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Welcome to the opening session of the 58th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. It is indeed a pleasure to see the growth in the number of people attending this event. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation works very closely with the professors at Michigan State University in planning and sponsoring the conference each year. I would like to compliment the MTF Conference Planning Committee and the Michigan State University staff for another outstanding program.

Recognizing the on going need for research the Foundation donates nearly \$60,000 a year for specific research projects.

We must remember that it is a joint effort that makes all of these programs possible. Michigan State University, the professors and grad students, the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation, fund raising events, donations and you the members through your membership dues make it all possible. We trust that all of you will benefit from the research reports that will be shared with you throughout the conference.

Again, welcome and thank you for your support.