

## WELCOME

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On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University, I would like to welcome everyone to the 59th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. Cooperative effort between the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University make it possible to provide this annual Turf Conference. Many hours have gone into planning and developing this program.

By working together, not only do we benefit from this conference, but we also benefit from many other activities sponsored by the Foundation throughout the year. In 1988, the Foundation donated nearly \$60,000 for various research projects at the University. This money is raised through donations, fund raising events, and membership dues to the Foundation.

To fulfill your needs, the conference program has been expanded to include more basic schools this year. Your attendance indicates the need for continuing education in the rapidly changing technological world we live in. No matter what area of the turf industry you are employed in, the 59th Michigan Turfgrass Conference will provide you with the opportunity to further your educational horizons.

Again, welcome and thank you for your continued support.