
JB VISITATIONS:**Seattle, Washington - November**

Attended the annual meetings of the American Society of Agronomy which included the CSSA Turfgrass Division (C-5). There were a total of 101 research papers presented. Sam Sifers and myself were involved in a paper on comparative heat resistance of cool-season turfgrasses which generated considerable interest. Abstracts of all papers presented are available from ASA Headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin.

Reims, France - November

Participated as a speaker at the French National Turfgrass Conference and Show. The topic was Trends To The Year 2000. This conference is only four years old and is developing quite well for a new effort. A unique dimension was three banquets for all attendees on three consecutive nights. Reims is champagne country and we fully experienced their local products.

Phoenix, Arizona - December

Sam Sifers and myself presented a paper before the American Society of Testing and Materials Symposium on Sports Safety. These were an interesting series of invitational papers from all phases of sports medicine and equipment as well as the playing surfaces themselves. The topic of our paper was on the comparative hardness of surfaces as assessed by deaccelerometer techniques. Much interest was generated. The paper will be published in the Symposium Proceedings by April and will be available to you via TURFAX™.

Minneapolis, Minnesota - December

Presented two talks before the Annual Minnesota Turf and Grounds Conference. turf professionals in Minnesota are very active in education/research and are on a rapid growth curve. Their enthusiasm was excellent. The big topic being discussed was winterkill of turfgrasses. This was a major problem in some parts of Minnesota this past year and in many areas in north central and northeastern U.S.

UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL EVENTS:

January 23 to 27, 1995. BIGGA Turf Management Exhibition & Educational Seminar Programme. Harrogate, England, United Kingdom. The theme is "The Learning Experience."

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February 4 to 8, 1995. Annual Conference and Exhibition of the Sports Turf Manager's Association. Pirate City/Mckechnie Field, Bradenton, Florida, USA. The theme is "Sports Turf Spring Training." Headquarters hotel is the Holiday Inn Riverfront.

Contact: Sports Turf Manager's Association, P.O. Box 809119, Chicago, Illinois, 60680-9119, USA.

Phone: (312) 644-6610 ext. 4731.

February 8 to 10, 1995. Turfgrass Producers International Midwinter Conference and Exposition. Orlando, Florida, USA. The theme is "2020 - A Vision Of The Future." Headquarters hotel is the Hilton Hotel in Walt Disney World Village.

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February 20 to 27, 1995. GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show. San Francisco, California, USA. The theme is "Golden Opportunity." Host site the Moscone Center.

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