



New UF/IFAS faculty member Dr. Carol Stiles was introduced by Dr. Everett Emينو at the IFAS Overseeding Field Day held in March. Stiles's specialty is turf pathology and she is looking for input from superintendents on their current disease problems. Photo by Joel Jackson.

48th Annual FTGA Conference and Show

Monday, Aug. 14

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Workshops (2 hours each). Topics include: Weed ID & Weed Control; Lawn, Trees or Shrub Maintenance; Turfgrass Insect Control; Ornamental Troubleshooting; Sprayer & Spreader Calibration; Sod Production; Landscape Beautification; Vertebrate Pests; Personal Protection Equipment; Pest & Weed Control in Sod Production.
- 2:30 PM University Tour (Includes the Envirotron, athletic fields, turf plots)
- 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM Golf Tournaments
- 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM Toro Corn Boil on the Touchdown Terrace

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Equipment Technician Seminar. Buses to Lake City CC.
- 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM GCSAA Leadership Series Seminar - .35 CEU's available.
- 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM Long Grass Concurrent Sessions. Topics include: Sod Certification; Annuals; Athletic Field Management; Biostimulants; Florida Fertilizer & Seed Laws; Worker Protection Standards; How To Legally Hire An Employee; Pest Control In Outdoor Structures. Some of the Monday Workshop topics will be presented in a condensed format.
- 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM UF/IFAS Research Reports
- 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM UF/IFAS Research Reports
- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Protecting Our Natural Resources. Special presentation by Wes Skiles. John Wildmon helped in this project which was filmed and shown on the A&E cable network.
- 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Reception and Trade Show Grand Opening

Wednesday, Aug. 16

- 8:00 AM Registration
- 8:30 AM to 11:30 PM Short Grass Concurrent Sessions. Topics include: Crisis Management Plan; Management Practices for USGA vs California Sand Based Greens; New Seashore Paspalum Grass. Some of the Monday Workshop topics will be presented in a condensed format.
- 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Trade Show Open

Miller demonstrated the methods used to determine damage to soccer field turfgrass based on cleat design.

There were plenty of replicated plots of seed varieties and fertilizer combinations to give the audience a good look at performance differences.

Dr. Everett Emينو, assistant dean of research administration, introduced the newest member of the IFAS turf team, pathologist Dr. Carol Stiles. Dr. Stiles didn't waste any time getting her feet wet as she distributed a questionnaire asking for turf disease input from the attendees.

Then everyone traveled over to the Envirotron where Emerald Island Turf served up another delicious barbecue lunch. Those guys are putting a lot of miles on that tow-behind grill. Mr. McCall, thanks for the grub.

Before lunch, however, there were more turf plots and greenhouse experiments to check out dealing with *Poa trivialis* seeding rates, nutrient concentrations and leaching, light intensity and cutting heights on ultradwarf greens, soil amendments, tropical signalgrass and torpedograss controls and shade tolerance of St. Augustine.

Principal investigators on these projects include Drs. Grady Miller, Laurie Trenholm, Jerry Sartain, Russell Nagata, John Cisar, and Bert McCarty; plus researchers Jan Weinbrecht, J. R. Higby, Ray Snyder, Travis Shaddox, Jason Kruse, Eric Brown, and Jeff Edenfield.

Attending one of these field days is always a good reminder that turf research is on-going and time consuming. There's very little instant gratification in research. It is a body of work in progress that takes our continual support.

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Topics Are Up, Attendance Down

The 2000 USGA Regional Conferences held in Palm Beach and Tampa this year were chock full of interesting information as usual, but