

Our 1977 WT&T awards committee

We are pleased to announce the advisory committee who will assist us in the selection of the first winners of the WEEDS TREES & TURF Outstanding Achievement Awards.

Committee members include: Dr. Ray Freeborg, Purdue University; Dr. David Martin, Ohio State University; Dr. Henry Indyk, Rutgers University; and Dr. Fred Grau, Grasslyn, Inc.

There will be three award categories this year — grounds manager, grower/producer, and researcher/educator. We are looking to those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Green Industries in the past year, individuals who are not the usual award winners, but who, through their initiative and leadership, may very well be in the next few years. With the help of these eminent leaders of the Green Industries, we shall undertake this difficult selection this month.



Dr. Freeborg

Dr. Ray P. Freeborg is a research agronomist at Purdue University with responsibilities in research, teaching and extension.

He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Crop Science Society of America and the Weed Science Society of America. He has also been elected a member of Sigma Xi honorary society.

Dr. Freeborg served as sales manager for Links Nursery, responsible for sales and distribution. He was also associated with Mr. Linkogel in design, construction and management of golf courses.

As a research associate at Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr. Freeborg was responsible for the turf program and adult education there.

He was executive director of the St. Louis Turf Research Foundation and received their award for outstanding research. He consulted with Civic Center Redevelopment Corporation on Busch Memorial Stadium and served three additional years as consultant on maintenance of the field.

Dr. Freeborg has served as consultant to several lawn care firms and is currently consulting for E-Z Lawn in Richmond, Ind.

He holds a MSA from Washington University in St. Louis, and a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

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Dr. Martin



Dr. Grau



Dr. Indyk

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Dr. David P. Martin is an extension agronomist and assistant professor at Ohio State University. He is a member of the American Society of Agronomy and the International Turfgrass Society. He is executive secretary of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, chairman of the NCR-10 Turfgrass Research Committee (a committee of research personnel from the North Central region states) and secretary of the turfgrass division of the Crop Science Society of America.

Dr. Martin is co-author of **TURFGRASS BIBLIOGRAPHY**, a reference work cataloging over 16,500 turf references. He is also co-author of more than 30 technical, semi-technical and popular articles and bulletins. He has presented three papers at the annual meetings of the American Society of Agronomy.

Before coming to Ohio State University, Dr. Martin was turfgrass specialist and research associate at Michigan State University.

Dr. Martin did research for his Master of Science degree in thatch characterization and control and researched carbohydrate status in relation to growth cessation of cool season turfgrass at supraoptimal temperatures for his Ph.D., both at Michigan State.

Dr. Fred Grau, president of Grasslyn, Inc., is a lifetime member and fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Soil Science Society of America. He is executive director, emeritus, of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, having held that position for 10 years before retiring.

Dr. Grau has received GCSAA's award twice and received the USGA award in 1969 while in Viet Nam consulting. He also helped to establish the Musser Foundation in that year and now serves as its president.

Dr. Grau, who was named director of the USGA Green Section in 1945, left to enter the commercial field in 1953. In 1965 he began to devote full time to the development of Penngift Crownvetch, which is said to be a living memorial to him.

In 1950, Dr. Grau helped develop and release Meyer zoysiagrass and Merion Kentucky bluegrass.

Dr. Grau helped write the 1948 USDA yearbook "Grass". In 1946 he aided in establishing the Turf Section in the American Society of Agronomy and helped set up turf conferences and research at several land grant colleges.

Dr. Grau received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

Dr. Henry W. Indyk is an extension specialist in turfgrass management at the College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, Rutgers University.

Dr. Indyk is a member of the American Society of Agronomy, the Northeast Weed Science Society and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association.

Dr. Indyk currently serves as executive director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey and advisor to the executive committee of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association. He organized the Cultivated Sod Association of New Jersey and has served as its secretary since then.

Dr. Indyk initiated the Sod Certification Program in New Jersey, the first of its kind in the U.S. He was instrumental in organizing the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo and has served as general chairman since its inception in 1974.

He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation and as guest editor of Brooklyn Botanic Garden Lawn Handbook and chief consultant of Time-Life book on Lawns and Ground Covers.

Dr. Indyk holds a Master's degree and Ph.D. in agronomy from Pennsylvania State University.