

**WELCOME**  
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**MICHIGAN TURFGRASS FOUNDATION**  
**POINT O' WOODS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB**  
**BENTON HARBOR, MI**

On behalf of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation and Michigan State University, I would like to welcome you to the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Michigan Turfgrass Conference. The partnership between Michigan State University and the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation has created what many feel is the most educational turfgrass conference in the country. This year's conference promises to be as entertaining as it is educational with ten out-of state speakers representing three countries and three universities. Conference speakers also include a plethora of turfgrass professionals including golf course superintendents, the grounds manager of National Monuments in our nation's capital, lawn care managers, an athletic field consultant, and commercial industry representatives.

You will continue to notice changes in this years conference which are in direct response to your comments from last year. I encourage you to continue to offer comments to the conference committee members because they take your opinion seriously. On behalf of your board members of the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation we hope information obtained at this conference will help you prosper in the coming year.

This 68<sup>th</sup> turfgrass conference proceedings is a wealth of information. We are proud to be one of the few conferences that continue to publish proceedings. The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation Board of Directors is committed to giving its members the most up-to-date research, turfgrass related practices, and sources of information available today.

The Michigan Turfgrass Foundation approved an excess of \$120,000 in 1998 for turfgrass research at Michigan State University. A special thanks to all that have contributed, and there are many. Thank you for your support.

An early reminder that the Field Day is set for Thursday, August 20, 1998. In closing, thank you for attending. We hope to see you at next year's conference.