

# Learning & Development

Sami Collins, Head of Learning & Development,  
with an update on education issues



**September hails the journey to Saltex, with our wellies packed, next to our suntan lotion! September also features the final of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year Award and the delivery of the brochure for the Continue to Learn Education Programme.**

**The focus shifts from 'planning' to 'organising' and, for the next few months, all roads lead to Harrogate.**

## Continue to Learn 2011 – Turf Managers' Conference

The 2011 Continue to Learn education programme has been finalised. You will be receiving your copy of the programme with next month's issue of Greenkeeper International.

Brand new for 2011 is the introduction of the "Turf Managers' Conference". Taking place on Monday, January 17, the new Conference has been developed specifically with Head Greenkeepers, Course Managers and those who manage turf, in mind.

We have secured a first-class line up of speakers:

- Dr John E. Kaminski, Assistant Professor, The Pennsylvania State University
- Dr Kate Entwistle, Turfgrass Pathologist, The Turf Disease Centre
- Robert Hunt, Chairman, International Design Group
- Stanley J. Kostka, PhD, Director – Technology and Innovation, Aquatrols Corporation

• Dr David Jones, Research Scientist, The Natural History Museum

Presenting a range of topics:

- Effective use of Primo on golf courses
- New challenges in turf disease management
- Golf Is Dead
- It's not just about dry patch anymore! The science of soil water repellency, surfactants and sustainable turf management
- Microscolex phosphoreus: a new threat to golf greens
- Preparing for and dealing with Winter damage

Further information on the Turf Managers' Conference will feature in the Continue to Learn Education Programme. However, if you want to reserve your place, please contact the L&D Department on 01347 833800 (option 3).



## New Field Guide - Coming Soon!

A new field guide, written by Bob Taylor, Head of Ecology and Environment at the STRI, will be available soon. The subject for the new guide was selected following last year's Field Guide survey for new subjects. It will deal with the Legislation and Recognition of Protected Habitats and Species. This follows the production of the updated guide, on the Major Diseases and Pests of Fine Turf, late last year.



The funding provided by Golden and Silver Key Sponsors is used to produce training and career aids, DVDs, CD Roms, field guides and provide refunds for training fees and subsidised learning and development courses. The funding also helps support seminars, workshops, courses, the lending library, careers advice, posters and manuals.

Many young greenkeepers owe their career progression to the assistance they've had from the Learning and Development Fund. An equal number of established greenkeepers have also been able to access the fund to continue their professional development thanks to the donations of the Golden and Silver Key Sponsors.



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**Remember to visit the BIGGA Stand at Saltex!**



## 'How To...' Guides

Have you looked at the new 'How To...' Guides? They can be found under Member Resources in the Members area of the website. Feedback on these new guides would be welcomed, email your comments to [sami@bigga.co.uk](mailto:sami@bigga.co.uk).



## BIGGA Library

We have added four new books to the BIGGA Library:

- The Superintendent's Guide to Controlling Putting Green Speed - Thomas A. Nikolai
- Turfgrass and Landscape Irrigation Water Quality Assessment and Management - Ronny R Duncan, Robert N Carrow and Michael T Huck.

• Tournament Management - A Superintendent's Guide to Preparing a Golf Course for Competition - John C Miller, CGCS

• Best Golf Course Management Practices - L.B. McCarty

*The 'How To...' Guides, Field Guides and Library books are purchased and are available free of charge, to BIGGA Members, thanks to the Golden and Silver Key contributors to the Learning and Development Fund.*

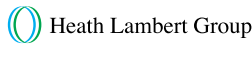


## Higher Education Scholarships

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