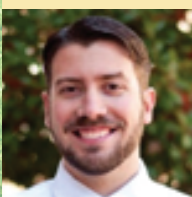


Speakers' Biography 講者簡歷



Prof. Paul Raymer is a professor at the University of Georgia's Griffin Campus where he leads the turfgrass breeding program and conducts research. His program is focused on the development of improved cultivars of seashore paspalum, tall fescue, zoysiagrass, and creeping bentgrass for a range of fine turf and environmental applications. Goals are to develop cultivars for high-stress environments with improved salt tolerance, drought tolerance, and disease resistance. Research interests include genetics of salinity tolerance in grasses, development of herbicide resistance systems for turfgrasses, transgenic breeding, and use of enzymes to alleviate localized dry spot and control thatch. Dr. Raymer's latest cultivar release, 'SeaBreeze' seashore paspalum will be available for commercial sales later in 2024.



Prof. David Jespersen is an associate professor at the University of Georgia in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences. Dr. Jespersen joined the University of Georgia in 2016 after receiving his PhD from Rutgers University under Dr. Bingru Huang. His current research focuses on environmental stresses in turfgrasses, focusing on how heat, drought, salinity, and other abiotic stresses affect turfgrass physiology. His research approach combines whole plant physiology and molecular biology to understand the mechanisms plants use to tolerate these stresses and how to help turf areas better survive stressful conditions."



Prof. Clint Waltz is a professor in the Department of Crop and Soil Science at the University of Georgia's Griffin campus and has state-wide responsibilities in all turfgrass management areas, including turfgrass water management. Additionally, he serves as an ex officio board member for the Georgia Urban Ag. Council and serves on committees for the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association. In 2017 he was recognized by the Turfgrass Producers International with the Turfgrass Educator Award of Excellence. Clint is well published in scientific journals and makes regular contributions to the newsletters of the State's trade associations. Furthermore, he makes numerous presentations from a range of turfgrass professionals to county extension agents and homeowner groups. Clint has been responsible for the turfgrass website www.GeorgiaTurf.com.



Dr. Eric Yin Tse Lee – A botanist turned turf professional. He joined the Hong Kong Golf Club in 1975 as their Head Greenkeeper then in 1976 Hong Kong Jockey to build the turf track in the new racecourse in Sha Tin. As early as 1986, he was cited by USGA's official journal "Turf Management" as perhaps the most knowledgeable turf professional in this part of the world. He was involved literally in all the major turf projects in Hong Kong & neighboring areas including the first golf course built in China, i.e. Zhongshan Hot Spring Golf Course. In 1986, he delivered the first paper to the Chinese turf professionals on the managing concept of a golf course in the First Turfgrass Conference held in China. He joined the ITGAP group in 2013 as an Inspector in Far-east Asia safe-guarding genetic purity of the turfgrass introduced in the area. In recognizing his 40 some years of services and contribution in the field of turf management, he was awarded the Honor Credential as "Outstanding Turf Professional" by The China Grass Association, PRC in October 2023.



Mr. Darry Koster received his BSc degree in Horticulture Science from Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas, USA. He began his professional career working as an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent in Texas, and was promoted to Golf Course Superintendent within 2 years. He has 41 years of international experience having worked in the following countries: Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong and Mexico. In addition to his work experience, Mr. Koster has been actively involved in various associations, which include the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, and is currently the acting President of the South China Turf Managers Association. He is currently working as the Courses Manager at Hong Kong Golf Club.



Mr. Xiaohuan Zhang is the Chairman of Meizhou Meixian District Football Association, Honorary Chairman of Meizhou Football Association, Deputy Director of China Grass Association Games, Vice President of Guangzhou Liwan District Football Association, Unit Member of Guangdong Provincial Football Association, and founder of JMY SPORTS. He has been focusing on football fields for more than 10 years and has rich experience in sports field design, construction and maintenance management. He led the design, construction and management of a number of well-known football fields, including the Xixiang Sports Center of the World University Games; Fuli Chelsea Football School Football Stadium; Guangzhou University City Fuli Football Club Training Base; Guangdong Provincial People's Football Stadium, Yuexiu Mountain Stadium, Southern China Football Training Base, with the No.1 football field receiving the highest score of 97 points in the Asia Pacific region for the Labosports testing certificate for warm season grasses.



Prof. Jixiong Sun obtained his BSc degree from the Gansu Agricultural University. His research specializes in turf ecology, turf grass breeding, turf construction, turf economics, turf commercialization, pasture and turf resources utilization and sustainable development. He has put forward the theory and practice for integrated turf classification and policy for the quantitative introduction of turfgrass, as well as the concepts for modern turf, ecological turf and turf engineering. He has 40 years of research experience in turf science and environmental science, he published over 80 articles, and is the chief editor for a number of turf science journals. He was awarded the Honor Credential as "Outstanding Turf Professional" by The China Grass Association, PRC in October 2023 in recognizing his 40 some years of services and contribution in the field of turf management.

Our Words The Organizers are proud to present this joint seminar, the 6th one in our Practical Turf Management Series, with the keen participation of a team of turf professors from the University of Georgia, USA. Other than local and mainland turf experts, we are fortunate to have the support of three turf professors from the birthplace of many well-known warm-season turfgrasses to share with us their knowledge and experience on turf management; something that happened once 10 years ago. The seminar will provide a common ground and platform to meet and share our experience and views. We are convinced that it will broaden and deepen our understanding and knowledge of turf management. More importantly, we can keep up this meaningful contact between the two turf institutes 7,000 miles apart. Time lapses fast indeed. This year marks the 11th Anniversary of our joint seminar with the University of Georgia professors in 2013. As we are all aware that University of Georgia is the the cradle of nearly all the dominating cultivars of warm-season grasses, starting from the pioneering work by Prof. Burger in the 70's and onwards, the release of the Tifton grass series commencing the 70's then followed by the releases of a series improved/hybrid bermudagrass such as Tifgreen (Tifton 328), Tifway (Tifton 419), TifDwarf, TifSport, TifEagle, TifGrand, so on and so forth. In addition, in more recent years, the University has contributed a lot on the research on developing new strands of improved Seashore Paspalum such as Salam, Sealsles 1, SeaSuprme, Sea Spray, (a seeded selection), SeaBreeze (a hybrid selection). These professors also work in the University's Extension Section with the roles of consulting/advising local turf industry.

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