

# Sustainable Turfgrass Management in Asia 2015

9 to 11 March

Pattaya, Thailand

at the Amari Ocean Pattaya, Siam Country Club Waterside, and Laem Chabang International CC

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## Registration, Venues, and Costs

Conference registration opens in January. The fee is 9,500 THB, inclusive of all conference educational sessions, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, and transport to the field day and turfgrass management exposition. The fee for TGCSA members and guests is 7,500 THB.

The conference will be held at the Amari Ocean Pattaya. Hotel rooms will be available at the Amari Garden Pattaya from 2800 THB/night, at the Fairtex Pattaya from 1600 THB/night, and at the Peace Hotel from 1300 THB/night.

Additional information about the conference, hotel bookings, registration, speaker profiles, seminar topics, photos, and downloads from previous conferences, are all available at the conference website, [www.asianturfseminar.com](http://www.asianturfseminar.com).

## Schedule of Activities

### Sunday, 8 March, pre-conference seminar at Laem Chabang International CC

#### Monday, 9 March, Amari Ocean Pattaya

08:00 registration desk opens  
09:00 Isaac, Performance Testing at the Open Championship  
09:40 Waltz, Surface Firmness: measurement, interpretation, and use  
11:00 Wang, Improving Turf Quality: a case study from China  
12:00 Lunch  
13:00 Brosnan, Herbicide Resistance Issues of Golf Course Turf  
13:50 Cheong, Golf Course Management in Malaysia: from cowgrass to ultradwarf  
14:20 Patricio, Empowerment: pro-active maintenance for courses w/ limited budget  
15:10 Nanrum, Simple Tips & Tricks in management of golf courses in Thailand  
15:40 Woods, Playing with Numbers  
16:15 All speakers, Questions and Discussion Forum  
18:00 Conference dinner

#### Tuesday, 10 March, Siam CC Waterside & Laem Chabang International CC

08:30 last bus departs from Amari Garden Pattaya parking lot  
09:15 Field Day at Siam CC Waterside, on-course education sessions  
11:15 Lunch  
13:00 AGIF Turfgrass Management Exposition at Laem Chabang International CC  
17:00 Golf at Laem Chabang chipping course  
18:30 Dinner  
20:00 First bus departs from Laem Chabang clubhouse for Amari Garden Pattaya

#### Wednesday, 11 March, Amari Ocean Pattaya

morning concurrent sessions, choose one  
09:00 Brosnan, Enhanced Management of Golf Course Weeds  
09:00 Waltz, Putting Green Management in a High-definition World  
12:00 Lunch  
13:00 Woods on fertilizer  
13:15 Brosnan on bermudagrass off-types  
13:30 Wang on weeds, old grasses, and new grasses in Asia  
13:45 Waltz on soil amendments  
14:00 Isaac on sustainability initiatives at the Open Championship  
14:15 Questions and Discussion Forum  
15:00 Conference ends

#### Thursday, 12 March, optional golf in Chonburi for conference delegates

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Turfgrass Management in Asia conference. Hundreds of delegates from around the world come together in Thailand to learn about the latest tools and techniques for sustainable golf course and turfgrass management.

The conference is organized by the Thai Golf Course Superintendents Association and Asian Turfgrass Center for the Thailand Golf Association, with support from The R&A. For a 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, the AGIF will work together with the TGCSA to put on the Turfgrass Management Exposition.



This one-day seminar about designing, building, and maintaining extraordinary golf courses in Southeast Asia will be held from 9:30 to 16:00 at Laem Chabang International CC on 8 March.

The focus is on understanding and implementing the design principles and playing conditions from the world's greatest golf courses. How can these ideas be applied on golf courses in Southeast Asia?

Paul Jansen, who designed the best new course in Asia Pacific 2013 (Laguna Lang Co, Vietnam) together with Sir Nick Faldo, will speak on ground contours and sand bunkers.

Pirapon Namatra, who designed and built Banyan GC, the best new course in Asia Pacific 2009, will advise on how to go about building such courses in the ASEAN region.

It is no coincidence that those award-winning courses were built in similar ways. Micah Woods will explain why important decisions about soils and grassing can lead to improved course conditions and playability.

**New for 2015!**

**Pre-conference seminar on 8 March  
Golf Course Design, Build, and Maintain: a different way?**

fee 500 THB includes lunch, registration at the door



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