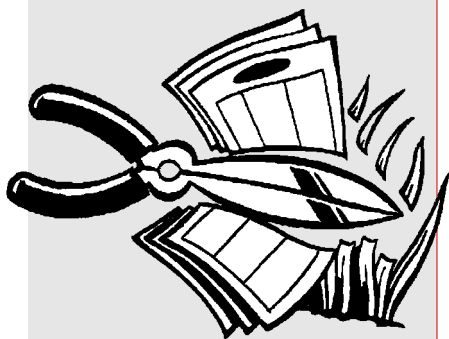


Clippings

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Soldat Wins PPI Fellowship

Douglas J. Soldat, Cornell Turfgrass Ph.D. candidate, was awarded the J. Fielding Reed PPI Fellowship. Dr. J. Fielding Reed (1912-1999) served as president of the Potash & Phosphate Institute (PPI) from 1963 to 1975. Throughout his career Dr. Reed always encouraged agronomic excellence and during retirement years he continued to speak for high standards in research, teaching, extension education, and in other phases of agronomic work. PPI began an annual program in 1980 that awards Fellowships to several deserving students in soil and plant science.



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to contribute further to the understanding of how P and K cycle in turfgrass systems.

Diaz Receives Award

Maria Derval C. Diaz won Third Prize for Oral Presentation in the Graduate Student Paper Competition at the 2005 Eastern Branch meetings of the Entomological Society of America, held March 20-22 in Harrisburg, PA.



Her paper, coauthored with Dan Peck, Turfgrass Soil Insect Ecologist at Cornell's Ag-

ricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, was titled "Population Fluctuations of the Annual Bluegrass Weevil in Golf Course Landscapes."

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 15-17, 2005

Empire State Green Industry Show (formerly the NYSTA Turf and Grounds Exposition)
Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY

Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873
<http://www.nysta.org/greenshow/home.html>
(trade show info)

<http://www.nysta.org/greenshow/program.htm> (conference info)

February 1, 2006

2006 Turfgrass Advocacy/NYSTA's Lobby Day
Empire State Plaza, Albany NY

Info: NYSTA (518) 783-1229 or (800) 873-8873

February 27, 2006

Southeast Regional Conference
Marriott Westchester, Tarrytown NY

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March 6, 2006

Western Regional Conference
Buffalo/Niagara Marriott, Amherst NY

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March 30, 2006

Adirondack Regional Conference
Lake Placid Resort, Holiday Inn, Lake Placid NY

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