

WELCOME

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On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University, I want to thank you for attending the 64th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference in January. This conference again set a new record for attendance with over 1,200 registered. This is due to your interest in Life Long Education and also because of the outstanding program that was presented. The MTF Conference Planning Committee chaired by Tom Gray and the Michigan State staff are to be complimented for another great job.

This booklet represents the proceedings of the conference. Included are summaries of all the talks presented during the conference. We are one of the few conferences who still publish proceedings. It is difficult to get together and printed but we feel it is a valuable tool to you the professional turf manager and makes our conference better than the rest. These are a great resource to review a specific topic that was discussed this year or to review in future years. Speaking of reviewing I would remind you that M.S.U. Library through the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) has published a table of contents for proceedings going back over 10 years to help you in finding specific topics easily. To make contact with TGIF look for information in these proceedings.

This conference continues to show how by working together, we benefit from other activities sponsored by the Foundation throughout the year. In 1993 the Foundation donated \$83,000 for various research projects at the University. This money was raised through donations, fund raising events, and membership dues to the Foundation. Each year this increased as does the cost for research. Without research, we have no way of making our jobs easier or improving our environment. We thank you for all your support.

Again, thank you for your attendance. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, August 18th for the Turfgrass Field Day at the Hancock Research Center and at next year's conference on January 17-19, 1995.