Cornell Recommends Available

The Cornell Pest Management Recommendations for 1991 is now available from your local Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, or from Cornell Publications Distribution Office, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, NY, 14850. The 1991 Turfgrass Cultivar Recommendations should also be available at the time of this printing. It has been two years since the Cultivar Recommendations has been printed, therefore there are many changes. The Cultural Recommendations are expected to be in print later this season. Be sure to pick up your copies!

Cornell’s Turfgrass Short Course

Only a few weeks ago Cornell’s Turfgrass Science Program hosted its Sixth Annual Turfgrass Management Short Course for professional turfgrass managers. Actually, with 75 hours of instruction, the course is not all that short! The students were challenged by long classroom sessions and evening labs that were often three hours long. The format allowed for exposure to turfgrass management principles during the day sessions, followed by hands-on experience identifying grasses, insects, and weeds in the evening lab sessions. Within this intense schedule, however, there was time during breaks, labs, and socials to exchange professional ideas and to establish friendships.

Graduates from this year’s course came from all over the United States and the World! Of the 76 attendees, 80% of the class was from New York. We were pleased to also have attendees from other Northeastern states, Colorado, Wisconsin, Delaware, eight guests from Canada, and a golf resort manager from Paris, France. Most of the students were involved in golf course management (57%), and lawn maintenance (33%). We also had three Cornell Cooperative Extension staff in attendance. For them, the Short Course was an in-service education opportunity and a chance to interact with industry professionals.

We are already planning for the Seventh Annual Turfgrass Short Course which will be held next January. Details will appear in CUTT and in your county Cooperative Extension newsletter.

Faculty and Staff Update

Beginning July 1, 1991, I will be taking a one year leave of absence from the University. During this time I will be working on a project with the United States Golf Association on standardizing laboratory procedures for testing greens construction mixes, and writing a research-based rationale behind the USGA specifications for greens construction. This should be a very challenging project for me, but one I’m very excited about.

My absence will in no way disrupt the publication of CUTT, or affect other major programs like the short course. I will not be available to speak at association meetings, or for phone or on-site consultations. — Norm Hummel

Rossi Earns Ph.D.

Dr. Frank Rossi has just completed the requirements for his Ph.D. in Weed Science. Frank worked on a project studying the influence of drought stress on fenoxyprop (Acclaim) performance, under the guidance of Dr. Joe Neal. Frank’s project was partially supported by the New York State Turfgrass Association. Three days after his thesis defense, Frank began his job at Michigan State University as Coordinator of Environmental Education. We wish Frank well.