

Announcement of the submission to Stage 2 of 3MHT@IHC2026-Kyoto

Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the “My 3-Minute Horticultural Thesis (3MHT) competition” will be conducted as an integral part of the XXXII International Horticultural Congress (IHC2026), Kyoto. As previously announced (<https://www.ihc2026.org/3mht-competition/>), Stage 1: National preselection is currently underway in each country/region. Those who selected in Stage 1 will be granted the right to advance to Stage 2: International preselection (March 15, 2026 - May 15, 2026).

Those selected for Stage 2 must complete their application via the website below **by 23:59 JST (UTC+9) on March 31, 2026.**

<https://forms.gle/eUoJ1XKsMrHg4jUw6>

(Note: Google account is necessary.)



The application requires the following documents:

1. CV including publications [PDF]
2. Doctoral Thesis abstract (max. 1,500 words) [PDF]
3. Certificate of the doctoral degree issued by the university. If the university does not issue it, the supervisor may prepare it. [PDF]
4. Letter of recommendation from the national horticultural society in the candidate's country, the relevant regional ISHS Board member, or relevant ISHS Council member*. [PDF]
5. A video introduction of the candidate (mp4 format, 10-minute limit) explaining the motivation to participate in the 3MHT competition. There is no limitation of the number of slides. [mp4]

*To avoid any barriers to application from countries that do not have national horticultural societies, we have made it possible for nomination (max. two candidates; one male and one female in each country) not only by the regional ISHS Board members, also by relevant ISHS Council members.

Following the international preselection (Stage 2) by the International Jury Members (Spring 2026), six candidates (and three alternates) will be selected. Selected candidate will be notified by mid-May 2026, and will receive a COMPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION for IHC2026, and must attend the congress IN PERSON.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

International Jury Chair: Yukio Ozaki (3mht-competition@ihc2026.org)

Senior Jury: Rémi Kahane

Senior Jury: Yves Desjardins