Friday, January 11, 2013

8:30 - 9:00 AM  Registration, Coffee and Donuts

8:45 AM  Welcome and Opening Remarks – Dr. James Murphy

9:00 - 10:15 AM  SESSION I:
(Moderator: Dr. James Murphy)

9:00 – 9:25  Dr. Stacy Bonos (Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University)  Breeding Perennial Grasses for a Sustainable Future

9:25 – 9:50  Dr. William Meyer (Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University)  Recent Variety Improvements in Kentucky Bluegrass, Tall and Fine Fescue and Perennial Ryegrass: Building on Reed Funk’s Legacy

9:50 – 10:15  Dr. Thomas Molnar (Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University)  Expanding Agriculture with Underutilized Perennial Tree Crops: Taking a Great Idea and Making It a Reality

10:15 – 10:45 AM  Discussion and Poster Session

10:45 – 12:00 PM  SESSION II:
(Moderator: William Dickson)

10:45 – 11:10  Dr. David Kopec (Department of Plant Science, University of Arizona)  New Grasses for New Times: Native Species for Potential Development as Turfgrasses

11:10 – 11:35  Dr. Melodee Fraser (Director of Research, Pure Seed Testing, Inc., Rolesville, NC)  Improving Cool and Warm-Season Turfgrasses in the Southeast United States

11:35 – 12:00  Dr. Peter Kahn (Department of Biochemistry and Microbiology, Rutgers University)  Perennial Plants for Sustainable Production of Food and Bioenergy and for Restoration of Damaged Land

12:00 - 1:00 PM  Lunch
1:00 – 2:15 PM  
**SESSION III:**  
(Moderator: Dr. Peter Kahn)  

1:00 – 1:25  
**Dr. Jennifer Johnson Cicalese** (Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University) *Breeding the American Cranberry in New Jersey - Recent Challenges and Successes*  

1:25 – 1:50  
**Dr. Kevin Morris** (Executive Director, National Turfgrass Evaluation Program, Beltsville, MD) *Reed Funk’s Impact on Turfgrass Evaluation and Improvement Programs in the United States*  

1:50 – 2:15  
**Dr. Gerard Pepin** (Executive Vice President and Director of Research, PickSeed USA, Tangent, OR) *Reed Funk’s Influence on the Turfgrass Seed Industry in the Pacific Northwest*  

2:15 – 2:45 PM  
**Discussion and Poster session**  

2:45 – 3:45 PM  
**SESSION IV:**  
(Moderator: Dr. Joshua Honig)  

2:45 – 3:10  
**Tim Ford** (President and Director of Plant Breeding Research, IPPFBE) *Improving Perennial Plants for Food and Bioenergy*  

3:10 – 3:35  
**Dr. Richard Hurley** (Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University) *Reed Funk’s Influence on the Seed Industry in the United States and Abroad*  

3:35 – 3:45  
**Discussion**  

3:45 – 5:00 PM  
**Cocktail reception**  

5:00 – 8:00 PM  
**Dinner**  
**MC – Dr. Bruce B. Clarke** (Chairman, Department of Plant Biology and Pathology, Rutgers University)  

2009 Video Interview of C. Reed Funk  

**Dr. Al Turgeon** (Department of Plant Science, Pennsylvania State University) *Remembering a 50-Year Friendship with Reed Funk*  

**Chris Carson** (Echo Lake Country Club) *Dr. Reed Funk’s Legacy is Deeply Rooted – An Industry Perspective*  

**Clarence Funk** (brother of C. Reed Funk) – Closing Remarks