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## 2022 European Turfgrass Society Field Days

The **ETS** is organizing a **Field Days** in **end of April 2022 in Barcelona (Spain)**, dedicated to members and all turf specialists and professionals, involved in the lawn and sports turf care and landscape.

We will continue the successful experiences done in previous years. It will be a great chance to spend quality time together and an excellent opportunity to meet in person in a Mediterranean location, after a long period of social isolation.

The 2022 Field Days will focus on practical experiences to convey and share technical aspects and challenges to attendees by visiting research sites and functional turf areas in the area of Barcelona, for a very informative and enjoyable time.

Hoping for a large participation, we will soon provide **the date and all necessary information** on the ETS website.



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## Master in Management and Design of Sports and Ornamental Turf

The Master in “**Technical management and design of sports and ornamental turf**”, which is the first university course in Italy to deal with turf at 360°, ended in December with the discussion of the final theses.

The course started in January with a general session and went on in May with a special session, divided into three addresses: Golf, Sports fields and Ornamental.

All the following topics were covered: natural turf maintenance (cutting, cultivation, fertilization, pests management, irrigation practices), mechanics, synthetic turf, design, planning and economic management and environmental sustainability.



Visit at Golf della Montecchia - Padua



Visit at Quirinale Gardens - Rome



Visit at San Siro stadium - Milan



Visit at Venaria Royal Park - Turin

Included on the education plan, despite the problems produced by the pandemic, the 25 students had the possibility to attend several technical visits at important golf courses, at the major Serie A stadiums, at rugby fields and at historic parks of national importance.

The turf education programs in Italy have therefore been enriched with a new training offer, up to now mainly made up of the Courses for Superintendent organized since 1989 by the Green Section of the Italian Golf Federation. It is not a coincidence that the Agronomists of the Green Section are among the organizers and teachers of the Master, in collaboration with the University of Bologna and the Agronomist of C.O.N.I. (Italian Olympic Committee) and Lega Calcio.

The patronage granted by the major organizations in the sector testifies the need and the importance of qualified technicians.

The Master was supported by Cassa di Risparmio di Imola Foundation and leading companies in the sector such as Rappo, John Deere, Toro Pratoverde, Scarabelli Irrigazione, Gervasini and Clai.

Thanks to the great success of the first edition, the University of Bologna Academic Council has approved a Second edition of the Master for the next year.  
The start is scheduled for May 2022 and a maximum number of 30 participants will be admitted. The lessons will be held also in web mode.

For more information:

Official website of the Master: <https://master.unibo.it/gestione-progettazione-tappeti-erbosi/it/il-master>

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