

Why go for one, when you can get two!

The Belgian federation 'Tuinhier' starts 2020 with not one, but two new presidents.

After three years our previous president Roel Deseyn wanted to pass on the responsibility.

During his time at the wheel, our organisation became more professional in the way we communicate and our registration is optimised with a brand new IT-program.

What are the advantages of two presidents?

They can brainstorm and discuss ideas together before launching them. In some issues they will be able to respond more nuanced. Together they have more feeling with the local boards. And perhaps the most important, they can divide the workload and be more present on activities across the land.

Who are our new presidents?

Thomas Lemmens is a volunteer in a couple of our workgroups, he writes for the magazine regularly and he is one of our garden experts that teaches in our local boards.

Jan Desimpelaere is active as a president of a local board for several years now. He grew into our organisation via his father. He is also active in multiple workgroups.

Their main goals are?

Continue to work on more transparency, become better known as an association and encourage involvement of local boards to achieve our mission. They wish to exchange more information between volunteers and with our partners. Last but not least, their ultimate dream is to be recognized as the Flemish centre of expertise for leisure gardening.

We want to thank Roel for his effort and invested energy. We also wish our new presidents, Thomas and Jan, the best of luck for the coming six years!



Jan Desimpelaere



Thomas Lemmens