Eddie Atherton of the City of Owensboro, KY has received the first Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant, awarded by The SAFE Foundation, STMA’s philanthropic arm. This $1,000 grant is funded through a generous donation from Turface Athletics.

The grant funded a portion of the Atherton’s attendance at the STMA Conference last month, where he was recognized at the association’s annual Awards Banquet. In addition to the cash grant, SAFE funded a free conference registration.

The grant is named in honor of the late Terry Mellor, the brother of Red Sox Director of Grounds David Mellor, who died at the age of 43. He was very involved in his community and was named volunteer of the year for the state of Wisconsin for the Special Olympics. He was a strong supporter of continuing education and this grant honors his passion.

The STMA scholarship Committee, who judges the SAFE Scholarship winners each year, selected Atherton based on a letter of recommendation. The letter was sent in by Marcus Dean, CSFM, from the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Chapter’s President, who cited Atherton’s “dedication, efficiency and attitude,” in his letter.

This grant will be offered again for the 2011 STMA Conference in Austin, TX. Please keep an eye out for the nomination form and more information by mid-2010.

First-ever Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant Presented by SAFE

Celebrating 8 years of membership!

THANK YOU to these members who joined STMA in 2002. We appreciate your continued support of STMA, and look forward to your continued membership with us!

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2009 SAFE Scholarship Winners

Graduate Scholarships
Dr. James Watson Graduate Scholarship - $2,500  Andrew Hoiberg, Iowa State

Four Year Scholarships
Dr. James Watson Undergraduate Scholarship - $2,500  Brian McDougal, Michigan State
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - $2,000  Kyley Dickson, Tennessee
SAFE Undergraduate Scholarship - $1,000  Kent Dickerson, Georgia, Eric Haub, Purdue, Zack Severns, Washington State

Two Year Scholarships
Dr. Fred Grau Memorial Scholarship - $1,500  Ryan McGillivray, Massachusetts
SAFE Two Year Scholarship - $1,000  Patrick Escalera, Mt. San Antonio College

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Judging criteria: A panel of eight judges independently scored each entry based on each students academic preparation, experience in the sports turf management industry, professional goals, extracurricular activities, and input from academic advisors and employers. Each student also wrote an essay describing his or her background and career aspirations.

Scholarship Program Supporters: The TORO Foundation provides generous support for the Dr. James Watson Scholarship winners. Jacobsen supports the SAFE Scholarship Program through the SAFE/Jacobsen Golf Tournament held at the STMA Conference each year. The program is also supported through individual and corporate donations made throughout the year and proceeds from the Live and Silent Auctions and raffle held each year on the STMA Trade Show Floor. These sponsors fund a stipend for each recipient to attend the STMA annual conference (including lodging) and a scholarship ranging from $1,000 to $2,500.

Recognition: Scholarship recipients had their financial aid mailed directly to their university, with a check made out jointly to them and their schools financial aid office. The students were recognized during the Annual STMA Awards Banquet at the 21st Annual STMA Conference and Exhibition held at Disney’s Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

STMA recognizes STA as first International Affiliate Organization

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To be an International Affiliate, the organization must be recognized as a business entity in their country and provide proof to STMA annually; develop bylaws or other governing documents; and have a governing Board of Directors. The STA meets these requirements and officially became an STMA International Affiliate Organization last November.

In addition to sharing information and resources, STMA will list the STA on its website as an International Affiliate Organization, provide one membership annually to the President of the STA, and will offer to the membership of the STA conference registration and education and training resources at STMA member rates.

Outgoing STMA President Abby McNeal, CSFM was enthusiastic about the new partnership. “Officially establishing a relationship with the STA will help to connect our memberships and allow us to collaborate on issues common across the profession,” said McNeal. “Our Board of Directors has much respect for the work of the STA, and we know we will learn from them.”

Gord Dol, STA President, concurred. “We believe that this is an important step forward in establishing an information conduit for organizations around the world to share research, knowledge, and experience for the advancement of everyone involved in the sports turf industry.”