Musser Foundation chooses three graduate students for scholarships

The Musser Foundation has awarded $4,000 scholarships to Richard Davis, Jeffrey Klingenberg and Zachary Reicher. Announcing the scholarships, Musser Foundation President Frank Dobie said: "We must seek new paradigms of thinking if we expect to solve the complex problems of today's world. Supporting this new generation of turfgrass scientists is the wisest move we can make."

Davis obtained his master's degree in plant pathology at Auburn University and is preparing his doctoral thesis on ecological aspects of four turf nematode species attacking creeping bentgrass at the University of Illinois. His principal advisers are Dr. Henry Wilkinson and Gregory Noel.

Reicher did his master's work at Iowa State University on the effects of pre-emergent herbicides on rooting of Kentucky bluegrass. Now at Purdue University, his doctoral thesis is on the effect of repetitive applications of fungicides on creeping bentgrass. His principal adviser is Dr. Clark Throssell.

Klingenberg obtained his master's degree from New Mexico State University. His doctoral thesis at the University of Nebraska is on development of drought-avoidance mechanisms in turf-type seeded buffalograss. His principal adviser is Dr. Terrance Riordan.

Each year the Musser Foundation, named for turfgrass pioneer Burt Musser, looks for the most promising turfgrass doctoral students in the world to award moral and financial support. To qualify for a grant, students must be in the last year of their doctoral program, have an accumulative grade point average of 3.4 or above, with their thesis on turfgrass research to the direct benefit to turfgrass science. They must also demonstrate leadership in academic and extracurricular activities.

Pesticide container report sent to Congress

EPA has submitted a pesticide container report to Congress as mandated by the 1988 amendments to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA).

The amendments required EPA to address options to encourage or require:
- return, refill and reuse of pesticide containers;
- development and use of pesticide formulations that facilitate removal of pesticide residues from the containers; and
- use of bulk storage facilities to reduce the number of pesticide containers requiring disposal.

In gathering the information for the 235-page "Pesticide Container Study — Report to Congress," EPA held four open meetings with other federal and state agencies, industry groups, environmental organizations and other interested parties.

The first four chapters are devoted to background; chapter five covers the regulations and standards imposed by government and industry. Chapters six through 12 cover containers, current issues and practices regarding use, residue removal and disposal. Chapter 13 presents the options required by FIFRA.

The final chapter discusses long-range pesticide container management goals, suggests areas for further study and summarizes the conclusions.

Summary copies and a limited number of complete copies of the report may be obtained by contacting EPA's Pesticide Management and Disposal Staff at 703-305-5288, or Meredith Patterson at Mitchell Systems at 703-351-6758.

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