Ontario Turfgrass Symposium Responds to Culture of Green

The University of Guelph will host the 19th annual Ontario Turfgrass Symposium (OTS), February 17th and 18th, 2010 at Rozanski Hall. Speakers from both industry and academia will provide valuable insights reflecting the OTS 2010 theme – The Culture of Green.

Delegates will participate in sessions providing up-to-date information responding to the complexities of maintaining healthy turf in today’s more restrictive growing environment. Sports turf and facility managers, golf and lawn care professionals and nursery sod growers will all benefit from the many topics including: new pest and disease controls, turf maintenance tactics, safety and liability issues for turf managers and other industry-related topics.

Turf industry leaders and associated staff will benefit from both learning sessions and the ability to network with colleagues in the turf industry. Attending OTS provides insight into best practices as initiated from leaders in turf sciences locally, nationally and internationally.

Visit the conference website at www.open.uoguelph.ca/ots or call 519.767.5000 for more information.

Robert W. Sheard STA Scholarship Application Deadline: November 1

In order to encourage, support and provide leadership to those considering a career in the sports turf industry, the STA offers the Robert W. Sheard Scholarship. One scholarship in the amount of $1,000 may be awarded annually.

We encourage you to apply for the STA Robert W. Sheard Scholarship if you:

• are a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
• are currently enrolled in and have completed one full year of education in a post-secondary program in turf management at a recognized college or university in Canada; or, have completed the University of Guelph’s Turf Managers’ Short Course, or equivalent, in the current year;
• have been employed in the sports turf industry in the current year (including seasonal employment) by a member of the Sports Turf Association;
• have a desire to pursue a career in the sports turf industry.

The Scholarship Program is funded through STA membership fees. The award is intended to assist students with the cost of tuition, books and related expenses.

Visit www.sportsturfassociation.com for scholarship policies, application requirements and an application form.

STA WEBSITE SEARCH STATS

In reviewing the most recent statistics for the STA website, the most common search phrases were 1) sports turf association and 2) Sarritor. Presumably searchers were able to gather the information they were seeking with respect to the Sports Turf Association during their visit. Information regarding Sarritor may be obtained from the company website, www.sarritor.ca. There will also be a session addressing its performance in the field at the 2010 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium. Visit the OTS website www.open.uoguelph.ca/ots for details as they become available.