

# Welcome

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# WHO ARE WE / WHAT DO WE DO?

- Our focus is on marketing packet seed and young plant products to the end consumer via our retailer customers and/or via our own direct marketing
- We represent all major packet seed producers across Europe
- We sell '00's millions packets and young plants to end consumers every year
- We all operate in hugely competitive & changing markets
- Fleuroselect Home Garden Association provides valuable marketing support to its Members
- Our annual Conference is greatly valued by all delegates
- We need exciting new varieties that meet the needs of today's consumer markets!

# HOME GARDEN ASSOCIATION UPDATE

# Harm Custers & David Arnold







# **HG CONFERENCE 2015**







De Kwakel, The Netherlands - 22 & 23 September 2015



# **HG CONFERENCE 2015**



- ➤22-23 September
- ➤ Aalsmeer (NL)
- Approx. 90 participants from Europe and beyond (South-Africa)

Theme: The Consumer and Retail Experience



# **VISITS**







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# **TOP SPEAKERS**



Consumer trends & retail:

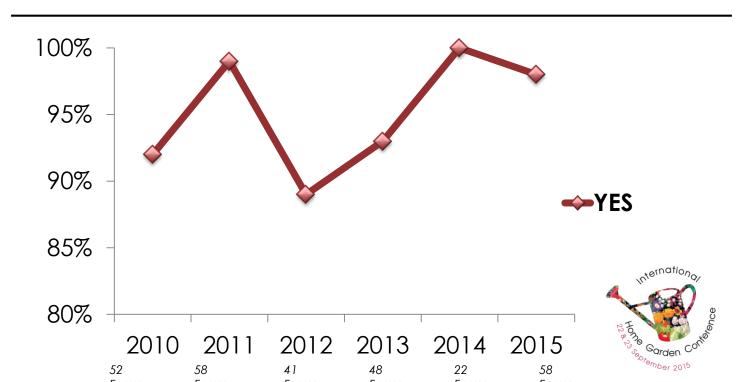
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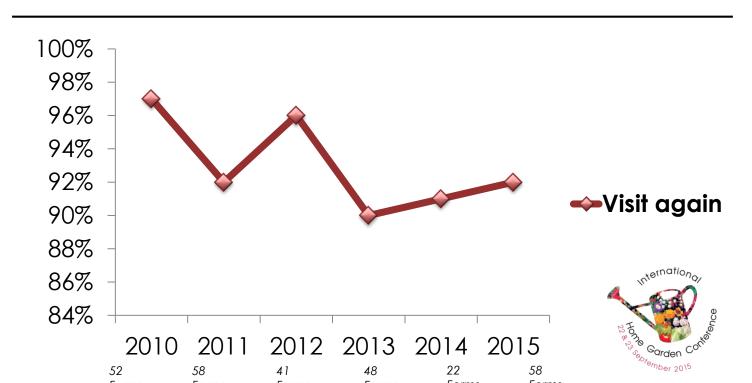
# Did this conference meet your expectations?

98% from 58 people say: YES



# If yes, will you visit the HCG again?

# 92% will visit the HGC again



# Financing of HGSA activities

- Activated this Fleuroselect B.U. 6 years ago
  - Yearly organization of this conference (information, inspiration, networking)
  - Set-up of the plant of year concept (Free of Charge Publicity Tool)
  - Vegetable breeding companies can become members as well
  - General organization, information, support and backup for members
- The FS board and all members agreed to invest EUR 40.000
  - Acknowledge that home gardening is an important part of our industry
  - > Do more in specific for HG members and try to attract new members
- Now we need to become self-supportive





# How to become financially self-supportive

- New members create extra membership income fees
- Members making more use of FS awarded varieties
  - More sales of awarded varieties makes higher FS royalty income and will stimulate breeders to enter more varieties
  - Develop a special award for the very best HG varieties
- Sponsoring
- Users to pay for the plant of the year campaign
  - We prefer to keep this a free of charge generic PR tool



Other ideas



# Do you use Fleuroselect awarded varieties?

Fleuroselect conducts **trials of new varieties** entered by members on approx. 16 private trial grounds spread across Europe. Both indoor and outdoor trials can be conducted. The best varieties receive recognition either by Approved Novelty, Gold Medal or FleuroStar Award.



Innovative varieties
Protection against reproduction



Excellence in breeding technical breakthrough



Variety with the highest WOW factor





# **GOLD MEDAL FOR HOME GARDENING?**



- Additional income for the Organisation
- Additional promotion opportunities for the B.U.

# Changes in trialing system

- Dedicated trials
- Capable of direct sowing
- **>** ......





# Join your colleagues - become a Member!







































# PLANT OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN 2016 was the .....















# **IN THE TRADE**





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# **BLOGS**



2016, L'Année du Cosmos



Celebrate Year Of The Cosmos In 2016 With Mr Fothergill's



Fleuroselect Year of the Tomato 2016



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The Year of the Cosmos – 2016



**Year of the Cosmos 2016** 





# IN THE MEDIA

Press Release in EN, GE, NL & FR to the international professional and amateur press

# **Gardening**

Novelties launched to celebrate Year of the Cosmos during 2016

# The Telegraph

Everything you need to know about Cosmos, the flower of 2016

# **HorticultureWeek**

Year of the Cosmos draws new varieties from UK seed companies



Im Jahr des Schmückkörbchens

# **GartenFlora**

2016 ist das Jahr des Schmückkörbchens, Tanz in den Sommer



2016, l'Année du Cosmos





# **EDITORIAL**

#### 2016 is the year of the Cosmos

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#### Sun lovers

Cosmos originate in Mexico. egarding their cultural needs. These sunny faced lowers like the sun. They ike the cold. The annual

Living boundaries

periphery of colour and texture

**Cut flowers** 

If you love having bunches of flowers in the home, Cosmos are a great plant

to grow. The taller varieties generally have longer flower stems, but even the

all over the garden to pick the flowers all summer long. The more you pick the

foliage helps to fill the arrangement with texture and soft hues of green, so you

seed little extra greenery and have a charming bouquet prefect for the lunch

Mix out Cosmos flowers with roses and lady's mantle, the feathery Cosmos

Grow Cosmos against a sunny fence to soften the effect of the boundary

Choose the tall annual varieties that quickly grow to around 1.2m. You can

even plant them as a living, flowering edging for the vegetable garden or

them into tall containers full of rich container compost to create a see through

now them too early. April is early enough and gives them time to grow on before you plant hem outside after the last frost of winter. They grow pretty fast when they get going. so they need some TLC in terms of feeding. and water container grown plants, especially OK, but keep an eye on them, if they start to wilt in hot weather, soak the soil around them.





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#### In the veg Wildlife friendly

You might be surprised to learn that many garden flowers are excellent sources of food for many pollinators. Beneficial insects don't eat the flowers, but they visit to sup nectar and collect pollen from the yellow centres of the

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# your cosmos

## garden

When you are growing fruit and vegetables that need pollinating such as beans. and ramberries, you need to ensure your garden is attractive to insects. Grow clumps of Cosmos around the vegetables and fruit to attract pollinating move in quickly and pollinate the flowers as they collect

nectar bar open and the butterfiles and bees move in Cosmos plants grown from seed and free from pesticides are a perfect source of vital food for our gardening friends. The sugar rich pollen is perfect food for baby bees. Grow single varieties where the nector and pollen is easily accessible and then sit back and enjoy the entertainment

making them a vital source of bee food late in the season, that's another great season to grow them en masse.



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### Step by step

One packet of seed will go a long way, osmos you will want to share plants seeds, seedlings and Cosmos plants in







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# **EDITORIAL**

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# 2016 is the year of the Tomato

Celebrate the Year of the Tomato and grow your own. Homegrown tomatoes taste amazing, they can be used in all sorts of delicious culinary creations and they are really good for you too. There's nothing more satisfying than picking your own tomatoes fresh from the vine. Still warm from the summer sun, these juicy red fruit simply ooze flavour and sweetness. Just one plant draped in trusses of cherry tomatoes doesn't just look amazing, it's a growing source of bite-sized treats that taste fantastic and are a healthy snack. But grow a handful of plants and you have the makings of scrumptious salads, tasty sauces, chutneys and much, much more.

#### HEALTH MATTERS

Tomatoes are not just full of flavour. Freshly picked fruits are packed with vitamins, antioxidants and minerals. The fresher the fruit the better, fresh tomatoes are rich in potassium, but the fruits are also a great source of vitamin C, needed to help the body fight disease and Vitamin A which is important for healthy skin and bones. Tomatoes are linked with healthy hearts. healthy bones and are rich in anticoidants, used by the body to fight cancer. But it is only the fruit and then grow en masse next year for a bumper

of these plants that are edible. Big on taste but low in calories, tomatoes are ideal for healthy diets, with around just 18 calories per 100e. With just a trace of fat and zero cholestorol they are the perfect ingredient to pack food full of flavour without the guilt factor. And if you grow your own organically or free from pesticides you can provide your family. with fresh, organic tomatoes all summer load safe in the knowledge that they are eating the freshest, healthiest tomatoes possible, picked from your carden or greenhouse.

#### TOMATO KNOW-HOW

Don't panic. You don't need a greenhouse to grow tornatoes, but they hall from a hot climate (South America) so they do like some summer sunshine. Some tomatoes are better for greenhouse cultivation and others are ideal for growing outside. Check the label, seed packet or ask a gardener for advice. Don't try and grow greenhouse varieties outdoors, they need more warmth and don't grow too many when you are starting out. Get to know the techniques first

There are two main ways to grow tomatoes. . You can sow them from seed and choose from hundreds or even thousands of different varieties including heirloom tomatoes, which offer a wide range of flavours, plant types and even colours of fruit.

. Or you can buy plants in April and May to grow no over the summer

The second is the easier option if you are starting out, but it does restrict your choice to whatever plants are available at the time

At the garden centre there may be a choice of four or five common varieties. such as the sweet, cherry fruited 'Gardener's Delight'. the slightly larger Money Maker, and perhaps 'Alicante' a popular midsized fruiting variety, or the popular plum tomato 'Roma'. Shop around and check online: these days you can buy a range of different varieties mail order and organic plants are often



#### Easy to grow

When all danger of frost has passed you can plant your tomatoes into pots, containers or growing bags outside. Use a quality container compost that is formulated to drain well and feed your plants too. Treat tomato plants like flowering plants when it comes to feeding. A tomato food is best but a flower food will be almost as good. Follow the instructions on the pack.

Watering is the critical part, especially for container grown tomatoes. Keep the compost moist but don't overwater in cooler, wet weather. In the height of summer, when your plants are romping away, those in pots may need watering twice a day. If that's not possible, install some automatic watering or enlist the help of a neighbour or even a budding gardener to assist.

The flowers need pollinating, so be kind to the bees. Grow some pretty flowers nearby to attract them and avoid using pesticides.



#### Reinbew fruit

omatoes can be red, orange, yellow, purple, pink and even black. There are stripy ones, huse beefsteak varieties and tiny little current tomatoes. If you are growing from seed then there's an astounding variety and the secret is to grow something that you can't buy in the shops or that is a little bit different Taste is the first consideration. Home grown and freshalways taste infinitely setter, but there's a huse variation in flavourton. Every grower and gardener has a found ofte. Share unity harvest unity knowledge and your recipes and join the throngs of tomato growers.

#### Good neighbours

Plant plenty of single, open flowers near your tomatoes. You need these to attract bumblebees: the best pollinators for the tomato flowers. These little creatures have mastered the special buzz technique needed to dislodge the pollen and carry it from flower to flower. Nasturtiums are easy to grow and popular with bumblebees and will scramble over the garden. The nasturtium flowers and leaves are edible too.

Other plants make good neighbours because they deter certain pests. French marigolds are the perfect partner for tomatoes; they repel whitefly that can affect tomato plants, especially those grown in greenhouses. Garlic and onions grown near tomatoes can deter greenfly and some other garden pests.





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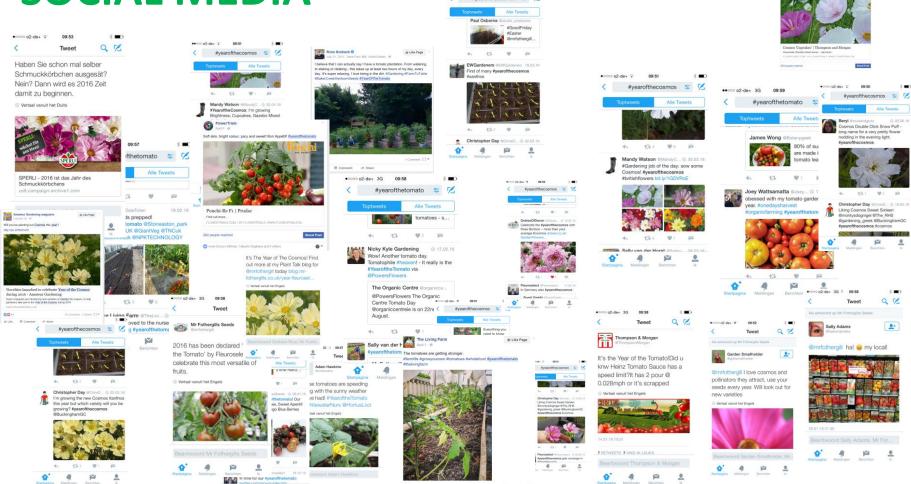
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# **SOCIAL MEDIA**



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# TRIAL AT RHS WISLEY



- 80 entries
- Supported by 14 companies







# TRIAL AT RHS WISLEY



- People's Choice Trial
- Award Garden Merit Trial
- Expert Judging panel including Peter
   Seabrook and
   Graham Rice
- Results known in October

# **VIRAL TWEET**









Tweet







#### #yearofthecosmos @RHSWisley



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II VIEW TWEET ACTIVITY

57 RETWEETS 162 LIKES

#### Reply to Fleuroselect, RHS Garde...











## 57 Re-tweets

# 162 Likes



# STILL ATTENTION FOR SUNFLOWERS



Sunflower Circle in 2016

Write-up in "The Garden" - April 2016



# TRIAL AT JARDIN DES PLANTES, PARIS



# **ONLINE VOTING**



VOUS ÊTES... 🕶

Accueil Jardin des Plantes > Participez > 2016, année du cosmos > Votez pour votre cosmos préféré!

#### VOTEZ POUR VOTRE COSMOS PRÉFÉRÉ!







- 1 Cosmos Bipinnatus Casanova Violet simple
- 2 Cosmos Bipinnatus Xantos simple
- 3 Cosmos Bipinnatus Pink Popsocks simple et double
- 4 Cosmos Bipinnatus Versailles Tetra Simple 5 - Cosmos Bipinnatus All Sorts Mixed semi-double
- 6 Cosmos Bipinnatus Sonata Mix simple
- 7 Cosmos Bipinnatus Double Click double
- 8 Cosmos Bipinnatus Psyche White simple
- 9 Cosmos Bipinnatus Fizzy Pink semi double
- 10 Cosmos Bipinnatus Cupcakes White simple
- 11 Cosmos Bipinnatus Cosimo Red white simple
- 12 Cosmos Bipinnatus Sonata Pink simple
- 13 Cosmos Bipinnatus Double Click Varié extra
- 14 Cosmos Bipinnatus Dwarf Humming Lilac
- 15 Cosmos Bipinnatus Rosetta semi-double
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- 21 Cosmos Bipinnatus Double Click Snow Puff (white) double
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- 23 Cosmos Bipinnatus Dwarf Cutesy Mixed simple
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- 25 Cosmos Bipinnatus Fizzy White semi double
- 26 Cosmos Sulphureus Limara Lemon semi-double
- 27 Cosmos Sulphureus Brightness Red semi-double
- 28 Cosmos Bipinnatus Antiquity Simple

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# **FACEBOOK**





















# **Upcoming**

- All Marketing Material sent to you last spring
- Editorial for international consumer press
- Trial at Wisley: People's Choice Trial and Award Garden Merit trial for both Zinnia and Runner Beans
- Possible Media attention on BBC Gardeners World
- Trial at Jardin des Plantes





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