New Jersey Turfgrass Association Press Release

Two prominent New Jersey Associations, the NJ Landscape Contractors Association (NILCA) and the NJ Turfgrass Association (NITA), have signed an historical long-term agreement which will benefit green industry representatives across New Jersey and the region. The two associations have agreed on a joint venture to co-host the New Jersey Green Industry Expo. For over 35 years, NITA has run a very successful annual trade show and conference in early December. By joining efforts and resources, growth and expansion of the show is virtually guaranteed. "NITA is excited about the opportunity this partnership will offer and believes the Expo will develop into a regional conference and trade show attracting attendees from up and down the East Coast," says Chris Carson, President of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. Beginning December 5-7 of this year the show will be renamed the "Turf & Landscape Conference and Expo". It will remain at the Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, NJ. The conference has always had well attended educational seminars and will continue to expand on this success by adding seminars earmarked specifically for the landscape contractor. "This joint venture will be the perfect vehicle for NILCA to further develop the southern regions of the state," states Brian Pfeifer, NILCA President. He also announced the first annual NILCA state convention, the Holiday Awards Dinner and the 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held at Expo. "This partnership is exactly what the Expo needed to catapult it to new heights. We are certain it will benefit the entire Green Industry in New Jersey and we look forward to producing another first-rate Expo," says Chris Carson, NITA President.

NITA will feature online registration for Expo 2006. For more information visit www.njturfgrass.org or call: (215) 757-6582

New Jersey Turf & Landscape Conference and Expo 2006:
Sports Field Managers Program
December 5-7, 2006
Trump Taj Mahal Casino-Resort, Atlantic City, NJ

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006
TUESDAY AM
9:00 Principles of sports field drainage
Joel Taylor, Haddonfield Twp, NJ
Dr. Jim Murphy, Rutgers Univ.
10:15 Implementing a school IPM program
Moderator: Craig Tolley, County Environmental Protection
Insect Management Update for Sports Fields
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12:00 End of Session

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1:00 IPM procedures for turfgrass
Dr. George Van Haasteren, Dwight College of Morris, NJ
1:30 IPM procedures for indoor facilities
Dr. Jim Murphy, Rutgers Univ.
2:00 Break
2:15 School IPM Q&A with the NJ DEP
Bruce Reinbold, New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection
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7:30 Early Bird sports field managers networking roundtable
9:00 End of Session

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1:00 SFWANJ Business meeting
1:30 Identifying and controlling common turfgrass diseases of sports fields
Dr. Albrecht Koppenoffer, Rutgers Univ.
2:00 Overview of the Certified Sports Field Manager (CSFM) program
Oscar Cava, CSSFM, Sanlam School
2:30 Managing infill skin surfaces
Ryan Radcliffe, Lakewood Bluelaces
3:00 Insect management update for sports fields
Dr. Albrecht Koppenoffer, Rutgers Univ.
3:30 End of Session