WSWS Officer and Committee Report
2018 Garden Grove, CA
March 12, 8am to 5pm

Office or Committee Name: Research Section

Officer or Chairperson Name: Brad Hanson, Chair (bhanson@ucidavis.edu

Date of Preparation (include year): March 9, 2018

Committee Activities during the Year:

A total of 138 papers (78 oral presentations, 60 posters) have been submitted for the annual meeting, including the five general session presentations. This is fewer than the167 presented at the 2017 meeting which was held jointly with the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society.

Presentations by section were as follows:

Section	# oral presentations / poster presentations
General Session	5 / 0
Basic Biology and Ecology	9 / 6
Education and Regulatory	5 / 0
Teaching and Technology Transfer	4 / 4
Weeds of Agronomic Crops	26 / 27
Weeds of Horticultural Crops	11 / 11
Weeds of Range, Forests, and Natural Areas	18 / 10
Undergraduate Posters	0 / 2

Titles, abstracts, and many presentation files were uploaded through wssaabstracts.com with few problems reported. Project chairs and chair-elects were reminded of their duties and responsibilities in the weeks prior to the conference. Session moderators were reminded to provide a computer and laser pointer; local members will provide the standard projectors and the hotel will provide the higher-powered projection equipment for the larger rooms. Section chairs were reminded to prepare a discussion section report and elect a new chair-elect for the 2019 meeting and provide to the Research Section chair following the 2018 meeting.

Discussion topics provided by the section chairs were:

- *How will climate instability impact crop competition, weed communities, and weed biology in the short term?* (Basic Biology and Ecology)
- *Who ya gonna call? Extension? (*Teaching and Technology Transfer)
- *State of weed resistance in the West. (*Weeds of Agronomic Crops)
- *Environmental factors and herbicide performance.* (Weeds of Horticultural Crops)
- *Implementing a collaborative approach to restoring sites dominated by invasive annual grasses.* (Weeds of Range, Forests, and Natural Areas)

Project Chairs and Chair-Elect for the 2018 WSWS Annual Meeting

Basic Biology and Ecology
- Chair: Nevin Lawrence
- Chair-elect: Lynn Sosnoskie

Teaching and technology Transfer
- Chair: Dan Tekiela
- Chair-elect: Kirk Howatt

Weeds of Agronomic Crops
- Chair: Rand Merchant
- Chair-elect: Vipan Kumar

Weeds of Horticultural Crops
- Chair: Andy Robinson
- Chair-elect: Marcello Moretti

Weeds of Range, Forest, and Natural
- Chair: Shawna Bautista & Tim Harrington
- Chair-elect: Derek Sebastian

Recommendations for Board Action:
The chair-elect will not be able to serve as chair for the 2019 meeting. Current chair is willing to serve a second term. Will need to vote for a new chair-elect during 2019 using normal WSWS balloting process.

Budget Needs: None

Suggestions for the Future: None

Current Committee Members: Brad Hanson, Chair. Gustavo Sbatella, Chair-elect

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