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Invitation to enter new varieties into SCANTURF- trials starting in 2017

SCANTURF is a variety testing program organized by the turfgrass seed industry and researchers in Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Iceland and Norway. The program commenced in 2005 and is entirely funded by entrance fees.

The trial sites for testing are Landvik, Norway (full observation program) and at Tystofte, Denmark and Ylistaro, Finland (slightly reduced observation programs). The program includes testing for short-cut lawn at all sites, and optional testing for football-type wear at Landvik only. Mowing height is 15-20 mm in the short-cut lawn trials and 25-30 mm in the football-type wear trials. The testing period is one seeding year plus three evaluation years. Protocols and the variety guide for previous tested varieties can be found at www.scanturf.org

Companies are invited to enter varieties for the testing period 2017 to 2020.

Variety entrance fee depend on the number of candidate varieties entered into the test-program. For the testing period 2017-2020, the fees are:

	Number of candidate varieties		
	< 13	13-23	>23
a) Testing at Ylistaro, Tystofte and Landvik, 2017-2020	€5691	€4400	€3620
b) As a) + testing for football-type wear, Landvik	€7576	€5800	€4700

The entrance fee will be charged with 1/6 in the sowing year, 1/3 in the first testing year, 1/3 in the second testing year and 1/6 in the third testing year.



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We hope that the seed industry will find the testing program suitable and enter many varieties so that the entrance fee per variety can be reduced to the lowest level.

Please fill in the attached entrance form and return as soon as possible and not later than 20 March to lars.havstad@nibio.no or trygve.aamlid@nibio.no.

Please also send seed of the candidate variety. The requirement per variety is 0.5 kg for *Agrostis*, 1.5 kg for *Poa pratensis*, 2 kg for *Festuca* sp. and either 2.5 kg (diploid) or 4 kg (tetraploide) for *Lolium*. Send the seed to NIBIO Landvik, Reddalsveien 215, 4886 Grimstad, Norway, no later than 3 April 2017. When sending seed, please label the parcel 'for scientific use' and a proforma invoice as this will facilitate customs clearance.

When testing the new varieties we compare them to two reference varieties of the same species, as listed in the table below:

Species	Reference variety
Poa pratensis	Limousine and Conni
Festuca rubra ssp. commutata	Calliope and Musica
Festuca rubra ssp. trichophylla	Barcrown and Cezanne
Festuca rubra ssp. rubra	Rossinante and Frigg
Lolium perenne	Vesuvius and Bargold
Festuca ovina / Festuca trachyphylla	Biljart and Quatro
Agrostis capillaris	Bardot and Leirin

When taken out of the marked, reference varieties might be replaced with newer and more suitable varieties. However, in order to maintain continuity, only one of two reference varieties within each species can be replaced at a time. We would like to continue to use the same reference varieties, but if there are plans for phasing out any of the listed varieties in the forthcoming years, let us know.

At last, we are also responsible for variety testing at green mowing height (3-5 mm) at four sites in the Nordic countries, but the SCANGREEN program depends on funding from the Scandinavian Turfgrass and Environment Research Foundation, and new trials are not scheduled to start until 2019.

We look forward to testing your varieties in Scandinavia.

For Scanturf

Lars T. Havstad and Trygve S. Aamlid