BIGGA ANNOUNCE OPEN-PANEL DEBATES AT SALTEX 2013

In addition to the free-to-attend BIGGA day-long series of education presentations at this year’s SALTEX (Sports Amenity & Landscape Trade Exhibition) national show at Windsor Racecourse, greenkeepers will find a number of open panel debates of interest as well as a Smokestacked with useful products, many of them being shown for the first time. The free-to-attend BIGGA Golf Education Day (on Wednesday September 4, visit www.bigga.org.uk for details) will appeal to greenkeepers at courses of every size and type and will focus on drainage, bunker, composts and disease management.

A number of panel debates will also appear, including the ‘Integrated control of pests, weeds and diseases: What does this mean in practice?’ Hosted by John Moverley, chairman of the Amenity Forum, the panelists for the session will include Paul Singleton, chairman of the Forum’s Education and Training Committee; Will Ray, managing director of Languard; and Sheffield Council’s David Wain.

As John Moverley says: “We are all aware of the need to take a more integrated approach to pest management but there remains many questions as to exactly what this means or how we can achieve it – including addressing issues of effectiveness, costs and environmental factors.”

Visit www.igaepalates.com for more details of the BIGGA Education Day, the full programme of SALTEX panel debates, exhibitor profiles and to register to attend SALTEX for free.

Don’t forget BIGGA has a separate stand - G98 - at SALTEX. Come and see us!

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO THE BIGGA LIBRARY

A series of management books have been added to the BIGGA Library. Published by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), they provide expert guidance on ‘Managing Yourself’ and ‘Others’.

The books would be useful for anyone undertaking a management unit within their qualifications or for those who have an interest in improving their management skills and knowledge.

Managing Yourself – this is for anyone who wants to further their career as a manager. Offers information on development and career planning; workplace relationships; managing time effectively; problem solving; decision making; managing your relationship with your boss and networking.

Managing Others: Teams and Individuals – focusing on selecting and building a successful team.

Managing Others: The Organisational Essentials – this focuses on the organisational aspects of managing those people that you are responsible for. Provides information on the recruitment process; managing staff retention and turnover; 360-degree feedback; training and learning evaluation; succession planning; organisational culture; managing creativity; redundancy; managing the survivors and enabling a work-life balance.

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