act Local, Contribute Global to World Biodiversity Conservation Town of Victoria Park, Australia Ville de Paris- DEVE City of Paris, France
Living Green for Climate Change	Peynircioglu Stream Ecological Restoration Project City of İzmir, Republic of Türkiye Grey to Green City of Melbourne, Australia Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program Mexico City, Mexico
Living Green for Health and Wellbeing	Transforming degraded land into Urban Micro Parks City of Fortaleza, Brazil Utrecht Green and Healthy City City of Utrecht, Netherlands Sunvale Community Park City of Brimbank, Australia
Living Green for Water	The Phytotechnology Stations at the Montréal Botanical Garden / Space for Life City of Montreal, Canada Creating a Green City Logan City Council, Australia uMhlathuze Water Stewardship Partnership City of uMhlathuze, South Africa
Living Green for Social Cohesion	Socio-urban integration in the midst of an ecological reserve: The case of Rodrigo Bueno City of Buenos Aires, Argentina Sunchoenman Bay Wetland Conservation Project Suncheon City, South Korea OASIS Schoolyard Project City of Paris, France
Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth	The 2020-2030 Master Plan for the Conservation, Improvement and Development of Parc Jean-Drapeau City of Montreal, Canada Transformation of "Beltway to Green Belt" City of Mashhad, Iran Green Necklace to the State of Telangana City of Hyderabad, India

74TH AIPH ANNUAL CONGRESS

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World Ornamental Horticulture Summit
27 - 30 September 2022

FLORIADE EXPO 2022,
ALMERE, NETHERLANDS

The 74th AIPH Annual Congress will take place in Almere, the Netherlands on **26-30 September 2022**. Further details will be shared in the next newsletter as the programme develops. For now, here are the key dates:

Tuesday 27th September

09:00 – 14:00 **Expo Conference**

15:00 – 17:30 **General Meeting**

Wednesday 28th September

09:00 – 17:00 **World Ornamental Horticulture Summit Held at Floriade Expo 2022**

Thursday 29th September

09:00 – 17:00 **Visit Floriade Expo 2022 with guided tours**

Friday 30th September

09:00 – 17:00 **Professional visits**

AIPH HORTICULTURAL EXPO NEWS

AIPH meet the United Arab Emirates Council at Expo 2022 Floriade

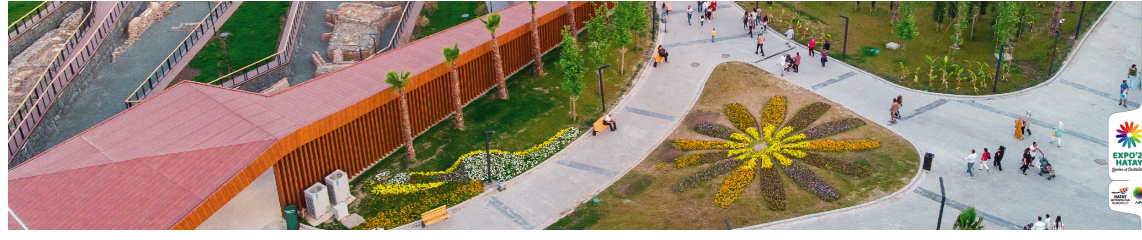


UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, HE Mariam Almheiri Bindt with AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe.



AIPH Secretary General, Tim Briercliffe, met with UAE Minister of Climate Change and Environment, Her Excellency, Mariam Almheiri Bindt as part of a visit by the Minister to Expo 2022 Floriade in the Netherlands. The Minister was accompanied by a delegation looking to expand business links between UAE and the Netherlands in the horticultural field.

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"A fantastic start" for GreenTech RAI Amsterdam



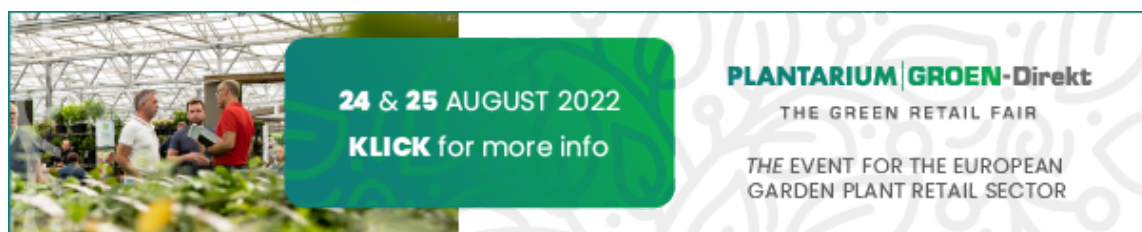
In the Innovation category biocontrols supplier Biobest from Belgium scooped up the coveted award for Micromus, a generalist predator for protected crops.

Overcrowded parking lots, busy aisles, full booths and an exciting array of greenhouse technology were the rule of the day for the opening of the 5th annual GreenTech at the RAI convention centre in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Mariska Dreschler, RAI director of Horticulture, said: "We have had a fantastic start."

The exact numbers won't be ready for a couple of days, but the opening day looks impressive, with packed aisles and a parade of new tech products for plant breeders, propagators, and greenhouse growers and horticultural suppliers.

[For more news on this AIPH-approved D Category International Horticultural Trade Expo, visit FloraCulture International.](#)



AIPH GREEN CITY INITIATIVE

Panel discussion at GreenTech RAI Amsterdam

AIPH Technical Advisor, Dr Audrey Timm, joined a panel discussion on Thursday morning at GreenTech to discuss 'Feeding and Greening the City'. Dr Timm presented in the Vision Theatre to an audience of producers, practitioners, researchers and innovators, giving an AIPH update on Trends in the Green City Sector.



The ornamental horticulture industry is responsible for supporting urban planners and designers in making informed plant choices for successful urban greening projects. AIPH members can deliver additional value in producing plants ready for the design situation and accompanied by sustainable maintenance advice. The recording of this presentation is available on the [GreenTech Connect platform](#).

Dr Timm's presentation slides will be available to view on the latest [AIPH Global Green City Update](#).

Making Connections between AIPH World Horticultural Expos



AIPH Technical Advisor, Dr Audrey Timm, met with DAR, the designers of the Qatar Pavillion at Expo Floriade 2023.

The Desert Nest, is a 12.1-metre and 56-tonnes replica of a traditional Qatari pigeon tower which takes centre stage here. *The Guinness Book of World Records* has recognised it as 'the world's tallest freestanding 3D printed concrete tower'. At the end of Expo Floriade 2022 in the Netherlands, the Desert Nest will be transported and become a permanent legacy fixture at Expo Doha Qatar 2023. - thus keeping the connection between the two World Horticultural Expos.

DAR is a leading international multidisciplinary consulting organisation in engineering, architecture, planning, environment, and project management. Their expertise is also part of the Master Plan and design of some of the pavilions at the forthcoming AIPH-approved World Horticultural Expo beginning in Doha, Qatar, **from 2 October until 28 March 2024**.

Dr Timm's discussions with Francesco Roesler, Lead Landscape Master Planner DAR London, and his colleagues were on the infusion of the AIPH Green City Principles into the design and implementation of the Expo site, and gardens, and pavilions. It was also an opportunity to involve DAR in contributing presentation topics for our popular online Green City webinar series that will begin again soon. For further details, email audrey.timm@aiph.org.

AIPH FLOWER AUCTIONS MARKET GROUP NEWS

The Flower Auctions Group meet at Plantion Auction



On 14 June, the first physical meeting of the Flower Auction market group after the pandemic, took place. The group was first established in 2017 in Taichung by AIPH and other enterprising and visionary operatives who foresaw the need for an international network of independent flower auction markets. It is facilitated by AIPH through specialised annual meetings, the global collection and registration of data and surveys of flower auction markets.

Plantion Auction of the Netherlands hosted the group in Ede with the visits around their facilities and a presentation of innovations, followed by the update of all present Auctions.

The group welcomes Flower Auctions from all parts of the world to join and learn from the best practices, experiences and challenges the group members are facing.

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AIPH SPARRING PARTNER GROUP

AIPH's Novelty Protection Group advocates fair and robust plant breeders' rights (PBR), thereby encouraging innovation and rewarding quality so that growers can reap the benefits of their work.

Mia Buma advises AIPH on the latest developments and contributes significantly to our ability to keep AIPH members informed and represented. To be able to do all this work in the PBR field, AIPH has set up a Sparring Partner Group (SPG) of the Novelty Protection Group, which interested people are free to join. The SPG receives detailed notes and updates about novelty protection and members have the opportunity to contribute to formal AIPH responses to matters arising.

For more information, contact AIPH Communication Executive, Rachel Wakefield, at rachel.wakefield@aiph.org.

FLORACULTURE INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE

In *FloraCulture International*, June 2022 edition, alongside exclusive interviews and features, we have a special 19-page supplement on Plant Breeders' Rights. Legal experts and practitioners have contributed to identify the latest legislation, trends, and research findings, and we focus on the economic contribution of commercial plant breeding.

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