



The Estonian Greenkeepers Association

would like to invite you to Tallinn, Estonia

on **October 2-3, 2019**

for a conference on

„Chemical Free Greenkeeping“.

As greenkeepers are aware, due to government regulations the chemicals that are available in our industry are always being cut back. A topic of conversation that always comes up at conferences is what to do if (and when) the government bans the use of chemicals on golf courses and sports fields?

In February 2019 at the Federation of European Golf Greenkeepers Associations conference in Rome, Italy the delegates from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland and Estonia got together to discuss what is happening within our associations and what common problems we have. Among the many topics discussed, what to do after chemicals are banned became a hot topic of conversation. The two delegates from Estonia, Krzysztof Misiaczynski and Paul Marley, from the Estonian Greenkeepers Association said that they had not used a single pesticide on their golf course in three years and were having good results. Hearing this piqued the interest of the other associations. It was proposed that the Estonian Greenkeepers Association organize a conference for the Nordic countries on chemical free greenkeeping. The Estonians were more than delighted to take on the challenge!

Our keynote speaker is Ian Macmillan, the founder of the „Macmillan Methodolgy“ chemical free greenkeeping which Estonian Golf and Country Club has been following for several years. Ian will spend his time explaining how to use soil biology to build up plant immunity to disease, and how to get through the harsh winters that we experience in the Nordic countries without the use of harmful chemicals. In addition to building up plant immunity, he will explain how using his method you can breed poa annua out of your putting surfaces using nutrition and plant biology.

For full conference timetable, please see next page.

EARLY BIRD PRICE: **199eur** (until July 22, 2019)
225eur (July 23 until August 16, 2019)
250 eur (as long as there are spots available)

Please note that space is limited so register early! All seminars will be in English.

Price includes: Education, transfers from Tallink City Hotel to golf course, coffee breaks, lunches, dinner in Tallinn on Tuesday, golf and awards dinner.

Please book your hotel room yourselves at the Tallink City Center Hotel at hotelbooking@tallink.ee or TAGE.KOOPUU@TALLINK.EE and use the secret password „ nordicgreenkeepers“ to get the group rate.





Nordic Greenkeepers Conference

Tallinn, Estonia

Tuesday, October 1st 2019

Arrival Day

Reception at Hotel

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019

Education Day at Estonian Golf and Country Club (EGCC)

Breakfast at hotel.

8:30 - Bus to EGCC departs from Tallink City Hotel.

9:30- 9:45 - Welcome remarks on behalf of the Estonian Greenkeepers Association

Ian MacMillan Methodology: *"Better Life After Chemicals"*

- 9:45 - 10:30 - **Ian MacMillan** – The Natural Way of Greenkeeping.
- 10:30 - 11:00 - Coffee break.
- 11:00 - 11:45 - **Kris Misiaczynski** (Head Greenkeeper at EGCC) – MacMillan Methodology at EGCC 2016-2019.
- 11:45 - 12:30 - **Stephen Appleton** (Managing Director at Angus Horticulture Ltd) – Angus Products for Biological Greenkeeping.
- 12:30 - 13:15 - **Hanno Kross** (CEO at EGCC) – Members versus Biological Greenkeeping.
- 13:15 - 14:15 - Lunch
- 14:15 - 15:15 - **Ian Macmillan** - Better Life After Chemicals
- 15:15 - 17:00 - **Ian MacMillan, Stephen Appleton, Kris Misiaczynski, Paul Marley**- Tour in groups around the golf course to see Macmillan Methodology at Work.

17:00 - Bus back hotel

19:00 - Dinner in Tallinn city center (location to be determined)





Thursday, October 3rd, 2019

Breakfast at hotel

8:30 bus departs for EGCC

Education & Golf Day at Estonian Golf and Country Club (EGCC)

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- 9:15-10:00 - **Ian Macmillan** – How to Grow Grass 60% Faster Using Natural Methods
- 10:00-11:00 Toro/Hako Equipment Demo

Nordic Greenkeepers Trophy

- 12:00 - 17:30 - Golf Tournament at Estonian Golf and Country Club
- 18:30 – 20:30 - Dinner and awards ceremony at EGCC clubhouse

21:00 Bus back to hotel

To pay for conference fee please make direct bank transfer:

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