

ONTARIO'S KEY ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE

Speakers from both industry and academia will provide important insights pertaining to the OTS 2011 theme – On the Cutting Edge. Delegates will participate in sessions providing up-to-date information responding to the complexities of maintaining healthy turf in today's more restrictive growing environment. Sports turf managers, facilities, lawn care and golf course professionals and nursery sod growers can all learn from the many session topics: from pest and disease controls to safety and liability issues in turf environments.

Turf managers and staff will benefit from both learning sessions and the ability to network with colleagues in the turf industry. Attending OTS offers insight into best practices as initiated by leaders in turf sciences locally, across Canada and beyond.

Registration opened November 12. The deadline for early bird registration is December 17. Visit the conference website at www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca or call 519.767.5000 for more information.

Important Registration Details

EARLY BIRD DATE: DECEMBER 17, 2010. STA DISCOUNTS!

As an STA member in good standing, you qualify for lower association rates. In addition, others from your facility/organization who are not STA members qualify for the lower association rates when registered with a member. Send the registration in the same envelope, fax it at the same time, or make just one phone call to register. Visit www.ots.open.uoguelph.ca or call 519.767.5000 for more information.

QUOTABLE QUOTE....

By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn.
~ Latin proverb



Top 10 Conference Tips

1. Plan ahead.
2. Set realistic expectations.
3. Use email to keep yourself on track, both at the conference and afterwards.
4. Write a daily summary of what you learn.
5. Share your ideas and experiences with colleagues.
6. "Divide and conquer" the program with colleagues for the most benefit to your institution.
7. Talk to people at the sessions you attend to create a network of new colleagues.
8. Attend sessions that will introduce you to new ideas rather than those where you might feel the most comfortable.
9. When you return home, set up an action plan (with milestones) and commit to reflecting on and assessing what you have learned.
10. Realize that the effect of attending a conference could be as subtle as a change in attitude.

— Joan Getman & Nikki Reynolds, *Educause Quarterly* Vol. 25(3), 2002 (as quoted by Warren Wilson, see citation pg. 7)

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