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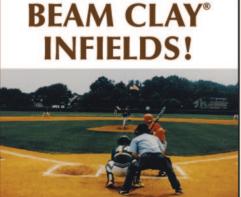
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### **STMA International Committee**

This Committee began as a Task Group in 2010 and became a full committee one year later. Its primary purpose is to position STMA as a global leader in sports facility management and as the go-to resource for those who work internationally in the industry. One way it gains recognition is by sharing association and technical information with those in the sports turf profession in other countries. The committee has reached out to international sports organizations to introduce STMA. It has developed a network of contacts in academia and in the commercial sector who work internationally and who will promote the association when traveling abroad. Much of the efforts have been centered on developing appropriate technical resources, and trans-

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lating them to Spanish. Another outcome of its work is the development of an International Affiliate Organization (IAO) designation, which is awarded to already existing international organizations that have a focus on sports turf. STMA has designated three organizations as an IAO: The Sports Turf Association (Canada), the Institute of Groundsmanship (UK) and the ABGE (Brazil). The committee will be directing its efforts to creating additional educational resources and gaining representation for STMA presenters at international conferences in 2013 and beyond. In addition to members residing in the US, the Committee has representation from members in the Netherlands, the UK, Israel, Canada and Chile.

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#### **STMA Awards Committee**

The Awards Committee judges three programs including the Field of the Year, Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year, and the Innovative awards programs. It also develops strategies to enhance these awards programs. For the Field of the Year, the Committee may present awards to five field types: Baseball, Football, Soccer, Softball and Sporting Grounds. For each field type, awards may be given in three categories: Professional, College and University, and Schools and Parks. For Minor League Baseball, it awards in four categories, Triple A, Double A, Class A and Short

Season or Rookie. The Innovative Awards program is for commercial exhibitors, and there is not a set number of awards given each year. Last year the Committee re-developed the Field of the Year program to an entirely online process for submittals and judging, and this year it further refined that process. The members of this committee spend a minimum of 15 hours reviewing applications over a 3-week period. The committee is currently discussing the creation of a new "Volunteer of the Year" award.

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