Many of this year's positive comments focused on the high quality of speakers and education. There were twenty-four presentations in the three concurrent sessions. The ones I attended were extremely informative. It's unfortunate that you can't attend them all since they are occurring simultaneously. The golf presentations included information on new turfgrasses, fungicide and insecticide optimization, soils cultivation, topdressing, drainage, and regulatory agency compliance. Lawn and landscape subjects included more on regulations compliance, sprayer calibration, exploring why some fungicide applications fail, ways to improve turfgrass through genetics, and challenges in setting up an IPM program. The grounds and sports turf session had presentations on field construction, management of sports field soils, setting up fertilizer/ pesticide and other cultural practice programs, infield maintenance, and scheduling field use to ease turf stress. That may sound like a lot, but there's even more.

The second day of the conference had round-table discussions in all three concurrent sessions. Each session had the same subject, 'Where We've Been and Where We Need To Go.' Audience participation was energetic in each one. The panels and chairpersons conveyed many years of experience and knowledge to everyone's delight. The panels were comprised of veterans from each of the three professions and the audience learned lots from their vast experience.

Another thrill from EXPO was to have a keynote speaker during the first day's lunch. Professor emeritus Paul Rieke from Michigan State University gave the keynote expounding on his years of research in a talk titled, 'Maintaining Healthy Soil.' As you can see there was tons of great information to absorb from this year's EXPO.

Even the weather was fabulous again this year. Temperatures were in the upper 20's and the roads were dry. That makes two years in a row where it wasn't in the negative digits and snowing, which is usually the norm for EXPO week. The trade show exhibitors are really the ones that appreciate good weather. Every year they drive their trailers of equipment on the snowy roads, unload all that equipment in the freezing temperatures, and clean off the snow and road salt to present a great trade show. Many of them attend not only to sell their wares but also to help support turfgrass research. Part of their registration fee goes to support research at the University of Wisconsin. They also expound lots of good information for us to use in our professions. Please show them your appreciation by purchasing your supplies from them this year. The list of the exhibitors is shown on page 74 for you to clip out and hang on your wall as a reference.

Many other supporters of turfgrass research and scholarships were recognized during the show. Numerous presentations of money were made between lunch and Dr. Rieke's keynote address during a short

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awards session. There were ten recipients of scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition sixteen donors gave a total of \$18,726 to the WTA for turf research. and the Wisconsin Golf Course Superintendents Association gave \$2010 to support the UW-Madison Turf Diagnostic Lab. The donors and recipients of scholarships and research grants are also listed here. The Wisconsin Sports Turf Managers Association also took this time to present their first ever 'Field Of The Year' awards to the two school districts. Waunakee Schools received the 'WSTMA Football Field Of The Year' award and the Sheboygan School District received the 'Soccer Field Of The Year' plaque.

The sports field managers also took advantage of the conference to conduct their annual meeting. EXPO is a great venue to hold annual meetings since many of the members are at the site already. WTA and the Wisconsin Sod Producers also held annual meetings. There were new board members announced, financial statements dispersed, meeting sites discussed, research ideas mentioned, and future directions explored at these annual meetings.

So much occurs at the Turfgrass and Greenscape EXPO that it's really become the 'must attend' event of the year. It's full of activity every year no matter what reasons you come for. It may be for education, to shop for supplies and equipment, to conduct association business, to socialize, or to escape work and get a good lunch. Whatever your reasons, EXPO never falls short.

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