



Western Society of Weed Science Newsletter

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Report from the President by Kai Umeda

The national, state, and local elections are done and all of the campaigns are cleaning up of all the roadside signs and billboards and thank goodness – no more TV ads. However, there is one remaining election where you still have a short time left to cast your votes for WSWS officers for next year's Board of Directors. Please go to the WSWS website at <http://wsweedsience.org> and do your organizational duty by voting.

Most members are probably busily wrapping up fieldwork with harvests and then scrambling to collect yield data in order to submit titles and authors for 75th anniversary WSWS meeting in San Diego. Remember that the deadline to submit titles online is December 1.

As you analyze all of your research data, consider submitting a synopsis of your work to the WSWS Research Progress Reports that will be due in early January. The annual Progress Reports are an excellent venue to share preliminary results of efficacy, safety, and performance data of herbicides on western crops and weeds.

Another deadline coming up is for you to nominate deserving members to be Fellows of WSWS and also identify Outstanding Weed Scientists for Distinguished Service Awards in the private and public sector; for Outstanding Weed Scientists – Early Career in the private and public sector; and Outstanding Weed Scientists for weed managers and for professional staff. Please take time to think of colleagues who you would support and nominate for the recognition by WSWS peers.

In the meantime, Roger Gast, WSWS program chairman, is diligently working to line up his plenary session speakers and awaiting all of your title submissions so that he can begin to organize the project sessions and their discussions. Local arrangements chairman, Jesse Richardson has gotten the meeting essentials lined up and then some that will enable us to bask in the amenities of San Diego (see his report).

The WSWS Awards Committee just selected the student recipients of the WSWS Student Scholarships. The committee received several applications that were all worthy of reward, however, only three scholarships could be awarded. Samantha Ambrose, Oklahoma State University, Christina Herron-Sweet, Montana State University, and Leslie Holland, New Mexico State University, will receive scholarships that will assist them with preparations and travel to present at the WSWS meetings in San Diego. Congratulations to each recipient and thank you to all the applicants for their diligent efforts. We look forward to hearing all of the applicants' presentations and encourage all students to participate in the student paper and poster competitions.

The WSWS still needs to identify and create a mechanism to promote itself and its products. As I wrap up my sabbatical in the next month, members may begin hearing from me to solicit thoughts and ideas for marketing our annual meetings, education activities, and publications or more importantly seeking volunteers. Simple brainstorming could lead to bigger and better things down the road as we try to extend the WSWS identity and merits of its mission for another 75 years.

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is rapidly approaching and in 4 months the WSWS meetings will be in San Diego. While preparing for the meetings amidst the holiday activities, be safe and healthy and most importantly, merrily enjoy the company of your families and friends.

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Time to Prepare for Sunny San Diego - by Roger Gast, Program Chair

There is less than a month remaining to submit titles and authors for oral papers or posters to be presented at the 2013 WSSWS Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The title deadline is Saturday, December 1st. The final abstract will need to be submitted by Friday, February 22, 2013. All submissions for must be done per instructions described in our website found under the "annual meeting" tab and then "papers and posters". The actual submission is done on the WSSA website at www.wssaabstracts.com. As of this writing, I've seen only a handful of submissions on the WSSA online submissions website. I can imagine that many of you are still busily studying the results of your research to determine if they are ready to share with your peers. Please don't let the December 1st title deadline pass and miss the opportunity to present your research.

We won't have a special symposium topic at the San Diego meeting so I would personally ask all members to consider giving an oral presentation so we are assured of full and vibrant meeting, as we always have.

Our meeting will kick-off Monday night with the Welcome and Retirees Reception aboard the beautiful "William D. Evans" sternwheeler, docked on Mission Bay right there at the resort. So bring your sandals!

Opening the San Diego conference at the general session on Tuesday morning, March 12, will be several speakers including an update from our Science Policy Director, Lee Van Wychen; also Dr. Ian Heap will provide a global perspective on weed resistance just coming off his attendance at the Perth, Australia international "Herbicide Resistance Challenge" conference; and the UC IPM Program Director, our own Dr. Kassim Al-Khatib, will talk of his state program and share his vision of weed science's role in IPM.

The Education and Regulatory Section Chairperson, Brad Hanson is busily organizing his session as well as the Research Section Chairperson, Tony White, together with each of the Project Chairpersons for discussions in Range and Natural Areas, Horticultural Crops, Agronomic Crops, Teaching and Technology Transfer, and Basic Biology and Ecology. Begin making plans to attend and participate in the WSSWS annual meeting by registering early and making room reservations at the Catamaran Resort Hotel for March 11-14, 2013.

We continue to ask WSSWS members to consider submitting symposium proposals for future meetings in Colorado Springs in 2014 and in Portland in 2015. Members are encouraged to creatively design and plan currently or regionally relevant topics for future symposia. Refer to the spring 2012 issue of the WSSWS Newsletter for instructions to submit symposium proposals.

Report from the Local Arrangement Committee by Jesse Richardson

On-line pre-registration for the upcoming WSSWS annual meeting is up and running, and will be available until February 8. Pre-registration is encouraged as this helps in planning the meeting. When you go to the WSSWS homepage, look on the right side to find important dates and links. February 8 is also the deadline for hotel reservations at the conference rate. WSSWS room rates at the conference hotel start at \$147/night; self parking is \$13/day, while valet parking is \$17. Transportation from the San Diego Airport to the resort is recommended through Cloud Nine Shuttle (800-974-8885), which is \$12 per person each way.

The site for the 66th annual meeting of the WSSWS is remarkable! Few US cities can boast about more things to do and see than San Diego – Sea World, San Diego Zoo, Old Town, Balboa Park, Coronado Island, Gas Lamp District, Seaport Village. What will make it even more memorable is the meeting hotel. The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa is unique in its location and setting. The back side of the resort property ends at Mission Bay. A hundred yards from the front door is Pacific Beach. The hotel landscaping is characterized by its Hawaiian theme, with more than 1000 types of tropical plants, including more than 100 types of palm trees. Attendees will enjoy the reception Monday night in the William D. Evans sternwheeler, which will be docked on Mission Bay at the back of the resort. The stained glass ceiling on the top floor of this paddlewheeler is exquisite! After seeing the resort and surroundings, several WSSWS board members attending the summer planning meeting commented that their spouses would be attending in March.

For more information about San Diego, check out these web sites: www.sandiego.org, www.sandiegotraveltips.com, and www.sternwheelers.com.

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Registration for the 2013 annual meeting in San Diego is now open and you can go to our website (<http://www.wsweedscience.org/Meeting/prereg.asp>) to conveniently register online or you can use the registration form found in this newsletter. Since this is the 75th birthday of WSSWS, there will be some special mementos in your registration packets to mark the event. The Catamaran Hotel is a great location for the meeting and we expect a large turnout. Make your room reservations early since there are not many extra rooms at the hotel above what we have blocked. Room reservations can be made by following this link:

https://shop.evanshotels.com/catamaran_groups/wes0309.html

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. As always, if you need to contact the office, please give us a call at 575-527-1888 or e-mail at wsws@marathonag.com.

Student Liaison Report by Cameron Douglass

A big thank you to the student Society members who submitted applications for the Outstanding Student Scholarship awards. The Awards Committee had a very challenging task given the increasingly high quality of the applications and the excellent student research being conducted. Congratulations to the students who were selected for the three available awards, and we look forward to recognizing everyone for their contribution at the annual meeting. This program would not be possible without the help of the members of the Awards Committee, and all of us students thank them sincerely for their hard work and time spent evaluating the applications.

Speaking of the scholarship program, we are still looking for items or services for the Silent Auction and would be extremely grateful for your contribution. If you have a specific contact at a favorite company whose equipment you use frequently please pass that information on to us as well. We are interested in items both for this year's meeting in San Diego, but also next year's in Colorado Springs. As a reminder, the Silent Auction raises money directly for student scholarships, with the hope that soon the event can completely cover the costs of this important program.

Finally, a reminder that the WSSWS Student Section now has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WSSWSStudentSection>, or search for "Western Society of Weed Science." We will continue to use this webpage as a forum for information that is pertinent to student members, so please 'Like' us so we can update you with meeting information and deadlines. Give us feedback on the page so we can develop it into a useful and informative resource for all WSSWS student members. Also, don't forget the Student Site on the WSSWS website: http://www.wsweedscience.org/Students/Student_Portal.asp. Everything you need to know about the scholarship program and the upcoming meeting will be posted here too.

As always contact Craig (craig.beil@colostate.edu) or myself (cameron.douglass@colostate.edu) with any questions.

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<http://www.wsweedscience.org/contacts/Events/Education/factsheets.asp>

WSWS Journals Website
Online
www.WSSAJournals.org

Student Paper Judging Committee by Guy Kyser

If you are planning to attend the 2013 conference, I would like to encourage you to serve as an evaluator for the student papers and posters. It is a rewarding experience and may teach you a little about your own presentations! In the past we have needed 15 to 20 judges, spread out over several categories. Please contact me (gbkyser@ucdavis.edu) if you would like to volunteer.

Students - the WSWS Conference is a friendly environment to make your first professional presentation, and a good place to meet the weed scientists with whom you might study or work in the future. Tips on creating your talk or poster, and the "score card" the judges use to evaluate your presentation, are available at the WSWS student site: http://www.wsweedscience.org/Students/Student_Portal.asp. In addition, we now have a Student Representative, Samantha Ambrose, Oklahoma State University (skambro@ostateemail.okstate.edu). Samantha or I will try to answer any questions you might have about presenting.

I want to thank our outgoing chair, Jamshid Ashigh, for doing such a great job last year. I am looking forward to working with Kelly Young, our incoming chair, and to seeing those student posters and papers.

2013 Western Invasive Weed Short Course by Sandra McDonald

The Western Invasive Weed Short Course to be held April 15-18, 2013 at Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch in Loveland, Colorado

About the Short Course -- The Western Invasive Weed Short Course is an intensive study of current technologies and best management practices associated with noxious and invasive weeds in the western United States.

The Goal -- To benefit those new to invasive plant management and experienced professions seeking a comprehensive update by specifically tailoring the session to the interest's of the 2013 participants!

Who Should Attend - Local, state, federal government and other land managers throughout the western region who desire a better understanding of weed management.

Short Course Instructors – Outstanding trainers representing the Western Society of Weed Science

Registration – The registration fee (\$650.00 by January 31, 2013; \$750.00 on February 1, 2013) provides each attendee the educational program, a CD of PowerPoint presentations, course manuals, laboratory sessions and related course materials, other supplies and daily refreshment breaks. Lodging and meals are separate and are provided by Sylvan Dale Guest Ranch.

For More Information or to Register – Contact Sandra McDonald at 970-266-9573 or Sandra@MountainWestPEST.com or visit:

www.mountainwestpest.com/ShortCourse.html

Calendar of Events

65th California Weed
Science Society Conference
January 23-25, 2013
Sacramento, CA
www.cwss.org

Weed Science Society of
America Annual Meeting
February 4-7, 2013
Baltimore, Maryland
<http://www.wssa.net/>

Western Society of Weed
Science Annual Meeting
March 11-14, 2013
San Diego, California
www.wsweedscience.org

Soil & Water Conservation
Society
Invasive Plants: Managing
Controversy, Creativity, &
Conservation
July 21, 2013
Reno, Nevada
www.swcs.org/13AC



RESILIENT LANDSCAPES

Planning for Flood, Drought & Fire

68th International Annual Conference
Reno, NV July 21-24, 2013
www.swcs.org/13AC



Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS)

“Invasive Plants: Managing Controversy, Creativity, and Conservation” July 21, 2013

A 1-day special session entitled, “Invasive Plants: Managing Controversy, Creativity, and Conservation”, will focus on the challenges and issues associated with invasive plant species. In all parts of the world, invasive plants are establishing in natural areas and wild lands and are changing many of the cycles (e.g., fire, hydrological) and affecting many of the processes (e.g., succession, nutrient turnover) that once supported biologically diverse communities. There are many unknowns on the long-term impacts of invasive plant species and this has spurred numerous debates related to management approaches and even the necessity of human intervention. Alternatively, the short-term effects of invasive plants can be seen at small and large scales and has resulted in much thought by researchers, land managers, and policymakers on how to develop and find innovative/alternative approaches to address what should be done and how best to do it. Ultimately, a price will be paid if dialogue does not continue and new ways are not developed to preserve our current landscapes and at the same time allow for dynamic change in these systems, which includes invasive plant species. It is with this focus that this 1-day special session is taking place at the 2013 SWCS annual meetings in Reno, NV. The intent is to create an environment with a diverse audience that through discussion and presentation will continue to advance what is best for the environment and its constituents in relation to invasive plants species both now and into the future. Make plans to attend this special session in July 2013. Symposia organizers are seeking contributed oral and poster presentation to complement three invited plenary speakers. For registration details, go to www.swcs.org/13AC

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Assistant Professor Extension Weed Specialist
Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science,
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Assistant Professor\Extension Weed Specialist: Agronomic Crops: The Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science at Virginia Tech is offering a tenure-track position with 70% Extension & 30% Research responsibility. The successful candidate will work at Virginia Tech's main campus in Blacksburg, VA and will provide state-wide leadership in the development of weed control programs for agronomic crops, disseminate research results to Virginia stakeholders, train graduate students, and assist in weed diagnostic clinic and various teaching activities. Emphasis is placed on development of recommendations and other weed control information pertinent to current problems of Virginia farmers in soybean, corn, small grains, forages, and other crops. The incumbent will be expected to conduct an innovative and nationally recognized research and Extension program that addresses development of cost-effective, environmentally sustainable strategies to prevent, manage and control weeds in these economically important crops. The scientist will be expected to secure extramural funding, and will recruit, support, and advise graduate students. Scholarship will be demonstrated through publication of peer-reviewed journal articles, Extension articles, websites, and other appropriate media. The incumbent will develop and deliver educational programs to producers, Extension Agents, farm consultants, agribusiness personnel, and government agencies, and will work cooperatively with other specialists, Extension Agents, and industry groups. Opportunities for collaborative, multi-disciplinary work with campus and AREC based faculty are significant and encouraged.

Required Qualifications: An earned Ph.D. in Weed Science or closely related field with major emphasis on weed management in row crops and/or small grains. Evidence of ability to communicate orally and in writing. Ability to work effectively in a team environment with Extension and agribusiness personnel. Ability to develop proposals to seek outside funding for program support. Ability to effectively instruct undergraduate and graduate students. Effective use of electronic media in education and communication of technical information.

Preferred qualifications: Previous experience in Extension and/or outreach activities. Prior instructional experience. Evidence of the ability to publish and secure extramural funding.

Application Process: Apply at <http://listings.jobs.vt.edu:80/postings/26509>, Posting #0122469. Provide cover letter, resume, official transcripts, statement of professional interests, and three letters of recommendation. In addition, send a list of contact information for three references for whom you have requested letters of recommendation to Dr. Shawn Askew, Associate Professor & Extension Program Leader for PPWS, Virginia Tech Glade Road Facility, 435 Old Glade Road, Blacksburg, VA 24061 (saskew@vt.edu)

WSWS REGISTRATION FORM 66th ANNUAL WESTERN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE MEETING

Deadline: Mail-in registration must be postmarked by February 8, 2013. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION-NO EXCEPTIONS. Check or Money Order (U.S. Dollars) Only. Credit card payments may be made with online registration or call 575-527-1888. Visit: www.wsweedscience.org No refunds after March 1, 2012.

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Mail by 2/8/13</u>	<u>After 2/8/13</u>	<u>Total</u>
____ Regular meeting	\$ 230.00	\$ 330.00	_____
____ Student	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	_____
____ Spouse	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	_____
	Total Remittance	\$	_____

Do you want to participate in Student Night Out? ____ YES ____ NO

The Student Night Out program matches students with weed science professionals for an evening out to dinner during the Annual Meeting. If you checked YES, someone will follow-up with you before the meeting.

Note: Onsite registration at the meeting is at the higher rates noted above. The full program will be posted at the website in mid January.

IF NOT ATTENDING, BUT WANT TO REMAIN A MEMBER, FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SEND \$ 30.00 FOR DUES \$ _____

Last name	First name	Affiliation
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Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
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Phone # w/area code	e-mail address
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Name Desired on Badge	Spouse name (if registering)
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Classification: Student ___ University ___ Federal Agency ___ State Agency ___
 Private Industry (manufacturing and sales) ___ Private Industry (consulting) ___
 Unemployed ___ Retired ___ Other (specify) _____

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_____ Aquatic and Riparian Weeds of the West.....	\$45.00
_____ Weeds of California and Other Western States.....	\$85.00
_____ Broadleaf and Grass Weeds of the West (CD only,2 discs).....	\$50.00
_____ Invasive Plants of Range & Wildlands and Their Environmental, Economic and Societal Impacts	\$25.00
_____ Interactive Encyclopedia of North American Weeds DVD.....	\$50.00
Total_____	

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