

O.J. Noer Research Foundation Announces New Research Grants

Jim Latham, secretary of the NOER Research Foundation, recently announced four new grants covering a variety of interests in the turf-grass industry. Dr. Wayne Hanna of the Coastal Plain Experiments Station in Tifton, GA received funding to help develop fine textured bermudagrass. Dr. Robert Shearman from Nebraska was funded to lead a study on the impact of cultural practices on putting greens and their microbial communities. Dr. Henry Wilkinson (featured author of an article in this issue of THE GRASS

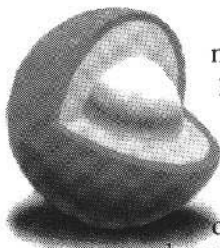
ROOTS) was given a grant to study genetic resistance to patch diseases by bluegrasses and bentgrasses. Finally, Dr. Joe Vargas, Michigan State, was given money to continue his work on anthracnose crown rot of *Poa annua*.

The grants were approved at the annual meeting of Foundation during the GCSAA conference in Orlando. Also, the president of the Foundation, William R. Schmidt, announced that the board of directors was expanded for nine to twelve, with the addition of Wally Fuchs, Turf Products Ltd.,

West Chicago; Dick Morey, Brantwood Publications, Clearwater, FL; and Jim Latham, Whitney, TX as secretary.

Of course, the WGCSA is a major contributor to the NOER Foundation. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$400,000 for turf-grass research. Additionally, it established a means for the TIF at MSU to purchase rare books for that excellent collection. Funds also come through membership subscriptions, contributions and, especially, Milorganite distributors. ♣

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