New Faces in the Turfgrass Science Program

Several people have joined the Turfgrass Science Program at Cornell over the past year, either as graduate students or staff.

Panyotis Nectarios has been a graduate student in Marty Petrovic’s program for about a year, working on the effects of cultivation techniques on pesticide and nutrient leaching.

Scott Ebdon joined Marty Petrovic’s program about a year ago as a PhD candidate. Formally with AgriTurf, Scott is looking at techniques for predicting water use of turfgrass species and cultivars.

Chris Sanchirico has just assumed the technical responsibilities in Marty Petrovic’s program for the nutrient and pesticide leaching studies.

Debbie Sender started working this year as a technician in Marty Petrovic’s program.

Fred Crisafulli began graduate studies in Marty’s program this fall. A former technician with Nassau County Cooperative Extension, Fred is working on a municipal solid waste compost/sod production study.

Jennifer Carter has joined Joe Neal’s staff as a technician.

Ting Zhou joined Joe Neal’s program as a post doctoral assistant, working on bio-control of weeds.

S. J. Koo is a new graduate student in Joe Neal’s program working on the mode of action of Impact herbicide.

Richard Uva is a talented photographer and illustrator working on a weed identification guide for turfgrass, landscape, and nursery, with Joe Neal.

Michelle Moore is a new technician in Mike Villani’s program working on his biotechnology projects.

Linda Ferguson-Kolms is a technician in Mike Villani’s program working on fungal pathogens for biological control of scarabs.

Arel Diaz is a PhD candidate studying the effects of composts on microarthropod populations.

Dave Han is an MS student working with Eric Nelson on the biology of root rotting Pythium species.

Peter Trutmann is a new research associate working with Eric Nelson on compost extracts and their effects on pathogens.

We welcome these people to the program.

International Turfgrass Research Conference

Hundreds of turfgrass research scientists from around the world will gather next summer for the 7th International Turfgrass Research Conference, scheduled for July 18 - 24 at the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. A record number of papers will be presented this year, including symposia on characterizing surface conditions of sports fields, and pesticide and nutrient fate.

All turfgrass managers are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dr. George Snyder, University of Florida - EREC, P. O. Box 8003, Belle Glade, FL 33430, or phone 407-996-3062.