



GCSANC Members Focus On Irrigation at Annual Institute

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In what has been labeled as the premier regional educational event of the season, GCSANC superintendents, their assistants and affiliate members recently gathered at Santa Cruz's Cocoanut Grove for the 10th annual Superintendent's Institute. The two-day event, held in partnership with the U.C. Cooperative Extension Service, provided turfgrass professionals throughout Northern California with the opportunity to enhance their agronomic and management skills.

The 120 seminar attendees were exposed to a wide range of topics dealing with golf course irrigation. According to Co-chairman Dr. Ali Harivandi, issues concerning irrigation efficiency and water quality are paramount for today's California superintendent. "A superintendent's ability to meet or exceed today's standards for course conditioning is directly related to water quality and water delivery systems," said Harivandi. "This year's

program was designed to provide turfgrass managers with practical information on irrigation system design, maintenance and operation, as well as new technologies such as the use of GPS mapping." Local irrigation professionals made presentations, as well as superintendents, who provided innovative solutions to irrigation problems.

Harivandi, whose expertise is turfgrass education and research, marvels at the success of the Institute,

having been involved since it's inception in 1990. "Golf Course Superintendents are constantly being challenged with new technologies, environmental issues and expectations for course conditioning," says Harivandi. "This year's record attendance suggests that superintendents and industry professionals recognize the value and importance of continuing education".

2001 California Hospitality Suite

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Time: 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

*Dallas World Aquarium,
1801 North Griffin St.
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The 2001 California GCSA Hospitality Suite in Dallas, Texas, will be held at the Dallas World Aquarium. The California Golf Course Superintendents and Company Representatives look forward to attending this event. The Dallas World Aquarium is an interesting and spacious venue, making it a great place to visit with friends and colleagues. Hospitality Suite sponsors and California attendee's will enjoy an excellent Southwest Buffet and beverages of their choice.

The California GCSA invites your company to participate in our Hospitality Suite Sponsorship Program.

SPECIAL NOTE: This year, California affiliation proof is required. You must show your GCSAA Conference & Show Registration Badge or your California Local Chapter Membership Card, to gain access into the Hospitality Suite.

There will be a \$25.00 charge for each guest.