Irrigation Assoc. plans seminars to complement November conference

The Irrigation Association's 1992 International Exposition and Technical Conference — scheduled for Nov. 1-4, in New Orleans — will feature a variety of technical sessions covering topics of relevance to those involved in agricultural, turf and landscape irrigation.

Topics covered in agricultural sessions include: "Surge Flow: The American Irrigation Success Story" by Joe Denggeler of the Texas A&M Extension Service; "Agriculture: The Dilemma of Water Conservation vs. Irrigation Management" by Shlomo Pichan of Orange Enterprises; and "Soil-wick Self Regulating Sub-surface Irrigation" by Samir Ismail of the College of Agriculture, Alexandria, Egypt.

In sessions devoted to turf and landscape, topics include: "Alternatives for Conserving Landscape Water Dollars" by Robert Beccard of Aqua Engineering; "The Use of Emitter Lines in Landscape Irrigation" by Tom Bressan of The Urban Farmer Store; and "Gray Water — A Secure Future for Water — A Secure Future for Landscapes?" by Larry Farwell of the California Department of Water Resources, Water Conservation Office.

The conference will also host three business seminars designed to be beneficial to everyone. They include: "Stress Management" by Dr. Chrisman Wilson of the Psychology Department at Tulane University; "Building a Winning Team" by independent consultant Jim Whit; and "Motivation" by Dr. John Keller.

For more information about the programs and registration, contact Martha Lindauer at 703-524-1200, or fax your correspondence to her at 703-524-9544.

The Irrigation Association is also hosting a series of educational programs in conjunction — but preceding — the Association's 1992 Technical Conference in New Orleans.

On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, the IA will hold a two-day School of Irrigation which will cover the basics of water movement, infiltration and evapotranspiration rates for system design.

The registration fee for IA members is $150. The fee for non-members is $175.

The IA will also offer a one-day Micro-Spray Design Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 31. The course is being taught by Dr. Charles Burt of Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

The registration is $150 for IA members and $200 for non-members.

Finally, the IA will offer a full-day Water Auditor Training course on Oct. 30. The session covers the basics of landscape irrigation water auditing. The course, which addresses evaluating the performance of irrigation systems, will cost IA members $150 and non-members $200.

All the above courses can be used to help irrigation professionals participating in the Association's School of Irrigation.

For more information or to register for a course, contact Denise Stone at 703-524-1200.

EPA gives the 'OK' on ConSyst

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"What can you do about that?"

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The EPA has also approved a new formulation — for turf — of Ciba-Geigy's systemic fungicide, Subdue.

The new incarnation is called Subdue+ WSP.

"We had several (EPA) project managers overseeing ConSyst — they kept switching project managers," King explained. "In fact, last year the particular project manager was called away by Desert Storm and that set us back."

Said Owen Towne, Ciba-Geigy project manager: "The new formulation offers an alternative that features less potential applicator exposure and easier container disposal. We listened to turf managers' concerns, and we think Subdue+ WSP's package helps the industry address those concerns head-on."