
IPPS 6 Packer Award



Great opportunity for new horticulturalists to attend a top industry conference in the Netherlands

Every year the European region of International Plant Propagators Society puts on a jammed packed conference, where by six budding new horticulturalists (six packers) get to experience the conference free of charge. This year promises to be another fantastic conference entitled 'Built to adapt' at Hotel Keyser Golden Tulip in Breda, Netherlands on 10th – 12th October.

The conference will cover key issues that the horticulture industry faces today, as such the demand from retailers to have complete traceability of the crop's lifecycle and the threat to plant health from imported stock. During the conference we will get to visit Florensis which is one of the largest plug plant producers in Europe, along with Special Plant Zundert BV, an innovative grower specialising in Green Tea.

As a six packer you get to meet industry experts, hear the about the last technological advances and visit some of the top nurseries in Breda. In return for helping with different aspects of the conference, as such photography, conference registration and audio assistance.

Last year's six packer's said that their involvement with the conference has benefited them in more ways than one.

Heather Monroe said she "loved it, fabulous, learned so much and met so many friendly people and knows for a fact that it will help her career".

Chris King said, "it's an excellent opportunity to meet people involved in the cutting edge of the industry."

Jasper Schermer said "it was very fun and I will keep in contact with people I've met and I've learnt a lot."

Each six packer who attends the conference will be interviewed for the chance to win an exchange program to the Southern region of North America, where they will attend their conference.

As a recipient being a six packer and the international exchange program, I can say that joining the IPPS has led me to meet some of the kindest people who are so keen seek and share their knowledge with you. The six packer award really opened my eyes to the full scale the production industry, how efficiently seeds can be sown, crops irrigate and the competition we face from the Netherlands. As a six packer you also get to spend time with your fellow six packers, who you probably wouldn't have known otherwise. I found this interesting to see what jobs they were doing as they too were just starting out in the industry. The IPPS has developed my knowledge of horticultural production, plant health and the technology used to increase efficiency, whilst giving me the confidence to make new contacts and friends in the industry.

Sophie Lewis, former six packer and international exchange winner.

Application Form 2018

Entry Requirements:

1. Anyone new to working in horticulture or studying to enter the horticultural industry.
2. Must be based in Europe.
3. Although the candidate can apply directly to the IPPS, nominations and or approval should also come from either the candidate's employer or tutor, whichever is more applicable.
4. Must be willing to assist the conference organisers throughout the duration of the conference and may be asked to carry out certain duties which may include: photography, report writing, blogging and writing press releases, helping at registration, managing the audio visual equipment, managing groups on the nursery visits etc.
5. Successful candidates must produce a word document detailing their experience on the conference, noting information which have learnt from interacting with the conference delegates, watching the presentations and visiting the nurseries. This document only needs to be one side of A4 and should include images.

The Prize:

1. Six selected candidates will be invited to attend the European Annual Conference which this year is being held in Breda, Netherlands - dates: 10th – 12th October.
2. The full cost of board and lodging will be covered (including the night before the conference 9th October) and all conference fees will be waived, with a €50 contribution towards travel costs.
3. The selected candidates will also gain the opportunity to apply for the 2019 International Exchange award. Hereby, one 6 packer candidate will be chosen to travel to & attend the annual conference in the Southern region of North America. The application will take the form of undergoing a short interview with a team of professionals at the 2018 annual conference. The candidate that impresses the team the most will receive the major travel award. Once again all reasonable travel costs will be covered along with full board and lodging at the conference and a waiving of conference fees.

How to apply:

1. The candidates should complete the form below and return it, together with a written summary/resume (email acceptable) of their involvement in the industry so far and what they want to achieve within the industry in the future.
2. The deadline for applications is 28th April 2018.
3. Applications will be inspected by a team of industry professionals. There are 6 places available and only offered if the IPPS requirements and standards are met. The selected candidates will be notified by 18th May 2018, by E-mail of the outcome of their application.

Where to send applications:

Completed forms and accompanying resumes should be sent to:

Email admin@ippseurope.org

Post: IPPS C/O Growtrain Ltd, 8 Woodhorn Business Centre, Oving, Chichester. PO20 2BX

6 Pack Award Application Form

Nominee Contact Details					
Title		First name(s)		Surname	
Address					
Country		Postcode			
Telephone		Email			
Contact Details of Lecturer/Employer supporting nomination					
Title		First name(s)		Surname	
College/ Employer					
Address					
Country		Postcode			
Telephone		Email			

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINEE

1. Horticultural background and work experience
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2. What excites you about your job/training or course?

3. What would you gain from joining this year's IPPS conference?

4. Which of the following areas of assistance would you be most suited to help us with?

Conference Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	AV equipment set up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photography	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blogging & Press Releases	<input type="checkbox"/>
Support during conference visits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conference session write ups	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help setting up trade stands	<input type="checkbox"/>	Translating (Please provide details of languages spoken)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other

5. If you would like to be considered for the IPPS International Exchange Award please tell us how you feel it would help your horticultural career?

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Signed (Nominee)	
Date	

SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR

Reasons for nomination	
Signed (Nominator)	
Date	