

One of the most famous

nurserymen in Europe has been voted runner up in a poll for the 2001 person of the year in Italy's Pistoia region. Managing director Vannino Vannucci of Vannucci Piante, which grows semi-mature plants and trees, was pipped to the first place by a show-business promoter. Readers of Italian national newspaper *La Nazione* voted for Vannucci partly because of his work with the International Association for Green Produce, which promotes horticultural activity in Pistoia.