

**WELCOME**  
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**POINT O'WOODS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
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On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University, I would like to welcome you to the 66th Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. The partnership between Michigan State University and the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation makes it possible to continue to bring you one of the finest, if not the finest turfgrass conference in the country. As our conference comes to an end, the committee is already hard at work getting commitments from speakers for the next annual turfgrass conference. There is a great deal of time that goes into the planning of our conferences, as well as the execution of those plans. The conference committee is to be commended for a job well done.

This book of the turfgrass conference proceedings is a wealth of information. We are one of the few conferences that continue to publish proceedings. There was some conversation about discontinuing the proceedings, but it is not going to happen. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Board of Directors is committed to giving you the best research data, turfgrass and related practices, and other resources for information that is available today. In addition, the TURFGRASS INFORMATION FILE has a new location: fourth floor of the Michigan State University library, and is ready to help you.

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation approved for research in 1996. The amount is \$118,000.00, through the efforts of Association fund raising across the state, the Michigan turfgrass Foundation is able to continue supporting turfgrass research at Michigan State University. A special thanks to all that have contributed, and there are many. Thank you for your support.

In closing, thank you for attending. We hope to see you at the next year's expanded conference that will include a one-day GCSAA seminar. The 1997 Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Conference dates are January 20-24, 1997.