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Dennis Lyon, CGCS, GCSAA president, outlines agenda for inaugural International Roundtable. From left are Lyon; Claus Detlef Ratjen, West Germany; Ken

Olsvik, Canada; R. Vince Gillis, Canada; Paddy McCarron, England; Joe Baidy, CGCS; Doug Robinson, Australia; Ricardo de Udeta, Argentina.

Show sets records; forum, roundtable break new ground

The 61st International Golf Course Conference and Show at Orlando's Orange County Convention/Civic Center Feb. 19-26 set records and opened a new era on two fronts.

Attendance of 17,400 shattered the old mark of 14,500 set in Anaheim, Calif., last year and the trade show attracted 552 exhibitors (nearly 100 more than the previous high) who used 170,000 net square feet of booth space, a considerable increase over last year's 143,000.

At the instigation of GCSAA Vice President Jerry Faubel (elected president a few days later), 14 high-ranking golf officials of 10 foreign

FOREIGN CONFEREES			
Argentina	8	Korea	74
Australia	42	Malaysia	2
Bahamas	1	Mexico	26
Barbados	1	Netherlands	15
Belgium	12	New Zealand	8
Bermuda	4	Norway	10
Canada	506	Peru	2
Chile	1	Philippines	3
China	5	Portugal	16
Colombia	3	Puerto Rico	3
Denmark	7	Scotland	8
England	134	Singapore	16
Finland	42	Spain	32
France	32	South Africa	10
Germany	27	Sweden	105
Guam	1	Switzerland	6
Holland	3	Tahiti	1
Hong Kong	6	Taiwan	7
Ireland	6	Thailand	8
Israel	2	Uruguay	1
Italy	56	West Indies	1
Japan	341	Total	1594

countries discussed environmental issues and mechanisms for pooling scientific and technological resources.

Environmental stewardship also was the major theme of the second annual Government Relations Open Forum, a symposium featuring four "outside" speakers and four golf course superintendents.

Preliminary results of the Cape Cod Study of pesticide pollution of groundwater showed extraordinarily positive results, according to Stuart Cohen of Biospherics, Inc. Richard Shanks explained the GCSAA's insurance program for storage tanks.

Ann Leslie of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency discussed integrated pest management and Steve Wharton of Hall-Kimbrell, Inc., announced that participation in its GCSAA-sponsored environmental self-audit program has grown to the point that it now generally reflects the geographic distribution of GCSAA membership.



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Speakers at the Government Relations Forum, from left, Bill Roberts, CGCS, GCSAA government relations chairman; Robert Ochs, GCSAA legal counsel; Richard Shanks, Financial Guardian of Kansas City; Stuart Cohen, Biospherics;

Ann Leslie, EPA; Steve Wharton, Hall-Kimbrell; Ted Horton, CGCS; Gary Sayre, CGCS; Jim Loke, CGCS; Dave Fleming, CGCS.