U.S. National Arboretum to host International Tree Climbing Competition (ITCC)
Climbers to demonstrate professional skills and safety at global event

CHAMPAIGN, IL (June 23, 2017) – More than 60 of the world’s best male and female professional tree climbers representing 13 countries will compete for the title of world champion at the International Tree Climbing Championship (ITCC) July 28 -30 at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) provides training and education on safe work practices for tree care providers; especially for those working aloft. The ITCC will showcase arborists in action and help educate consumers about professional tree work, and the training and expertise it requires to be done safely. Organized by ISA and presented by The Davey Tree Expert Company, the event is free and open to the public.

“With safety as one of our core values, Davey is proud to be the presenting sponsor of ITCC,” said Sandra Reid, vice president of corporate communications and strategic planning for Davey Tree. “The competing climbers demonstrate not only magnificent skill and technique, but also extreme attention to safety and its importance in arboriculture. ISA has cultivated an environment of both competition and education around the ITCC, and we are proud to be associated with this event.”

The ITCC begins on Friday afternoon with the climbers competing in five preliminary events and will continue on through Saturday. On Sunday, the competition wraps up with the Masters’ Challenge championship round, sponsored by Husqvarna, where the male and female competitors with the highest scores from preliminaries move on to compete for the title of World Champion.

Competitors earn the opportunity to compete at the ITCC by winning local and regional competitions held by ISA chapters and associate organizations.

Click here to learn more about the ITCC and the schedule of activities.

A three-day Arbor Fair and Expo provides additional opportunities for children and adults to learn about the benefits of trees through such activities as the Limb Walk and Fun Climb, discovering secrets about trees from Professor Elwood Pricklethorn, wildlife rescue educational displays, live music and more. Along with watching the ITCC, these additional activities highlight safe, proper tree work practices and the skills it takes to care for trees.

This event is followed by the ISA Annual International Conference and Trade Show at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center running Sunday, July 30 through Wednesday, August 2. Having the two events together provides an opportunity for ISA members attending the conference, and local groups, like the host chapter Mid-Atlantic ISA, to interact with the public about the benefits of trees and the importance of proper tree care.

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About ISA
The International Society of Arboriculture (ISA), headquartered in Champaign, Ill., is a nonprofit organization supporting tree care research and education around the world. To promote the importance of arboriculture, ISA manages the consumer education web site, www.treesaregood.org, which fulfills the association's mission to help educate the public about the importance and value of proper tree care. Also, as part of ISA’s dedication to the care and preservation of shade and ornamental trees, it offers the only internationally-recognized certification program in the industry. For more information on ISA and Certified Arborists, visit www.isa-arbor.com.

About Davey Tree
The Davey Tree Expert Company’s approximately 9,000 employees provide diversified tree services, grounds maintenance and environmental services for the residential, utility, commercial and government markets throughout the U.S. and Canada. Davey has provided Proven Solutions for a Growing World since 1880 and has been employee-owned for 38 years.