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Turf Specialists Form International Society

Eighty-two turfgrass experts from 11 nations, attending the First International Turfgrass Research Conference in July at Harrogate, England, have founded an International Turfgrass Society.

The conference elected a seven-man executive committee headed by Dr. Richard R. Davis, Department of Agronomy, Ohio Agricultural Re-

search and Development Center, at Wooster.

Other committee members include: Dr. William H. Daniel, of Purdue University's Department of Agronomy; Dr. James B. Beard, Department of Crop Science, Michigan State University; John R. Escritt, director of The Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, Yorkshire, England; Bjarne Langvad, of the Plant Breeding Institution at Landskrona, Sweden; J. P. van der Horst, of the Netherlands Sports Federation, The Hague; and Dr. Clayton M. Switzer, of Guelph (Ont.), Canada.

Dr. Beard, who headed the organizing committee, the primary objective of the new group, is to provide a forum where turfgrass researchers and educators throughout the world can exchange information

on turfgrass cultural problems, research techniques, research results, and educational approaches.

Eighty-eight papers were presented at the four-day conference, July 14-17, covering the broad areas of turfgrasses, soils and nutrition, turfgrass environment, pests and diseases, education, turfgrass culture and roadsides. Dr. James R. Watson, a member of the organizing committee and director of agronomy for Toro Manufacturing Corporation, Minneapolis, reported that the conference papers will be published in about nine months' time.

Countries represented at the meeting were: Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, Switzerland, West Germany, United Kingdom and the United States.

Merion Bluegrass Seed To Be Priced Higher

The '69 merion bluegrass seed crop is well below 1968 production. As a result, users can expect merion seed to be priced well above last year.

Doyle Jacklin, sales representative of Jacklin Seed Company, Spokane, Wash., reported that he expected merion prices to be double or slightly more than the '68 levels.

Reason for the production decline was bad burns last fall on seed growing land. Extensive rain during the burning season prevented complete burning which is a must for top production.

Growers buying new seed can also expect lightweight seed. Quality, Jacklin says, will be good but lightweight.

Generally, '68 prices for merion seed ranged around the 75 cents per pound mark. This year, up to \$1.50 per pound is expected to be common.

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