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SPORTS TURF RELATED SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18
1:30-2:00. W6 GTI Soccer Fields: An Irrigation and Overseeding Case Study
Peter Purvis, Guelph Turfgrass Institute.
The GTI developed two “mini” soccer fields for use by adult and under-10 players for Guelph Soccer. The partnership was so successful that full-sized fields will be developed in the upcoming season. Over-seeding and irrigation research conducted during the playing season will be presented. IPM 0.66.

2:00-3:00. W7 Rainwater Harvesting
Chris Davies, Bushman Water Products Canada. Learn the current state of the world’s water supply and how it affects water in Canada. Explore the benefits, applications and uses of rainwater harvesting. IPM 1.33.

3:00-3:30. W8 Municipal Sports Field Closure Policies
Bob Kennedy, Sports Turf Management Solutions. Most Ontario municipal parks operations departments have an excellent relationship with sports communities. However, many of those same municipalities are overwhelmed by sports organizations, coaches, managers and parents who insist on using sports fields when turfgrass is virtually unplayable due to inclement weather. This presentation explores policies that can be put in place by municipal councils to ensure that sports field usage is controlled by the municipality and not the sporting community. IPM 0.66.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19
9:00-9:30. T1 Construction of the 2010 International Athletic Association Federation Athletic Field in Moncton, NB
Dr. Robert Daniels, Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The City of Moncton, New Brunswick, has been awarded the 2010 International Athletic Association Federation (IAAF) track and field games. In order to host this event, the City is required to construct a facility to meet the specifications as set out by the IAAF. Learn about specifications, planning, construction, grow-in, and maintenance of the athletic fields during the period of initiation (Winter 2008) until the Summer 2010 games.

9:30-10:30. T2 Synthetic Turf: Facts Everyone Needs to Know
Mark Nicholls, Turf Industry. This presentation debunks myths surrounding synthetic turf by looking at the advantages and disadvantages of the product. Financial justification, warranty issues, maintenance strategies, usage audit and environmental impact details are all discussed to allow for informed decision-making.

11:00-12:00. T3 Holistic Turf Management Program for Halifax Regional Municipality
Dr. Robert Daniels, Nova Scotia Agricultural College. The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) sports fields are in a pesticide free zone. Turf can only be improved by using “best management practices” which excludes the use of pesticides. With an emphasis on recreational fields, a program has been developed and implemented to improve and upgrade worker skills and the condition and playability.

There are also a number of informative plenary sessions:

- Economic Profile of the Turfgrass Industry in Ontario
- Alternative Products: What Works & What Doesn’t
- Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008
- Turf Care Alternatives Round Table
- Understanding the Supervisory Role
- Water Symposium

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