## New Turfgrass Faculty Member Appointed

DR. JULIE DIONNE JOINS THE UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

he Guelph Turfgrass Institute at the University of Guelph is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Julie Dionne to the position of Turf Management Faculty with the Department of Plant Agriculture.

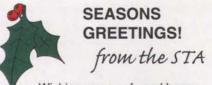
Dr. Dionne completed her Ph.D. in Plant Science at Laval University, Quebec, in the spring of 2001. She also received her B.Sc. from Laval in 1993. Julie grew up in a horticultural family. Her parents owned a garden centre, nursery and landscaping company and her grandparents were greenhouse flower growers.

Since 1999, Julie was the coordinator of the turf program at the Horticultural Research Centre at Laval University. She currently co-supervises five graduate students working in Quebec on different aspects of turf management - two of which will be joining Julie at Guelph in January.



Julie looks forward to working with the Guelph Turfgrass Institute's research team and developing a strong research program addressing both applied and basic research challenges. Her research interests include the physiology and ecophysiology of turfgrass species in relation to environmental stress tolerance to extreme temperature, drought and anaerobic conditions. "I think it is very important to work closely with the turfgrass industry", says Dionne, "and there is tremendous potential for the development of on-site research projects that provide both important information and an educational opportunity for participating industry professionals."

Julie will divide her time between an office in the Bovey Building on the University of Guelph campus and the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. She can be contacted by telephone at 519-824-4120 (x 2232) or by e-mail at jdionne@uoguelph.ca. ◆



Wishing you a safe and happy holiday and prosperous New Year!

