

# STA Recognized by STMA as First International Affiliate Organization

The Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) announced recently that it is recognizing the Sports Turf Association (STA) as its first International Affiliate Organization. STA and STMA will collaborate and share information and educational resources.

To be an International Affiliate, the organization must be recognized as a business entity in their country and provide proof to STMA annually; develop bylaws or other governing documents; and have a governing Board of Directors. The STA meets these requirements and officially

became an STMA International Affiliate Organization on November 5th.

In addition to sharing information and resources, STMA will list the STA on its website as an International Affiliate Organization, provide one membership annually to the President of the STA, and will offer to the membership of the STA conference registration and education and training resources at STMA member rates.

STMA President Abby McNeal, CSFM, was enthusiastic about the new partnership. "Officially establishing a relationship with the STA will help to connect our memberships and allow us to collaborate on issues common across the profession," says McNeal. "Our Board of Directors has much respect for the work of the STA, and we know we will learn from them."

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## ABOUT STMA

STMA is the not-for-profit, professional association for the more than 2,800 members who manage sports fields in the USA. The membership's goal is to manage natural turf and synthetic surfaces to produce safe and aesthetically pleasing playing surfaces for athletes at all levels of playing abilities.

Gord Dol, STA President, concurs. "We believe that this is an important step forward in establishing an information conduit for organizations around the world to share research, knowledge and experience for the advancement of everyone involved in the sports turf industry." ♦

Editor's note: STA members may access the STMA conference registration form at member rates at [www.sportsturfassociation.com / Members Only / STMA](http://www.sportsturfassociation.com/MembersOnly/STMA). You must log-in to access this section of the website.

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