

NEWS FROM NATIONAL



JAMES PRUSA

John M. Schilling, Executive Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, recently announced the promotion and appointment of James G. Prusa, CGCS to the position of Associate Executive Director of the Association.

In announcing the appointment Schilling explained, "The Executive Committee approved, at my request, Mr. Prusa's promotion at their fall meeting. He is now charged with his new responsibilities and, in addition, will retain those of Director of Education.

Jim is a team player who places tremendous demands on himself and those around him. He and I have worked well as part of a team and we'll continue to do so as we perform the executive management functions of the Association. He'll now play an increased role in the management of our staff and will fill a long standing need in the Association for a definite second executive in command. His responsibilities will include direct participation in the financial management of the Association as well as all operational decisions."

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year project in the area of turfgrass genetic research and tissue culture. The first year of this three year project has been completed and Dr. Torello's progress reports are extremely satisfying and suggest substantial developments. G.C.S.A.A. will be continuing this research project for an additional two years. Dr. Torello issues quarterly progress reports to G.C.S.A.A. at which time G.C.S.A.A. makes a quarterly payment on the \$60,000.00 grant.

As many of you know, M.G.C.S.A. voted last fall to donate \$2,000.00 to Dr. Vargas' Gaeumannomyces graminis research project. Gaeumannomyces or take-all patch (appropriately named) is a fungus that has long been a problem on cereal crops. This past summer and fall Gaeumannomyces was responsible for the demise of many Poa annua fairways in the metro area. Through Dr. Stienstra's cooperation M.G.C.S.A. became involved in the early stages of this research project. After our initial \$2,000.00 donation, letters were written to U.S.G.A. and G.C.S.A.A. soliciting a matching contribution. Our request was initially denied. However, the request was recently reviewed and emergency funding for the project will be forthcoming -- \$1,500.00 from the U.S.G.A. and \$1,500.00 from the G.C.S.A.A. This emergency funding from G.C.S.A.A. and U.S.G.A. is due in a large part to the active involvement of M.G.C.S.A.

More research information will be forthcoming in upcoming HOLE NOTE issues. The experimental green construction and new research proposals will be dealt with in later issues.

In closing the Research Committee urges your active support at your clubs when letters soliciting contributions are mailed in the upcoming months. M.G.C.S.A. research is on the right road to productive turfgrass research. We are supporting or helping to support research that will benefit your clubs. If you have ideas for the Research Committee please let Dale, Mark or any board member know.