



Wisconsin Turfie Chosen To Study in Japan

(Madison, WI)—Steve Millett, University of Wisconsin Plant Pathology graduate student, has been selected by the National Science Foundation (U.S.) and the Japanese government to study outside of Tokyo this summer. Millett is one of only 56 science and engineering students nationwide to be chosen for the 1998 Summer Institute in Japan program. Millett will join a diverse group from Harvard, Stanford, M.I.T., University of California-Berkeley, Clemson and other select schools.

Having spent the last five years working with Typhula snow molds, Steve Millett says he's thrilled to be studying this summer with Dr. Now Matsumoto, the world's leading Typhula expert. "We are trying to solve Wisconsin's Typhula snow mold problems by building a bridge of knowledge with some of the brightest minds in the world," says Millett. "I'll be living in Japan's science city, Tsukuba. The Japanese have an incredible commitment to science and research." Tsukuba, about 45 minutes north of Tokyo, was designed by the Japanese government as a place where scientists could all live, shop and work together.

The Summer Institute in Japan won't be all fungi and test tubes. The students must all take intensive Japanese language training to learn both the spoken and written language. Students will also get a crash course in Japanese culture with short stays with real families, a trip to Kabuki theater and tea ceremony. But Steve says there's always time for turf. "I'll be meeting with golf course superintendents in Sapporo and learning about the turf problems they have." That trip will also include trips to a chemical company and the Hokkaido Agricultural Experiment Station to learn about cutting edge technology in turfgrass protection.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for me, for Wisconsin turfies, for the University and the turf pathology profes-

sion," says Steve. "I'm honored to represent the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the Summer Institute. And I'm grateful to the Wisconsin Turfgrass Association for sponsoring my trip to Japan last November for a workshop. That trip taught me a lot

about Japanese customs, which are very different from ours. This time I can hit the ground running!" Millett leaves for Tokyo June 20th and will return August 22nd. "I'll be glad to share my experiences with everyone when I return," he says. 

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Use this mnemonic cartoon to remember the nutrients that plants need.

mne-mon-ic: *adj.* Assisting or designed to assist the memory. *-n.* A device, as a formula or rhyme, used to assist the memory. (Gk. mnemonikos, of memory.)

