#### WISCONSIN TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

## UW / WTA Field Day Set For January 14th

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ast year the UW Turf Team and the WTA held the first annual Turfgrass Research Day on the UW-Madison Campus. The event shined a light on the tremendous amount of work that happens at UW (thanks in no small part to the support of the WTA), and introduced you to many of our graduate students who too often work in the shadows of their advisors. The focus of this annual event will be to provide relevant and cutting edge information to help you do your job better. Improvements in technology will allow us to provide this content online, so if you can't make it down to Madison on January 14th, you can log in to your computer and watch from the comfort of your office.

This year, we have put together a particularly strong educational program for you. We are elated to announce that Dr. Geunwha Jung will be paying us a visit and giving an update on his excellent work on fungicide resistance. I'm sure it will be a special moment for Geunhwa to watch

his former student Paul Koch make his first presentation as an Assistant Professor at UW. Dr. Koch was recently offered the position vacated by Jim Kerns, and we couldn't be happier about it. Paul will be discussing rust control and management,



a disease that has been increasing in severity around Wisconsin lately.

Other guest speakers include Dr. Jim Brosnan from the University of Tennessee and Dr. Ed Nangle from the Chicago District Golf Association. Dr. Brosnan is an up and coming weed scientist who will have something for everyone (golf, sports, lawn) in his presentation about new herbicides for weed control in cool-season turf. Dr. Ed Nangle was recently hired by CDGA to replace Dr. Derek Settle, who's been a regular at our Field Day the past several years. Dr. Nangle earned a Ph.D. from Ohio State University, and will be discussing the negative impacts of shade and associated management strategies.

In addition to the distinguished lineup of guest speakers, you'll hear the latest and greatest from the UW-Madison Turf Team, including an Emerald Ash Borer control update from Dr. Chris Williamson based on a long-term study he just concluded. New TDL manager Bruce Schweiger will provide a look at the years behind and ahead, and two top grad students, Renee Rioux and Mark Garrison, will provide summaries of their respective work on dollar spot and the carbon footprint of turf maintenance.

It's hard to predict what Mother Nature has in store for us on January 14th, but you can bet that the UW/WTA Research Day will be well worth the price of admission. We hope to see you there!



# **WTA Turfgrass Research Day Conference & Webinar**

Tuesday, January 14th, 2014 **Pyle Center** 

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SCHEDULE				
	8:00am 8:30am	Coffee and Donuts Welcome/Introductions/Awards/	1:30	Shade: Causes, Impacts and Fixes Dr. Ed Nangle, Chicago District Golf Association
		Announcements	2:00	What's Up With Dollar Spot?
	8:45am	Control and Management of Rust Dr. Paul Koch, Plant Pathology, UW – Madison		New Insights on an Old Foe Dr. Renee Rioux, Plant Pathology, UW – Madison
	9:30am	Microbiology of Turfgrass Soils Dr. Doug Soldat, Soil Science,	2:30	Break
		UW – Madison	2:45	The Carbon Footprint of Turf Maintenance
	10:15	Break		Dr. Mark Garrison, Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, UW – Madison
	10:30	Fungicide Resistance: Failure or Reduced Efficacy? Dr. Geunhwa Jung, Plant Pathology, University of Massachusetts	3:15	New Herbicides and Strategies for Weed Control in Cool-Season Turf Dr. Jim Brosnan, University of Tennessee
	11:15	Insecticide Management Options for Emerald Ash Borer Dr. Chris Williamson, Entomology, UW – Madison	4:00	Question and Answer, Adjourn
	12:00	Lunch – provided		
	1:00pm	TDL Update: The Year in Review and the Road Ahead		WISCONSIN TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Bruce Schweiger, Turfgrass Diagnostic

Laboratory, UW - Madison





### 2014 WTA Turfgrass Research Day Attendee Registration Form

 $Please\ submit\ the\ following\ registration\ form\ by\ Friday,\ January\ 10th,\ 2014\ to\ WTA\ /\ 2502\ Hwy\ M\ /\ Verona\ /\ WI\ /\ 53593$ 

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Attendee Names (Only if at	tending at Pyle Center)		
Registration prices are before the January 10, 2014 deadline.  After that date, and/or if you plan to register on-site add \$10 per person.			
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