

Seed Trade Association announces 1992-93 officers

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Seed Trade Association recently announced its new stable of officers for 1992-93.

President Art Armbrust is employed at Sharp Brothers Seed Co. in Healy, Kan. He has served as chairman of the ASTA Conservation Committee of the Farm Seed Division and is past president of the Kansas Seed Dealers.

First Vice President Dietrich Schmidt has been president of Petoseed since 1977. He's been involved with FIS and has served as vice chairman of the Veg-

etable Seed Section since 1985. He also served as chairman of the ASTA International and Phytosanitary committees.

Second Vice President Noble Koepf is president and general manager of Triumph Seed Co., a company he purchased in 1978. He also served on the ASTA's International and Phytosanitary committees, as well as the Intellectual Property Rights Committee.

The ASTA regional vice presidents include: Frank Welch, general manager for Beachley-Hardy Seed Co., in the Northeast region; Steve Byrum, presi-

dent of Byrum Seed Co., in the Southeast region; Nathan Boardman, president of Crosbyton Seed Co., in the southern region; Tom Strachota, executive vice president of Dairyland Seed Co., in the central region; Dave Shoultz, director of production for the North American Seed Division, in the north central region; Mel Aoki, vice president for American Takii, Inc., in the West region; and Ron Kowalski, partner and vice president of marketing and sales at Brett-Young Seeds Ltd., in Canada.

Members elect Holmes Sod Producers Assoc. president

CHICAGO — The American Sod Producers Association (ASPA) elected Mike Holmes, executive vice president of Warren's Turf Nursery in Crystal Lake, Ill., president at the organization's 25th anniversary.

Joining Holmes as officers are Vice President Richard Schiedel, owner of The Greenhorizon Group of Farms in Cambridge, Ontario, and Secretary-Treasurer Louis Brooking, owner of Brookmeade Sod Farms in Doswell, Va. Schiedel will automatically assume the ASPA presidency next July. New faces joining the ASPA board as three-year trustees will be Linda Tucker,

owner of Sodco, Inc. in Slocum, R.I. and Eddie Zuckerman, owner of Delta Bluegrass Co. in Stockton, Calif.

Continuing to assist in leading the 900-plus member organization with representatives in 24 countries will be Past President Darwin McKay of Turfco in Meridian, Idaho; and Trustees Doug Barberry of Aldino Sod Farms in Churchville, Md.; Dr. Tim Bowyer of Southern Turf Nurseries in Norcross, Ga.; David Doguet of Crenshaw & Doguet Turfgrass in Austin, Texas; William Huber of Huber Ranch Sod Nursery in Schneider, Ind.; and Wayne Thorson of Todd Valley Farms in Mead, Neb.

Dr. Thomas Watschke and Robert W. Garey became the 12th and 13th honorary members of the ASPA during induction ceremonies conducted by President Darwin McKay. Watschke, professor of turfgrass science at Pennsylvania State University, was recognized for his years of research and contributions to the turfgrass sod production industry as a speaker, author and spokesperson.

Garey, formerly the owner of Garey Management Organization in Hastings, Neb., was selected as a result of his accomplishments as the ASPA executive director from 1973 to 1983.

RISE meeting draws a crowd

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included in-depth seminars on biopesticide advances, container management, EPA regulations and consumer protection. However, two significant issues took center stage.

First, James reported on the progress of federal pre-emption legislation that would establish federal

regulations as the ultimate authorities on issues of chemical safety. Specific language on pre-emption — supplied by RISE — is now part of the proposed amendment to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). No further movement on this amendment is expected until 1993.

Second, the RISE Communications Committee unveiled a 16-page brochure entitled, "Pesticides in the Environment." The brochure's main theme, "The other side of the story," details the positive effects of chemicals in society. Committee members

encouraged RISE attendees to distribute the brochures wherever possible (for information on obtaining the brochures, call 202-872-3860).

The second RISE Annual Meeting was held at the Ritz-Carlton Tysons Corner in McLean, Va., just outside Washington, D.C.

"We had planned to hold the 1993 Annual Meeting somewhere away from the D.C. area," James explained. "But the feedback on the hotel and the location was so positive, we might just stay here next year."

Munich plays host to Golf Course Info-Days '93

MUNICH, Germany — Golf Course Info-Days '93 will take place Feb. 27 and 28, at the Sheraton Hotel Munch-Bogenhausen in Munich, Germany.

The fourth annual conference will be an opportunity for golf course planners, developers, managers, architects and builders to gather with their German counterparts — without cost or obligation — to discuss the growing golf industry in German-speaking countries.

Info-Days '93 will also include expert panel discussions and trade exhibits from golf course planners, builders, maintainers and managers.

For more information on the conference and trade show, contact Helen Hain at Golf-Info-Service, D-8730 Bad Kissingen, Dr. George Heim Str. 45; or call 49-971-3024.

For room reservations, call the Sheraton at 49-89-92640.

Golf Asia conference receives certification

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establish or augment their export potential in this rapidly expanding market.

Golf course development is a booming market, as well. In the ASEAN region, there are 157 courses under way or in the pipeline to be completed by the year. Within the next four years, the potential market in golf course development is estimated to be \$8 billion.



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