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COMING EVENTS

April 29
Baseball Diamond Clinic
Chingacousy Park
Central Parkway & Queen St.
Brampton, Ontario.
Contact: Jean Foord
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June 17
Fifth Annual Turfgrass Field Day
University of Western Ontario
Talbot Theatre
London, Ontario
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August 9, 1992
OTRF Golf Day
Golf courses to be announced

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1992 Turfgrass Symposium Exceeds Expectations

An original experience for the turfgrass industry in Ontario occurred on January 7, 8 and 9th at the University of Guelph, the venue for the first Annual Turfgrass Symposium. The unique feature of this assembly was the cooperation between six organizations in Ontario which are concerned with turf production. They were the Sports Turf Assoc. of Ontario, the Ontario Golf Superintendents Assoc., the Professional Lawn Care Assoc. of Ontario, the Nursery Sod Growers Assoc., the Ontario Turf Research Foundation and Green Care Ontario.

Over 730 individuals interested in turfgrass use and maintenance chose to attend this event. Furthermore, 96 exhibitors displayed their products during two days of the Symposium. A total of 49 papers were presented as workshops, plenary and concurrent Sessions. The papers were scheduled to allow the registrants to move from one session to another to give them an opportunity to hear speakers of particular interest to each individual. Unfortunately the time allowed was not always sufficient as the venues for some sessions were in different buildings.

The subject matter of the workshops ranged from 'The Agronomics and Economics of Fertilizers' presented by Dr. John Street of Ohio State University to

'Working With the Media' discussed by Peter Simpson of the Greater Toronto Home Builders' Association.

The Plenary Session featured Dr. Eliot Roberts, Director of The Lawn Institute, speaking on 'Turf Stands Tall Among the Trees - an Environmental Perspective'.

Concurrent sessions on Wednesday and Thursday featured a variety of subjects. The program for each of the four concurrent sessions were organized by one of the four sponsoring Associations, the STA, the OGSA, the PLCAO and the NSGA. Little overlap of subject matter of the sessions occurred. A feature of the STA sessions was a half day on drainage of athletic fields which was also attended by some interested golf superintendents.

Special recognition for organizing the Symposium must be given to Annette Anderson who brought all the Associations together to unify their efforts to provide up-to-date information to turf managers. Likewise the ability of Mira Soni of Continuing Education at the University of Guelph in expediting all the organizational steps in such a large Symposium must be recognized.

Make your plans now to attend the Second Guelph Turfgrass Symposium, scheduled for the same venue on Jan. 5, 6, and 7th, 1993. □