Regional Turfgrass Conferences To Feature Education and Equipment

MIDWEST:

THE OHIO TURFGRASS Conference and Show, a regional Midwest show devoted strictly to turf and turfgrass maintenance, will be held Dec. 3-5 in Columbus, Ohio.

Headquarters for the educational sessions and exhibits will be in the Franklin County Veterans' Memorial Building, with lodging available in several downtown Columbus hotels.

The educational program will include outstanding speakers from several states. In addition to many general sessions and lectures, split sessions will be held on various topics of interest — golf courses, schools and athletic fields, lawns and general grounds, cemeteries, and sod production.

"Energy and the Turf Industry," a general session concluding the educational program, will include speakers on fertilizer availability, an outlook on equipment and materials, practical turf management with reduced supplies, the effects of the energy crisis on the use of recreational facilities and a panel discussion.

Social activities include the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation banquet during which the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation Man of the Year Award, several Professional Excellence Awards, and about ten Ohio Turfgrass Foundation scholarships will be presented.

Attendance of about 1,100 to 1,200 is expected, along with some 60 to 65 exhibitors. Last year's conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, drew 1,102 participants from 24 states and Canada.

Attendance is open to anyone interested in turfgrass management. For more information, contact David P. Martin, Executive Secretary, Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, 1827 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

NORTHEAST:

NEW JERSEY TURFGRASS Expo '74, first of its kind for the state, is generating lots of interest and excitement in the New Jersey turfgrass industry.

This new venture, a combined educational conference and trade show, is sponsored by Cook College of Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.

Turfgrass Expo '74 will provide a "new look" for the traditional turfgrass conference held annually in January. This new look will include a new name, new date, new location, new facilities and, most importantly, many new activities.

Beginning Dec. 2 with the Expo Golf Tournament at the Ramblewood Country Club, Marlton, N.J., the next three days (through Dec. 5) are heavily programmed with educational sessions and a trade show. Headquarters for Expo '74 are at the Sheraton Poste Inn, Cherry Hill, N.J.

The educational program, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ralph E. Engel, research professor, Cook College, includes a wide variety of topics and many highly qualified turfgrass experts, and is designed to cover a broad range of turfgrass interests. The educational program will conclude on Dec. 5 with workshop sessions of four major subjects — sprayer and spreader calibration; mower maintenance; trouble shooting small pumps and sprayers; and maintenance and failures of pumps, valves and automatic switches.

A turfgrass equipment and product show, a major new attraction, will complement the educational sessions.

Highlighting the social activities will be the Expo Banquet on Dec. 4. Planned as a "night of awards, recognition, sociability and fun," the banquet will include scholarship presentations and the golf tournament trophies and prizes. Election into the New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame will recognize one individual who has made significant contributions for the betterment of the New Jersey Turfgrass industry. This Hall of Fame award is being instituted at the Turfgrass Expo '74 as an annual event.

These new and expanded activities of the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '74 will provide increased opportunities for keeping abreast of new technological developments in all aspects of the turfgrass industry as well as contact with individuals associated with the various segments of the turfgrass industry.

Additional information about New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '74 can be obtained from Dr. Henry W. Indyk, Expo General Chairman, Cook College-Rutgers University, Box 231, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903.

Turfgrass conferences offer the turf manager an opportunity to see what's new in equipment and supplies.

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