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NEWS RELEASE

The International Sports Turf Institute has been formed by Dr. James B. Beard, who recently retired as Professor of Turfgrass Science at Texas A&M University after 35 years in public service in turfgrass research and education. Dr. Beard will be devoting full time to development of the Institute as its Director and Chief Scientist. The Institute’s goals are (a) to develop position papers and formal presentations addressing current issues affecting the turfgrass industry, (b) to provide technical assistance encompassing lectures, seminars, and site assessments on turfgrass establishment and culture of sports fields, golf courses, race courses, sod farms, lawns and roadsides, and (c) to develop and guide turfgrass research programs and product developments. The Institute currently has major contracts with turfgrass organizations and associations in five countries.