



21. DAYS OF EDUCATION

12th and 13th Novemer 2019 in Hotel Bernardin, Portorož

Tuesday, 12.11.2019

8:00-8:45 REGISTRATION

8:45-9:00 BOŠTJAN ZUPAN (Chairman of Slovenian Greenkeeper Association)
»Opening of 21. Days of Education«

9:00-9:45 BRUCE WILLIAMS (CGCS, past President of GCSAA)
»Golf Course Staffing, Operations, Hiring, Training, Organizing, Managing and Planning«

9:45-10:30 prof.dr. PAT VITTUM (Professor and Associate Director, CAFE, Umass)
»Biological Control of Turf Insects«

Bacteria, nematodes, and fungi that can be used to reduce insect populations (how they work, how they should be used). Examples of each and suggestions that might make them more effective.

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK - Sponsored by **FLORATINE**

11:00-11:45 ANDREW WILSON (Director of Agronomy, Bethpage State Park)
»The Preparations for the PGA Championship and the Restoration Efforts on the Turfgrass«

Andrew will recount his experience on hosting the Championship, covering agronomic planning, planning with the PGA and event build out, plus the effect from hosting such a large event on our other 4 courses.

11:45-12:30 DELPHINE TSENG (President of Landseer Communications&Consulting)
»Be the Best You Can Be Tomorrow: Let's Start Today! (Part One of the Public Speaking Workshop)«

This is a two-part presentation. In the first part, Delphine goes through how she started working in the golf industry and how she uses everyday opportunities to grow stronger, be better. There will be different techniques and areas of public speaking demonstrated in this presentation, which the attendees will have a chance to practice in person in Part Two of this workshop.

12:30-13:30 LUNCH



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13:30-14:15 DAVID SERRA (European Account Manager, Herbatech)

»Back to the Basics«

His point of view with his Headgreenkeeper background. What really matters.

14:15-15:00 ANDREW WILSON (Director of Agronomy, Bethpage State Park)

»Make Efficient Use of Fertilizer and Experiments with Cultural Techniques to Provide Quality Turf at a Value Price«

Andrew has worked at Bethpage for near 30 years, exploring new cultural techniques, turfgrass tools and products in effort to reduce the park's environmental impact while providing golfers enjoyable conditions.

15:00-15:15 COFFEE BREAK - Sponsored by ZEHETBAUER FERTIGRASEN GmbH

15:15-16:00 prof.dr. PAT VITTUM (Professor and Associate Director, CAFE, Umass)

»Biology and Management of White Grubs«

She will discuss the life cycle, especially when the grubs are smallest and easiest to "control" with the biological control options you have and cultural things you can do to reduce damage (e.g., timing of aerification). She will finish with a description of the biological control options you have that might work (and how to give those products the best change to work).

16:00-17:00 OPEN DISCUSSION – all speakers will be available for Q&A

19:00 DINNER



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9:00-9:45 BRUCE JAMIESON (Toro Consultant Agronomist)
»New Methods for Building a Green on an Existing Course«

9:45-10:30 KNEALE DIAMOND (European Sales Manager Capillary Concrete)
»Bunker Design, Maintenance and Renovations in General«

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK - Sponsored by PROCHASKA GmbH (Toro)

11:00-11:45 Mag. MICHAEL BERLIN (Zehetbauer Fertigrasen)
»Keep Cool!«

Green solutions to tackle the climate crisis. This is mainly about turf solutions to help reducing heat in cities and to reduce transportation.

11:45-12:30 BRUCE WILLIAMS (CGCS, past President of GCSAA)
»Mastering Your Communication Skills«

12:30-13:30 DELPHINE TSENG (President of Landseer Communications&Consulting)
»The Best Story Ever Told: Yours! (Part Two of the Public Speaking Workshop) «

Let's turn the spotlight on YOU! Now it's your time to shine! The attendees will be grouped into groups, each group will be given a topic (turf/greenkeeping-related and otherwise, because we need public speaking in every day of our lives) to discuss, and one person from each group will come on stage to speak to the room for three minutes about their topic. Delphine will go to each group to assist in the preparation process.

13:30 CONCLUSSION OF 21. DAYS OF EDUCATION

13:40 LUNCH