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CEJH CONGRESS 2016

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CEJH Congress 2016

17th to 23rd of July in Antwerp

Program:

Sunday 17 July

Arrival till	18:00
Start of the congress	19:00
Time off	22:00

Monday 18 July

Breakfast	6:30 - 7:15
Departure of the bus	7:30
Pcs (Research Centre of horticulture)	8:45 - 12:45 (incl. lunch)
Parallel program: general meeting	8:45 - 10:45
Callebout (Chocolate factory)	13:35 - 15:00
Spruyt Jan (nursery of Perennials)	15:30 - 19:15 (incl. dinner)
Back at the Hotel	20:30

Tuesday 19 July

Breakfast	6:45 - 7:30
Departure of the bus	7:45
Arbor (nursery of large trees)	8:30 - 13:00 (incl. lunch)
Tree plantation ceremony	13:30 - 15:00
DCM (underground injection of fertilizers)	15:00 - 16:00
City walking tour with dinner (Mechelen)	16:45 - 18:45
Back at the Hotel	19:30

Wednesday 20 July

Breakfast	7:15 - 8:00
Start with public transport	8:00
City walking tour (Antwerp)	8:30 - 10:30
Brewery visit (De Koninck)	10:30 - 12:30
Picnic in park Koning Albert	12:30 - 13:30
Park Spoor Noord (swimming, soccer,...)	14:00 - 19:00 (incl. BBQ)
Back at the Hotel	19:35

Thursday 21 July (National holiday)

Breakfast	6:45 - 7:30
Departure of the bus	7:45
Scheers (CHP and cut Roses)	8:15 - 10:15
Reymenants (Garden Centre)	11:00 - 14:00 (incl. lunch)
Wouters (nursery of Hedging plants)	14:15 - 19:30 (incl. Dinner)
Back at the Hotel	20:30

Friday 22 July

Breakfast	7:30 - 8:15
Start by foot	8:30
Walk along small urban projects	8:30 - 9:30
Rivieren hof:	- Botanical Gardens - Speakers of the various sectors 10:00 - 14:00 (incl. lunch)
Back to the city with public transport	14:00 - 14:30
Free time	14:30 - 18:00
Gala ball	18:00 - ...

Saturday 23 July

Breakfast	8:15 - 9:00
Departure of the Nations	9:00

The CEJH is an international youth organisation for horticulturists and florists.

The CEJH was founded in 1965 in Thun, Switzerland.

The founding nations were France and Germany and in the following years Austria and Switzerland became members. In accordance with the statutes, the CEJH is an independent youth organisation, which cooperates with the AIPH (International organisation of horticulture).

In 1953 the first meeting of young horticulturists was organized in Hamburg and seven years later the first 7 day's CEJH congress took place. From that time on a seven day congress is held in one of the member countries every year.



The aims of the CEJH are:

- to represent the interests and affairs of young horticulturists and florists.
- to promote the education and supplementary education of horticultural and florists professions.
- to make an effort to promote the international exchange of probationers at European level.
- to promote the uniting of the nations in Europe.
- to promote the international exchanging of vocational experiences of young people
- to support the organisation of study trips.
- be in contact with the AIPH and other European youth organisations, like CEJA, CEA, ELCA and other European Committee.



Annual congress of 2016

Up to 40 participants from eight different countries joined the 57th CEJH-congress in Antwerp, Belgium. The seven day congress included excursions to various companies, sightseeing, cultural events, the CEJH's general meeting and festivities.

From the 17th-23rd of July the CEJH welcomed young European horticulturists to Antwerp. The local hosts for the congress was the young farmers association Groene Kring's section for ornamentals, with Karen and Bert Baeten in the front. Participating nations were Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, Denmark and Sweden. The week offered some fantastic summer days of about 30 degrees.





PCS in Destelbergen

The excursions went to several highly modern horticultural companies and institutions in the eastern part of Flanders.

First out was **PCS** in Destelbergen, the only research station for ornamental plants and carries out several trials under glass and in open ground. The group was shown trials about minimising nutrients in drainage water, pot-in-pot growing systems, the control of box tree moth, a testing plot for tree and shrub cultivars etc.



The cut rose grower **Rozen Scheers** is one of Belgium's biggest players on the cut flower market with 14 different cultivars under 38 000 square meters of glass house. They deliver all year round, generates their own electricity and uses a mix of biologic and chemical pest control.





Berleau Azalea Nursery is a MPS-certified grower of disease resistant azaleas - from cuttings to finished product. They aim for great quality in big numbers and are highly mechanized.





We suffered something like a heat shock when we were guided through 20 ha of glass house at the **BPK** in plastic overalls. BPK is sowing and growing young plants of a wide range of vegetables, from kale to cucumber.





Agora & Arbor

At tree nursery **Arbor** we were guided through their 35 ha of container fields of mainly larger sizes of trees and shrubs. A new system with a green basin for cleaning and recirculating drainage water was also demonstrated.

Florist wholesale trader **Agora** trades with cut flowers, plants, pots and accessories and has several cash & carry locations for professionals.





DCM & Tree Planting Ceremony

Also, a **tree planting ceremony** was held in Heist op den Berg with guests as the mayor of Antwerp and delegates from the green sector and the local community.

Fertilizer producer **DCM** demonstrated their products and showed us how their fertilizers can be combined and injected with an air drill system to revitalize poor tree soils.





Genker Plantencentrum

Genker Plantencentrum is a fine example of a well-managed garden centre and was awarded best Belgian garden centre in 2014.



We visited the **fruit farm Hellingenfort** in the middle of the cherry harvest and had an inspirational talk about the fruit business and growing techniques. Some delicious fresh-of-the-tree cherries were tasted as well.





A. Wouters Nursery

The high-tech nursery **A. Wouters** showed their production of topiary shrubs, like ball and cone shapes. They manage it with almost entirely GPS-controlled machinery for planting, pruning and root ball formation.



General Meeting & Gala Dinner

At the **general meeting** two elections for the board was carried out: Rikard Jansson from Sweden (previous second chairman) was elected for new president and Bert Baeten from Belgium was elected as new second chairman.

The congress ended with a **fabulous gala dinner** in Antwerp with special guests from the industry.





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The ELCA is the European Landscape Contractors Association. To promote cooperation as well as the exchange of information and experience in Europe the European Landscape Contractors Association (ELCA) was founded in 1963. Twenty-one national landscaping associations are currently full members of the ELCA. Moreover the ELCA has five associated members.

The work our landscaping contractors do is very varied. Today their fields of activities are just not mainly landscaping work such as landscaping and maintain-



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ing gardens, private and public parks, but also of increasing importance for European landscaping contractors is the landscaping of leisure centres and sports grounds, greenery for roof gardens and facades, greenery for back yards, indoor gardens, creating slow traffic areas, landscaping roads and accompanying paths etc. as well as the renaturalisation of stream beds.

The landscaping sector is an industry with a future in Europe. Most of the 74,000 medium sized landscaping businesses employ less than 50 staff per company. The industry as a whole employs more than 350,000 staff and the number is increasing.

European landscaping companies are proud of their large number of apprentice. On average the percentage of apprentices is eight percent of the employees. This

demonstrates how many young Europeans regard the profession of landscape gardener as one with a future and how serious the companies take their responsibility towards vocational training.

The Goals

- **Promote the mutual exchange of information and experience**
- **Look after the interests of landscape contractors Europe-wide**
- **Support the vocational training of young people and the mutual exchange of young qualified landscape gardeners**
- **Promote cooperation with organizations with similar goals Europe-wide**



Many thanks for the photos:

Rikard Jansson

Bert Baeten

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58. CEJH Congress at the Laimburg, Südtirol (Italy) July 02-08, 2017

Preliminary Program:

02.07 Sunday

Til 18:00 Arrival at the congress center:
Fachschule für Obst-, Wein- und Gartenbau Laimburg, 39040 Post Auer
19:00 Dinner & Introduction of the nations
Folkloric night

03.07 Monday

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 General Meeting for delegated persons
8:30 Visiting the Laimburg Research Centre for Agriculture and Forestry
11:00 Visiting a garden center near Bozen and lunch
14:30 Visiting a vinery in Tramin
19:00 Dinner on the Kalterersee

04.07 Tuesday

7:00 Breakfast
09:30 - 12:30 Visiting a cooperation for storing and processing apples and an apple production site in Schlanders (Vinschgau) and lunch
14:00 Visiting a marble production site
19:00 Dinner at the Laimburg

05.07 Wednesday

7:30 Breakfast
9:00 Visiting an orchid production site
12:00 Lunch
14:00 Visiting the botanical garden at Meran: Gärten von Schloss Trauttmansdorff and afterwards free time in Meran
20:00 Dinner

06.07 Thursday

7:30 Breakfast
9:30 Visiting a young plant producer
11:00 Visiting a Landscape Designer and Bonsai Expert
13:30 Lunch and afterwards visiting Hofer Andreas, perennial producer
15:30 Visiting Rabensteiner, greenhouse producer
19:00 Dinner with Live music

07.07 Friday

7:00 Breakfast
9:00 Excursion to the Dolomites
12:00 Lunch
13:30 Visiting the Ötzi museum in Bozen
18:00 Tree planting ceremony and after Gala Dinner + VIP Guests

08.07 Saturday

7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast

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