



DR. JOHN MADISON to receive the
Golf Course Superintendents
Association of America Distinguished
Service Award

Dr. Madison, a professor at the University of California, Davis, is the author of two text books in the turfgrass management field, "Principles of Turfgrass Culture" and "Practical Turfgrass Management"

Madison came to the University of California from Cornell University, where he received his PH.D. in 1953. His initial research interests centers on the way different management practices affected one another, but he soon began concentrating on the relationship of soil and water in turf. His later work centered on sand characteristics and on the the practice of frequent light topdressing. This work was of great interest to golf course superintendents, and many courses have successfully adapted his techniques.

His two books published in 1971, reviewed turfgrass research in depth and presented a view of the principles of turfgrass growth and their applications in turfgrass management.

He has received research grants from a number of organizations, including GCSA of America, GCSA of Northern California and the United States Golf Association Green Section. Madison has been a frequent participant in GCSAA and GCSNC educational programs and has worked closely with other local, regional and national turfgrass organizations.

Dr. Madison was awarded an Honorary Membership in GCSA of Northern California in 1978 because of the many benefits he had given to the Association. He is now retired but his research at Davis campus continues on a part time basis.

Manuel L. Francis, a golf course superintendent, architect, designer and consultant whose association with golf courses has spanned almost 60 years is also being awarded a GCSAA Distinguished Service Award with Dr. Madison at the 51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show St. Louis