Expo 2005 – The “Taj Mahal” of Turf Education!

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It’s no coincidence that the New Jersey’s annual Mecca of turf education just happens to be held at the Taj Mahal – and attendees are spared purchasing plane tickets to India!

The famous Trump property in Atlantic City was the location of the New Jersey Green Industry Expo 2005 from December 6-8. Presented by The New Jersey Turfgrass Association, Expo 2005 was held in conjunction with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of NJ, Rutgers Cooperative Research and Extension, United States Golf Association, and Sports Field Managers Association of NJ (SFMANJ).

Sponsored by Fisher & Son, Inc., the opening Sports Field Managers Session on Tuesday, December 6 featured Amy Fouty, CSFM. Ms. Fouty is the Athletic Turf Manager at Michigan State University and is responsible for the high-profile Spartan Stadium, home of Michigan State’s football team. Her work in providing a premier playing surface for the Big Ten Spartans is a prime illustration of how proper turfgrass management can result in a well-performing natural surface.

Tuesday afternoon began with a five-person panel consisting of grounds managers, an athletic director, and administrator. Moderated by Don Savard, CSFM, SFMANJ Vice-President, the panel provided viewpoints related to communication and developing positive relationships. Many of the ideas generated by the panel could be applied by those in attendance to their own workplace environments.

Following the General Session on Wednesday morning, December 7, a fine lunch was provided to all those in attendance compliments of Storr Tractor Co.

Pesticide credits were made available to those certified... Continued on page 4

Eleanora Murfitt-Hermann is presented a plaque by Don Savard, CSFM at Expo 2005 in recognition of her service as SFMANJ President from 1999-2005.

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Next Board of Directors Meeting will be held at the Rutgers University Geiger Building on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 4:30 pm.