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For the 21st consecutive year the annual Green Section Education Conference was held in conjunction with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International Turfgrass Conference and Show. This year more than 800 people attended the Green Section's program on Saturday, February 9, at the Orange County Convention Center. James T. Snow, National Director of the USGA Green Section, served as moderator for the afternoon's program of 20 speakers who addressed this year's theme, "Making Accommodations for Golfers and the Environment."

The Best Turf Tips of 2001

One of the most popular annual features of the Education Conference is the Best Turf Tips. This year, 18 Green Section staff members reported on some of the helpful ideas and ingenious innovations they came across while visiting golf course superintendents in every part of the country during 2001. The Turf Tips appear throughout this issue.



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