Seventeen fascinating talks are lined up for the National Education Conference at the University of Warwick, April 8-10.

Speakers include top greenkeepers from both sides of the Atlantic as well as leading consultants.

Subjects to be covered include 'Top Dressing Successfully' (by Professor Paul E Rieke of Michigan State University), 'Everything You Will Ever Need to Know About Annual Meadow Grass Control' (by Kevin Munt, Course Manager at Buckinghamshire Golf Club) and the 'Restoration and Conservation of a Links Golf Course' (by Philip Baldock, Head Greenkeeper at Royal Portrush).

Dr Iain Campbell, a horticultural scientist and former president at Long Ashton Golf Club near Bristol, will tell us about 'The Selection, Planting and Management of Trees For Golf Courses'. Having been responsible for planting more than 7,000 trees at Long Ashton Golf Course, he is more than qualified to give this talk.

Other speakers include Master Greenkeepers Gordon Irvine and David Whitaker, soil expert Dr Bill Adams, and David Oatis, director of the USGA's north-eastern region's green section.

Entertainment includes a quiz night and a banquet with an after-dinner speech by Stan Taylor, a former submariner and Life President of the Comedians' Golf Society.

The price for BIGGA greenkeeper members is £188 including VAT, £164.50 for spouses. This includes accommodation and meals.

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