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gram devoted to their craft on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25 (See agenda, Page 52).

Florida GCSA members who are registered for the convention also may issue a limited number of free passes to the trade show valid only on Feb. 26, known as Grounds Industry Day, to their own crew members.

Grounds Industry Day was inaugurated by the GCSAA last year to accommodate trade show exhibitors

who wished to expose their products to turf maintenance professionals who would not benefit from the golf-oriented education programs of the conference.

Golf course superintendents are not eligible for Grounds Industry Day passes.

Although the annual conference is sponsored by the GCSAA, three other major organizations in the golf course

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industry conduct half-day open sessions. The Golf Course Builders of America meet Feb. 24; the American Society of Golf Course Architects meets Feb. 25; and the USGA Green Section's program is on Feb. 26. (See agendas, Page 52).

Environmental issues probably will be the primary topic of the conference, with a full day devoted to the subject during Friday's concurrent educational sessions. Among the topics to be covered are water quality and conservation, integrated pest management, hazard communication, underground petroleum tanks and the storage, disposal and recycling of chemicals.

As many as 2,000 foreigners may attend

The "International" in the conference title is no pretension.

Fully 10 percent of last year's attendees came from more than 30 foreign countries and, according to GCSAA Executive Director John Schilling, there is no reason to expect this year to be any different.

That means as many as 2,000 foreign visitors can be expected.

To take advantage of this unique international gathering, the GCSAA has scheduled an International Golf/Turfgrass Roundtable for Feb. 24.

The Roundtable is in addition to the traditional international reception, scheduled this year for Feb. 22 at 2 p.m.