Seed Trade Association announces


President Art Armbrust is employed at Sharp Brothers Seed Co. in Healy, Kan. He has served as chairman of the ASTA Conservation Committee of the Farm Seed Division and is past president of the Kansas Seed Dealers.

First Vice President Dietrich Schmidt has been president of Petoseed since 1977. He's been involved with FIS and has served as vice chairman of the Vegetable Seed Section since 1985. He also served as chairman of the ASTA International and Phytosanitary committees.

Second Vice President Noble Koepp is president and general manager of Triumph Seed Co., a company he purchased in 1978. He also served on the ASTA's International and Phytosanitary committees, as well as the Intellectual Property Rights Committee.

The ASTA regional vice presidents include: Frank Welch, general manager for Beachley-Hardy Seed Co., in the Northeast region; Steve Byrum, president of Byrum Seed Co., in the Southeast region; Nathan Boardman, president of Crosbyton Seed Co., in the southern region; Tom Strachota, executive vice president of Dairyland Seed Co., in the central region; Dave Shoulitz, director of production for the North American Seed Division, in the north central region; Mel Aoki, vice president for American Takii, Inc., in the West region; and Ron Kowalski, partner and vice president of marketing and sales at Brett-Young Seeds Ltd., in Canada.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Sod Producers Association (ASPA) elected Mike Holmes, executive vice president of Warren's Turf Nursery in Crystal Lake, Ill., president at the organization's 25th anniversary.

Joining Holmes as officers are Vice President Richard Schiedel, owner of The Greenhorizon Group of Farms in Cambridge, Ontario, and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Brooking, owner of Brookmeade Seed Farms in Doswell, Va. Schiedel will automatically assume the ASPA presidency next July. New faces joining the ASPA board as three-year trustees will be Linda Tucker, owner of Sodco, Inc. in Slocum, R.I. and Eddie Zuckerman, owner of Delta Bluegrass Co. in Stockton, Calif.

Continuing to assist in leading the 900 plus member organization with representatives in 24 countries will be Past President Darwin McKay of Turfco in Meridian, Idaho; and Trustees Doug Barbary of Aldino Sod Farms in Churchville, Md.; Dr. Tim Bowyer of Southern Turf Nurseries in Norcross, Ga.; David Dugout of Crenshaw & Dougiet Turfgrass in Austin, Texas; William Huber of Huber Ranch Sod Nursery in Schneider, Ind.; and Wayne Thorson of Todd Valley Farms in Mead, Neb.

RISE meeting draws a crowd

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included in-depth seminars on biopesticide advances, container management, EPA regulations and consumer protection. However, two significant issues took center stage.

First, James reported on the progress of federal pre-emption legislation that would establish federal regulations as the ultimate authorities on issues of chemical safety. Specific language on pre-emption supplied by RISE — is now part of the proposed amendment to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). No further movement on this amendment is expected until 1993.

Second, the RISE Communications Committee unveiled a 16-page brochure entitled, "Pesticides in the Environment." The brochure's main theme, "The other side of the story," details the positive effects of chemicals in society. Committee members encouraged RISE attendees to distribute the brochures wherever possible (for information on obtaining the brochure, call 202-872-3860).

The second RISE Annual Meeting was held at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner in McLean, Va., just outside Washington, D.C.

"We had planned to hold the 1993 Annual Meeting somewhere away from the D.C. area," James explained. "But the feedback on the hotel and the location was so positive, we might just stay here next year."

Golf Asia conference receives certification

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establish or augment their export potential in this rapidly expanding market.

Golf course development is a booming market, as well. In the ASEAN region, there are 157 courses under way or in the pipeline to be completed by the year. Within the next four years, the potential market in golf course development is estimated to be $6 billion.