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David Doguet Receives TPI Distinguished Service Award

East Dundee, IL FEB 2008 – David Doguet, President of Bladerunner Farms in Poteet, Texas was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented to him during Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) 40th Midwinter Conference in Orlando, FL.

TPI Past President, Arthur Milberger of King Ranch Turfgrass, Bay City, Texas presented the award to Doguet on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire membership during the association's awards banquet in Orlando on February 7, 2008.

The Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize an individual who has provided outstanding devotion of time, talent and energy to TPI, its programs and objectives for five or more years.

In presenting the award, Milberger acknowledged many of Doguet's accomplishments including his active participation in the association for more than twenty years; having served on the Board for seven years including all officer positions; serving as TPI's President in 97-98; chairing TPI's Public Relations Working Group for more than a decade and having served as the host of two conventions at his farms. Milberger went on to add, "Under David's supervision and management, Bladerunner Farms now owns one of the largest collections of warm season grasses in the United States and licenses growers to produce and market these grasses in different areas of the country. For those of you who know David, or have worked with him, you've seen first hand how dedicated and committed he is to our industry and our association. It is with a great deal of honor that I present TPI's Distinguished Service Award to David Doguet of Bladerunner Farms for this dedication, commitment and contribution to TPI and the industry he so proudly represents."

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