The future of Horticulture is centered around our youth

Young people have the opportunity to dream, to set goals, support their education and professional development, and, most importantly, provide opportunities for them to contribute to building a better world through horticulture.
How to define **Young Minds** for ISHS?

**Young Minds** – a special group of

**Students**
(Undergraduate, Graduate, Postgraduate)

or

**Early career professionals**
(with less than 10 years of experience after receiving a terminal degree), up to 40 years old
Main goals

Establish a hub of opportunities for **training, mentorship, internship, exchange, and connections** to develop the next generation of horticulturists.

- Develop year-round activities such as **webinars, deep-dive meetings, networking, and mentorship events** for young minds and **connect YM with industry partners** discuss possible career opportunities.

- Organize **social events around Large Symposia and Congresses**.

- To promote and involve YM in ISHS through **awards, special recognition (best papers and presentations)** and **publications in Chronica Horticulturae**.
Young Minds Committee
MEMBERS: total = 12
Structure:

YM President

YM Vice-President

YM Secretary

YM Members

Coordination/supervision: ISHS Vice-president responsible for Young Minds

Period: max of 4 years [concurrent with ISHS Board and Divisional Chairs]
Young Minds Frame

Training
- Summer Schools
- Young co-convener
- Challenges
- Mentorship
- #3MThesis Contest

Extension
- Grow greener

Publication
- Communications
- Publications (Chronica)

Jobs
- Industry x ISHS
- Job platform
Who may apply?

Young Minds

- ISHS YM awardee
- ISHS member
- ISHS non-member (but membership is expected if chosen)

Everyone!!
Members’ candidacy - 3 steps

Go to ISHS website
www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee

1. Download and fill the Application Form
Members’ candidacy

Request 1 (one)
Support Letter

By recommendation:
- ISHS Division Chairs
- ISHS Conveners
- ISHS Council members
- Academics/ISHS members
Members’ candidacy

Write an essay (1-2 pages) with an original idea to address a specific horticultural problem/situation that would be of broad interest.

Guidelines on www.ishs.org/young-minds-committee
Submit the three documents by email to:

info@ishs.org

Deadline:

Dec 24th 2023
Evaluation

Members selection

Board members and invited professionals

YMC establishment

By: Jan 25th 2024

By: Feb 15th 2024
If you aspire to transform the world through horticulture
If you believe you have the power to turn the world into a better place
If you are in search of support for your career in horticulture
ISHS Young Minds Committee

Join us!!