



**WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2017 Coeur d'Alene, ID
March 13, 8am to 5pm**

Office or Committee Name: Research Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Prashant Jha, Chair (pjha@montana.edu)
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Date of Preparation (include year): March 6, 2017

Committee Activities during the Year:

A total of 167 papers (119 oral presentations and 48 posters) were submitted for the annual meeting this year (not counting General Session, 5 oral and those that were withdrawn, 2 poster and 1 oral presentation). Out of 167 papers, 43 papers were submitted in the Aquatics section. The total number of total papers submitted for 2017 was higher than in 2016 (148 papers), with the number of oral presentations up by 36 and the number of poster presentations down by 17 compared to 2016.

Section	Number of oral/poster presentations
Undergraduate posters	0/4
Basic Biology and Ecology	13/7
Teaching and Technology Transfer	5/1
Weeds of Agronomic Crops	27/26
Weeds of Horticultural Crops	12/3
Weeds of Range and Natural Areas	14/6
Education and Regulatory	9/0
Aquatics	40/3
General Session	5

Titles, abstracts, and presentation files were submitted through the wssaabstracts.com website. No problems with slide submissions have been reported as of the date of this report. Project chairs and chair-elects have been reminded of their duties and responsibilities for the upcoming meeting and were instructed in the procedure for downloading presentation slide files from the wssaabstracts.com website after March 3, the final day to submit presentations. It has been recommended for the section chairs to check the website periodically for presentations that come in late, as the system will remain open through the conference. Session moderators will be encouraged to organize presentation files on their computer desktop in a manner and format comfortable for them to move quickly and efficiently between presentations. Reminders have been sent to section chairs/chair-elects to arrange for laptop, projector, and laser pointer for their session. All section chairs and chair elects have been reminded to submit a summary report and

names of attendees to the research section chair within 10 days after conclusion of the annual meeting.

Discussion Topics for Project Areas:

Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas	Study and Application of Weed Risk Models in Plant Community Restoration
Project 2: Weeds of Horticultural Crops	None
Project 3: Weeds of Agronomic Crops	Herbicide Drift and Nozzle Selection for Weed Control Research in Agronomic Crops
Project 4: Teaching and Technology Transfer	Open Access Publishing for the Open-minded
Project 5: Basic Biology and Ecology	Moving Beyond Herbicide Resistance: What are the Basic Biology and Ecology Research Needs in the Western US

Project Chairs and Chairs-Elect for the 2017 WSWS Annual Meeting:

Project 1: Weeds of Range and Natural Areas

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Recommendations for Board Action: None

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: None

Current Committee Members: Prashant Jha, Chair
Brad Hanson, Chair-elect

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