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Meet the Vice Chair

Remi Kahane was an early member of ISHS when working on onion during his first scientific life, already dedicated to farmers for high value produce. After moving to Cirad in 2002, he carried his interest on the developing world through the Global Horticulture Initiative, empowering ISHS and several international organizations such as the World Vegetable Center, UC Davis, CTA, Nepad and FAO. He was based for 4 years in Tanzania and for 2 years in Rome as the executive secretary of GlobalHort. The All Africa Horticulture Congress was initiated during this time, first in 2009 in Kenya. Since then, Remi accompanied all events until the 5th one in **Morocco**. Back to France, he co-coordinated for Agrinatura the EU-funded Platform for Africa-Europe partnership in agricultural research for development (Paepard II), still active as a **knowledge sharing platform** managed by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). In parallel, Remi chaired the Commission Horticulture for Development of ISHS (2014-18), contributed to the success of IHC2022 in France as vice-President, and was strongly involved in the transfer of the journal FRUITS from Cirad to ISHS, as editor in chief (2013-17) and associate editor (until now). Remi was also co-editor with FAO colleagues of the reference book on fruit and vegetables for **small scale sustainable farming** converting into action the partnership of ISHS with FAO.

Chair's Corner

By: Melinda Knuth

As a marketing specialist, horticulture is viewed from a different lens than to breeders, physiologists, and other horticulturalists. The best part? This is okay! We all serve a role in horticulture that requires our specializations.

Have you ever considered what is horticulture? Truly, what horticulture is has changed over time and means something different to different cultures or people.

Dr. Geoff Dixon takes a wide lens at what horticulture means in his article.

[Kindly take a look here!](#)

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As Division Chair, I am here for you. If you have any comments or questions, please reach out to me by

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Thank you!

VOTE!

Survey Time! The aim of this survey is to get insights from the membership of Horticulture For Development to make sure I am accurately serving your needs. Therefore, I'd like to know what activities and topics you are most interested in participating in and how often you want to hear from me. I'd also like to know who would like to get involved so that I can contact you.

Your responses will be used to develop activities around topic areas that interest you, the membership of DDEV. If you would like to participate as a leader, please select that option below and I will reach out to you. Thanks the members who helped develop this survey.

Follow this hyperlink to take the survey, or click VOTE! above.

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DDEV August Meeting

If you missed the August 16th meeting on Zoom, you can find our meeting notes by [following this hyperlink.](#)

**Want to contribute?
Fill out the polling
questions to the left.**

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Recap, Executive Committee Meeting

Kon'nichiwa from Kyoto! In early September the ISHS Executive Committee met for our annual meeting and to tour the IHC2026 location: Kyoto University.

Discussion points:

- Membership wants based on Executive Committee survey (report coming out on the September issue of *Chronica Horticulturae*) **Published here.**
- Executive plan for the future. It's already being implemented!
- Engagement of the younger membership
- Developing and supporting Young Minds. For senior faculty, please encourage younger faculty and graduate students to participate in ISHS. Please keep an eye out for the Young Minds initiative that the EC will be launching. I will be sharing this with you as soon as I have information!

Participate in DDEV Symposia

- V All Africa Horticultural Congress (AAHC2024), Marrakech, Morocco, 26 Feb - 1 March 2024, Deadline for abstract submission 1 November 2023. Join us in Session 1 and 5!
- V European Horticultural Congress (EHC2024), Bucharest, Romania, 12-16 May 2024, Deadline for abstract submission 30 December 2023
- II International Symposium on Agroecology and System Approach for Sustainable and Resilient Horticultural Production, 9-13 September 2024, Bologna, Italy. Submission Deadline TBD
- Evaluating the impacts of innovation(s) for sustainable horticulture, Horticulture for Development Symposium at IHC2026, Kyoto, Japan

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