Cornell Education Programs Successful

Two major educational programs were co-sponsored by the Turfgrass Science Program at Cornell and the New York State Turfgrass Association this summer. On June 10, over 400 turfgrass managers from around New York State attended the Turfgrass Research Field Day. Attendees saw updates on several research projects in weed science, pathology, turfgrass management, water quality, and others. A highlight of the day was the presentation of a $45,000 check by Mike Maffei, President of NYSTA, to Cornell in support of turfgrass research. Ronnie Coffman, the director of research in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell accepted the check. These monies were placed in the Turfgrass Foundation. The research office matched those funds, distributing them to the individual researchers.

New York State Turfgrass and Landscape Expo

The program has been set for the 1993 New York Turfgrass and Landscape Exposition. Held once again at the beautiful Rochester Riverside Convention Center, this year’s show will be held on November 9-12. Features on the program include: for golf course people, a session on bunker renovation and construction, featuring Ron Whitten, architecture editor for Golf Digest. The grounds maintenance and lawn care sessions will have plenty of pest management topics, with speakers from Penn State, Longwood Gardens and the BioIntegral Resource Center. The keynote speaker is Lou Piniella.

This year’s trade show promises to be the biggest and the best in the Northeast. Plan now to attend the most informative educational and trade show ever. For more information, call Beth Seme at 800-873-TURF.

In August, about 15 individuals participated in the Turfgrass Diagnostic Course. This year’s course was geared for lawn care and institutional grounds. Much time was spent in the field, including one lawn where students found grubs, sod webworms, chinch bugs, billbugs, and summer patch. The lawn care contract on that house has probably since been canceled. Next year’s diagnostic course will focus on golf course pests. For more information on turfgrass educational opportunities at Cornell, contact Joanne Gruttadaurio or Angelica Hammer at 607-255-1789.