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On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation board of directors, I want to thank you for attending the 63rd Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference in January. This booklet represents the proceedings of that conference. Included are summaries of most of the talks presented during the conference. By having these proceedings, you will be able to review specific topics that were discussed this year and also have them as a review in future years.

As stated during the welcome to this year's conference, learning is a lifelong activity. By attending at conferences, such as this, you are able to keep abreast of new ideas and practices as they relate to turf management. Conferences are also a time for renewing old friendships and comparing notes from personal experiences. Much can be learned from informal discussions as well as structured sessions in the meeting rooms.

Take time now; before another growing season is upon us; to look over these proceedings and review the topics of most interest to you. For additional information on a particular topic, I would suggest contacting the presenter, or making use of the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) at Michigan State University.

Again, thank you for your attendance. We look forward to seeing you at the Turfgrass Field Day in August and at next year's conference.