## Meeting the Challenges - The 1998 Conference Will Challenge You

by Mary Owen - Program Chair

your 1998 Conference will challenge YOU with an information-packed program and a great line-up of speakers. Thursday morning, you'll get the official introduction of the STMA Certification Program: find out "How to Get Hired and Fired as a Sports Turf Manager" from Mike Varner of the Michigan Battle Cats, get the lowdown on "Weather: Understanding Patterns and Forecasts" from Jay Ferguson of DTN Weather Systems; and hear from John Souter, Turfgrass Consultant based in Perthshire, Scotland, and one of STMA's Honorary Life Members, about his vision of "Stadia of the Future." And that's all before lunch!

For the afternoon's "Triple Header" concurrent sessions, John Souter will return as one of the speakers in the Sand Based Field "track" to address "Overseeing Installation of Sand Based Fields."

The Pest Management "track" of

the Thursday afternoon concurrent sessions kicks off with "Developing an Integrated Approach to Pest Management" by Dr. Monica Elliott of the University of Florida; and focuses on management strategies for turf insects, diseases and weeds with Elliott, Dr. Will Hudson of the University of Georgia, and Dr. Wayne Mixson, of The Scotts Company's Florida Research Field Station.

Running in that same time slot of concurrent sessions is the Agronomics "track" which includes presentations by John Mascaro of Turf-Tec International on aeration and cultivation; Dr. Grady Miller of the University of Florida on using gray water, ...and more.

Some of Saturday's speakers include: Floyd Perry, Mike Trigg, Dale Getz, Tom Burns and Jesse Cuevas and then come the Round Tables and...it's going to be GREAT. Mark your calendars NOW.

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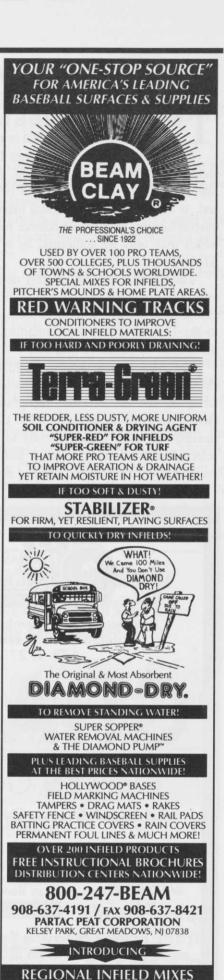
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