

## **ASA Turfgrass Evaluation Workshop Committee**

The following committee members are recognized for their contributions in planning, preparing and conducting this workshop: Dr. Cale Bigelow, Dr. Tom Fermanian, Dr. Mike Richardson, Dr. Bob Shearman, and Dr. Tom Voigt. Their assistance and guidance in planning, preparing and conducting the workshop, while working with Kevin Morris and Jeff Krans is greatly appreciated.

### **ASA Turfgrass Evaluation Workshop Sunday, November 12, 2006**

#### **Schedule:**

<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Registrants Depart from the Indianapolis Convention Center for West Lafayette</b>
<b>9:20 AM</b>	<b>Introductions and Orientation – Kevin Morris</b>
<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Pre-training Data Collection (Registrants will collect data on turfgrass density, genetic color and quality)</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Discussion Group – Jeff Krans Refreshments - Rolls, Coffee, and Juice</b>

The following questions will be addressed in the discussion session:

- 1. How do you establish your range of rating turfgrass quality each time that you rate?**
- 2. How much of the 1-9 rating scale do you use?**
- 3. What is an acceptable rating for turfgrass quality?**
- 4. How do you define an acceptable level of quality?**
- 5. Are quality ratings relative within a species or across species? Within a species, does management level impact the acceptable level?**
- 6. Does an entry have to be perfect to receive a turfgrass quality rating of 9?**
- 7. What were the main criteria that influenced your quality ratings today? (e.g. color, density, uniformity, disease incidence, etc.)**

**11:00 AM Turfgrass Evaluation Criteria**

Registrants will be divided into four groups. Groups will rotate through four stops. Instructors will review criteria for evaluation of turfgrass quality, genetic color, density, leaf texture, disease incidence, and other ratings. Registrants will take an active part in the training session. Four stops will be *20 minutes in length*. Groups will rotate through two stops prior to lunch and two after.

**Group #1: Bentgrass - Cale Bigelow, leader**

**Group #2: Warm-season - Jeff Krans, leader**

**Group #3: Fine Fescues – Stacy Bonos, leader**

**Group #4: Kentucky Bluegrass – Crystal Fricker, leader**

**12:30 PM Lunch**

**1:15 PM Automated Technology Demonstration – Mike Richardson,  
Doug Karcher, Tom Fermanian**

**1:45 PM Post-Training Data Collection  
Registrants will collect data on turfgrass density, genetic color and quality.**

**2:15 PM Discussion Time – Kevin Morris  
All registrants will gather with the four instructors. Questions and concerns of registrants, and specific issues identified by instructors will be addressed.**

**3:00 PM Break  
Soft Drinks and Snacks (Return immediately to discussion session).**

**3:30 PM Pre and Post-Training Evaluations Comparison**

**3:45 PM Registrants depart for Indianapolis Convention Center**

**5:00 PM Return to Indianapolis Convention Center**