

# Board Report Update for Quarter 3

Dear FEGGA Members,

The year has continued to be very busy, with lots of positive initiatives that we have been focusing on. It's been great news to see many associations running their events again, some of which we have been able to attend and support when requested.

We continue to represent the Greenkeeper profession regarding the **Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the sustainable use of plant protection production.** As you will be aware we did submit a statement, along with being part of a European Golf Statement that was submitted also. Both statements were shared with you previously, and as the proposal moves to another phase, we continue to monitor developments. Martin Nilsson has also been working to further the relationship with the European Golf Association and part of this has been discuss the development of a clearer strategy for golf and its future maintenance of golf courses.

We are happy to report that at last we are making good progress with our new website and focusing on a launch just prior to the FEGGA Conference.

Some of you might have experienced our website being down for some days during November. This was down to some technical issues which were quicky dealt with. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Whilst we have been working towards making the Don Harradine Turf Experience (DHTE) happen for 2022, we really had to accept with our limited resources in the time available we were not going to make it happen with a successful conclusion. We do have the support in place to run this event and feel very positive that without further travel restrictions in 2023 we will be able to run this event.

### Summary of the 3rd Quarter Finances:

Everything is tracking quite nicely as we came to the end of the third quarter for 2022 and in fact as we approach the end of the current year it looks like we will end on a positive note.

- Both Association and Patron Memberships continue to be on track leading into Q4. We would like to welcome three new patron members, DFL, European Turfgrass Laboratories Ltd, Advanced Turf Technology Ltd Infinicut.
- Bank Balance stood healthy at some €29,000.

### **FEGGA Scholarship programme:**



The programme concluded for 2022 with a Graduation evening held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October. All seven FEGGA students truly excelled during their 6-month term. All completing 35 education

seminars/workshops. All participating in a project, of which they delivered their outcomes on the day of their graduation.

More information can be viewed via the student Facebook page; <u>FEGGA 2022 Kristianstad's Golfklubb</u> <u>| Facebook</u>

We are now taking applications for the 2023 programme starting in April. I have attached the brochure and ask if you can please share this through your media outlet.



Conference – 21 - 24 February 2023

We can confirm that the Conference will take place in the Lisbon area of Portugal. We are in the process of finalising the details and invitations will be sent to you before Christmas.

Some of the proposed conference subjects will focus on; Pesticide Regulation, Turfgrass Research, the importance and benefits of Data and Statistics, Understanding Robotics, FEGGA Education programmes.



## Thank a Greenkeeper/Superintendent Day – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The day was a great success, with many Associations and partner organisations getting involved and supporting the meaning behind the purpose of the day.

### THE OVERALL RESULTS

**Hashtag Use:** 3,501 (1,499 for #ThankASuper and its variations and 2,002 for #ThankAGreenkeeper and its variations)

**Engagement (posts, comments, likes, shares/retweets):** 60,134 (35,773 for #ThankASuper and its variations and 24,361 for #ThankAGreenkeeper and its variations) Reach: 5,197,819 (1,653,442 for #ThankASuper and its variations and 3,544,377 for #ThankAGreenkeeper and its variations) Potential

**Reach:** 10,401,354 (2,801,544 for #ThankASuper and its variations and 7,599,810 for #ThankAGreenkeeper and its variations)

#### Potential reach saw a 12.87% increase over 2021

**Finally In Summary**, the 2nd quarter has been a very busy and positive time for FEGGA. The Board and Executive Officer continue to work hard behind the scenes to bring real benefit to Greenkeeper Associations and its Members. We look forward to your continuing support.

#### Do please get in touch with Dean with any news, views, or any particular needs of your Association.

• Q3 Accounts are attached, and should you have any questions, please forward these to Dean

Thank you and wishing you a successful final part of the year.



From The Board of FEGGA

#### FEGGA website: <u>www.fegga.org</u>

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