

POSA Fall Update. Don't forget to build your educational credits.

The Parks and Open Space Alliance (POSA) continues to move forward strengthening parks and open space practitioners through professional development, recognition and advocacy. The Alliance offered two different events over recent months that focused on meeting practitioner training needs. The first was the 4th Annual Summer Operational Forum June 23, 2010 in the City of Cambridge with a theme focused on "Accessibility in Ontario's Parks and Open Spaces." Recently, an "Introduction to Synthetic Turf and Maintenance" training session was held October 27 and 28 in Mississauga.

Delegates may wish to apply the educational credits received from both of these events towards the Parks and Open Space Professional Training Program Level II certificate. To meet the requirements of Level I, a practitioner must successfully complete the following three courses: Parks Maintenance and Operations; Parks and Landscaping Equipment Safety Operations; and Sports Turf Management and Maintenance. In addition, the practitioner must have a minimum Grade 12 education; be a member in good standing of the OPA, the ORFA or the STA; maintain current WHMIS and Standard First Aid training; and have a minimum of 24 months practical work experience in the parks and open space industry. The application of other training credits will apply towards meeting Level II certificate criteria.

Please visit www.posalliance.c/documents/POSATRainingLevel1and2.pdf for more information. Alternatively, partner websites may be viewed as a source of other education and professional development opportunities (www.ontarioparksassociation.ca, www.orfa.com and www.sportsturfassociation.com).

Lifelong Learning

DR. KATERINA JORDAN'S PERSPECTIVE...

Take advantage of field days, conferences and even spending a little time each week on the internet...

The key to properly managing pests and abiotic stresses is understanding the life-cycles of the various weeds, insects and even the desirable turf, as well as the conditions under which they all thrive. ...

The more you educate yourself and understand what you are fighting in pest management, the more successful you will be...

~ Autumn 2010 issue, Sports Turf Manager



Seasons Greetings from the STA

As we approach the end of 2010, on behalf of Lee & the STA Board of Directors, we wish you all Season's Greetings and the very best in 2011.

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Hawkins, Markham, ON
Hawkins Contracting Services Limited

Jacques Zara, Saint-Colomban, QC
GTR Turf

Dan Murnaghan & Ray Stukas
City of Toronto, ON

Odds & Ends...

STA MEMBERSHIP PLAQUES

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

TURF TRADES EMPLOYMENT ADS

Are you advertising a position or job searching? Visit us online at www.sportsturfassociation.com and click on "Turf Trades." Cost is \$75 plus HST for STA members for a 2-month listing.