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Jennifer Grant Honored

Jennifer Grant, a Ph.D. candidate in Dr. Mike Villani's lab and active Cornell Turfgrass Team member, was awarded the first Paul J. Chapman Fellowship from the Department of Entomology at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva, NY. This award automatically comes with a nomination for the Comstock Award sponsored by the Entomological Society of America (ESA) for an outstanding graduate student.

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commented on Jennifer's award saying, "I believe her research project embodies the spirit that led to the creation of the agricultural experiment station system: the use of rigorous and creative science to solve real world problems to improve the lives of all citizens of the state."

Many turfgrass managers remember Jennifer as the Turfgrass IPM Specialist in NY State from 1990 to 1996. She emerged as a leading authority on Turf IPM principles and practices, speaking on programs across the country and in Canada. In 1996, Jennifer left the New York State IPM Program to pursue a Ph.D. with Dr. Villani to study the behavior of entomopathogenic nematodes under a variety of environmental conditions. In addition, she is investigating the biotic insect mortality factors in turfgrass and their relation to scarab grub populations.

Jennifer, a Vermont native, has worked in Honduras teaching gardening to youth and has travelled the world. She has an energetic and

engaging approach to her life and work that includes a voracious appetite for sports, particularly cycling, skiing and volleyball. Her willingness to provide leadership in Turfgrass Team activities is a measure of her commitment to "bridging the gap" between research and implementation. Congratulations Jennifer!

Turfgrass Management Short Course Returns to Long Island

For the third year of our commitment to the Green Industry on Long Island, we will be offering the Cornell Turfgrass Short Course on Long Island from February 15-26, 1999. This is the traditional two week course for industry professionals that addresses the broader areas of turf management, with breakout sessions on golf, sports and landscape management. Valuable hands-on laboratory sessions will be offered for students to identify grasses, weeds and insects, understand soil physical properties, and learn equipment calibration.

This course has educated over 1,300 turfgrass professionals from around the world and is regarded nationally as one of the best educational experiences available in the turfgrass industry. For more information on the L.I. Turfgrass Short Course, contact the Director of Educational Programs for the Cornell Turfgrass Team, Joann Gruttadauro at (607) 255-1792. A course registration form is on page 10.

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Golf Turf Field Day Takes Industry By Storm!

The inaugural Cornell Golf Turf Research Field Day was held on Tuesday, August 18, in a driving cold rain storm. Over 200 golf turf professionals braved the weather to learn more about the internationally recognized turfgrass research program at Cornell. Highlights of the day included a walking tour of the research projects underway on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Course at Cornell University: managing tees in the shade, evaluation of bio-control products, and annual bluegrass exclusion programs. In addition, lively discussions were held on the new generation of insecticides (Merit, MACH II), evaluating effectiveness of Bio-ject organism applications, and establishing and trafficking the new bentgrasses.

Plans are already underway for Field Day 1999 scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at the Cornell Turfgrass Research and Education Center. If you'd like more information about the Field Day or any other Turfgrass Team activity, contact our Team Assistant, Kelly Woodhouse at (607) 255-3090.

Cornell Golf Turf Short Course for 1999

Innovative Pest Management Highlights

As announced in previous issues of *CUTT*, the two week Turfgrass Management Short Course has been altered to address more advanced topics in specific sectors of the turfgrass industry. The Cornell Golf Turf Short Course will be held from January 11-15 at Cornell University, utilizing the Executive Training Center at the Statler Hotel on the campus. This venue will allow for a meaningful learning experience in a professional setting.

The focal area for 1999 is Innovative Pest Management. Speakers from the Cornell Turfgrass Team as well as nationally renowned presenters such as Joe Vargas of Michigan State University, Bruce Clarke of Rutgers University, Pat Vittum from University of Massachusetts, and Fred Baxendale from Nebraska. Throughout the 4 1/2 days of the course, participants will learn vital research-based information that will enable them to design state-of-the-art disease, insect, weed, and nematode management programs. Lively question and answer sessions are scattered throughout the week to address spe-

cific pest management issues at your facility.

Our Cornell Turfgrass Team Director of Education, Joann Gruttadaurio has secured 3.2 Continuing Education Credits (formerly tested CEU's) for GCSAA certified superintendents, as well as Pesticide Recertification credits. A variety of educational materials will be available and utilized during the course and are sure to become standard reference materials in your pest management "toolbox". Space is limited to ensure maximum interaction with the presenters. A course registration form is on page 10; for more information Joann can be reached at (607) 255-1792.



Participants in the inaugural Cornell Golf Turf Field Day (above) brave stormy weather to learn more about Cornell's internationally recognized turfgrass research program. Former turfgrass Extension Associate and *CUTT* Editor Norm Hummel and Frank Rossi at the Field Day (below).

Cornell Sports Turf Short Course for 1999

Plan, Design, Construct, and Manage Safe Athletic Fields

The increased need for advanced training in the art and science of sports turf management motivated the development of the Cornell Sports Turf Short Course scheduled for January 4-8, 1999 on the campus of Cornell University. Specifically, this advanced short course will draw on the wealth of expertise on the Cornell Turfgrass Team, as well as seasoned professionals in the Sports Turf industry.

The Sports Turf Short Course will address the planning, design, construction, and establishment of athletic fields to lay a good foundation for active, multiuse and single use fields. In addition, several days will be spent developing a sports turf management program focused on maximizing fields safety through proper mowing, fertilization, watering, cultivation, and overseeding practices. Special sessions will be presented on developing communication skills with coaches and administrators, as well as the keys to setting up an effective sports turf IPM program.

Space is limited to encourage interaction with speakers and to provide for a comfortable learning environment. If you'd like to know more about this exciting program contact Joann Gruttadaurio, Turfgrass Team Director of Education at (607) 255-1792. A course registration form is on page 10.



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