Another record-breaker and a great week ahead

So much to see and so much to learn...

On behalf of the British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the Harrogate International Centre for BTME '97.

As always our aim has been to build on the success of the previous year's show and we feel confident that, whether you are an exhibitor, a greenkeeper, a golf club official or a speaker, your time at BTME '97 will be time well spent.

What pleases us is that news of the success of BTME has reached so far afield that many of our delegates and exhibitors come to Harrogate from outside the United Kingdom.

Our overseas visitors know that when they come to BTME they will enjoy a friendly welcome and learn much to take back home to their own country.

More than ever BTME offers something for everyone.

DEAN CLEAVER
Chairman of BIGGA

Crown Hotel between 8.30am and 9.00am on Tuesday 21 January. This course, presented by the Sports Turf Research Institute experts in agronomy, turf grass science, fertilisers and pesticides and a BIGGA Course Manager, introduces chairmen of green and golf club secretaries to the practicalities of golf course construction and management, types of soil, seed, pests, diseases, and pesticide legislation. It also includes a visit to the STRI trial grounds and laboratories and the BTME exhibition.

FEDERATION OF EUROPEAN GOLF GREENKEEPERS ASSOCIATIONS (FEGGA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 23 January, The Majestic Hotel, 12 noon
The first FEGGA Annual General Meeting will be held during BTME in the Majestic Hotel.

BIGGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 22 January, The Majestic Hotel, 5.45pm
The BIGGA Annual General Meeting will be held during BTME. Membership cards must be produced to gain admission.

SOCIAL PROGRAMME
The Exhibition Banquet on Thursday 23 January, at the Majestic Hotel, will be followed by a spectacular cabaret starring Bobby Davro, ably supported by a fabulous female vocalist, Laine Kennedy. The social programme also includes a conference dinner on 20 January with after dinner speaker Professor David Purdie, Dean of the University of Kingston upon Hull and a Karaoki Night on Wednesday 22 January.

AND TO BOOK...
Any delegate wishing to book hotels, seminar sessions or the banquet should contact Sami Collins, at BIGGA Headquarters Tel: 01347 838581.