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Early Bird Registration Discount Deadline:
Friday, January 10, 2020

Advance Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 7, 2020

2020 REGISTRATION RATES

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**Children up to age 16 are considered youth. 17 & older are adults. Must be accompanied by a conference registration.

THE CONFERENCE PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Access to All Educational Sessions
- President’s Welcome Reception
- Tuesday Kickoff Breakfast
- Tuesday Lunch & Annual Business Meeting
- Tuesday Dinner in the Exhibit Hall
- The Lawn Institute “After Hours” Dessert Reception with Disney Characters
- Field Day Registration & Transportation, including Breakfast and Lunch
- Thursday Inspirational Breakfast—All are Welcome to Join
- Thursday Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

REGISTER NOW WITH EARLY BIRD RATES!

Early Bird rates end January 10, 2020 and prices increase by $50 from January 11 through February 7, 2020. Onsite registration rates begin February 8, 2020 and are $100 higher than the prices printed above. Full pricing schedules are available online at www.TurfGrassSod.org.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

 Suppliers are required to exhibit or sponsor to participate in the conference. Suppliers may contact Geri Hannah at 1-847-649-5555 or ghannah@TurfGrassSod.org for assistance with exhibit and sponsorship information.

Join your friends and Disney characters at the “After Hours” Dessert Reception and help raise funds for The Lawn Institute with a series of raffle drawings and a live auction items, including a Donkey Forklift!
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Schedule is preliminary and subject to change.

**Family Poolside Meet-Up (Monday @ 2:30 pm)**—Don’t miss your chance to relax poolside in the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace outdoor poolside cabana area! Bring the kids and grandkids and create some TPI family memories!

**Women in Turfgrass Reception (Monday @ 4:30 pm)**—Come network with other women in our industry! Make connections and share experiences at this casual reception prior to the President’s Reception. Sponsored by RTF/Barenbrug.

**Conference Kick-off Breakfast (Tuesday @ 8:00 am)**—Meet up with friends and colleagues for breakfast. President Hank Kerfoot will review the week’s schedule.

**Annual Business Meeting w/ Lunch (Tuesday @ Noon)**—We’ve moved the Annual Business Meeting to lunch and expanded the time period to allow for plenty of time to review TPI’s new and ongoing initiatives, discuss the budget, and recognize scholarship and award winners!
GENERAL SESSION

Motivation: Key Lessons from the Linebacker
These lessons were learned in the crucible of NFL competition and apply to any team or individual looking to accomplish their mission. Teamwork – with leadership being the ultimate expression of teamwork; Courage – the courage to try new things and the courage to be decisive; Dedication – hard work, constant learning, and refusing to quit; Desire the dream, the passion, the mission; Honesty & Forgiveness – with yourself in self-evaluation and with others; and Goalsetting – the reasonable short term specific steps to success. Universal and unchanging, these key lessons will inspire and motivate your team to accomplish their goals.

Karl Mecklenburg rose from a college walk-on and twelfth round draft choice to an NFL career that included three Super Bowl and six Pro Bowl appearances. This former Denver Bronco team captain spent his entire twelve-year career in Denver and makes Colorado his home now. Mecklenburg was arguably the most versatile player in the NFL, playing all seven defensive front positions—often in the course of a single game. Karl was selected as the AFC Linebacker of the Year, AFC player of the Year, and since retiring from the NFL, has been enshrined in the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame. Mecklenburg has been a Pro Football Hall of Fame Semifinalist each of the last eight years. Mecklenburg is the only NFL legend to have earned the Certified Speaking Professional designation from the National Speakers Association. As an author and speaker Mecklenburg’s stories of teamwork and leadership are humorous and inspiring. He approaches his speaking career with the same intelligence, passion, and intensity that punctuated his great football career.

SHOW & TELL

Dan Huggett, Columbus Turf Nursery
Sod farming runs in the Huggett family starting in 1955 with his Grandfather. Today Daniel is a third generation sod farmer with his father, brother, and two cousins each having their own sod farm operations. After high school, Daniel decided to pursue electrical engineering at Michigan Technological University receiving a BSEE, specializing in computer design. He worked at IBM in Design Automation during which time Daniel met and married his wife, Jamie. They decided the grass was greener on the other side of the fence, producing natural grass sod. Daniel and Jamie bought a grain farm near Columbus Ohio starting Columbus Turf Nursery that has been a great adventure in which they raised two children. Their spare time is spent enjoying the life God has blessed them with, visiting family & friends, and traveling.

Diane Mischel, DeBuck’s Sod Farm, Inc. (Michigan)
Sod farming is a family affair for Diane Mischel. She is a third generation sod farmer, and has three cousins that also independently operate their own sod farms. After growing up on the family farm in Davison she attended Michigan State University to study turfgrass, worked at the MSU Dairy Store on campus, and also was an avid Spartan sports fan. As part of her studies she completed a summer internship with Turfgrass America, and presented at the 2006 Memphis TPI meeting about “The Value of Interns & Internships.” After graduating with a B.S. in Crop & Soils Science, she returned to the family farm and shortly after married her husband Greg, with whom she now owns and operates the farm. They have three girls, ages 10, 8, and 5, that currently all say they want to be sod farmers. After a 10 year hiatus from hobbies, Diane has recently taken up golf as suggested by Greg, which is an excellent excuse to buy new outfits, get together with friends, and have a drink.

Cliff Stewart, STEC Equipment, Inc.
Cliff grew up in the beautiful rolling hills of Central Kentucky...home of horse racing, bourbon, and Kentucky basketball. During his summer breaks from Eastern Kentucky University, he worked in golf course maintenance at his local country club. This led to an internship at the prestigious Valhalla Golf Club, where he assisted with hosting the 78th PGA Championship. Upon graduation with a BS degree in Turfgrass Science, his journey led him to sunny Arizona with stops in Sedona and Scottsdale as a golf course superintendent. After ten years in the desert, Cliff relocated to back to the south so he could spend more quality time with his immediate family. Today, he enjoys a successful career as General Manager of STEC Equipment, Inc. in Anderson, SC. In his spare time, he enjoys being on the lake fishing or boating, golfing, gardening, and spending time with his family and friends.

For additional information and updates about the education sessions, visit www.TurfGrassSod.org
BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Alternative Products for Sod Farm Diversification
We all love the sod industry, but there are plenty of other ways to make money. Whether you have ventured out into other areas of business, or just thinking about it, the panel in this session is here to provide the good, the bad, and the ugly of expanding into other operations. Whether it’s new sod products, alternative sod products, or entirely different endeavors, this is the place to ask those questions and learn from others who have been there. From corn mazes to soccer fields, or hops to topsoil, there is plenty to discuss!

Eric Heuver,
TPI Immediate Past President;
Eagle Lake Professional Landscape Supply,
Calgary, Alberta

Bob Weerts,
TPI Past President; Blue Valley Sod, Inc.,
Winnebago, Minnesota

Bobby Winstead,
TPI Past President;
Winstead Turf Farms, Inc. Arlington, TN

Adam Russell,
Mountain View Seeds
Salem, Oregon

Bidding to Win: Ensuring Your Bidding Process Leads to Financial Success
This session will introduce two cost and bid estimation software programs (Hortscape and Hortman) developed by extension faculty members of the University of Georgia for landscape installation and maintenance firms, respectively. These programs will help develop bid estimates based on a more holistic cost approach that ensures that winning bids do not result in business losses, due to omission of certain cost components. In this session, the discussion of these programs will allow for the clarification of important business, financial, and operating concepts that affect the business and economic viability, not just of individual projects, but of the entire business operation.

Cesar L. Escalante, PhD,
University of Georgia
Cesar L. Escalante is professor at the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia. He has been a university faculty member for more than eighteen years now. He currently has teaching, research, and extension responsibilities in the areas of agricultural finance and agribusiness management. He has published many articles in issues related to farm credit, finance, and management as well as on several topics in labor, health, and development economics. Dr. Escalante obtained his M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He graduated with a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Consumer Perspectives on their Lawns: Captivate their Emotional Side
Connect better with consumers by understanding their emotional connection to their lawn. Their emotions about their lawn are just as important as their economic concerns. Bridget will share information about how to better communicate with potential customers by helping you understand how they feel about their lawn.

Bridget Behe, PhD,
Michigan State University
Dr. Bridget Behe is a professor of Horticulture at Michigan State University. She joined the faculty at MSU in 1997 after working an eight-year stint at Auburn University in Alabama. She earned her PhD from Penn State after earning an M.S. from The Ohio State University. Before that, she earned simultaneous B.S. degrees, one in horticulture and one in agricultural education, from Penn State University. Dr. Behe investigates the consumer preferences, perceptions, and purchases of horticultural crops and has conducted studies and published results on the value of bee-friendly pest management strategies, branded transplants, sustainable/local/organic products, the perceived value of good landscaping, and contributed to the understanding of how age and ethnicity influence American gardening purchases and participation. Most exciting is her recent collaborative work with eye-tracking glasses to better understand what consumers see and what they ignore in ads, displays, and the shopping experience.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS (continued)

Communication and the Family
The following session will explore communication best practices in the family. This will include a discussion of inter-generational family dynamics, and the impact of evolving family rules, norms, and shared beliefs. Conflict management strategies and models of preserving the family story will also be presented.

Managing, Motivating, and Compensating Your Sales Staff
Does your company struggle to find good, strong sales staff in today's competitive market? Learn what other successful companies are doing as this panel of industry leaders shares their experiences and best practices for identifying sales staff, training new and existing staff, and compensating them fairly in accordance with the market.

Michelle Dusseau and a panel of growers

Michelle Dusseau, PhD,
University of Central Florida
Michelle Dusseau is an instructor of human communication in the Nicholson School of Communication and Media at the University of Central Florida. She has taught a variety of courses including gender communication, family communication, nonverbal communication, group dynamics and conflict management. Dusseau earned a bachelor's degree in interpersonal and organizational communication and a master's degree in corporate communication and technology, both from Rollins College.

Herbicide Resistance and How it Will Affect Your Business
Herbicide resistance is an emerging problem affecting producers of both warm and cool-season turfgrasses worldwide. The key to avoiding resistance in annual grass, broadleaf, and sedge species is to apply a diversity of weed control measures—chemical, cultural, and mechanical. Attendees of this presentation will learn how poor management decisions lead to the presence of resistant weeds in warm- and cool-season sod and what can be done to avoid this problem from happening to them.

Jim Brosnan, PhD,
University of Tennessee
Jim Brosnan, PhD, is a professor in the department of plant sciences at the University of Tennessee and leader of their Weed Diagnostics Center. He earned his B.S. in turfgrass science from Penn State University, an M.S. in plant, soil and insect sciences (turfgrass) from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and his PhD in agronomy from Penn State University. Brosnan's research focuses on effective and economical strategies for broadleaf and grassy weed control in various turfgrass systems, including golf courses, athletic fields, and residential landscapes. He is also interested in the effects of plant growth regulators on both warm and cool-season turfgrasses.

Office Management Software
Want some new ideas for the office? Maybe you missed this popular session at the 2018 Conference? The members of this panel will dive into further discussions on business office best management practices, software, and other innovative practices to help offices run smoothly.

Hank Kerfoot, TPI President and a panel of growers

Mapping and Monitoring Turfgrass Cooling Effects (TLI-sponsored research)
Turfgrasses don’t waste water, people and faulty irrigation systems can waste water. This seminar will review the benefits of having natural grass vs. artificial turf or no turf; will address turfgrass water conservation from every angle including species/cultivar choices, cultural practices (especially irrigation and fertilization strategies); and will include the latest results from studies that investigated irrigation requirements on different turf species and cultivars conducted at the University of California, Riverside.

Marco Schiavon, PhD,
University of Florida
Marco Schiavon, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences - Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida. His primary research interests include potable water conservation for irrigating turfgrass areas, salinity management, and physiology of turfgrass in response to drought stress. He received a BS in Agronomical Sciences in 2005 and a MS in Agronomy in 2008 both from University of Padua, Italy, and a PhD in Agronomy in 2013 from New Mexico State University. In 2013, he moved to UCR where he worked as a Postdoctoral Scholar until December 2016. He has published 21 refereed journal articles and obtained a USGA grant for his PhD project.
Sod Farming from an International Perspective
Come learn as TPI members Albrecht Knigge of Hanover, Germany and John Keleher of Queensland, Australia share about their sod growing experiences and the natural grass industry in their countries.

Challenges of Cool-Season Natural Grass Production and Marketing in Europe
Albrecht F.J. Knigge, Rasenland Pattensener
Al grew up on an arable farm near Hanover, Germany which has been in his family since the 13th century. After graduating in agriculture at Plymouth University, England, he joined his father’s newly-started turf enterprise in 1996. Since then Albrecht has developed the business and taken the position of Owner/Director and set up additional turf farms under the brand name of “Rasenland”. He is a founding member and was the first President of the German Turfgrass Association and is now the current president of the European Turfgrass Producers Association. He is married to Caroline, they have four children, and in his free time, he enjoys flying, shooting, and skiing.

Profitable Pricing-It’s Working Down Under
John Keleher, Australian Lawn Concepts; TPI Board of Trustees
Currently the Managing Director of Australian Lawn Concepts (ALC), Glenview Turf, CT Lawns, and Firefly Automatic Australia, John Keleher began his turfgrass career with the purchase of his first turfgrass farm in 2004 in the Gold Coast Hinterland. John’s previous life began on the family farm and then onto university, where he trained as an agronomist. He applied those skills in research and development with major fertiliser/chemical companies and then in sales before establishing and operating a rural consulting business and leasing farming land. This background proved invaluable for his foray into the turfgrass industry. John, along with his business partner Sandy Bauman, has developed his farm into one of Australia’s leading turfgrass suppliers located in southeast Queensland. ALC now produces more than 150 hectares of warm-season grasses and has embraced innovations in irrigation, fertigation, harvesting, and on-farm management practices such as precision agriculture. In 2016, ALC installed the first variable-rate irrigation system in the Australian turfgrass industry. ALC continues to drive investments on its own and within the wider turfgrass industry to improve best management practices of turfgrass growing.

Ten Social Media Best Practices to Win More Customers
As technologies evolve and become more accessible, growers and retailers can use e-marketing (online marketing campaigns) to boost sales, build new partnerships, and pursue up- and down-stream integration strategies. This presentation will provide businesses with the best practices to plan your social media marketing strategies. Participants will learn how to develop messages to attract current and new customers, as well as how to schedule and track the return of social media strategies.

Ariana Torres, PhD, Purdue University
Dr. Ariana Torres has over 10 years of experience working on the intersection of economics and the specialty crops industry. Her extension program, Horticulture Business (www.hort.purdue.edu/hortbusiness), provides decision-making tools and information for specialty crop growers, as well as training to stakeholders. She works closely with a range of specialty crop growers including turfgrass, fruit and vegetable, and ornamental operations. Her expertise includes the economic modeling of adoption of new technologies, the development of decision-making tools for specialty crop growers, and the economic impact of growers decision-making processes.

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Federal Trucking Regulations and Agricultural Commodity Exemptions

The U.S. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) recently enacted new trucking regulations that impact Hours of Service (HOS) and Electronic Logging Devices (ELDs) for sod haulers. These new regulations have called into question the definition of Agricultural Commodities and has left sod haulers in limbo. This session will cover the background and current status of U.S. sod hauling regulations as well as TPI’s efforts to make sure that sod producers are included in current and future agricultural exemptions.

Casey Reynolds, PhD, Executive Director, TPI

Dr. Casey Reynolds has been the Executive Director of TPI since May 2017, and prior to that he served as Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist at Texas A&M University and as a researcher at North Carolina State University. Dr. Reynolds has also been in direct communication with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration since Phase II of the new ELD mandate took effect, and is working with them to make sure that sod producers are fully and accurately represented in federal trucking regulations.

#KeepItREAL: Natural Grass Research and Promotion

TPI is actively and routinely engaged with regulatory agencies that want to limit turfgrass use. While this often goes unseen, these behind-the-doors battles have the potential to impact turfgrass producers everywhere. Attendees in this session will learn about TPI’s involvement in defending and promoting natural grass to the many agencies that wish to limit it.

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**Rootin’ Tootin’ Clay Shootin’**

**Monday, February 17th**  
8:30 am – 2:30 pm  
$195 – Member / $280 – Non-Member

Support TLI and help fund research, public relations, and scholarships for the turfgrass production industry! Back by popular demand, TLI is offering the Rootin’ Tootin’ Clay Shootin’ Tournament again in 2020! Teams of four will compete at different stations to determine who has the most accurate shot with awards for top performers. Breakfast and lunch are both included.

**Please note that the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace, like all Disney affiliated hotels, does not allow guns on property. Any Clay Shoot participants who choose to bring their own gun(s) will need to make their own arrangements to store the gun(s) at a location away from hotel property. Guns will be provided onsite at the Rootin’ Tootin’ Clay Shootin’ Tournament for those who do not wish to bring their own.**

**Wild Florida Tour**

**Monday, February 17th**  
9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
$120 – Member / $200 – Non-Member  
*Minimum age is 5.*

A visit into the Florida Everglades will be the wildest adventure you experience in Central Florida. The Everglades start here! Enjoy a closer look at alligators & exotic wildlife as your guests glide through 4,200 acres of untouched nature preserve on an exclusive airboat ride. Experience a part of Florida that hasn’t changed much from when early pioneers arrived in covered wagons in the 1800s. Climb aboard a U.S. Coast Guard certified airboat and catch a glimpse of alligators, eagles, turkeys, wild boars, roseate spoonbills, and other native creatures. Or stroll through the Gator and Wildlife Park where you can see lemurs, sloths, zebras, and other animals native to South America, Africa, and Australia. Lunch is included.

**Note:** This tour involves walking in some locations. Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.

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**OPEN WORKING GROUP & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Are you interested in volunteering on a TPI Working Group or a TLI Committee? Do you have ideas for membership growth, conference education topics, or fundraising that you would like to contribute? Join in on any of the working group or committee meetings during the TPI 2020 International Education Conference and Field Day and learn about volunteering. Visit www.TurfGrassSod.org or contact TPI HQ at 847-649-5555 for the committee meeting schedule.
ACCOMMODATIONS

Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace (Disney Springs Area)
1900 East Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830
https://book.passkey.com/e/49888662
Hotel Reservations: (855)-757-4984

TPI has negotiated with the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace to offer the special room rate of $229.00+ Tax with resort fees waived. To reserve a room, use the link above or contact the hotel directly at (855)-757-4984 and tell them you are with TPI to receive the discounted rate.

*Reservations must be made at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace by Monday, January 27, 2020. Please note that once the room block is full, the rate and/or room may no longer be available, even if prior to January 27, 2020 so be sure to make your reservations early.

Important Note: there are two Hilton hotels with similar names across the street from each other. Please be sure you go to the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace on Buena Vista Drive (not the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista on Hotel Plaza Boulevard).

DISNEYWORLD TICKETS

TPI guests who are registered at the Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace can purchase specially-priced Disney Tickets, good for seven days before and seven days after the TPI conference.

Visit https://mydisneygroup.com/tpi2020 to purchase your tickets. Tickets purchased from this site will be valid for use from February 10th – February 27th.
Don’t Miss the raffle drawings and Live Auction at The Lawn Institute’s “After Hours” Dessert Reception

Tuesday, February 18th from 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Relax with your friends and colleagues for the delightful "After Hours" Dessert Reception and help raise funds for The Lawn Institute with a series of raffle drawings and live auction items, including a Donkey Forklift! There will be a selection of items available for both the raffles and the live auction, all benefitting The Lawn Institute. Watch your inbox and upcoming issues of Turf News for information about a variety of items that will be available!

Donkey Forklift to be Auctioned to Benefit The Lawn Institute

A Donkey Forklift, model M12-5K, will be auctioned off, courtesy of Hol-Mac Corporation, with a starting bid of $25,000 USD*. Estimated retail value of $49,689. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to TLI.

* Minimum bid: $25,000.00

Model: M12-5K  
Capacity: 5000 lbs  
Engine: 3 cylinder Kubota Diesel  
Load Spacing: 64 inch  
Rear Drive Selection: 3 wheel drive  
Tire Package: 31 x 10.5 x 15 BF Goodrich 6 ply All Terrain T/A Radials (w/tire sealant) & Turf Steer (w/Foam)  
Wheels: Chrome  
Mast: 120 inch lift 2 stage  
Fork Reach: 44 inch  
Headboard: 48 inch  
Forks: 48 inch pallet  
Standard Equipment: Strobe Light, Smart Backup Alarm, Salt/Corrosion Package, Safety Training Manual, Safety Training Video  
Optional Equipment: Donkey Glide System, Donkey Sounding Horn, Extension Step, Extra Mast Tube, Fork Positioner, Mirror, Heavy Duty Tilt Cylinders, Rear 150 lbs Counterweight, Sunshade  
Mount Selection: Basic Large Plate Kit

The Lawn Institute is hosting a bucket draw and there are so many terrific prizes! Purchase a bucket draw ticket, and you’ll have a chance of winning one or more exciting items.

Tickets are $25 each or five for $100.

The winning tickets will be pulled during the TPI 2020 International Education Conference & Field Days events in Orlando, Florida. Winner need not be present to win.

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