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**Conference
will soon
be here!**

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2005 CONFERENCE!



As you know, TVMA's 2005 Annual Conference will be held October 24-26, 2005, at the Radisson Hotel and Resort, 500 Padre Blvd., in South Padre Island, TX.

Registration forms for the conference are already available on the TVMA web page (www.tvma.net).

To make your hotel guest room reservations, please call the Radisson Hotel and Resort at (800)292-7704. Be sure to tell them that you will be attending the TVMA Annual Conference.

For non-governmental employees, the room rate will be \$90 for cabana rooms, and \$160 for condos. For governmental employees, the room rate will be \$80, but you must identify yourself as a governmental employee and show your government ID at check-in. Be sure to make your room reservations early as possible as we only have a limited number of rooms blocked for the conference, and only 1/3 of those are booked at the special state per diem rate.

There will be 20 exhibit booths available, and many of those are already spoken for. If you have an interest in exhibiting your company, products, equipment or services, please sign up for your booth via the TVMA web page. Special thanks go to **BASF** for upgrading their corporate membership to the **Gold Sponsor** level!

Again this year, TVMA will host an in-depth training seminar designed specifically to help you prepare to take the Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators examination. This study session will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, 10/24/05, and the TDA exam will be given at the conference on Wednesday, 10/26/05. Last year, TVMA is proud of the fact that over 90% of our students passed the TDA exam. This year, we're working on a training program that will be even better.

We'll have great scholarship fund-raising events this year including a golf tournament at the South Padre Island Golf Club, and a fishing tournament on the Laguna Madre Bay. Both of these fun events start around Noon on Monday, 10/24/05.

Of course, the 2005 Annual Conference will be packed with outstanding technical presentations from vegetation management experts. **Ray Erwin**, your 2005 Vice President and Conference Program Chair is assembling an excellent conference program full of information that you can take back and implement within your own vegetation management program. The agenda will be posted in the next issue of the CLIP, and will be posted to the TVMA web page.

South Padre Island is a great vacation spot and the weather should be perfect during October, so plan on bringing your family! For more information on South Padre Island, give the Chamber of Commerce a call at (956)761-4412, or visit their web site at www.spichamber.com. Or visit the South Padre Island Convention and Visitors Bureau's web site at www.sopadre.com. **See you in South Padre Island!**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—DAVID WALL, Xcel Energy



Greetings from the Texas panhandle.

I hope that everyone had a safe and fun summer. The TVMA Officers, Board Members, and Committee Chairs have had a busy year so far. Below is a list of our activities.

We have had four Board of Directors meetings since our annual conference in San Antonio. On December 7, 2004, we had a meeting at Buchanan Dam, which was hosted by LCRA. Thanks to LCRA and Craig Johnson for their hospitality. On February 8, 2005, we had a meeting at the TDA office in downtown Austin. Thanks to TDA, Phil Tham, and Randy Rivera for their hospitality. On May 10th, we had a meeting at the Brazos County Extension office in Bryan. On August 2nd, we had a meeting at the Radisson hotel at South Padre Island.

This year, the TVMA has accomplished many things. First, the Board approved the Radisson hotel as the site for the 2005 annual conference at South Padre Island. The Radisson will be an excellent site for our conference on October 24th-26th. Thanks to Ray Erwin and Paul Northcutt for putting together a great package for us. Bring your swimming trunks, fishing poles, and golf clubs for a great time.

On February 8, 2005, the TVMA held its biannual Texas Legislative dinner in Austin. We have hosted this dinner for several years to promote the TVMA with State Legislators and their staff. This year we had individuals representing the

following offices: Representatives Hardcastle, Swinford, Brown, and Hildebran and Senators Estes, Armbrister, and Fraser, and House Speaker Laney. Thanks to Rich Hendler, Steve White, and Paul Northcutt for organizing this dinner.

The TVMA is officially a non-profit association with tax-exempt status. Achieving this has been a very long process. Special thanks goes to Ron Held and Myron Rabalais for their hard work on this project.

As chairperson of the nominating committee, it is my responsibility to encourage individuals to run as a candidate for upcoming vacant Board positions. Being a member of the TVMA Board is a rewarding experience that develops you as a leader in our industry. This coming October at the conference, three Board positions will be filled. One is the supplier position and the other two are at large. If you are interested in one of these positions or know of someone that is, please contact me at 806/640-6558 or david.p.wall@xcelenergy.com.

Thank you for supporting the TVMA. See you at South Padre Island in October!

Want to Win a Fishing Trip on Richard Chambers Lake?

Want to win a fishing trip for two on Richard Chambers Lake? How about a \$100 gift certificate to Bass Pro Shops or an ultra-cool, only-one-on-your-block TVMA logo jacket? Who wouldn't!

TVMA is always looking for ways to increase our membership, and we are currently in a membership drive with the above gifts as an incentive for you to sign up a new TVMA member.

It's a good bet there is someone within your circle of friends, contacts, or business associates who would benefit from being a TVMA member. All you have to do is sign that person up and show yourself as his/her sponsor. You don't even have to sign them up to come to the annual conference, although that would be great too! New members can be just a general member for \$25 a year and support the Association as an active member. The person (or company), who signs up the most new TVMA members will win the prizes.

Full details on our current membership drive can be found on our web site at www.tvma.net. Or you can call our Membership Committee Chair **Scott Dunham** at 979-255-3980 if you have any questions or need more information!

Please help TVMA remain the best educational resource for professional vegetation managers in Texas by bringing new members into the Association! That's something everyone can do.

THANK YOU DIRECTORS!

Our TVMA By-Laws state that each year, we elect three new Board of Directors. Being a board member for TVMA is no easy task and asks for a three-year commitment, regular attendance at our TVMA Board of Directors meetings, and guidance in helping run TVMA to the benefit of our entire Association.

This year, we'll lose three outstanding Directors who have served TVMA in an exemplary fashion.

Stan Jones, (Supplier position), is with Red River Specialties, Inc., in Pasadena Texas. Stan was a charter member of TVMA and has served TVMA as its Treasurer as well as a Board Member.

Craig Johnson (At-Large position), is with the Lower Colorado River Authority in Marble Falls, TX. Craig and the LCRA have been a tireless supporter of TVMA, and LRCA have been perennial **Platinum Sponsors**.

Don Telge (At-Large position) wears many hats including Master Gardener and volunteer at the Zilker Gardens in Austin, and consultant and instructor on pesticide training with TNT Training, LLC.

When you next see these Directors, please tell them "thank you" for all the hard work, time and effort they've given to making TVMA the fine organization it is. Without the selfless efforts of volunteers like **Stan**, **Craig** and **Don**, we would be a far poorer organization.

2005 TVMA Scholarships Available

Each year, we try to reward outstanding undergraduate students who are hoping to pursue a career in vegetation management by awarding a cash scholarship.

If you know of a deserving student who might fit that bill, please encourage them to complete an application and send it into TVMA for consideration.

Deadline for receipt of scholarship applications is October 1, 2005! Complete details and application form is available on the "Scholarship" page of the TVMA web site (www.tvma.net.)

For more information, contact **Rob Brooks**, Dow AgroSciences, Scholarship Committee Chair at 409-752-7267.

In Memorial—Jim Thrash



TVMA is saddened to advise the membership that Jim Thrash, formerly of DuPont Vegetation Management, passed away on July 6, 2005. Jim was TVMA's 1st Lifetime Achievement Award Winner and was a longtime leader in vegetation management in Texas.

The TVMA membership, officers, and board of directors extend our sincere sympathy to Jim's Wife, Cindy Thrash and his family.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to 1308 Juniper Lane, Lewisville, TX 75077.

Board of Directors Recommend By-Laws Change

The TVMA Board of Directors has recommended a revision to the TVMA By-Laws. The revision includes the following statement as a new requirement to Article V, Section D:

(5) to remove for cause after a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, and replace, any officer of board member who fails to perform the duties of their office.

We will vote on this proposed By-Laws change during the business session of our 2005 Annual Conference. If you have any questions on this recommendation, please contact any TVMA Board member.

2005 Annual Conference Preliminary Conference Agenda

Monday, October 24, 2005

10:00 am	2nd Floor Foyer	Registration Opens
10:00 am—5:00 pm	1st Floor Key Largo	TDA License Preparation Certification Training
Noon—6:00 pm	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Exhibit Set-Up
Noon—5:00 pm	South Padre Island Golf Course, I Golf House Rd., Laguna Vista TX	Scholarship Golf Tournament
1:30 pm—5:00 pm	The “Osprey” Fishing I Padre Blvd, South Padre Island, TX	Scholarship Bay Fishing Tournament
6:30 pm	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Welcome Reception (Cash bar and snacks)

Tuesday, October 25, 2005

7:00 am	2nd Floor	Registration Opens
7:00 am—8:00 am	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 am—11:45 am	1st Floor Key Largo	TDA License Preparation Certification Training
8:00 am—8:15 am	Grand Ballroom C & D	Opening General Session, Welcome and Program Review David Wall , 2004-2005 TVMA President Ray Erwin , 2004-2005 TVMA Vice President & Program Chair
8:15 am—11:45 am	General Session 1: Stan Jones , Red River Specialty, Session Chair	
8:15 am—8:45 am	Grand Ballroom C & D	Exhibitor Presentations
8:45 am—9:45 am		“Managing Public Perception”, Lisa Drake , Monsanto
9:45 am—10:00 am	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
10:00 am—10:30 am	Grand Ballroom C & D	“How Surfactants Help Herbicides and How they Work”, Mike Lansdale , Name of Company
10:30 am—11:00 am		“Growth Regulators in the Urban Environment”, Grant Ehlen , AEP, Corpus Christi
11:00 am—11:45 am		“Laws and Regulations”, Mike Buchanan , Texas Structural Pest Control Board, Houston, TX
11:45 am—2:00 pm Meeting,	Grand Ballroom A & B	TVMA Awards Luncheon, Keynote Address and 2005 Business David Wall , TVMA President
2:00 pm—2:15 pm	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
2:15 pm—5:00 pm	1st Floor Key Largo	TDA License Preparation Certification Training
2:15 pm—5:00 pm	General Session 2: Steve Prather , Texas DOT, Session Chair	
2:15 pm—3:15 pm	Grand Ballroom C & D	“Training Chemical Applicators”, Brenda Descamps , Training Resource Group
3:15 pm—4:30 pm		“Manufacturers Research Updates and Industry Chemical Future”, Panel
4:30 pm—5:00 pm		“Traffic Control Requirements on Public Roadways”, Paul Northcutt , TNT Training
5:00 pm—7:00 pm	Grand Ballroom C & D	Texas DOT Vegetation Managers Meeting
6:00 pm—8:00 pm	Radisson Patio / Poolside	Beachside Party and Reception

2005 Annual Conference Preliminary Conference Agenda (continued)

Wednesday, October 26, 2005

7:00 am	2nd Floor Foyer	Registration Opens
7:00 am—8:00 am	2nd Floor Exhibit Hall	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 am—Noon	1st Floor Key Largo	TDA Pesticide Applicator Examinations ***
General Session 3: Don Telge , TNT Training, Session Chair		
8:00 am—9:15 am	Grand Ballroom C & D	<i>"Ask the Experts—a Panel Discussion and Q&A"</i> Howard Pierson , Chemical Weed Control
9:15 am—9:30 am	Exhibit Hall	Coffee Break With Exhibitors
9:30 am—10:15 am	Grand Ballroom C & D	<i>"Managing Herbicide Resistance"</i> , Dr. Dearl Sanders , LSU Ag Center, Baton Rouge, LA
10:15 am—11:00 am		<i>"Effect of Rainfall on Herbicides"</i> , Dr. Jim Griffin , LSU Ag Center, Baton Rouge, LA
11:00 am—11:45 am		<i>"Toxicology of Pesticides"</i> , Speaker to be Announced
11:45 am—Noon	Grand Ballroom C & D	Closing Remarks and Conferene Adjourn, Ray Erwin , BASF, 2005-2006 TVMA President
Noon—2:00 pm	To be Announced	TVMA Board of Directors Meeting and Luncheon

2005 TDA Pesticide Applicators License Training Seminar

Do you need to take the Texas Department of Agriculture Pesticide Applicators examination? Do you have employees who need to take the TDA examination for a license?

Then the 2005 TVMA Annual Conference is the place for you or your employees!

Our 2005 TDA Pesticide Applicators License Training Seminar, which begins at 10:00 am on Monday, October 24, 2005, has been designed specifically to help you prepare to take the examination which will be given at the conference by a TDA inspector on Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

TVMA Training Committee chair **Rick Bennett**, with Helena Chemical Company is working closely with **Don Telge and Paul Northcutt**, of TNT Training, LLC, to present an outstanding, PowerPoint-based training program which is based specifically on the reference and study material TDA uses for the examination!

You will receive intensive instruction based on the following three documents:

- (1) Laws & Regulations (Order No B-5056);
- (2) Commercial / Noncommercial Applicator—General (Order No B-5060); and
- (3) Right of Way Pest Control (Order No B-5068).

Anyone coming to this training is highly encouraged to secure these three documents and start reviewing them before the training seminar. TVMA will not have these books available for you at the training seminar. You can purchase the documents through the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. The order form for the manuals can be found at <http://agenvsafety.tamu.edu/TDAoform.pdf>. Cost for the manuals currently show to be \$10 for the Laws & Regulations manual, \$20 for the General Manual, and \$25 for the Right of Way manual.

Not only will you receive in-depth instruction from Rick, Don and Paul, but you will be given time to ask questions, take practice examinations, and learn in a manner which will significantly improve your chances of passing the examination. Don't miss this outstanding training opportunity!

The cost of attending this event is the same when registering for the Annual Conference; \$100 by 9/23/05, and \$125 after 9/23/05. There will also be a testing fee which must be paid to the TDA inspector! This can be by check or money order only; no cash can be accepted by the TDA inspector. Please bring an extra check to take care of this fee.

**REGISTRATION FORM: TVMA 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OCTOBER 24-26, 2005
RADISSON RESORT, 500 PADRE BLVD, SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, TX**

Please COPY this form as needed and either FAX completed form to 512-933-9971 or
MAIL completed form to TVMA, 6402 Betty Cook Drive, Austin, TX 78723
Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Radisson Resort, by calling them at 1-800-292-7704

Date: _____

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Please register me for the following activities (Early Bird Discounts apply only if PAID BY 9/23/05)

QTY	Description	Cost Each	Extension
	Early Bird Full Conference Registration	\$100	
	Regular Full Conference Registration	\$125	
	Early Bird TDA Applicator Pesticide License Training	\$100	
	Regular TDA Applicator Pesticide License Training	\$125	
	Spouse or Guest Registration	\$50	
	Scholarship Golf Tournament	\$85	
	Scholarship Bay Fishing Tournament	\$40	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TVMA:			

Payment Options (Please complete ONE only)

My Check is Enclosed I'll Pay by Check at the Conference (Discounts DO NOT apply)

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Want to EXHIBIT YOUR COMPANY with TVMA in 2005?

Good exhibit booths are still available for our 2005 Annual Conference! You can sign up as an exhibitor at any of the following levels which are fully explained on the "Corporate" page of the TVMA web site (www.tvma.net):

Platinum Sponsor—\$2,000 per year; Gold Sponsor—\$1,500 per year; Silver Sponsor \$1,000 per year,
Bronze Sponsor—\$650 per year; Nickel Sponsor—\$400 per year.

Consider displaying your company products, equipment, services and talents to professional vegetation managers from across Texas! Your support helps TVMA maintain the activities, support and programs vital to the vegetation management industry in Texas.

As you will note in the program agenda, each exhibitor gets the opportunity to make a brief presentation to the general session about the products, services and equipment offered by your company, and we will host an evening reception, and all of our coffee breaks in the exhibit hall to increase visitors to your booth.

If you have any questions about exhibit opportunities, please call TVMA at 512-933-9930. or any of the leaders shown on our web site. Registration forms for exhibitors are available on the "Corporate" page of the TVMA web site at <http://www.tvma.net/corporate.htm>. We hope to see you in South Padre Island!

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