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Education Update

Ken Richardson sees the year quickly vanishing and updates you on Harrogate 2005 and the new Annual Conference in March, 2005.

As I write this article, I am looking forward to a welcome holiday. By the time you read it, I will be back at my desk wondering where the year has gone with BTME & ClubHouse only seven months away and the new Education Conference only nine months away.

Continue to Learn at Harrogate 2005

Our plans for Harrogate are coming to fruition and we shall be able to produce a draft programme by the end of this month. Please remember that there will be an increased number of workshops held on Sunday 16th January and Monday 17th January, followed by an extensive seminar programme on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th January. Add on a series of ClubHouse seminars and a Master Greenkeeper Workshop and there is something for everyone at next January's Continue to Learn at Harrogate. Watch out for more details appearing next month.



The 21st Century Manager

As announced last month, the BIGGA Annual Conference will move from Harrogate to a new location in 2005. The British and International Turf Managers' Conference, will be held at Staverton Park Conference Centre on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th March. This, high level conference will be titled 'the 21st Century Manager' and will feature speakers from around the World. The Conference will include research papers presented by a range of academics from both sides of the Atlantic and by greenkeeper graduates plus papers on various aspects of management. Full details will be published later in the year but watch out for further monthly updates in this column.

TORO Student of the Year Competition



The deadline for the TORO Student of the Year Competition has now passed and we have received more than 36 entries so far. Regional interviews will be held around the country in early July with the National Final taking place at BIGGA House on 26th and 27th September.



Regional Training Courses Autumn 2004

Final preparations are being made for a wide range of regional/section training courses which will take place in October/November/December 2004. Full details will be sent out during July.

Remember to book early as places are limited on these high-quality, low cost training courses.