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Call for Papers and Posters

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The 2025 Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) will take place March 10-13, 2025 in Seattle, Washington at The Westin Seattle.

Title and abstract submission will open October 23, 2024. Deadline for title submission is **December 1, 2024**, but abstracts may be entered and revised any time through mid-February 2025. **An important change for this year** is the use of Confex Event Management for title and abstract submission, which is aligned across national and regional weed science societies. The title/author submission site is available through a link on the "Annual Meeting" page [Annual Meeting 2025 – Western Society of Weed Science \(wsweedscience.org\)](https://www.wsweedscience.org) or at: <https://vmx.m-anage.com/home/US/wsws2025/en-US>. See below for details on title submission to alleviate any confusion.

Please follow the guidelines when entering oral paper and poster titles. In particular, use proper capitalization and punctuation as will be outlined on the forthcoming title and abstract submission site link. Standardizing author and organizational names will help make a smoother program. Your cooperation on this is appreciated!

All attendees are invited and encouraged to participate by presenting at least one paper or poster, and multiple submissions are welcome. We will continue to have oral papers and posters divided into projects:

- 1) *Weeds of Agronomic Crops,*
- 2) *Basic Biology, Ecology, and Technology,*
- 3) *Weeds of Horticultural Crops,*
- 4) *Teaching and Outreach,*
- 5) *Regulatory and Policy,*
- 6) *Weeds of Range, Forestry, and Natural Areas.*

Graduate and undergraduate students are strongly encouraged to enter the student paper and/or poster contests.

Oral paper presentations will be scheduled every 15 minutes in concurrent sessions. Maintaining a timely schedule is important for those who need to move between sessions. Therefore, presentations of 12 to 13 minutes are recommended to allow time for questions and transition to the next presenter. WSWS Poster size should not exceed 42-inches by 42-inches.

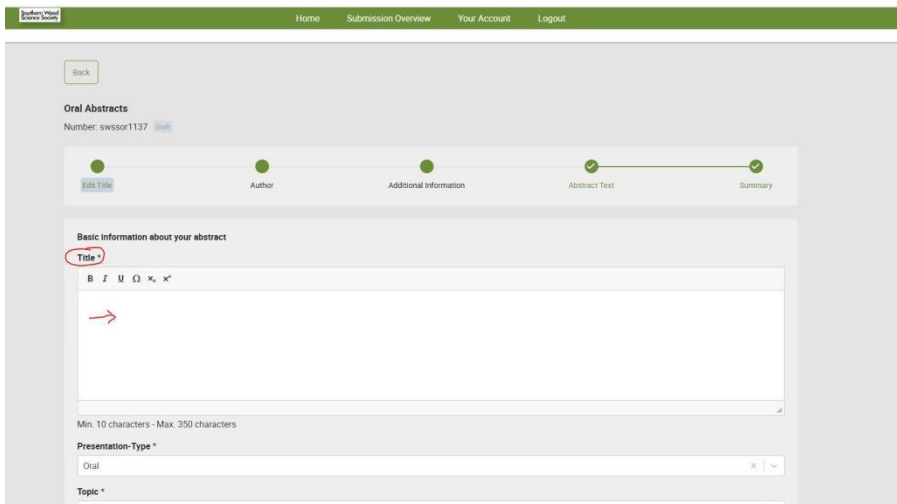
Details on Title and Abstract Submission

- You will receive an email from noreply@mail.m-anage.com and signed by the Western Society of Weed Science inviting you to setup an account for title submission at <https://vmx.m-anage.com/home/US/wsws2025/en-US>. This is a legitimate email. When you setup an account and create a password, the password reset link may go your spam inbox.

- As part of the title/author submission process you are required by the platform to upload a placeholder abstract in a *.docx format. This can be a blank document or a preliminary draft. Abstracts may be modified until February 15, 2025.
- When adding co-authors you will be required to have a valid email address for them. Each co-author will be notified when the submission is completed. For some co-authors the correct name for inclusion in the program may not be linked to the co-author’s email. If this is the case, please reach out to the co-author, ask them to login to their account on the submission website using their email, and then correct their name and contact information using the “edit” function. Once they have corrected their account you can add them to the title and the correct author name should appear. If the co-author does not correct their information prior to the title submission deadline, use the correct email address even if the name is not listed correctly as a co-author. The correct co-author (email address used) will receive notification of the title submission and can then login, edit their account to show the correct name, and the name will be corrected within the system for all titles linked to that email.

Below are screenshots of the title submission process provided courtesy of Eric Palmer of the Southern Weed Science Society.

Submission



The screenshot shows a web interface for submitting an abstract. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Submission Overview, Your Account, and Logout. Below this, a progress bar indicates the submission steps: Edit Title, Author, Additional Information, Abstract Text, and Summary. The 'Abstract Text' step is currently active and marked with a checkmark. The main content area is titled 'Basic Information about your abstract' and contains a 'Title' field with a red circle around it, a rich text editor with a red arrow pointing to the right, and a 'Presentation-Type' dropdown menu set to 'Oral'. A 'Topic' dropdown menu is also visible at the bottom.

Please make sure to enter your Title and Select the section in the Topic drop-down menu. You should receive an email confirmation email with a successful title submission like the snip below.

2025 SWSS Submission Confirmation

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Science Society**

This message serves as a confirmation that your submission for the SWSS 2025 Annual Meeting was received as noted below:

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Title:	Test of the system
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Authors:	Affiliations:
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

We urge you to view this abstract and/or to correct the submission, if necessary, at:

<https://vmix.m-anage.com/home/us/SWSS2025/en-US>

You have until the online submission deadline – October 18 2024 – to check that this submission is complete and accurate.

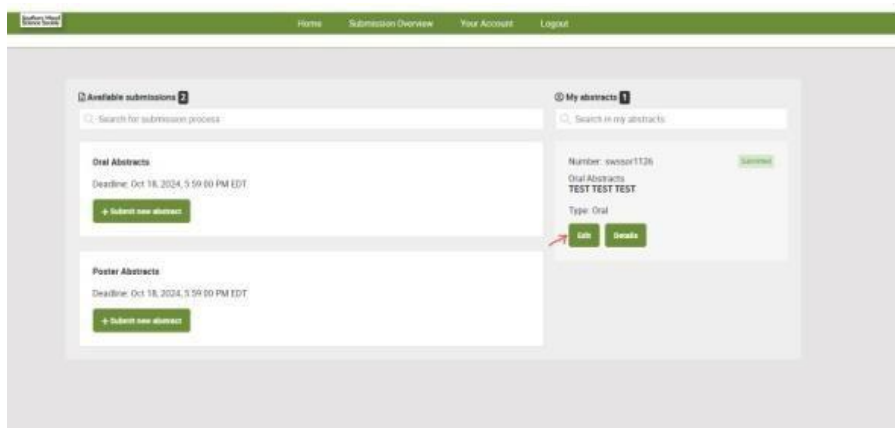
For more information about registration and other meeting related details, please be sure to visit: <https://www.swss.ws/annual-meeting/>

If you have any questions, please contact us at <https://www.swss.ws/annual-meeting/>

Thank you for using the SWSS Online Abstract Submission System.

The author will receive an email confirmation as shown when the title is submitted. Most of the time if this confirmation wasn't received the author didn't download the abstract template, save to their computer, and upload it as a "placeholder" to complete the title submission process. See last snip below.

Adding/Editing Final Abstract



Prior to the Abstract Deadline, the system will be opened for adding in the final abstract. Click edit under My Abstracts in the top right of the page.

Your template for the abstract body [Download template \(Blank Document\)](#)

2 Text Requirements
Upload your abstract body here

Rules for the abstract body
Words: min. 0 - max. 500, Characters (without spaces): min. 0 - max. 3500

3 Upload of the prepared abstract body

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Words: 16 Characters (without spaces): 73

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To add the abstract download the template and save it to your computer. Add your final abstract into the template/word.docx and upload the final abstract from your computer into Confex by clicking Select File. Once file is uploaded as shown, click Save and Next.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to me via email at carl.coburn@bayer.com. For any technical questions or issues encountered you should email the Confex tech support team directly at the address that appears on the WSWs title submission webpage. wssa@confex.com.