

One Word Describes the 2014 Conference Education Program: EXPANSIVE!

THE 2014 STMA CONFERENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM has been set! This year the tracks are: agronomics, pest control, safety, facility management, water, professional development, synthetic fields, industry developments, and construction and renovation. STMA is focused on providing conference attendees the most current, unbiased information in all aspects of sports field management to help you succeed.

The STMA Academy is back on Tuesday, January 21. Higher level learning opportunities will feature industry professionals speaking about high wear athletic fields, playability and safety of fields, weed control, and understanding weather and climate. These sessions are included in your conference registration, so make sure to plan your trip to attend.

The General Session kicks off a day filled with educational opportunities on Wednesday, January 22. Take advantage of the pest control track throughout the day and earn pesticide recertification credits. The pest control sessions will focus on improving plant

performance with plant protection products, establishing pest thresholds, insect control for the upcoming year, and turfgrass disease management.

Valuable education continues into Thursday morning on January 23. Don't miss sessions focused on new technology to manage athletic fields, organic management, field renovation, infield maintenance, player safety, stormwater best management practices, and more. Students also have education tailored specifically to their needs on Thursday. Sessions that give advice on the correct career path, mentors, and internships are provided to help students succeed upon entering the industry.

Friday morning, January 24 features five different workshops led by some of the top turfgrass educators. These interactive sessions will focus on soil, water, pest control, and field management to help attendees improve their skills and knowledge. The Innovative Sessions will then take place on the trade show floor. This year focuses on some of the most recent

improvements and technologies that have been introduced to the sports turf management industry.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with university professors, researchers, and other sports turf professionals to learn about what is happening in the industry and improve upon current practices. For a full description of all the education taking place at the conference this year, check out the conference brochure, available next month. ■

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