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I've participated in and enjoyed this event the past 4 years. The atmosphere is casual and the courses have been spectacular. I say it is "\*\*\*\*Highly recommended."

The Tournament will take place on Wednesday, January 18, at ChampionsGate Golf Club, about 15 minutes from the host hotel. A Greg Norman design, the International Course has the look and the feel of a British links-style course. Last year this event raised nearly \$16,000 for the SAFE Foundation to help support scholarship, education, and research funds. Registration fee includes greens fees, cart, and lunch. For more information visit [www.sportsturfmanager.org](http://www.sportsturfmanager.org), contact the STMA Show Office at [STMA@newportevents.com](mailto:STMA@newportevents.com), or call Andrea Dillinger at 866-847-8623.

Speaking of the STMA Conference, I asked some turf folks who have attended that event regularly over the years what was the best reason they knew for showing up:

"Attending the STMA Show is confirming your beliefs in your professional arena and a platform for unbelievable networking. There are many benefits to you as an individual as well as your employer." Chris from the Southwest

"I attend for all the educational opportunities it presents. Where else can you go and hear national experts speak on [information] that can be taken directly back to your operation and implemented? The networking is also an excellent opportunity to learn. You really find out that you are not the only one dealing with an issue when you attend one of the informal get-togethers in the bar!" Rob from the Midwest

"Networking is the #1 reason I attend. Re-living experiences or learning new technologies while sitting with old friends, or soon to be new friends, is the most rewarding aspect of conference. Each segment of our attendees [professional, academic, commercial] brings their experience and that helps me become a better professional." Mike from the Midwest

"To catch up with old friends, meet new friends, and get up-to-speed on new R&D in sports turf science." Pamela from the Midwest

Mandatory-PennSt-mention-dept.: Joseph M. Duich, Ph.D., professor emeritus of turfgrass science at Penn State, has been selected to receive the 2006 Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. GCSAA's most prestigious honor, the award is for individuals who "through a continuing lifetime commitment to the game of golf has helped to mold the welfare of the game in a manner and style exemplified by Old Tom Morris."

Duich has devoted a lifetime to breeding new turfgrasses and teaching hundreds of future golf course superintendents and turfgrass researchers. Congrats, Doc!



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# Remembering Dr. Henry Indyk

**This past September** STMA mourned the loss of Dr. Henry Indyk. Henry was instrumental in shaping many of today's STMA programs and services. You may recall the article by STMA Historian Dr. Kent Kurtz in the STMA's October Electronic Newsletter titled "Remembering Hank" in which he wrote, "It has been due to Henry's personal integrity and willingness to serve STMA for the benefits of others that made this man a legend."

Dr. Indyk was a professor at Rutgers University's Cook College in New Brunswick, NJ, for more than 30 years, retiring in 1990. During his tenure at Rutgers University, Henry was fully devoted to providing leadership in Extension activities relating to all facets of the turfgrass industry.

Dr. Indyk's impact on the Sports Turf Managers Association is immeasurable. In the early 1990s, Dr. Indyk was a true leader with vision and passion for this Association. He served as an STMA board member in many Board capacities. He received the prestigious STMA Henry Gill Award in 1994 and in 2000, STMA awarded him with an honorary lifetime membership. He was the inspiration for the STMA Certification program. Acting as the first chairman of the STMA Certification Committee, he led a team of sports field managers and educators to develop the Certified Sports Field Managers (CSFM) program.

Let me also share some personal experiences with Doc Indyk. He was a speaker at numerous state, national, and international conferences so he definitely was not a stranger to many STMA Conferences. I recall attending Dr. Indyk's presentations on soils and water and soil management and fertility at several of the STMA Conferences. I remember Dr. Indyk beginning his workshop saying, "I have two hours to present a semester of information on soils...so let's get started." And he did just that, the two-hour workshop flew by and you came away with a wealth of information.

Many who attended his presentations would comment, "Spoke with knowledge, enthusiasm, and love for his subjects. Very knowledgeable, with a good mix of technical, practical and humorous information."

Also, as Conference Chairman for two years, I always received in late February or early March a letter from Dr. Indyk first congratulating me on a terrific conference program, followed by two pages of suggestions on educational topics and presenters for the upcoming conference.

Earlier this year, I received a personal handwritten note from Henry congratulating me on my Presidency and saying, "May you have much success in your leadership efforts to advance the mission of STMA."



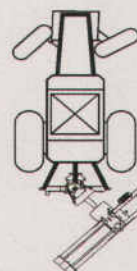
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For me Dr. Henry Indyk was a mentor, a colleague, an educator, a supporter, and also a friend. I am honored to have known Henry Indyk. Henry will be missed, but his legacy will forever be engraved in the Sports Turf Managers Association.



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