



# Western Society of Weed Science NEWSLETTER

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## **Report from the President**

Thank you. First, I would like to thank all who attended the 2002 meeting in Salt Lake City for your continuing support of the WSWS. Thank you for presenting, discussing, and listening in the sessions and in the hallways of the meeting. I think the highlight of the WSWS is the discussion sessions; they were very well attended and the discussions were lively. The executive committee members appreciated the feedback we received during the meeting. The responses that you provided on the note-cards at the business meeting will be summarized and distributed to the committees for their information. Please let us know what you are thinking and what your suggestions are for the next meeting.

I would also like to thank the people who have served or are currently serving on WSWS committees for their work on behalf of our organization. The response to my call for volunteers to serve on a committee this year was overwhelming. Unfortunately, I

had more volunteers than committee assignments. We will do our best to accommodate your requests for committee work in the future. The minutes of the executive committee meetings include the reports of the committees and will be posted on the WSWS web site and printed in the proceedings for your information and comment. Please look carefully at the committees that currently do the work of the society. The membership of the WSWS is changing. In addition, the demands on our discipline are changing. Are we addressing the issues/opportunities facing WSWS adequately with our current committee structure? If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the focus or function of the WSWS committees, please forward them to Nelroy Jackson, who is serving as the member-at-large this year, or me.

Student opportunities. We would like to concentrate some effort this year on developing ideas to enhance the opportunities for students within the WSWS. Steve Dewey has suggested that we institute a 'Students Night Out' where public and private weed scientists host 3 to 4 students apiece (without their major professors) for dinner and informal conversation. Another suggestion was to have a town hall meeting and social where students have an opportunity to meet the executive committee, learn more about how the society functions and to provide input on student needs and issues. Ericka Luna, an undergraduate at NMSU who attended the Salt Lake City meeting, suggested that a student could be paired with each executive committee member to provide assistance in society activities and to provide the students with an opportunity to learn more about the

organization. Finally, can or should the Student Educational Enhancement Program be expanded to address additional student opportunities and how can we improve the placement service to be of greater benefit to the members? Please contact Nelroy or myself with any suggestions that you have.

The WSWS is a great organization. Our challenge as members is to ensure that the WSWS continues to be an organization that meets our needs and serves as a source of information about Weed Science in the West. Thank you in advance for your ideas and suggestions. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Jill Schroeder, President

#### **New WSWS Officers**

President: Jill Schroeder

President-elect: Gil Cook

Immediate Past-President: Bob Parker

Secretary: Bob Stougaard

Research Section Chair: George 'Gabby' Beck

Education and Regulatory Section Chair: Bill McCloskey

WSSA Representative: Steve Miller

CAST Representative: Rod Lym

Member-at-Large: Nelroy Jackson

Treasurer-Business Manager: Wanda Graves

Research Section Chair-elect: Dan Ball

Education and Regulatory Section Chair-elect: Monte Anderson

#### **2001 WSWS Awards**

##### WSWS Fellows

Fellows of the Society are members who have given meritorious service in Weed Science, nominated by their peers, and are elected by the Executive Committee. This year Phil Westra, Colorado State University, and Jeff Tichota, Monsanto Company, were

the recipients from the public and private sectors to be named Fellows of the WSWS.

##### Outstanding Weed Scientists

This award is given to active members of our Society who have made significant contributions to the Weed Science profession and to the WSWS. This year Doug Ryerson, Monsanto Company, and Tom Whitson, University of Wyoming were the honored recipients of this award representing private industry and the public sector, respectively.

##### Honorary Member

Honorary members are individuals whose activities have been largely from outside the WSWS and who have significantly contributed to the field of weed science, and who are elected by two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee. For 2002, Senator Larry Craig was honored as the WSWS Honorary Member for his efforts in co-sponsoring the Harmful Non-Native Weed Control Act and for his support of noxious weed management on public lands.

##### Presidential Award of Merit

This award is conferred upon a member of the Society who has demonstrated distinguished service. Tom Whitson, University of Wyoming was given this award from President Bob Parker.

##### Student Paper Contest Winners

The 2002 Student Paper and Poster Contests had 32 participants. Eighteen students participated in the poster contest and 14 in the paper contest. The poster and paper contests were divided into two sections each and 10 awards were presented at the Thursday morning business meeting. All of the participating students are to be congratulated for their efforts.

#### Posters Group 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Marrs, Colorado State Univ.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kee-Woong Park, Oregon State Univ.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jason Miller, Colorado State Univ.

#### Posters Group 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harish Ghandi, Oregon State Univ.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Reggie Sterling, Colorado State Univ.

#### Papers Group 1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shannon Oltmans, North Dakota State
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Matt West, University of Idaho
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Alford, University of Wyoming

#### Papers Group 2

- 1<sup>st</sup> Maren Veatch, University of Arizona
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Deibert, North Dakota State Univ.

### **CAST Report**

CAST held their spring board meeting in Washington D.C. March 14 - 16. This was really the first full board meeting since March 2001 because many people could not travel to the fall meeting last September. As a result, the agenda was very full with actions of special interest to WSWS members taken on the following items.

1. CAST is planning to hold a Resistance Management Symposium in 2003 (perhaps April). This symposium will differ from others held on the subject because it will include scientists from the disciplines of plant pathology, entomology, ecology, and weed science. There are many similarities in resistance management within these disciplines and the hope is each science would be able to bring something to the meetings that could be used by the other fields.

2. CAST will begin a new series of one page "fact sheets" covering the benefits of Agriculture. The target audience is staff members of Congress and governmental agencies as well as the general public. The

Presidents of each member organization will be contacted to supply several "success stories" to the committee writing the brochures. Although the subject matter will vary widely, an overall theme and similarity of format will be maintained.

3. Beginning in 2003 CAST will write its issue papers and reports in additional formats suitable for use in K - 12 classrooms. It was brought to our attention that several educational groups are presently using data from CAST and other agricultural organizations to repackage and sell to educational groups. CAST decided we should do that ourselves.

4. CAST is proceeding to assume major assets of the Agricultural Research Institute (ARI) as reported at the WSWS annual meeting. Once legal issues are disposed of, CAST hopes to assume the EPA contract to administer the Worker Protection Standards program and the EPA educational support fund.

5. Members should watch for a new publication entitled "Environmental Impacts of Crops Developed using Traditional and Modern Biotechnology Breeding Methods: A Literature Review and Comparative Analysis for Soybean, Corn, and Cotton Crops". This publication should be printed in April and marks a departure from the traditional CAST document as it was contracted to CAST by the United Soybean Council and will be published by them.

Submitted by Rod Lym

### **CEUs from SRM for WSWS**

The Society for Range Management is granting 16 Continuing Education Units for SRM members who attended the WSWS meeting in Salt Lake City. Interested members can contact Leonard Jolley

(ljolley@rangelands.org) for instructions to receive credit.

### **Summer Business Meeting Scheduled**

The WSWS summer business meeting will be held August 16 in Phoenix, AZ.

Committee chairs are encouraged to attend this meeting if possible. For more information, contact Jill Schroeder at 505-646-2328 or jischroe@nmsu.edu

### **Post Events on WSWS Web Page**

Members can now submit an event announcement on the WSWS web page simply by going to [www.wsweedsociety.org](http://www.wsweedsociety.org) and clicking on the Submit an Announcement link. It will be immediately posted to the site.

### **News From Around the West**

#### Colorado.

Jason Miller has finished his M.S. under Phil Westra and begun studies at Kansas State University to obtain a Ph.D. under the direction of Dave Regehr.

Dana Coggon has finished her M.S. under Scott Nissen and has accepted a job with the Weld County Weed District in Colorado.

Federico Trucco finished his M.S. under Phil Westra and now is working on a Ph.D. at the University of Illinois.

#### Hawaii.

The 2003 WSWS Conference will be held at the Kauai Sheraton at Poipu, March 11-13, 2003. The Sheraton has excellent conference facilities right on a sandy beach. Plan to come early and stay late. Look for details on the WSWS March 10<sup>th</sup> pre-conference tour of Kokee State Park arranged by the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife. Kokee suffers stunning ecological damage from invasive plants. Weather permitting we will

take a short hike for an up-close look. Those not so inclined can relax in the large picnic area. There will be a charge to cover the cost of transportation and a picnic lunch. Watch for details.

Following the WSWS, the Asian Pacific Weed Science Society will hold its biennial meeting in Manila, March 18-22. This will be a great opportunity to meet colleagues from China, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, the Philippines, India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, and New Zealand. There will also be a sprinkling of delegates from other parts of the world.

#### Idaho.

Lori Crumley has completed her M.S. degree under Donn Thill and has accepted a position as a rangeland specialist with the USFS near Klamath Falls, OR.

Mack and Andra Thompson are the proud parents of twin boys. Malachi and Noah were born April 2.

Brett Bingham recently began an M.S. program working under the direction of Tim Prather. He is working on a project to define the competitive limits of yellow starthistle. The goal of the research will be to allow prediction of susceptible habitat.

#### Oklahoma.

Case R. Medlin is the new Extension Weed Specialist in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at Oklahoma State University. Case's appointment is 90% extension and 10% teaching. His extension program will include the development and delivery of weed science extension information through distance education and traditional delivery methods. He will be responsible for teaching the undergraduate weed science course with an average enrollment of 60 students each year. Case will also conduct

applied research in Oklahoma's major crops including alfalfa, corn, cotton, pasture, peanuts, soybeans, and wheat.

#### Texas.

Jarred Karnei completed his Master of Science research entitled "Efficacy and crop response to diclosulam in West Texas peanut". He was co-advised by Peter Dotray and Wayne Keeling. Jarred plans to pursue his Ph.D. degree at Texas A&M in plant physiology this fall.

There will be two County Agent/Texas Department of Agriculture Weed Science Training Schools in Texas in 2002. The first will be held in College Station on June 4-5 (contact Paul Baumann at 979-845-4880) and the second will be held in Lubbock on June 18-19 (contact Peter Dotray at 806-742-1634).

#### **Calendar of Events**

June 4. Mint Field Day & BBQ, Washington State University, Prosser. 4 p.m. Contact Rick Boydston, USDA-ARS at 509-786-9267.

June 5. Snake River Weed Tour, Oregon State University, Malheur Experiment Station. Contact Corey Ransom at 541-889-2174 Or Corey.Ransom@orst.edu.

June 6. Snake River Weed Tour, University of Idaho, Parma R&E Center. Contact Mack Thompson at 208-722-6701 ext 223 Or thompson@uidaho.edu.

June 18. Snake River Weed Tour, University of Idaho, Kimberly R&E Center. Contact Don Morishita at 208-736-3616 or don@uidaho.edu.

June 19. Snake River Weed Tour, University of Idaho, Aberdeen R&E Center. Contact Pamela Hutchinson at 208-397-4182 or phutch@uidaho.edu.

June 20. University of Idaho Weed Science Tour, Moscow. Contact Donn Thill at 208-885-6214 or dthill@uidaho.edu.

June 20. Nebraska Weed Tour at Scottsbluff will begin at 8:30 AM. Contact Bob Wilson at 308-632-1263 or rwilson@unl.edu.

June 20. Wyoming Weed Tour at Torrington. Contact Steve Miller at 307-766-3112 or sdmiller@uwyo.edu.

July 8. USDA and Washington State University Paterson Research Farm Field Day & BBQ, Paterson, WA, 9 a.m. Contact Rick Boydston, USDA-ARS at 509-786-9267 or boydston@tricity.wsu.edu.

August 6-8. 10th Annual NAWMA Conference and Trade Show, St. Paul, MN. Contact Collie Graddick at 651-296-1234.

December 11-12. Colorado Weed Management Association Annual Conference. Location to be determined.

March 11-13. Western Society of Weed Science meeting. Poipu, HI. Contact Wanda Graves at 510-790-1252 or Wgraves431@aol.com.

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Nomination Awards Site Selection	Program Poster Student Paper Judging Local Arrangements	Fellows Sustaining Members	Necrology Finance
<b><u>Research Section Chair</u></b> George Beck	<b><u>Education and Regulatory Chair</u></b> Bill McCloskey	<b><u>WSSA Representative</u></b> Steve Miller	<b><u>Member-at-Large</u></b> Nelroy Jackson
Editorial Placement	Public Relations Education	Legislative Publications	Student Educational Enhancement Herbicide Resistance

**Western Society of Weed Science Standing and Ad Hoc Committees**

2001 - 2002

<b>Awards</b> Paul Ogg, Chair (2004) Phillip Stahlman (2005) Phil Westra, (2003)	<b>Necrology</b> Troy Price, Chair (2004) Martina Murray (2005) Dennis Tonks (2003)	<b>Publications</b> Tom Whitson, Chair (2004) Vanelle Carrithers (2004) Janet Clark (2005) Greg Haubrich (2005) Curt Thompson, (2003) Ray William (2003)
<b>Fellows and Honorary Members</b> Frank Young, Chair (2004) Barb Mullin (2005) John Orr (2003)	<b>Nominations</b> Steve Miller, Chair (2004) Neal Hageman (2005) Roland Schirman, (2003) Immediate Past President- Bob Parker	<b>Site Selection</b> Jess Richardson, Chair (2004) Steve Dewey (2005) Corey Ransom (2003) Keith Duncan <i>ex officio</i>
<b>Finance</b> Roger Gast, Chair (2004) Phil Munger (2005) Drew Lyon (2003)	<b>Placement</b> Curtis Thompson, Chair (2004) Tracy Sterling (2005) Mick Mickelson (2003)	

<p><b>Herbicide Resistant Plants</b>  Randy Anderson, Chair (2004)  Kirk Howatt (2004)  Steve Seefeldt (2005)  Mike Ensminger (2005)  Dan Ball (2003)  Phil Banks (2003)</p>	<p><b>Poster</b>  Brenda Waters, Chair (2004)  Jed Colquhoun (2005)  Marvin Butler (2003)</p>	<p><b>Student Educational Enhancement</b>  Shay Sunderland, co-chair (2004)  Ted Warfield, co-chair (2004)  Susan Kelly (2005)  Tim Tripp (2005)  Kirk Howatt (2003)  Linda Wilson (2003)</p>
<p><b>Legislative</b>  Roy Reichenbach, Chair (2005)  Jeffery Koscelny (2007)  Celestine Duncan (2003)</p>	<p><b>Program</b>  Gil Cook, Chair (2003)  George Beck (2003)  Bill McCloskey (2003)</p>	<p><b>Student Paper Judging</b>  Kassim Al-Khatib, Chair (2004)  Marty Williams (2005)  Peter Dotray (2003)</p>
<p><b>Local Arrangements</b>  Phil Motooka, Chair (2004)  Scott Nissen (2005)  Steve Dewey (2003)</p>	<p><b>Public Relations</b>  Kai Umeda, Chair  Mark Ferrell  Milt McGiffen  Brad Hanson  Tim Miller</p>	<p><b>Sustaining Membership</b>  Steve Eskelsen, Chair (2004)  Jim Daniel (2005)  Traci Rauch (2003)</p>
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