

NEWS BRIEFS

RISE CONFERENCE...Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE) will hold its fall conference Sept. 7-11 in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact RISE: (202) 296-6085.

POA BIOLOGICAL...A company called Myco-Gen in San Diego has purchased the patent rights from Michigan State University's Dr. Dave Robinson for a biological *Poa annua* control product. "We're evaluating it in 14 states this year under very strict guidelines imposed by the Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)," says Dr. Hugh Crowley, Myco-Gen's manager of herbicide development. "Next year, we hope to look at it under more real-world conditions. To say we'll have limited commercial utilization (of the bacterium *Xanthomonas campestris*) by 1993 is a stretch, though it's performed pretty well so far."

NOT RECYCLABLE?...The Toro Company has filed a lawsuit against Fuqua Industries. The suit charges that Fuqua's simulation of Toro's trade dress and use of the word "Recycling" and other variations of the word "Recycle" in connection with its advertising and sale of Snapper Power mowers infringes on Toro's "Recycler" trademark.

ENDANGERED SPECIES...According to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), the EPA is consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine whether some registered uses of 31 pesticides need to be limited in order to protect endangered species. Chemicals expected to be involved: Orthene, Turcam, Dursban, Treflan, Team, Phostoxin and others.

A PASSING...Memorial contributions for Josephine Davids, wife of Clarence Davids Sr., can be made to Southwest Chicago Christian School, 12001 S. Oak Park Ave., Palos Heights, IL 60463. Mrs. Davids passed away April 28 at the age of 66. She was co-founder and co-owner of Clarence Davids & Co., Blue Island, Ill. who preferred to stay in the background but nonetheless made a forceful impact on the multi-million-dollar company.

RENTING HEALTHY PLANTS...A program for renting infrared plant health stress monitors has been devised by Conservation Technologies. Cost is \$295 per month, which can be applied toward purchase. For more information, contact the company at 17779 Main St., Suite D, Irvine, CA 92714; (714) 251-1210.

PESTICIDES

Malathion uses for turf part of reregistration

WAYNE, N.J. — The Malathion Reregistration Task Force will support turf uses for malathion insecticide, although many other currently-labeled uses will be dropped.

"In deciding which uses to support, we concentrated on what our customers demanded and on the largest uses," says Charles J. Galley Jr., chairman of the task force.

The task force is composed of the two worldwide manufacturers of the popular insecticide: American Cyanamid and Cheminova A/S.

"Excessive cost was the deciding factor in limiting the number of uses supported," adds Galley. "The scientific and economic requirements for just one new use with one formulation at one use rate for one crop for one target insect will cost more than \$100,000."

Malathion is a low-toxicity organophosphate used to control mosquito, grasshopper, locust and boll weevil populations. Labels for ornamental flowering plants, ornamental lawns and turf are among 68 uses expected to be reregistered. □

EVENTS

Expo '91's commercial demo area is sold out

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The outdoor demonstration area for commercial equipment at the International Lawn, Garden & Power Equipment Expo (Expo '91) has been expanded and sold out.

"We are going to do everything we can to attract and build on the ever-growing number of Expo's commercial exhibitors and their customers," says Dennis Dix, president of the sponsoring Outdoor Power Equipment Institute, noting increased sales of commercial equipment.

"We are delighted," adds show director Warren Sellers, "with the response Expo has received from manufacturers of commercial products. Preliminary pre-registration figures show that attendance in commercial categories may be up this year as well."

Expo '91 will be held at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center here, July 28-30. Pre-show seminars for commercial end-users will be held Saturday afternoon, July 27.

Pre-registration for the show and seminars is free. For those not pre-registered, there will be a \$10 fee at the door. To pre-register, call the Expo office at (800) 558-8767. In Kentucky or outside the U.S., call (502) 473-1992. The fax number is (502) 473-1999. □

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