

WELCOME

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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the opening session of the 57th annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation works very closely with the professors at Michigan State University in planning and sponsoring the conference each year. This conference is one of the major events of the year for the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. Special thanks to the M.T.F. Conference Planning Committee and the M.S.U. staff for another outstanding program.

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation donates nearly \$60,000 annually to Michigan State University for specific turfgrass research projects. We also provide scholarships for outstanding students in the turf program which you will learn about at the Awards Luncheon this noon. Now we will hear reports on the research accomplishments during the past year. The M.T.F. takes great pride in providing the financial support for many of the projects reported on here. For the first time in the history of this conference the professors and their students have generated so much research that the results will be reported not only in this mornings research session but three additional papers had to be given in afternoon sessions. You who are members of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation can be very proud of supporting these activities. I want to thank each of you who have participated willingly in the various fund raising activities for the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and associated organizations which made it possible for us to provide this support to M.S.U.

Again, welcome. We trust this conference will be very successful for each one of you.