



Western Society of Weed Science NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

The Board held the summer meeting August 1 & 2 in Colorado Springs at the Doubletree Inn. As many of you may remember, the WSSW meeting was held at the Doubletree 5 years ago. It is an ideal site with plenty of meeting space. The banquet representative has a record of how the last meeting was organized and they are very well prepared to help us put on the 2004 meeting. Phil Stahlman, Scott Nissen and Mike Edwards are busy working on the upcoming program and agenda.

I would like to thank all members of the board who were able to make the meeting and for the reports submitted by all of the committees. It made the Board's work a lot easier.

Special thanks for the efforts of the Finance committee in working out a number of issues for the organization. As required by the IRS, Wanda will become an employee of WSSW and she will receive a salary that keeps her take home pay unchanged. Our financial investments are on the upswing

with the recovering economy. For a number of years, Stanley Cooper of Merrill Lynch has been doing an excellent job of managing the WSSW portfolio. He has moved to RBC Dain Rauscher and the Board, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, voted to move the portfolio with Stanley Cooper. There were several financial benefits for WSSW. The Finance Committee also recommended to the Board that the fees for the 2004 meeting be raised. The Board voted to increase the annual meeting registration fee from \$75 to \$95; spouse from \$25 to \$30; student fees from \$0 to \$25; and annual membership fee from \$15 to \$25. The need for the increase is because of higher meeting expenses including meals. WSSW fees are still less than those charged by NCWSS and SWSS.

A committee chaired by Steve Miller and consisting of Jill Schroeder and Roland Schirman will review and update the operations guide for each committee. I would like all committee chairs to review the operations guide and send any suggestions or recommendations to any committee member.

There are a lot of changes coming to the web site. We have a new webmaster and there will be a number of upgrades. It should be online soon. Because of the increasing importance of the website to the WSSW membership, a temporary three member committee will be working to keep the web updated and add improvements. Joan Campbell, Neal Hageman and Tony White will be the initial members. There is too much work for one individual to do and it is important to have backup personnel.

It is important to the WSWS to develop ideas on where we are going and what we want to be in the future. There will be a workshop at the 2004 meeting to start this process. All members are urged to think about what you want WSWS to be and to give suggestions to any board member or be a part of the discussion next March.

The 2006 meeting will be at the Nugget in Reno.

All is moving ahead for the 2004 meeting.

Committee Members Wanted

As a volunteer organization, the WSWS needs your help. Are you interested in serving on a committee beginning after the 2004 meeting? Listed below are the WSWS committees. If you are interested in serving the WSWS, please contact Phil Stahlman at 785-625-3425 or stahlman@ksu.edu. He will do his best to accommodate your request.

Education
Finance
Herbicide Resistance
Legislative
Local Arrangements
Necrology
Nomination
Placement
Poster
Public Relations
Publications
Resolutions
Site Selection
Student Paper Judging
Sustaining Members
Student Educational Enhancement

Student Paper Judges Needed

Are you interested in contributing time to the WSWS? Kassim Al-Khatib, chair of the

Student Paper Contest, is looking for judges for oral and poster presentations. If you are interested, contact Kassim at 785-532-5155 or khatib@ksu.edu.

Nominate Someone for WSWS Award

Nominations for WSWS Distinguished Achievement Awards, Fellows, and Honorary Member Awards are due December 1. The WSWS has increased the number of awards that recognize individuals in the following categories: Outstanding Weed Scientist (public & private), Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career (public & private), Weed Manager, and Professional Staff; in addition to the Fellows and Honorary Member awards. More detail regarding each award is included with this newsletter. We all know of someone who is deserving of these awards and deserves recognition in their profession. Please take the time and nominate deserving individuals for these awards. Nominations for the Distinguished Achievement Awards go to Phil Stahlman and nominations for Fellows and Honorary Members go to Charlotte Eberlein. More information can be found in the attached forms.

Brewster receives professional staff award

Bill Brewster, Oregon State University, was accidentally omitted in the May newsletter announcing award recipients at the WSWS meeting. Bill was awarded the first Outstanding Weed Scientist, Professional Staff Award for his service to Oregon State University.

IPINAMS Conference registration

Registration is now open for the Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems: Linking Science and Management (IPINAMS) Conference. This conference was initiated by WSSA and is being cosponsored by the Weed Science Society of

America and the Ecological Society of America in conjunction with 7th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions.

The Preliminary Program and Registration materials for the IPINAMS conference which will be held November 3-7, 2003 at the Wyndham Bonaventure Resort, Ft. Lauderdale, FL are available on the conference website at www.esa.org/ipinams-emapi7/.

The goals of the conference are to enhance dialogue between scientists, managers, and practitioners in order to broaden our understanding of the science, needs, and prospects for efficient management of non-native plant invasions and to foster interdisciplinary cooperation on the science and management of invasive exotic plants. The conference will bring together ecologists, weed scientists, private and public land managers, agricultural scientists, botanists, weed management specialists, extension personnel, economists, agriculture and natural resource educators, policy makers, horticultural and nursery professionals, biological control investigators and practitioners, and others interested in invasive species issues.

The conference will feature three and a half days of plenary sessions, symposia, workshops, contributed poster and oral presentations, and roundtable discussions, as well as pre- and post-conference field trips. An extensive poster session with contributed posters will focus on conference themes and offer an excellent opportunity for extended and informal discussion.

For more information contact: Rob Hedberg, Director of Science Policy at 202-408-5388 or robhedberg@erols.com.

National Invasive Weeds Week

The 5th National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week will be February 23-27, 2004 in Washington, DC. An opening general session will be at the Holiday Inn Capitol on Monday morning, briefings with USDA and the Dept. of Interior will be on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and FICMNEW will hold a meeting on Thursday morning. Active weed management programs are encouraged to present displays that highlight successes and collaborations. The poster displays will be exhibited for the week at the US Botanic Garden.

International Weed Science Society Announces Graduate Student Travel Award Opportunity

The IWSS has decided to encourage the participation of young weed scientists (M.Sc. and Ph.D. students) in the upcoming IWSC-2004 in Durban, South Africa, by providing up to 6 scholarships that will cover registration fees, accommodation, and part of the travel expenses. The Graduate Student Award Committee (Prof J. Streibig, Chairman, Dr. Phil Banks and Prof. B. Rubin) will select the awardees according to the following criteria:

1. The candidate must be enrolled as a M.Sc. or Ph.D. student, pursuing a degree related to WEED SCIENCE as of December 20, 2003.
2. Submissions should be in the form of up to a 5 page manuscript including tables, figures and photos (PDF file - font 12, 1.5 space and 3 cm margin throughout), with abstract, introduction, materials and methods, results, and discussion. Deadline for submission is December 31, 2003.
3. Submissions will be appraised/judged based on the following merits: quality of research, novelty, contribution to the

discipline of Weed Science and to the society. The research is required be that of the student.

4. Submissions should include a letter of commitment from the major professor or institution to provide additional travel support if the student should receive the award from IWSS.

5. All material should be sent via e-mail, no later than December 31, 2003 to:

Prof. J. C. Streibig – The Royal Veterinary & Agricultural University, Dept. Agricultural Sciences (Weed Science), Room T364, Thorvaldsensvej 40, DK-1871 Frederiksberg, Denmark
(Jens.C.Streibig@agsci.kvl.dk)

Dr. P. A. Banks, Marathon-Ag/Environ Consulting, 2649 Navajo Rd, Las Cruces, NM 88007, USA
(MarathonAg@zianet.com)

Prof. B. Rubin, Institute of Agricultural Plant Sciences and Genetics, Faculty of Agriculture, Rehovot 76100, Israel
(rubin@agri.huji.ac.il)

Awards will be announced at the Weed Science Society of America meeting at Kansas City, MO in February of 2004. Awardees will present their work at the IWSS meeting in Durban.

APWSS Meets in 2005

The Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society will meet at the Rex Hotel, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam in November, 2005. The APWSS was founded in 1967 and the upcoming meeting is organized by the Cuulong Delta Rice Research Institute and the Weed Science Society of Vietnam. This meeting will mark the first visit of the APWSS to Vietnam. For more information

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News from Around the West

Idaho. Mack Thompson has accepted a position with Pioneer Seed Co. in Iowa.

Montana. Roger Sheley has accepted a position with the USDA-ARS at Burns, Oregon.

Washington. Marty Williams has accepted a position with the USDA-ARS at Urbana Illinois.

Calendar of Events-

Nov. 5-7, 2003, Washington State Weed Conference, Yakima Convention Center, Yakima, WA. Contact Bob Parker at 509-786-9234.

November 4-6, 2003, Wyoming Weed and Pest Council 58th Annual Conference, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Contact Roy Reichenbach at 307-777-6585 or rreich@state.wy.us

Feb. 4-5, 2004, Idaho Weed Conference, Nampa, ID. Contact Rick Waitley at 208-888-0988 or rwaitley@spro.net.

Feb. 7-11, 2004, Weed Science Society of America Conference, Kansas City, MO. Contact Brent Philbrook at 8160242-2547 or brent.philbrook@bayer.com.

Mar. 9-11, 2004, Western Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting, Colorado Springs, CO. Contact Wanda Graves at 510-790-1252 or wgraves431@aol.com.