

Ontario Turfgrass Symposium & Guelph Turfgrass Institute News Items

OTS 2005 A RESOUNDING SUCCESS WITH CLOSE TO 600 PARTICIPANTS IN ATTENDANCE AT U OF GUELPH



OTS 2005: Back To Our Roots

The Ontario Turfgrass Symposium continues to be Ontario's premier educational turf symposium with over 570 participants in attendance at this year's show. Hosted at the University of Guelph, the 2005 symposium was for many like old home week – a chance for delegates to visit their alma mater or network with industry leaders, faculty, other turf managers and old friends.

Focusing on what OTS does best, the educational program offered delegates over 45 engaging professional development seminars highlighting the latest in scientific research, best management practices, tools for integrated pest management, irrigation and water conservation, organic solutions, regulatory issues and nutrient management within the sports turf management, golf, lawn care, sod production and recreation sectors.

Many seminars were filled to capacity reinforcing the value turf delegates place on the quality education experience found at the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium.

STA Board of Directors

The STA elected its 2005 officers and directors at the annual meeting held during the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium at the University of Guelph, February 21-22, 2005. Those elected include Gord Dol/Dol Turf Restoration Ltd., Vice-President; Bob Sheard/Guelph Turfgrass Institute, Secretary; Rick Lane/Haldimand County, Treas-

urer; and Directors Brian Adriaans/City of Burlington, Cam Beneteau/Ridley College, Roy Forfar/York Region District School Board, and Paul Gillen/Holland Equipment Ltd. Other members currently serving include Andrew Gaydon/Vanden Bussche Irrigation, President; Paul Turner/G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd., Past President; and Directors Jane Arnett-Rivers/Town of Oakville and Dave Smith/DCS Agronomic Services.

Katerina Jordan to Join Guelph Turfgrass Faculty

At the opening session of the Ontario Turfgrass Symposium, Ontario Agricultural College Dean Craig Pearson announced that Katerina Jordan would be joining the Department of Plant Agriculture at the University of Guelph. Katerina is in the process of completing her Ph.D. program at the University of Rhode Island.

Katerina has a diverse background with a B.S. in microbiology and an M.S. in agronomy, both from the University of Maryland. Her Ph.D. research involves the study of plant-parasitic nematodes and their antagonists in golf putting greens. She will bring a unique perspective to her

turf teaching and research duties at Guelph. Katerina and her husband Sean, a Penn State turf diploma grad and golf course superintendent, will arrive in Guelph later this summer.

— Rob Witherspoon

Remembering Mac Frost

We were saddened to learn of the death of G.M. 'Mac' Frost on March 30th. Mac was known throughout the golf industry as an innovative golf course owner and developer. He was a very modest man who openly shared his experience and success. One of his most notable contributions was when he and his wife Beth provided the founding donation that resulted in the construction of the G.M. Frost Research & Information Centre, home of the GTI as well as the Sports Turf Association, Ontario Golf Superintendents Association and the Professional Lawn Care Association of Ontario.

Mac's involvement with the GTI did not end there as he took an active role as a member of the GTI Advisory Board helping to steer the Institute through the many challenges of our early years of existence. His good humour, positive attitude and



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wise advice will be missed. Mac was also a strong supporter of his community and many other worthy causes and helped to establish the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Our condolences are extended to his family, friends and many associates in the turf industry. Contributions in Mac Frost's memory may be made to the Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation (c/o G.M. Frost Research & Information Centre, 328 Victoria Road South, Guelph, Ontario N1H 6H8) or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (www.jdrf.ca). — RW

Norman McCollum Announces Retirement

GTI Research Superintendent Norman McCollum has announced his plans to officially retire effective January 1, 2006. Norman's unique contributions to turfgrass research and teaching at Guelph go back 36 years and have touched the careers of students and scientists alike.

Among turf managers, he is probably best known for his long time involvement with the annual Turf Managers' Short Course providing instruction in turf and weed identification as well as helping to create a welcoming social environment for students in the course.

I suspect that in retirement Norm will remain active in his many University of Guelph alumni activities including the annual Associate Diploma Hockey Tournament. Next year, he plans to enjoy his first summer away from the research plots at his summer cottage on the Bruce Peninsula. Please join us in wishing Norman a long, happy and healthy retirement.— RW

Coming Events

July 19-22

Ontario Parks Association
Annual General Meeting
Brampton, ON
Info: (905) 874-2918
www.city.brampton.on.ca
www.opassoc.on.ca

September 8

Landscape Ontario Horticultural
Trades Association Landscape Trade
Expo in partnership with the MEOA
Fall Show
Kitchener, ON
Info: (800) 265-5656
www.hort-trades.com



September 14

Sports Turf Association
18th Annual Field Day
Milton Leisure Centre
Milton, ON
Info: (519) 763-9431
www.sportsturfassociation.com

September 21-24

Communities in Bloom National
Symposium on Parks & Grounds
Saskatoon, SK
Info: www.communitiesinbloom.ca

October 18-19

Landscape Ontario Horticultural
Trades Association Garden Expo
featuring Florist Expo
Toronto, ON
Info: (800) 265-5656
www.hort-trades.com

November 15-17

Empire State Green Industry Show
(Formerly the NYSTA Turf &
Grounds Exposition)
Rochester, NY
Info: (518) 783-1229

January 10-12, 2006

Landscape Ontario Horticultural
Trades Association Congress 2006
featuring Fencecraft 2006
Toronto, ON
Info: (800) 265-5656
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January 30 – February 24, 2006

Guelph Turfgrass Institute
Turf Managers' Short Course
Guelph, ON
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