

WSWS Newsletter



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President's Report

The Executive Board held its annual summer meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia on July 30 and 31 at the site of next years annual meeting. The Hyatt Regency Hotel located in downtown Vancouver is very nice, has abundant meeting space, and a panoramic view of the city and nearby harbor from the top floor, site of the Past-President's Member Reception on Monday night. Several shopping and eating establishments are within a few blocks walking distance. Program Chair Phil Banks and his committee are finalizing an informative and interesting program. The committee planning a knotweed symposium for Vancouver has decided to delay that symposium until 2007 in Portland, when several current knotweed research projects will have been completed. However, Phil is planning another mini-symposium on transgenic seed traits and how they fit with and effect weed science. See Phil's report for other program announcements and instructions for submitting papers and posters. Note especially in the Call for Papers that there are changes in how and when papers are to be submitted to project chairs. Also, guidelines and requirements have been revised for participants in the student paper and poster contests.

Shortly after the meeting in Colorado Springs, the WSWS web site became dysfunctional and required a major overhaul. Web site editor Tony White has designed a new website and is adding features and pages as they become available. He currently is beta testing on-line

paper submission, meeting and hotel registration, and a member list-serve should be activated later this fall. Tony invites you to visit the web site at www.wsweedscience.org and send constructive suggestions and critiques to him at twhite@ksu.edu.

The Executive Board approved a request to subsidize in the amount of \$15,000 the publication of a new book titled "Biological Control of Invasive Plants in the United States" published by Oregon State University Press in Fall 2004. This project originally grew out of the WSWS Publications Committee under the guidance of the late Barbra Mullin and will be dedicated to her memory. The book has many color photos emphasizing central and western U.S. weeds, and will be targeted to western land managers. It will be sold and distributed by OSU Press through bookstores, universities, and other outlets. *All royalties from sales of the book will go to WSWS.*

A major activity of the summer board meeting was to review the results of the member survey conducted earlier this year and to vision the future of the WSWS. Jill Schroeder and Vanelle Carrithers, with coaching from Institute of Conservation Leadership consultant Pam Mavrolas, did a great job of facilitating the discussion and keeping the group focused and on task. A detailed summary report of the survey results and outcomes of the Board's discussion will be sent to all members electronically at a later date, posted on the website, and re-

ported during the general session in Vancouver. Thank you for the tremendous response in completing the survey (215 were received) and for the many thoughtful comments, both positive and some not so positive. Collectively, several clear trends emerged and helped the Board identify action outcomes to be completed within the next 18 months; others within 2 to 4 years. It is gratifying to know that most members rate the value of the organization highly, but we face several challenges and must be open to change and proactive in capitalizing on opportunities in order to remain a viable organization valued by its members. We've already begun initiating some actions that do not require member approval. Other recommended changes that require member approval will be communicated to the membership, along with justification, at a later date and voted on either by mail ballot or during the Thursday morning business meeting in Vancouver.

I thank everyone who has served or currently is serving on WSWS committees and the Executive Board for their service and contribution to the organization. The Board desires to involve newer members in committee service and in the leadership path of the organization. Please consider volunteering or agreeing to serve when asked. If you have suggestions, comments or concerns, please direct them to me or one of the other Executive Board members.

Sincerely,
Phil Stahlman, President

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Report from the Vancouver Meeting Program Committee

After visiting the hotel site during the summer board of directors meeting, I can report that the Vancouver Hyatt Regency Hotel has excellent facilities for our meeting and the hotel staff is eager to host us. The call for papers can be found in this issue of the newsletter. Please submit a paper or poster for the meeting. The Research Project Chairs and Drew Lyon, Research Section Chair, are working hard to put together a great forum for the exchange of scientific and practical information. Charlie Hicks, Education & Regulatory Section Chair, will present a stimulating session on the status of the US/Canadian pesticide registration process and the resulting impact on minor crop registrations. For the general session,

Dr. Mahesh Upadhyaya, Professor and Associate Dean, University of British Columbia will welcome all of us to Vancouver and give us inside tips as to the sights, sounds, and things to do in the city. Besides the Presidential Address by Phil Stahlman and the Director of Science Policy Address by Rob Hedberg; Neil Harker, Weed Physiologist at the Lacombe Research Centre and Past President of the Canadian Weed Science Society will give the keynote address. Neil will present the current and future challenges to weed science in Canada and the Border region. There are currently two mini-symposia planned. One will cover the background, history and experimentation leading to current statistical meth-

ods for determining how weeds respond to various levels of management inputs. The other pertains to the changing landscape of crop protection chemistry vs. genetic engineering of crops. There should be a lively discussion in this one. Tim Miller and his local arrangements committee are already working hard to ensure the meeting runs smoothly while we are there. As you prepare for the upcoming meeting, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments about the program, please free to contact me at marathonag@zianet.com or 505-527-8853.

Submitted by Phil Banks, Program Chair

WSSA Honorary Member and Fellows Award

This is a reminder that the deadline for submitting nominations for the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) Honorary Member and Fellows Award is September 10, 2004. You are encouraged to nominate one of your peers for these important awards. This year all WSSA award nominations will be electronic, which will streamline the process. However, if this is not convenient for a nominator, Tim Mur-

phy, Chair of the WSSA Honorary Member and Fellows Award Subcommittee will accept a paper copy submission.

Thank you,
Jodie Holt
Member, WSSA Honorary Member and Fellows Award Subcommittee

Student Contest Notice

Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to enter the Student Paper and Poster Contest at the WSWS Annual Meeting. Rules for the contest have been clarified. Please refer to the guidelines/criteria with the Call for Papers attached to this issue for details.

Proposed Invasive Knotweed Symposium Postponed until 2007 Annual Meeting

A symposium on invasive knotweeds was proposed for the 2005 annual meeting in Vancouver, B.C. A committee consisting of Celestine Duncan and John Brock, co-chairs, Tim Miller, Tim Prather, Rita Beard, Vanelle Carrithers, Janet Clark, and Phil Banks was formed. After many meetings and considera-

tions it was decided that the best location for this symposium would be the Portland meeting in March 2007. Invasive knotweeds are rampant on the northern U.S. Pacific coast and the committee found that Portland would draw more individuals to this symposium than Vancouver, B.C. Thanks to all of

the committee members for taking time to organize the symposium. Watch for this symposium in 2007 in Portland!

Submitted by Phil Banks, Program Chair

Tips for Travel to Vancouver, BC

Here are a few details of which all non-Canadian citizens attending the 2005 WSWS Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC should be aware. First, US citizens should experience no difficulty entering Canada, whether driving or flying. Travelers should be ready to provide proof of citizenship upon request. This is easiest using a passport, but a copy of your US birth certificate plus a photo ID will be fine. These documents are particularly important upon your return to the US, as border patrol officers are perhaps more thorough on this point in this post-9-11 world. *Please note that a driver's license or voter registration card will not provide proof of US citizenship!*

If you are a US citizen, don't currently have a passport, and desire to obtain one prior to the meeting, now would be a good time to start the process. It takes up to two months (and about \$65) to process your application. Also, please realize that you will need to obtain official passport photos and an authenticated birth certificate from your birth state prior to even applying (no, the birth certificate your parents received at the hospital upon your birth is probably not good enough). Check with your local passport office (often housed in a county courthouse) to determine what you need to do to obtain your passport.

In addition to proof of citizenship, non-Canadian/non-US citizens residing in the US will also need to ensure that their visa allows for travel to Canada. This status may take quite some time to be granted,

so requests for status change should be made as soon as possible.

Getting to the hotel. There are no complementary hotel shuttles from the Vancouver airport to the Hyatt Regency. An airport/hotel shuttle service is available at the airport (one-way or round-trip fares) that should cost about \$15 each way. These can be booked upon arrival in Vancouver. Taxis are available for \$35 to \$40, one way. The hotel is about a half-hour drive from the airport. For those driving to the conference, parking is available (for a fee) in the basement of the Hyatt building.

Regarding Canadian currency. At the time of this writing, the exchange rate is approximately 0.7 US dollar = 1.00 Canadian dollar (this may well change between now and March, 2005). Many vendors will accept US currency, but all would prefer you obtain Canadian currency. Experienced international travelers no doubt know this already, but you have a few choices as to obtaining Canadian currency. First, you may exchange your US currency at a bank after arrival in Canada. You may do this at the airport, but there are several banks located close to the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver and they will probably give you a better exchange rate. (Your local bank may also have some Canadian currency on-hand, although the further you are from Canada, the less likely this will be). Second, you may obtain traveler's cheques prior to your trip. These are usually acceptable at most venues in Canada, although some vendors charge a fee for the transaction. A

third option is to simply plan on using a credit card for all purchases. Most major US credit cards are accepted in Canada, and these will automatically exchange US and Canadian funds. Be aware, however, that most credit card companies also charge a fee for each international use (usually a percentage of the purchase value). A fourth option is to use an ATM to obtain Canadian currency (several are within easy walking distance to the hotel). And yes, fees are charged by the ATM company and by your bank for this service, too.

The weather in Vancouver in March will likely be damp, but mild (although we may luck out and have beautiful weather!). Plan on rain and temperatures ranging from 45 to 60 degrees (that's degrees Fahrenheit; I'll let you do the conversion to Celsius yourself).

Finally, if you haven't been to Vancouver, it is a major city and we will be in the heart of downtown. Safety shouldn't be a large concern, however, as we are located in a very nice section of town, complete with ample shopping and good restaurants within easy walking distance. Use common sense as you would in any large city. For longer distance travel in the city, the Hyatt Regency is nearly adjacent to a Sky Train (light rail transport) station and taxi service is easily available.

See you in Vancouver!

Tim Miller, Local Arrangements Chair

2005 Annual Meeting Information

Annual Meeting Pre-Registration Information

Online pre-registration for the 2005 Western Weed Science Society annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia will start on October 1, 2004 and be open through February 15, 2005. Although online registration is strongly preferred, paper forms will be mailed with the November newsletter for those who do not wish to register online. Non-members who wish to attend the meeting can enter their contact information and register for the meeting at www.wsweedscience.org or complete the paper form and return it to the WSWS. All registrants should send payment to Wanda Graves at the address provided online or on the paper form. Annual membership dues are included in the meeting registration fees.

Soon, Tony White, WSWS Web Editor, will send each current mem-

ber an e-mail message containing their login information. Members can then login to the website by going to 'My Account' or by clicking the login link at the top right of any page. If you are a current member and do not receive your login information by October 1, 2004, please e-mail Tony at webmaster@mail.wsweedscience.org or call 785-625-3425 ext.522.

Title and Abstract Submission for the Annual Meeting

Title and abstract submissions must be conducted online. Individuals who wish to submit a title for a paper or poster must also be registered for the meeting before submitting a title and abstract. Online meeting registration allows immediate access to the 'Title & Abstract Submission' section.

Title and index information can be edited anytime before December 1,

2004. Abstracts must be uploaded as a Word Document (.doc) file before February 1, 2005. **Only one abstract upload will be allowed per submission.** Therefore, thorough editing and formatting must take place before uploading to the website. Please visit www.wsweedscience.org for more information on uploading your abstract.

Members Not Attending the Annual Meeting

Current members who will not be able to attend the annual meeting are asked to send payment of \$25 to Wanda Graves to maintain their membership in the WSWS. These members will still be able to login to the website to view secure member information or update their contact information.

Submitted by Tony White, WSWS Webmaster

Positions Available



DEPARTMENT HEAD Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences invites applications for the position of Professor and Head of the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science. The department has 26 faculty members, with outstanding research programs in molecular biology, functional genomics, and basic biology of plant-microbe interactions, plant-plant interactions, abiotic stress physiology, metabolic engineering, conventional plant protection approaches, and weed biology/management. A full position description and additional information on departmental programs is available at www.ppws.vt.edu. Applicants should complete a faculty application and submit a complete curriculum vitae, a statement of intent, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five references online at <http://jobs.vt.edu>. Review will begin on October 1, 2004 and continue until the position is filled. Additional inquiries should be directed to Mr. Don Ball, Fralin Biotechnology Center, biotech@vt.edu, 540-231-6934.

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University of Arizona IPM Program Manager

The IPM Program Manager (100% Extension) provides leadership to and implements the program priorities of the newly-formed Arizona Pest Management Center (APMC) with an interdisciplinary team of extension and research faculty from across the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) including County Cooperative Extension Offices in the state. This full-time (12 month) position is a year-to-year, non-continuing eligible, academic professional appointment of CALS stationed at the Maricopa Agricultural Center (MAC), Maricopa, AZ. A disciplinary or departmental adjunct affiliation may be available based on candidate interest and background. The IPM Program Manager will interact with IPM teams, other funded IPM projects, and IPM Coordinating Committee. The IPM Program Manager will help to coordinate, implement, manage and support planning of IPM programs in cooperation with USDA, Federal, State and local agencies. Salary is commensurate with experience. Full description and application details/procedure available at

www.uacareertrack.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=176529. Position opened until filled. The University of Arizona is an EEO/AA - M/W/D/V Employer

Team Tamarisk Guiding Principles

Team Tamarisk is an inclusive alliance of cooperating agencies, tribes, diverse organizations, and individuals devoted to the control of tamarisk (saltcedar, *Tamarix* spp.) and associated non-native invasive plants.

Tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plants cause economic and environmental harm, affect the public health and welfare, and require active long-term management programs with sustainable funding.

Team Tamarisk subscribes to the following guiding principles, in no particular order of importance:

A. To facilitate the prevention and control of tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plants with the ultimate goal of restoring healthy, productive ecosystems, leadership at all levels should: maximize the spirit of cooperation; foster sharing of information, strategies, tools, and research; leverage funding; and coordinate actions.

B. Public and private partnerships across jurisdictional and watershed boundaries should maximize effective on-the-ground efforts, while respecting private property rights, tribal rights, and local customs and cultures.

C. Actions will comply with established federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations, and policies.

D. Existing frameworks of funding, technical assistance, and expertise should be identified, used, and publicized to optimize resources and maximize local effectiveness.

E. Funding should be directed to proposals and mechanisms that maximize resources on-the-ground while minimizing administrative overhead.

F. Objective criteria must be developed at all levels -local, state, tribal, and regional-for control, restoration, and monitoring projects based on sound science and economics, local community and regional involvement, cultural and traditional values, cost-benefit analysis, and urgency.

G. Diverse interest groups should be organized and mobilized to manage the control of tamarisk and non-native invasive plants for the benefit of healthy, productive ecosystems and the greater public.

H. To improve management decisions, data from inventories, monitoring, and control actions should be comparable and shared at all

levels through a web-based clearinghouse.

I. Performance measures for control of tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plants should include quantifiable units (e.g., water quantity and quality, acres treated and restored, fuel reduction), leading to the long-term recovery of healthy, productive ecosystems.

J. The policy makers and public should be informed about tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plant issues through development of comprehensive educational and outreach efforts.

K. Research efforts should develop innovative tools and technologies to aid in the management and monitoring of tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plants in a variety of environments.

L. Proactive management and control strategies for tamarisk and associated non-native invasive plants should be developed at multiple scales in accordance with recognized planning principles and guidelines, including consensus-based goals and objectives.

Submitted by Nelroy Jackson,
WSSA Representative

Students Need Your Advice

Can you spare a couple hours during the WSWS Annual Meeting to help a young professional? Judges are needed for the Student Paper and Poster Contest. Your comments will help students improve their research and presentation skills. If you are interested in providing this service to the society, please contact Kirk Howatt by phone, (701)231-7209, or e-mail, kirk.howatt@ndsu.nodak.edu.

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9:00am to 5:00pm Pacific Time



Visit the web site at
www.wsweedscience.org

WSWS Objectives

- To foster and encourage education and research in weed science.
- To foster cooperation among state, federal and private agencies in matters of weed science.
- To aid and support commercial, private and public agencies in the solution of weed problems.
- To support legislation governing weed control programs and weed research and education programs.
- To support the Weed Science Society of America and foster state and regional organizations and agencies interested in weed control.

Looking for Content

If you would like to post events, position announcements, new hires, or other news from around the west, please send information to Pat Clay (contact information below). The next issue will be available in November. Please submit materials by October 15, 2004 to:

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Electronic submissions are greatly appreciated

News and Events Around the West

Ed Northam has joined the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, Maricopa County, and will be a project coordinator and contact person for invasive weeds issues. His initial activities will be involved with organizing and establishing a Central Arizona Weed Management Area (WMA) that will be a collaboration of federal, state, and local agencies, organizations, and individuals from within and around Maricopa County.

The WMA will be a non-regulatory educational coalition that will focus on pest plants which are detrimental to human welfare, adversely influence economic affairs and commerce, or de-

grade environmental/economic conditions in the Phoenix metroplex, adjacent public lands, tribal areas, and privately-owned rural tracts. Arizona has several WMA's that are citizen advocacy groups composed of volunteers dedicated to pulling weeds, educating landowners, the general public, and governmental land managers about harm resulting from extensive colonization and spread of non-native pest plants.

November 3-4, 2004

Joint University of Arizona Invasive Weed Summit and Southwest Vegetation Management Association Annual Meeting. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, Phoenix, AZ. For additional information contact:

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November 17, 2004

3rd Annual Arizona Weed Contest, Maricopa Agricultural Center, Maricopa AZ. For more information contact:

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