

GRANDI GIARDINI ITALIANI AWARD 2011

Grandi Giardini Italiani as from this year well a prize for the highest level of maintenance, good governance of gardens open to the public.

Grandi Giardini Italiani is leader in Italy for *Horticultural Tourism*, counting on 86 unique historical gardens open to the public in 13 regions, plus Canton Ticino and Malta. In 2010 7.480.000 tickets were sold.

On the occasion of the anniversary of 150 years from the Unification of Italy, Grandi Giardini Italiani aims to give recognition to the professionalism and care shown by the owners and curators in the maintenance of Italian gardens open to the public: they depict 500 years of history and of art that enrich the prestige and image of the country.

With the Grandi Giardini Italiani Award, the network of the most beautiful gardens in Italy intends to exploit the commitment of the owners and curators in the maintenance and in constant improvement of the visitability of their gardens throughout the Italian territory. Based on these considerations, this year the prize has been assigned to:

- The First prize to the Parco Giardino Sigurtà (Valeggio, VR)
- The Second prize to Villa Poggio Torselli (San Casciano Val di Pesa, FI)
- The Third prize to Le Stanze in Fiore di Canalicchio (Catania)

The award ceremony was held at the Castel Trauttmansdorff Gardens (Merano) during the Annual Meeting of owners and curators of the 86 gardens belonging to the network Grandi Giardini Italiani. The three winners of the first edition of the Grandi Giardini Italiani Award have each received a bottle of champagne kindly offered by **Laurent-Perrier**.

The next edition of the award will be in august 2012.

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