

### **EPA faces renewed criticism**

The House Agriculture Subcommittee, in response to growing criticism of EPA policies under Administrator Anne Burford and Assistant Administrator Dr. John Todhunter, will likely hold pesticide oversight hearings in the next few months. In addition to issues such as handling of the toxic waste program and cancer policies, issues important to the Green Industry may be criticized, most importantly pesticide registration based upon "special local need." A number of vital products have become available through SLN registration in the past two years. Rep. Panetta (D-CA) has written to the committee saying the SLN registrations are granted without the extensive data requirements of FIFRA." Forcing states to increase data requirements for SLN registrations could seriously hamper the one program that enabled manufacturers to get needed products to users years before Federal registration can be obtained. National criticism of Burford's refusal to release Superfund documents to congressional committees and a serious case of contamination in Times Beach, MO, have fueled the fires of EPA critics.

To head off some of the criticism, EPA's Todhunter has asked the panel to reestablish the former Scientific Advisory Committee. Todhunter suggested one of the first areas for the panel to study is FIFRA, Section 3, the section concerning SLN registrations.

### **AAN, IPA seek Caribbean break**

President Reagan's desire to encourage trade with Caribbean and Latin American countries could seriously harm growers of foliage in the states according to both the American Association of Nurserymen and the Interior Plantscape Association.

Unless nursery stock is added to a list of perishable products, imports of duty-free nursery material from the Caribbean Basin could hurt sales of state-side products. Better growing conditions, lower labor costs, and fewer regulations on growers in the Caribbean enable them to sell the same products as U.S. growers for less, especially without duties. AAN and IPA want to exempt landscape materials from duty-free status. Growers in Florida, Texas and California would be hurt the most by duty-free imports from the Caribbean. A bill favorable to the nursery industry passed the House last year, but failed to pass the Senate. The bills will be reintroduced early this year.

### **ASLA seeks local ordinances**

In an effort to learn state and local restrictions on landscape architects, the American Society of Landscape Architects is seeking copies of local and state ordinances. These ordinances generally involve land use planning, grading, tree programs, and landscape development. Members and non-members are encouraged to send copies of their local and state ordinances to ASLA, 1733 Connecticut Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20009.

University of Maryland. He will represent the Maryland Turfgrass Council where he sits as a Board member. The MTC has supported the Foundation in conducting golf tournaments, the proceeds of which benefited the Foundation.

**Alexander M. Radko**, recently retired from the USGA Green Section as national director, will sit on the MITF Board of Advisors. He will be the 1983 recipient of the USGA green section award.

Grau commented, "These appointments will greatly strengthen MITF in its quest for answers to basic research challenges."

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### **NYSTA supports graduate student**

The New York State Turfgrass Association is supporting a soil fertility research project at Cornell University under the direction of Dr. A. Martin Petrovic by funding a graduate student for the year. Monies were donated directly from the Association and were solicited by the Association to cover the cost of the graduate student for the year. Those who contributed to NYSTA to assist with this project were the Metropolitan, Long Island, Central, Western NY and Finger Lakes Golf Course Associations, J&L Adikes, Inc. and MetroMilorganite Inc. Proceeds from the first Poa Annual Golf Tournament were also directed to this research.

### **Anders certified grounds manager**

John Anders has been certified as a Grounds Manager by the Professional Grounds Management Society. Anders has been employed for the past three years as the grounds maintenance supervisor at Allergan Pharmaceuticals in Irvine, CA.

He received his certification certificate at the Awards Banquet at the Professional Grounds Management Society's annual conference and trade show in San Diego, CA. He is a member of the Professional Grounds Management Society. The Grounds Managers Certification Program was started in April, 1980. It was initiated to upgrade the professional and bring recognition of professionalism in the field. At the present time, approximately 51 other grounds managers are in various stages of the certification process.