

### FCO Wishes Jamie Aalbers All the Best!

Flowers Canada (Ontario) (FCO) wishes Jamie Aalbers all the best in his new role as Grower Manager for the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association's (CNLA). As CNLA's newest addition, Jamie will be replacing Rita Weerdenburg upon her retirement.

It is with mixed feelings that FCO says good-bye to Jamie who has been an integral part of the FCO team for the past 14 years. Jamie has overseen many projects (too many to list them all) and worn many hats during his time at FCO. Jamie headed up such project initiatives as the GreenCHIP-Q initiative, the Mealybug and Poinsettia DIP Trails and most recently FCO's Training Project established to determine the training gaps and needs in the floriculture sector – to name a few.

Jamie spent much of his time with FCO as the Director of Research, heading FCO's research committee to determine the research priorities for the sector. Jamie was also instrumental in overseeing the three Canadian Ornamental Horticulture Alliance Research Clusters funded in part by Flowers Canada Growers – the association representing growers' interests at the national level.

And we cannot forget Jamie's contribution to the Cecil Delworth Foundation fundraising efforts – working tirelessly as part the FCO's golf tournament organizing committee each year. Another notable achievement was Jamie's role as FCO's Awards Chair overseeing the process of our annual floriculture leadership awards honoring extraordinary individuals who have made a difference in the floriculture sector.

Although Jamie is now at CNLA, we have no doubt that he will continue to contribute to the betterment of the sector for many years to come.

Thank you for the many contributions that you have made over the past 14 years Jamie! All the best to you in your new adventures.