

Int'l Turf Producers donate three research grants

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. - Recipients of this year's International Turf Producers Foundation (ITPF) research grants will be Dr. Richard Schmidt of Virginia Tech; Dr. Ronny Duncan of the University of Georgia and Dr. Henry Wilkinson of the University of Illinois.

Specific titles for the projects are "Enhancement of Post-Harvest Shelf-Life of Turfgrass Sod," "Best Management Strategies for Paspalum Sod/Stolen Production and Establishment," and "Designing

and Testing Sod Blends of Bluegrass for Better Resistance to Summer Patch," respectively.

This fall, requests for 1997-98 research proposals will be sent to nearly 300 university researchers around the world. Researchers interested in obtaining additional information about making a grant application should contact the program's administrator, Tom Ford, at 800-405-TURF or by fax at 847-705-8347.

Through the support of turfgrass sod

producers and its manufacturer/supplier partners, ITPF is able to provide research funding to help address critical issues and advance the turfgrass sod production industry. Over the past 12 months, more than 100 members of Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) have made personal contributions to ITPF through voluntary gifts accompanying their TPI membership dues and through their participation in ITPF's "2-Cents Worth" annual campaign.

TPI PLANS FIELD DAYS

MINNEAPOLIS - Turf Producers International (TPI) is planning its 30th annual Summer Convention and Field Days here, July 17-19, featuring educational sessions, equipment demonstrations, local tours and exhibits, and election of officers. Harley and Marge Johnson of Harley's Sod in North Branch are hosting the field day activities, while the Hyatt Regency will host the committee meetings and educational program. More information is available from TPI at 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, Ill. 60008.

