

Agri-Dealer network links group efforts

Two national agricultural organizations have adopted a plan to cooperate on projects serving retailers who supply fertilizer and crop-protection products to farm customers.

The joint program of the Fertilizer Institute and the National Agricultural Chemicals Association tentatively is termed the Agri-Dealer Action Network.

The project will coordinate a retailer conference this summer in Washington, D.C., support the bimonthly magazine "Dealer Progress," and establish a formal communication link among state and regional associations serving dealers.

"Our Retail Business Council has sought ways to more fully serve dealers while remaining within our association's 'fertilizer-only' policy

Endowment fund added to scholarship

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Scholarship and Research Fund has gained added stature.

With assistance from golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Sr., an endowment campaign has been initiated.

Firms, golf clubs, GCSAA chapter affiliates and other organizations can help endow GCSAA projects.

The scholarship and research fund supports turfgrass research programs and scholarship awards for students pursuing careers in golf course management.

Since its establishment in 1956, the fund has awarded more than \$750,000 to students and researchers from leading colleges and research facilities.

The fund also has financed survey research concerning issues ranging from golf course maintenance costs and practices to the demands of course preparation for major golf tournaments.

Currently, GCSAA is sponsoring research of environmental and resource management techniques to conserve natural resources and preserve the environment.

William R. Roberts is scholarship and research committee chairman, John M. Schilling executive director.

Organizations interested in more fund information should contact GCSAA, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kan. 66046.

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scope," said Gary D. Myers, TFI president.

Jay Vroom, National Agricultural Chemicals Association president-elect, said the initial agreement on dealer projects will help both industries focus more clearly on areas of mutual concern at the grassroots level.

For more information, contact Tom Waldinger of TFI at 202-675-8273, or Jay Vroom of NACA at 202-296-1585.

Christians chairs ASA Division C5

Nick E. Christians of Iowa State University's Department of Horticulture is chairman of the American Society of Agronomy's Division C-5 for 1989.

Christians replaces Terrance P. Riordan of the University of Nebraska in Division C-5, which is devoted to turfgrass science.

Chairman-elect is Thomas L. Watschke of Penn State University, while Robert C. Shearman of the University of Nebraska was named Division C-5 board representative.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

Arizona's landscapers select Jones their new president

The Arizona Landscape Contractors Association has elected Douglas Jones president.

Jones, who heads sales and marketing for Western Tree Co., is the first associate member to

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