



# GGEF

Georgia Golf Environmental Foundation



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## From the GGEF Chairman

After thoughtful consideration by the GGEF Board of Trustees, we have approved a total of \$25,000 in funding for two research projects in 2008. We look forward to reviewing the results of these important studies!

**Evaluation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) Program.** *(Drs. Clint Waltz and Bob Carrow, UGA Crop & Soil Sciences)* Since the BMP program came to fruition in May 2007, questions regarding the collected information have arose from regulatory bodies, the golf industry, and the academic area. The information submitted from each respondent is variable, yet vast with information regarding golf course management and the irrigation practices used to maintain various types of facilities. We propose analyzing this information to determine reasonable water use estimates, where BMPs can be strengthened to achieve additional water conservation objectives, and find novel practices that can be shared industry-wide. A comprehensive document will be prepared to detail the information within the collective BMPs. The GGEF has committed \$5,000 to this research initiative.

**A Novel Method to Facilitate Biodethatching Using Fungal Laccases.** *(Dr. Qingguo Huang, UGA Crop & Soil Sciences)* This two year project will study the decomposition of organic matter using enzyme technology. The project focus is on reducing organic matter through processes other than manual aerification. The GGEF has committed \$20,000 over the next two years for the study, with matching funds provided by GCSAA's Environmental Institute for Golf.

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