The 2010 series of workshops were designed to meet the main aim of the special project: to engage all turf staff working within the GTC’s Approved Centres and colleges to not only

- develop delegates beyond turf centref staff
- prepare the PGA and GCMA were invited to identify representatives who could attend and in turn distribute the news to their members.

- Phil Weaver, Chairman of the PGA and Keith Lloyd CEO of the GCMA attended a workshop and their feedback and support will hopefully result in the Sustainable Golf Course Programme message being integrated into future seminars and education programmes for golfers.

- In recent years “sustainability” has become a word that many industries have adopted but few people really understand what it means or how it can be applied within their particular working environment.

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- a new copy of the programme with next month’s issue of Greenkeeper International.

- Brand new for 2011 is the introduction of the “Turf Managers’ Conference”. Taking place on Monday, January 17, the new Conference has been developed specifically with Head Greenkeepers, Course Managers and those who manage turf worldwide.

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  - Dr Kate Entwistle, Turfgrass Scientist, The Natural History Museum
  - Robert Hunt, Chairman, International Turfgrass Pathologist, The Turf Disease Centre
  - Robert Hunt, Chairman, International Design Group
  - Stanley J. Kostka, PhD, Director of Research and Education at the STRI, will be available to answer any questions you may have.

- The sustainable programme is with employers and the golfer.

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