



# Learning & Development

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

September already? I have no clue where this year has gone!

## IGCEMA Certification Program

The International Golf Course Equipment Managers Association (IGCEMA) launched their Certification Program in May this year. In July, BIGGA pledged support for the Certification Program and are now registered as Proctor (examination invigilator) for the program.

The Certification Program consists of six core competencies:

- Hydraulic Troubleshooting
- Electrical Troubleshooting
- Internal Combustion Engines
- Drivelines
- Sprayer Troubleshooting - in development (expected Jan. 2012)
- Cutting Units - in development (expected Feb. 2012)

To achieve the IGCEMA Certificate, individuals will purchase the study guides and will then take an online test for each of the competencies. The study guides are available from the IGCEMA website at a cost of \$18 per guide. Each online test costs \$50 (this give you two attempts at the test). Payment for the test is made by credit card before the test begins.

On completion of all of the six competencies, individuals will be awarded the IGCEMA Certificate.

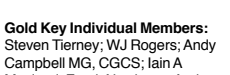
BIGGA CPD Credits (number to be confirmed) will be attached to each of the competencies and will be awarded on successful completion for each of the tests.

For further information visit the IGCEMA website [www.igcema.org](http://www.igcema.org) and click on Certificate Program.



## Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year

The final of the Toro Student Greenkeeper of the Year 2011 will take place on 11 and 12 September at BIGGA House. The eight finalists will undergo a 45 minute interview and will be required to complete a



**Gold Key Individual Members:** Steven Tierney; WJ Rogers; Andy Campbell MG, CGCS; Iain A Macleod; Frank Newberry; Andrew Turnbull; Ian MacMillan MG; Ian Morrison; Antony Calvert  
**Silver Key Individual Members:** Ade Archer; Steve Dixon; Paul Jenkins; Richard McGlynn; Sam Langrick; Neil Whitaker; Graham Wylie; Michael Beaton; Douglas Duguid; Derek Grendowicz; Jaey Goodchild

The funding provided by Gold 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.



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written task based on an area of the Aldwark Manor Golf Course. The eventual Winner will be awarded the Toro Scholarship to attend the Winter Turf School at the University of Massachusetts and a trip to the Golf Industry Show in Las Vegas in early 2012. Two runners-up will win a trip to Continue to Learn and BTME at Harrogate Week 2012. All of the finalists will receive one year's free membership of BIGGA courtesy of Toro. This year's finalists are:

- Rob Mills, Sunningdale Golf Club representing Merrist Wood College
  - Miles Todd, Rhuddlan Golf Club representing Deeside College
  - Justin Howard, Cranham Golf Centre representing Myerscough College
  - Blair Somerville, Helensburgh Golf Club representing GOSTA
  - Rhys Williams, Royal Porthcawl Golf Club representing Pencoed College
  - Jon Watson, Burgham Park Golf Club representing Myerscough College
  - Matthew Perks, Ham Manor Golf Club representing Plumpton College
  - Ben Hunter, Baron Park Golf Complex representing Myerscough College
- Good Luck to all the Finalists!



## Continue to Learn at Harrogate Week 2012

The Continue to Learn Education Programme will be hitting your doormats with the October issue of Greenkeeper International. Featuring the Turf Managers' Conference, Workshops (three, two, one and half day) as well as a wide range of Seminars.

The full programme will also be available at [www.harrogateweek.org.uk](http://www.harrogateweek.org.uk) where you can also book your education online.

Frank Rossi Ph.D (right) will be presenting a one day workshop on Progressive Cultural Management Programs, a session at the Turf Managers' Conference on Practically Sustainable Golf Turf Management and a Seminar on Redefining IPM; Reduced Chemical Management of Golf Course Turf.

Once the programme is launched, remember to book early to secure your place on the Workshops and Turf Managers' Conference.

