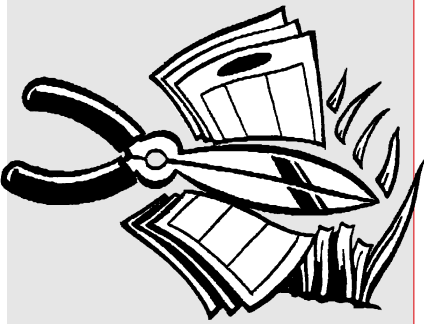


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NYSTA Board Visits Geneva

The New York State Turfgrass Association Board of Directors met on Monday, March 17, at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station (NYSAES) in Geneva, New York. They had the opportunity to conduct their regular board meeting, hear presentations on NYSTA-funded projects, and tour the facilities.

Professor Daniel Peck presented updates on the work taking place in the Entomology Department. He was awarded a three-year (2006-2008) New York Turfgrass Foundation research grant for his project, "Alerting and Arming the Northeast against European Crane Flies, New Invasive Pests



Daniel C. Peck, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Soil Insect Ecology and Turfgrass Entomology, presents an overview of the turfgrass research facility to the NYSTA Board during their March 17 meeting at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva.

of Turfgrass." In addition, he received an Environmental Stewardship Fund Grant for his project, "Prospecting for Resistance to the Annual Bluegrass Weevil in Improved Cultivars of *Poa annua*."

NYSTA President, Owen Regan, said, "The NYSTA Board had the opportunity to hear dynamic presentations by the representatives

from Horticultural Sciences, Plant Pathology, Entomology and Food Science and Technology departments. We are proud to be able to support the work being conducted by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station and are committed to promoting awareness of the accomplishments taking place in Geneva."

In a quote published in the Station News, the campus newsletter of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Dr. Thomas Burr said, "It was a great pleasure to host the New York State Turfgrass Association Board in Geneva. Our faculty in Entomology and IPM are recognized nationally for excellence in turf research and extension and this visit provided them an opportunity to show the Board our facilities and discuss important projects. The visit also allowed the Board to hear from faculty and staff about other research and extension programs that impact other segments of the agriculture and food industries of New York."



From left to right: NYSTA Executive Board members: Robert Sanderson - Secretary/Treasurer; Greg Chorvas - Vice President; Owen Regan - President; Dr. Thomas J. Burr - Station Director; Michael Maffei, CGCS, - Past President; and Dr. Jan Nyrop - Senior Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Environmental Stewardship Fund

With support from Senator Catharine Young, the 2008-2009 New York State Budget includes a \$175,000 line item for the Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Fund. This Fund makes research grants available that promote best management practices. These include studies that assist turf professionals in managing turf pests, invasive species and diseases using environmentally sound methods. A special thanks to Senator Young.