



*In August 1996, research scientists from around the world gathered for a research workshop at Michigan State University, highlighting Recent Cellular and Molecular Genetic Approaches to Turfgrass Improvement. The workshop was co-sponsored by Michigan State University, the USGA Green Section, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, and the Michigan Turfgrass Foundation. Over the last decade, tremendous efforts have been made to improve turfgrass species by traditional breeding and cellular and molecular techniques. Many scientists conducting these studies have not had the opportunity to discuss their research results in a national or international workshop format, and little collaboration exists among scientists working on the different aspects of turfgrass improvement. The workshop was successful in bringing together experts for idea sharing, problem solving, networking, and the identification of research needs.*

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