

ATRF Celebrates it's 10th Anniversary

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It's hard to believe that the Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation (ATRF) will be celebrating it's tenth anniversary this year. The Foundation was started by a group of dedicated turfgrass managers back in 1997 to secure funding for turfgrass research. Many of those gentlemen are still serving on the Board of ATRF to insure the second decade is as prosperous as the first. Our current Board of Directors are as follows:

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Much has changed since the initial conception of ATRF. The Foundation has successfully raised over \$165,000 from members of the turfgrass industry. ATRF has funded over 13 research projects totaling over \$75,000. Plus, ATRF has secured funding for future research through their investments and yearly commitments from industry members and companies. Another change with ATRF is the hiring of Tricia Roberts to handle the administrative and marketing duties for the Foundation. She will be the contact for the Foundation as well as the Alabama Turfgrass Association. You may reach her at 334-821-3000 or P.O. Box 2887, Auburn, AL 36831.

The many accomplishments of the Foundation is directly related to the industry's support. We thank the members of the Alabama Golf Course Superintendents Association for their continued support of our efforts. Many of you have contributed personally as well as jointing through your association which has donated over \$26,000 to-date. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to a continuous relationship with AGCSA. We hope to see you at the next ATRF fundraiser, the *Poa annua* Classic, at FarmLinks Golf Course on April 30th!

Fans and Syringing for Bentgrass Greens	Bentgrass Greens Thatch Removal in Home Lawns
Virginia Buttonweed Control	Centipedegrass Liming & Fertilizer Issues
Sulfonyl Urea Herbicides for Use in Southern Turf Lovegrass Management in Zoysiagrass Sod Production	Evaluation of Zoysiagrass Cultivars in Stress-Causing Situations
Sodium Azide Uses for Methyl Bromide Replacement and as a Nematocide	Bentgrass Experimental Cultivars
Mesotrione for Control of Perennial Crabgrass Species and Bermudagrass in Centipede and St. Augustine Grasses	Disease Management Strategies for Controlling Spring Dead Spot in a Tifway Bermudagrass Fairway
Velocity and V-10142 for <i>Poa annua</i> var. reptans Control in Creeping	

With the celebration of ATRF's 10th Anniversary, ATRF will publish it's first Annual Report in late spring to give contributors a review of all the research projects completed and ongoing. Some of the projects to be included are listed in the following chart: