



## <http://www.pace-ptri.com>

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You may find the title of this PACE Insights a bit unusual if you are unfamiliar with the World Wide Web. However, if you watch commercials on the television or previews at the movies, you will recognize the general format of the title above as a URL. The Universal Resource Locator (an address in cyber space), or URL above is the new cyberspace location for PACE Consulting and the PACE Turfgrass Research Institute (PTRI). In this issue of PACE Insights, we outline what you'll need to get onto the World Wide Web, some of the resources available on the Web and a more in-depth description of the PACE-PTRI Web Site.

PACENet, the PACE computer bulletin board shipped its last byte of information across the phone lines last December. PACENet was set up to serve the golf course industry in 1992 but never gained widespread acceptance because of the difficulty in accessing a computer bulletin board using conventional telecommunications programs. Once the Web became developed to the level of a near-consumer product, PACENet made the move to this exciting new location. The tangle of phone lines and modems that were PACENet are now gathering dust until we can find a new home for the aging equipment - out with the old.

**In with the NEW!** The Web is a rapidly expanding network of information that can be accessed by the public using a moderately priced computer (less than \$2,000). The information available on the web spans the range from images of rotting Spam ([\[bin/spamcam\]\(http://schp5.unige.ch/dpnc\)\) to Nuclear Physics \(<http://schp5.unige.ch/dpnc>\). Among the fantastic array of "Web Sites" are valuable turfgrass information sources. One of the sources is the new PACE-PTRI Web Site.](http://www.fright.com/cgi-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

The goal of the PACE-PTRI Web Site is to provide superintendents and other members of the turf industry with a professional, free-of-charge forum for information distribution and exchange. The site will contain the full text of the PACE Insights issues published up to one year previously, PTRI Annual Reports, management guidelines and in the near future, a roundtable discussion session for on-line communication between superintendents and other professionals in the turfgrass industry.

**Who pays for access?** There is no membership or registration fee required to access the PACE -PTRI Web Site, a feature that satisfies our professional obligation to communicate research findings to our professional colleagues. In addition, we hope that the lack of a fee will encourage communication from a broad spectrum of turf professionals. The only advertisement on the PACE-PTRI Web Site is for the PACE Info-Pak, which is the PACE information subscription service that includes this newsletter, fax alert service, research reports and management calendars (sales of Info-Paks will support the PACE-PTRI Web Site). There will be no advertisements from any other vendors.

**Find your name on the Web:** If you are a member of the PTRI Advisory Board or have cooperated in research projects with

PTRI, you will find your name prominently displayed in the title section of the appropriate research reports, and/or on the PTRI Advisory Board list. We want your colleagues in the turf industry to recognize you for your invaluable support and involvement in PTRI's turfgrass research efforts.

**How to get on the Web:** If you already have an Internet account and access to the Web, you only need to point your browser to the PACE-PTRI URL:

**<http://www.pace-ptri.com>**

If you don't have a clue how to do this, the following section will help describe how to find an ISP (Internet service provider) and get "hooked-up."

Hardware: Hardware refers to the physical devices that are needed to connect to the Web. There are many alternative computer components that will serve as an Internet capable computer but the following computer components will make using the web as easy as possible.

Processor: 133 MHz Pentium  
RAM: 16 MB  
Modem: 28,800 baud (28.8)  
Disk drive: 1 GB  
Operating System: Windows 3.1 or 95  
  
Software: Netscape or Explorer browser provided by ISP

Phone line: no call waiting features

The most difficult steps are selecting an ISP and setting up your computer for use on the Web. The ISP is best selected by word-of-mouth from people in your area who are already accessing the Internet. Avoid some of the major providers such as America On Line (AOL), Compuserve or Prodigy. Although these providers offer

some benefits for novice users and for the family, these providers slow down the process of gathering information for serious professional uses of the Web. If you do not know anyone on the Web who can help you decide which provider to choose, use a provider such as AT&T (call 800-967-5363 to reach the World Net Service Center) to begin with and then change your provider if you are not satisfied with the AT&T service. One point of caution - when you change your ISP, your email address (electronic place where people can send you messages over the Internet) will also change. This can cause confusion if you change ISPs frequently because you will need to notify everyone that you communicate with over the Internet that your address has changed.

Once you have connected to the Web, review the PACE-PTRI Web Site and give us your feedback via email (Larry can be reached at: **[stowell@pace-ptri.com](mailto:stowell@pace-ptri.com)** and Wendy can be reached at: **[gelernt@pace-ptri.com](mailto:gelernt@pace-ptri.com)**) or by an old-fashioned phone call or FAX.

When you want to explore further, try a few of the URLs listed below for fun or business. Links to these sites are also available within the PACE-PTRI Web Site. Be sure to try out the GCSAA site (<http://www.gcsaa.org>). For a good perspective on the use of the Web, read the [Golf Course Management](#) article published in December 1996 titled "Supers in Cyberspace" and written by Kay Hawes.

As you begin navigating around the Web, be patient and expect to spend about three hours setting up your computer to connect with the ISP, and another eight hours to feel comfortable moving around the Web.

Looking forward to "talking" with you all on the PACE-PTRI Web Site soon!

## University Web Pages

<http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/>  
University of California IPM Project

<http://www.lib.msu.edu/coll/main/tgif.htm>  
Michigan State University Turfgrass Information Center

<http://www.wsu.edu:8080/~ramsay/>  
Washington State Pesticide Page

<http://www.ceris.purdue.edu/>  
Center for Environmental and Regulatory Information Systems (Purdue University). Includes NPIRS

<http://www.entm.purdue.edu/entomology/entmwww.htm>  
Purdue entomology

<http://www.ag.auburn.edu/dept/hf/index.html>  
Auburn University Horticulture Department

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/>  
Aggie Horticulture (TAMU Hort program)

<http://ifs.plants.ox.ac.uk/>  
University of Oxford Department of Plant Sciences

<http://ifs.plants.ox.ac.uk/wwd/pweeds.htm>  
Weeds of the World Project Data Base

[http://ipmwww.ncsu.edu/current\\_ipm/current\\_ipm.html](http://ipmwww.ncsu.edu/current_ipm/current_ipm.html)  
National IPM Network, North Caroling Component, National IPM Network

<http://ipmwww.ncsu.edu/cipm/newsletter.html>  
Center for Integrated Pest management (CIPM) Newsletter

## Government Web Pages

<http://www.arsusda.gov/ppdb2.html>  
USDA Pesticide Properties Data Base

<http://www.usda.gov/>  
USDA Home page

<http://aceis.agr.ca/newintre.html>  
Agriculture Canada Home Page

<http://www.agnic.nal.usda.gov/>  
Agriculture Network Information Center (USDA)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>  
Thomas Legislative Information on the Internet. Bills, Congressional Record, Congressional Advisory Board Reports, The Legislative Process, Legislative Branch Internet Sites, U.S. Government Internet Resources

<http://www.nalusda.gov/>

USDA National Agricultural Library

<http://www.epa.gov/>  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Home Page

<http://www.house.gov/>  
U.S. House of Representatives Home Page. This is a quick way to have our members respond to legislation.

<http://www.senate.gov/>  
U.S. Senate WWW Server. Directory or senators by name or state and other information

## Internet Tools

<http://thelist.iworld.com/>  
Comprehensive list of Internet service providers with descriptions of services and prices.

<http://www.switchboard.com/>  
Find anyone...almost

<http://www.hotbot.com/index.html>  
HotBot web search engine - one of the better searching tools on the web.

<http://www.adobe.com/ Acrobat/readstep.html>  
Adobe Acrobat Reader for use with the Internet. If you want to call and order Acrobat or get more information by phone call (1-800-272-3623).

## Organizations

<http://www.gcsaa.org>

<http://www.agronomy.org/>  
American Society of Agronomy

<http://www.vtpp.ext.vt.edu:1080/aapse.html>  
American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators (AAPSE)

<http://www.acs.org/welcome.htm>  
American Chemical Society

<http://www.acpa.org/>  
American Crop Protection Association

<http://www.scisoc.org/>  
American Phytopathological Society APSnet

<http://www.amseed.com/>

American Seed Trade Association

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