

From the Editor

I spent the majority of my academic career as an extension specialist. My primary job was to provide educational opportunities for professional turfgrass managers. I did not conduct any research studies. It could be suggested that research did not play a role in my career. That could be further than the truth.



Dr. Knoop

As an extension specialist, I not only planned and conducted educational programs, but I spent a considerable part of my time working in the field with professionals, like you, helping to solve every day turfgrass problems. I've made hundreds of recommendations. I would like to say that there isn't any turf problem that I haven't seen, but I know better.

I owe any ability that I had as an educator and extension specialist to turfgrass research. The basis for our

turfgrass education is founded in research. Turfgrass research, over the years, established the facts that became the basis for our education. If it weren't for turfgrass research, our profession certainly wouldn't be where it is today.

There is no question that we learn through experience. But, experience can be a very slow learning process. The time-proven, best way to improve one's turfgrass management skills is to combine the facts gained through good turfgrass research with experience to solve problems and to establish better management techniques and systems.

The future of our profession is directly wrapped around turfgrass research. If research is in trouble because of reduced funding, then we are all in trouble. We all must support research.

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