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Dr. Harry Niemczyk Receives TPI Honorary Membership Award

East Dundee, IL FEB 2008– Dr. Harry Niemczyk, Emeritus Professor Turfgrass Entomology at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, The Ohio State University, Wooster, Ohio, was the proud recipient of the Turfgrass Producers International (TPI) Honorary Member Award presented to him at TPI’s Midwinter Conference in Orlando, Florida.

TPI Past President. Louis Brooking, Jr., owner of Brookmeade Sod Farm in Doswell, VA presented the award to Niemczyk during the association’s annual awards banquet at SeaWorld of Florida on February 7, 2008.

During his opening remarks, Brooking reflected on Niemczyk’s career and dedication to serving the turfgrass industry stating, “Dr. Harry Niemczyk is Emeritus Professor Turfgrass Entomology at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, The Ohio State University, Wooster, Ohio. He has been a member of the faculty since 1964. His research on behavior and mobility of pesticides in turf and the biology, ecology, and control of insects and other arthropods in turfgrass has been published in scientific journals and frequently in trade publications. His own book, “Destructive Turf Insects” which he collaborated with Dr. David Shetler, continues to be a practical guide serving turfgrass producers, sports field managers, lawn service operators, golf course superintendents and students. He is a private consultant to the turfgrass management industry, and has developed training and insect control programs for lawn care firms, turfgrass sod farms and golf courses”.

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Brooking went on to add, “Dr. Harry Niemczyk has been the proud recipient of the Professional Excellence, Man-of-the-Year, and Lifetime Membership awards from the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation; he is involved in numerous associations in addition to TPI, and he is an active participant on The Lawn Institute Research Committee. I can’t recall a TPI Conference or Convention where Dr. Harry Niemczyk wasn’t present. It should also be pointed out that TPI’s Honorary Membership Award was established in 1973 to recognize an individual who has contributed to the research, planting, growing and marketing of turfgrass sod. In TPI’s 40 year history, only 24 individuals have been designated Honorary Members. The TPI Board is deeply honored and especially proud to present our most prestigious award - - Honorary TPI Membership to Dr. Harry Niemczyk.”

Upon accepting the award, Dr. Niemczyk expressed his heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to TPI and thanked everyone in attendance for the warmth and friendship they have extended to him throughout his career.

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