

Plan Now to Attend the 1999 MTGF Conference & Trade Show

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MTGF Executive Director

On behalf of the Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation, I would like to invite you to our 1999 Conference and Trade Show. Sponsored by the allied member associations of the Foundation and in cooperation with the University of Minnesota Extension Service, this event has something for everyone involved in the turf and grounds industry. Come and take advantage of the many educational and networking opportunities along with an extensive trade show to enrich yourself and your career as a golf course superintendent.

Internationally renowned golf course architect, Dr. Michael Hurdzan, will kick-off the conference with a keynote presentation entitled *Profiling the 21st Century Manger of Community Green Spaces*. Dr. Hurdzan will highlight forces that will shape the kinds of skills, training and experience needed to be a successful manager of our community's green spaces. If you manage your community's "green" assets for recreational, environmental or aesthetic purposes, you will definitely want to hear Dr. Hurdzan's comments and perspectives. Dr. Hurdzan will also present a session specifically addressing the future of golf courses; how many is to many and have we reached market saturation yet. This session will be followed by USGA Regional Agronomist, Bob Vavrek, who will provide a survey of some of this year's major turf problems and a peek into the future as to how some of them may be solved. All this and it's only the afternoon of the first day.

A couple of new features at this year's conference are sure to provide additional opportunities for networking and learning. The first of these is the **All Industry Reception** being sponsored by the Foundation on Wednesday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the trade show floor. This will be a great opportunity to grab a bite to eat, avoid rush hour traffic and, take some additional time to tour the trade show and visit vendors. Second, **two 2-hour in-depth educational sessions** are being conducted on Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. University of Minnesota Pathologist, Dr. Jon Powell will be conducting a session on the use of diagnostic equipment and test kits for accurate on-site diagnosis. Craig Paskvan from Paskvan Consulting will conduct the second session on the use and interpretation of soil and water tests as a means of helping diagnose problem turf areas.

The conference is shaping up to be one of the best ever. What better way to begin the new millennium than with an infusion of some top quality education into your career.

And if that's not enough, the event features a trade show with state-of-the-art equipment and products to help you do your job correctly, safely and efficiently.

Be sure to watch your mailbox around the end of September for conference registration materials. They will also contain descriptions of many other interesting and educational sessions being offered. We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference!

1999 MGCSA MONTHLY MEETINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Cragun's Resort / Host: Tom Kientzle, CGCS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Albion Ridges / Host: Brooks Ellingson

DECEMBER 8, 9 & 10

MGCSA Annual Meeting
MTGF Conference & Trade Show
Minneapolis Convention Center

MGCSA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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—Tom Meier
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