

Letter from the Publisher

Dear Readers:

As you know, *TurfGrass TRENDS* is now considered the practical research digest for turf managers. We have been presenting you up-to-date research information review articles from major universities. And we have referenced additional reading material. There is more out there, about which you might not know, however.



With this issue, we are introducing to you the *Handbook of Turfgrass Insect Pests*, published by the Entomological Society of America. You know the editors: Dr. Michael Villani of Cornell University, and Dr. Rick Brandenburg of North Carolina State University. Both have written for you in *TurfGrass TRENDS*.

Dr. Villani, presently active in both research and extension work, concentrates on the interrelationships between soil insects, their host plants, and the soil environment. He summarized his research reports on this work for you in September of last year. In June, he informed you about "What's New in Turfgrass Insect Pest Management Products? Focus on Biological Controls". This included his work on B.t. Buibui and Merit.

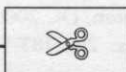
Dr. Brandenburg's research and extension interests include the use of biological control techniques, innovative insecticide application technology, and public education on pesticide and the environment. In his most recent article in *TurfGrass TRENDS*, he wrote about his work on "Intuitive Forecasting of Turfgrass Insect Pests".

In future issues we're also going to let you know how to obtain educational videos, other important books, further information. Watch for it.

We don't have the time or staff to review all the material that comes across our desks. We'll let you know what's out there that's important, however. As always, I appreciate every phone call or letter that gives us feedback ... positive or negative. Let us know what you found useful, what you think we should skip, what we might do differently.

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