

## Industry News

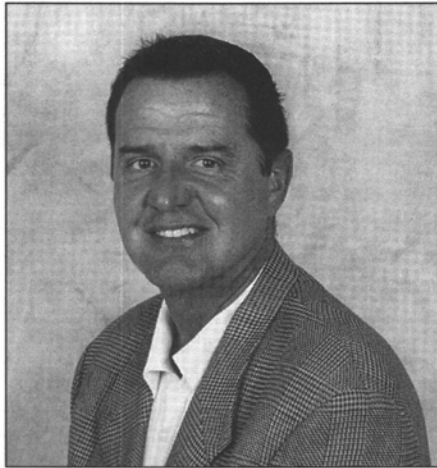
### ABT Canada Announces New Appointment

**A**griBio Tech, Inc. (ABT) wishes to announce the appointment of Ron Kowalski as General Manager of the combined forage and turf seed business of Rothwell Seeds International and Oseco Inc., which has integrated as a single entity, "ABT Canada."

Currently, Rothwell Seeds Int. and Oseco Inc. service the retail sector: sod growers, landscapers, city and municipal tenders, hydroseeders, golf courses, feed and seed distributors, farm centers, and farm dealers. The two companies distribute exclusively many of the top performing turf and forage varieties available on the market such as: L-93 Bentgrass, 1757 Kentucky Bluegrass, Preakness Kentucky Bluegrass, Raven Kentucky Bluegrass, Imagine Perennial Ryegrass, Palmer III Perennial Ryegrass, Starmaster Alfalfa, Proleaf Alfalfa, Carola Timothy, and Warrior Orchardgrass.

Ron has worked in the forage and turf seed industry for over 22 years and has a vast knowledge and understanding of the industry. Ron has served on a number of boards such as CSTA, ASTA, and Field Seed Institute.

"I am excited about what lies ahead and the challenges this new responsibility is going to bring. ABT Canada is and will



continue to be a major influence in the seed industry," says Ron.

AgriBio Tech, Inc. is a fully integrated, full service seed company specializing in the forage and turfgrass seed sector, complete with research and development of proprietary seed varieties, seed processing plants, and a national and international distribution and sales network. AgriBio-Tech's vision is to lead the turf and forage industry in discovering its value potential.

For additional information, call 1-888-768-4935 or 1-800-668-5080. ♦

*Editor's note: Norman Rothwell is an honorary STA life member and OSECO Seed is a founding member of the STA.*

### Witherspoon New Director of the GTI

MESSAGE FROM DR. ROB McLAUGHLIN, DEAN, ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

**I**t is with pleasure that I am able to inform you that Mr. Rob Witherspoon has been offered and has accepted the position of Director of the GTI. Rob's appointment is effective July 1, 1999.

After serving as Acting Director of the GTI for several years, both Rob and I are

excited about the new stability, energy, and opportunities this regular full-time appointment will bring to the GTI.

I look forward to all of you working with the "new" Director, and trust that you join me in congratulating Rob on his new appointment. ♦

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