

## Western Society of Weed Science Call for Papers

The 65<sup>th</sup> annual conference of the Western Society of Weed Science will be held March 12-15, 2012, at the Peppermill Resort, Spa, Casino in Reno, Nevada. This Call for Papers invites and encourages all members to participate in the program by presenting a paper as an oral presentation or display in the poster session. Oral presentations are strictly limited to fifteen (15) minutes, and that includes a 1 to 2 minute period to respond to questions from the audience. Multiple presentations by presenters can only be accommodated if the program schedule allows. If a presenter submits multiple presentations but the program does not allow time for them, they will be contacted to determine which one they would prefer to present. Abstracts of the presentations will be published in Volume 65 of the Proceedings of the Western Society of Weed Science.

### Oral and Poster Presentations Submission Details

Abstracts are required for both oral and poster presentations. All titles, authors, abstracts, and indexing information must be submitted online at the WSWS website ([www.wsweedscience.org](http://www.wsweedscience.org)) beginning **October 5, 2011**.

**Please carefully read and follow directions for the submissions of papers and poster titles, authors, abstracts, and keywords at [www.wssaabstracts.com](http://www.wssaabstracts.com) under the WSWS section. Follow instructions to set up an account if this is the first time for submitting a presentation.**

**Friday, December 2, 2011 is the deadline for submitting a title.**

**Friday, February 17, 2012 is the deadline for submitting the body of the abstract and keywords for indexing information. Revised abstracts will not be accepted after that date.**

Corresponding authors may complete the entire process in a single session (before the title/author deadline) or they may choose to enter the title before the December 2, 2011 and return before the February 17, 2012 deadline to complete entering the abstract/keyword indexing information. Please note that because of the two-month difference in the title deadline and the abstract/indexing deadline, corresponding authors must be able to identify themselves for the online applications when they return; therefore, be sure to remember your login and password to re-enter the site.

Please check the online meeting program posted to the WSWS website in mid-January for information regarding scheduling of your presentation day and time. Postcards or other communications indicating the date and time of your accepted presentation will not be sent.

### GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS ABSTRACTS

**Abstracts for the student competition paper and posters must be no longer than 250 words.**

**Non-student abstracts have a one-page limit.** WSWS will **NOT** retype or make typographical corrections on abstracts submitted for the WSWS Proceedings. It will be the responsibility of each author to submit their abstract ready-for-publication following the guidelines printed below and on the website. Please refer to the WSWS Abstract Site at [www.wssaabstracts.com](http://www.wssaabstracts.com) for the most current guidelines (they may take precedent), and be sure to follow instructions on the website for online submissions. See WSWS Proceedings Volume 64 or other previous proceedings for examples of abstracts.

**Preparation of abstracts:** Authors must complete online meeting registration prior to submitting abstract information. Authors not currently members of the WSWS must complete the new member form in order to login to the meeting registration section. Presentation information for each author must be submitted online. **CAREFULLY READ AND FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS ON THE WEBSITE.** The following guidelines for content and style should be followed when preparing your abstract for submission.

**Title:** Submit your title exactly as you want it to appear in the program; the website abstract application will format the title properly for the abstract. **Use title capitalization, i.e., capitalize the first letter only of all main words. Use only common or coded names of herbicides (not trade names) and common names of weeds and other plants.**

**Authors:** Enter all author information as directed on the website. The site will format author information for you. Authors who have previously submitted papers or posters may appear in the dropdown menu listing.

**Body of the Abstract:** The abstract should be written as a single paragraph and contain brief descriptions of the

research and the methods used as well as a descriptive summary of the results obtained. **The abstract should contain meaningful information on completed research. Abstracts containing statements such as “results will be presented” may result in rejection of the paper.** Abstracts can be entered by using common toolbar menus on the website.

## ABSTRACT EXAMPLE

Seedling alfalfa requires effective broad-spectrum weed control for successful establishment; however, few herbicides are registered for postemergence broadleaf weed control. Since bromoxynil was recently labeled for broadleaf weed control in seedling alfalfa, field trials were conducted at the Research and Extension Center, Torrington, Wyoming for 2 yr to evaluate weed control and alfalfa tolerance with bromoxynil, alone and in combination with other herbicides. Common lambsquarters, kochia, wild buckwheat and Russian thistle weed control was excellent (>95%) at the 0.38 lb ai/A rate. Growth chamber experiments were initiated in 1988 and 1989 to evaluate the influence of temperature on bromoxynil phytotoxicity to seedling alfalfa. Two alfalfa varieties (Apollo II and Ranger) were treated with five rates of bromoxynil (0.25 to 2 lbs ai/A) at three temperatures (50, 70, and 90 F). Alfalfa injury with bromoxynil increased as temperature increased, regardless of variety or rate. The greatest phytotoxicity occurred at 90 F, with injury ranging from 15 to 67% at the 0.25 and 2.0 lb. ai/A rates, respectively. Alfalfa dry weight reductions (as a percentage of the untreated check) showed similar trends. (Published with the approval of the Wyoming Agricultural Experiment Station).

**Abbreviations:** Use abbreviations as shown in the CBE *Style Manual*, 6th Edition, American Institute of Biological Sciences, Washington D. C., and as commonly used in the Journal of Weed Science. Abbreviations for weeds cannot be used. View a recent volume of the proceedings for accepted abbreviations. Do not place a period after the abbreviation unless omission would cause confusion. Abbreviations not shown in the Style manual should be introduced in parentheses immediately after the first use in the text.

**Numbers :** Use Arabic numerals for numbers with two or more digits and for measurements of time, weight, and degrees, except when the number is the first word of a sentence. Spell out numbers less than 10 or when they are the first word of a sentence, except when they constitute a series in which one number has two or more digits.

**Write 10 to 20** rather than 10 x 20 **and 1 to 5** rather than 1-5.

**Units :** Either English or metric units are acceptable. However, do not mix English or metric units (some exceptions apply – e.g., soil bulk density is best expressed in metric units as g/cm<sup>3</sup>).

**Plant names:** The Proceedings will contain a subject index therefore; authors must identify the plants in their abstract on the abstract submission form so the proceedings index can be compiled accordingly. Weeds can be appropriately identified in the abstract by using only the WSSA-accepted common names (refer to [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net)); it is not necessary to list the Latin binomial for these plants. If a plant name is not in the Composite List of Weeds, include the Latin binomial plus authority in parentheses after the common name at the first mention.

**Herbicide names:** The proceedings will contain a subject index that includes common and coded herbicide names with corresponding chemical names. Authors must identify the herbicides mentioned in the abstract on the on-line form to be indexed correctly. Usually, only common names or code numbers will appear in the printed abstract, but the authors must communicate to the Editor on the abstract submission form the identity of the herbicides. **Herbicide names with WSSA-approved common names (listed in *WEED SCIENCE* issue No. 6 each year or at [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net)), should be identified only by common name.** Other herbicides must be identified by giving the code number followed by the chemical name in parentheses, if the chemical name is known. **Do not use trade names in the title of the paper.** Do not use abbreviations for common names or code numbers of herbicides.

**Herbicide rates:** Express rates as ai (active ingredient) or ae (acid equivalent), whichever applies, not as formulated material. It is appropriate to mention the specific ester or salt of an herbicide utilized in the research for clarity purposes. **Express rates as a decimal**, do not use fractions (0.5, not 1/2). **Place a zero to the left of the decimal** (0.5, not .5) and do not add terminal zeros (0.5, not 0.50; 1, not 1.0).

**Approval:** If your agency or institution requires official approval for this type of publication, you are responsible for obtaining such approval.

Remember, to maintain the quality of the Proceedings that has been established over the years, all authors must follow these guidelines. Submitted abstracts that do not conform to this format requirement will not be published.

## GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION OF POSTERS

One 48-inch by 48-inch board and an easel will be provided for each poster presentation. There will be no exception to this rule. Authors should use their imagination and initiative in preparing components of the poster for ease of transport, assembly, and presentation. Text, graphs, and tables contained on the poster should be

easily read from a distance of 6 feet. Titles and headings should be large and readable from a greater distance. Because of cost and logistics, it will not be possible to provide electrical connections, telephone lines or computer connections, video equipment (VCR and video monitor), or other special equipment for posters. **Use pins to attach your poster to the board, please do not use tape to. All posters must be set up on Monday evening prior to the Tuesday morning poster session, and remain on display until after the end of sessions on Wednesday afternoon. Posters must be removed from display by Wednesday evening.**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR PREPARATION OF ORAL PRESENTATIONS**

**All oral presentations for the 2012 meeting will be made by using LCD projection equipment. Neither slide projectors nor overhead projectors will be available. Please read the following instructions carefully.** **Format:** All presentations must be in PowerPoint for MS Windows (any version). The presentation must be saved as a PowerPoint Show file (.PPS file). Limit the size of your presentation to less than 10 MB. No audio clips or sounds will be allowed and all pictures must be compressed. Video clips and animation are discouraged. Inform the project chair at the time the presentation is submitted if you need to use a video clip. Limit fonts used in presentations to basic fonts such as: Times, Arial, Courier, or Tahoma. Project chairs and computer operators are not responsible for changes in fonts, bullets, and other formatting at the time of presentation. You will be able to preview your presentation at the meeting to ensure that the formats/fonts are all as you intended them to be. Please check the meeting program for the time and place to preview your presentation. Last minute editing is strongly discouraged. Use up-to-date virus protection software to avoid infecting the computers provided by the project chairs.

**Submission of Presentations: All presentations are to be uploaded to the Title/Abstract website.** Only as a last resort can they be submitted directly to the Project Chair.