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The Turfgrass Information File (TGIF) at Michigan State University is one of the most comprehensive databases of turfgrass publications in the world. But don't let its size keep you from going on line to search its wealth of information. An index of research conducted at universities around the country is provided to make every minute on the Internet worthwhile.

Search codes isolate records. For instance, TGIF can be searched by disease, active ingredient (substance), trade name (if it is mentioned in the summary) in addition to many other parameters. Visit the TGIF website for abstracts of previously published *TurfGrass TRENDS* research reviews and sample articles on topics ranging from Environmentally Sensitive Turf Management to Nematodes. Most of the references listed in *TurfGrass TRENDS* articles can also be found in the TGIF database.

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The Irrigation Association Speaks to Turf Water Users

The Irrigation Association, a 50-year-old non-profit trade association based in Fairfax, VA, wants all designers, installers and managers of irrigation systems to know that there is strength in numbers and that strength will be needed in the coming years to protect the availability of water for turf and landscape irrigation. "Our mission is to work with all organizations representing irrigation users to help insure that water for irrigation will be available in the future," explains Tom Kimmell, IA executive director.

The IA and its members help create standards for irrigation equipment and organize irrigation training and certification in the U.S. and internationally. Irrigation specialists from around the world will gather in San Antonio, TX early this November at the International Irrigation Exposition and Conference. Seminars specifically for golf course irrigation are being developed at the present time.

For more information, contact Denise Stone at the IA, (703) 573-3551. Persons interested in training and certification opportunities can contact Daria Jakubowski at the same number.



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