

U of G Hires New Turfgrass Faculty Member

DR. ERIC LYONS JOINS DEPARTMENT OF PLANT AGRICULTURE

Dr. Eric Lyons has accepted an offer to join the University of Guelph as a faculty member in turfgrass management. He will be leaving a post-doctoral position in turfgrass physiology at Rutgers University.

Dr. Lyons, a native of the state of Iowa, is a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa where he received his B.Sc. with a double major in Biology and Philosophy. While at Northern Iowa he played several seasons as an offensive lineman on the University football team and later served as an Undergraduate Assistant Offensive Line Coach.

Upon completion of his undergraduate program, Dr. Lyons attended Penn State University where he completed a Ph.D. program under the guidance of Dr. David Huff and Dr. Dan Knievel. His graduate work investigated the seasonal competition and physiological responses of different ecotypes of *Poa annua* and *Agrostis stolonifera*. He was awarded both a National Science Foundation Fellowship and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Watson Fellowship. While at Penn State, he was

actively involved as an instructor in the turfgrass management diploma program.

Dr. Lyons is scheduled to join the University of Guelph faculty in early July. His research interests are varied and his initial efforts at Guelph will be directed towards establishing new research priorities developed in collaboration with the turfgrass industry and colleagues at the Guelph Turfgrass Institute. Dr. Lyons will also be involved in University of Guelph professional development programs, undergraduate teaching and supervision of graduate students. He will be formally introduced to the turfgrass industry at the GTI Summer Research Field Day on August 17th. For more information, please contact: Rob Witherspoon, Director, Guelph Turfgrass Institute & Environmental Research Centre, 519-824-4120 ext. 56886, robwith@uoguelph.ca.

Editor's Note: Dr. Lyons will conduct a session entitled *Managing Athletic Fields for Healthy Root Systems* at the STA's 17th Annual Field Day, Thursday, September 16th at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre. See the inside front cover for details.

Welcome to New Board Member

Brian Adriaans

Hello to all Sports Turf Association members. I am currently Horticultural Technician for the City of Burlington. My main function is program development for all city turf and horticultural activities. Prior to working for the City, I have had extensive experience in the golf industry including stints at Beech Grove Golf and Country Club, The Cutten Club, Dundas Valley and Burlington Golf and Country Club. I hold an Associate Diploma in Agriculture from the University of Guelph and a Bachelor's degree from McMaster University. I am very much looking forward to serving on the STA Board of Directors.



Odds and Ends

Turf Agriphone

The Turf Agriphone is up and running. There are three options for accessing this information: 1) call toll free 1-888-290-4441 2) call 1-888-466-2372 or 519-824-4120 (x52597) to subscribe to the free email version 3) visit www.gov.on.ca/OMAFRA/english/crops and click on the "Agriphones & Crop Updates" link

STA Scholarship Recipient

Congratulations to Randy McCord of Stratford, Ontario. Randy, the 2004 Ontario Diploma in Horticulture graduating student in the Turf Option with the highest overall mark, is the recipient of a Sports Turf Association Scholarship.

2004 STA Membership Fees

Thank-you to all members renewing in 2004! Membership fees are now due. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to remit them in order to remain a member in good standing. The annual membership roster is now being compiled and will be forwarded on completion.

STA Membership Plaques

Display membership plaques are available in executive engraved walnut for \$50 plus S&H. To order, contact Lee at the STA office.

Autumn 2004 Submissions

If you have something you'd like to submit for the next issue, please forward it to the STA office by July 23, 2004.

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