

# 18<sup>th</sup> International Perennial Plant Conference

13.02. – 15.02.2026

Seminar No. 031/26

The aim of this conference is to create international contacts in the Perennial Plant World. It is an opportunity to exchange knowledge and expertise in an inspiring atmosphere. We invite all perennial nursery staff, gardeners, growers, company owners and landscapers to join our delightful perennial garden caravan.

It's pure joy. The language **spoken is English.**

## Friday, 13.02.2026

around 12:30 arrival and coming together for lunch

14:00 *Welcome*

14:15 **Tom Coward, UK : “Wild gardening at Gravetye Manor – Gardening in the footsteps of William Robinson”**

15:15 *“small talk“ with coffee and tea*

16:00 **Vania Slavia, Chile: “Field notes from Patagonia: biodiversity held by intricate topography”**

17:00 afternoon nap☺

18:00 *evening meal*

19:00 **Connor Smith, NL: “Garden worthy plants: through a botanical lens and dirty hands”**

20:00 Plant trivial with Kata Kress-Wallace and *“Bayernstube”...open end*

## Saturday, 14.02.2026

09:00 **Remko Beuving, NL: “A tropical rainforest garden for a temperate climate”**

10:00 *“small talk “with coffee and tea*

10:45 **Jana Holzbecherova, CZ: “Alpine’s not dead”, The glory of the past, the decline of the present and the possibilities for the future. A look at the processes and challenges of growing Alpines.**

12:00 *lunch*

14:00 **Luis Carlón Ruiz, ES: “The Iberoatlantic flora, a botanical melting pot in the golden end of the Ancient World”**

15:00 *“small talk“ with coffee and tea*

15:45 **Susanne Peters, DE: “An insight into the current Helleborus ranges” “Spring is coming, we promise!”**

16:45 *“tiny talk”, leg stretching*

17:15 **Vania Slavia, Chile: “(Re)Shaping the Patagonian identity: opportunities and challenges in a nature-based identity”**

18:15 *evening meal*

19:15 **“Cuttings from my notebook”** – if you want to share a project, an idea, a plant with us (5-10min) – “sticks” welcome, just let us know on Friday.

20:00 *“Bayernstube”...open end*

## Sunday, 15.02.2026

09:00 **Eric Breed, NL: “My life with flowerbulbs”**

10:00 *“small talk “with coffee and tea*

10:45 **Henrik Sjöman, SWE: “Composition with trees in a changing climate”**

11:45 *“thanks and good bye”*

12:00 *lunch*

*safe journey home*

**Arrival:** Friday, 13.02.2026 until 12:30 for lunch  
**Conference begins:** Friday, 13.02.2026 at 14:00  
**Departure:** Sunday, 15.02.2026 approx. 13:00 after lunch

**Organisation:** Gerben Tjeerdsma, Gerbianska Trädgården, Sweden  
**Representing:** Bildungsstätte Gartenbau, Grünberg  
and ISU - International Hardy Plant Union

**Registration:** Bildungsstätte Gartenbau  
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(there you will find instructions how to get to Grünberg)

Active ISU members will get a confirmation at once for available places

**Conference costs for non IPPS-/ISU-Members: 225,00 Euro**

**Conference costs for IPPS-/ISU-Members: 180,00 Euro**

**"The ISU Scholarship"**

**One Place at the Conference will be free for horticultural students and trainees younger than 30 years. The ISU board will be the judge. Please write down who you are and why you should get the scholarship!**

**Apply in 300 words maximum. Send an PDF via e-mail to Gerben Tjeerdsma: gerben@gerbianska.com**

**Last day for the apply 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 Acknowledgment: 31<sup>th</sup> of December 2025**

**Accommodation including breakfast, lunch and dinner:**

(Additional to conference costs)

345,50 Euro	in single room comfort
325,50 Euro	in double room comfort, per person
309,50 Euro	in single room standard
271,50 Euro	in double room standard, per person
245,50 Euro	in multiple bedroom, per person
137,50 Euro	lunch and evening meal only (no accommodation)

These prices are for the complete conference and only available as a package deal.

Additional Information: break beverages, coffee and cake are included.

The conference fee must be paid at the reception during the conference.

In general, please register in advance by post, by e-mail or via the registration form on the homepage from the Bildungsstätte Gartenbau, mentioning the **seminar number 031/26** with your full address and your room wish. Cancellations are free of charge up to 28 days before the start of the event and must be made in writing. For cancellations made between 27 and 14 days before the start of the event, we will charge 50% of the costs for up to 15 participants and 65% of the costs for 16 or more participants. The number of participants specified by the organiser will be used as the basis for invoicing. For cancellations within 13 days before the start of the event, we charge 100% of the planned costs. If there is no specific agreement regarding the room category, the educational institution will base its calculations on a standard single room per participant. Registrations and cancellations of individual participants must always be made in writing. If a cancellation is made on the day of the event or if the registered person does not show up, 100% of the costs of the booked accommodation and meals will be charged. For cancellations within 10 days before the start of the event, we charge 50% of the booked accommodation and meals.

For more information, please contact Bildungsstätte Gartenbau  
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