

4 to 6 March at Pattaya, Thailand

Sustainable Turfgrass Management in Asia 2024



Overview: Please join the Thai GCSA and delegates from around the world in Pattaya this March for three days of turfgrass education, networking opportunities, and an exhibition of products and equipment.

Venue: Classroom seminars will be held on March 4 and March 6 at the Amari Pattaya. The March 5 field day and trade exhibition is at Laem Chabang International Country Club. Recommended hotels with TGCSA conference rates are the Amari Pattaya (THB 3800–4400), OZO North Pattaya (2600), A-ONE (1400–2200), Mercure Pattaya (2800), and ibis Pattaya (1300).



Monday, March 4: Seminars at the Amari Pattaya conference room start at 09:00 on topics including minimizing disease damage, herbicide modes of action, carbon sequestration, maintaining high quality turfgrass with less water, and a forum on sustainable turfgrass management. The conference dinner party, with a Songkran theme, is at 18:00 at the Amari.

Tuesday, March 5: Buses will bring conference delegates from the Amari to Laem Chabang International Country Club for the turfgrass field day. We will consider topics related to the topics of our invited speakers and sponsoring companies, and will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues from around the world during the trade exhibition. Buses will bring us back to Pattaya in the late afternoon.

Wednesday, March 6: Seminars start at 09:00 at the Amari, with topics related to water use, the traits of successful golf course superintendents, the characteristics of different grass species, and management of troublesome turfgrass weeds.



Michael Bekken, Ph.D.

Bekken is a Research Scientist at the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy (NIBIO). The goal of his research is to develop metrics and tools that help quantify, contextualize, and improve the efficiency of water, energy, fertilizer, and pesticide use on golf courses. He also studies carbon cycling and climate change.



Devon Carroll, Ph.D.

Carroll is Solution Development Manager for Turf & Ornamental Weed Management in North America with Envu, focused on creating innovative products for weed control. Her research has included studies of *Poa annua* biology, *Eleusine indica* control, *Cynodon dactylon* tolerance to herbicides, and non-chemical weed management methods.



Bruce Williams, CGCS

Williams was born and raised on a golf course and is the son of renowned golf course superintendent Bob Williams. Bruce was GCSAA president in 1996, and has been in industry leadership positions for 4 decades, and has trained 164 men and women who have gone on to become superintendents or who obtained Ph.D. degrees.



Micah Woods, Ph.D.

Woods is President and Chief Scientist of the Asian Turfgrass Center and Director of the PACE Turf information service. He has been involved with the MLSN project since its inception in 2012, and his research into turfgrass nutrition, growth rate, and organic matter is applied around the world.

Full conference details, schedule and updates at the conference website: stmia.asianturfgrass.com Contact the Thai GCSA with questions at the website or directly at thaigolf.superintendent@gmail.com