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Pre-Registration: February 15

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Report from the President by Dan Ball

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I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and that you are getting into the swing of things for 2009. Our 62nd Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Weed Science to be held in Albuquerque, NM March 10-12, 2009 is shaping up to be an interesting venue due to the hard work of Jesse Richardson and his program committee. Local arrangements chair, Keith Duncan and his committee have been busy working with the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque, NM to ensure a smooth and a successful meeting. As usual, there will be a full and busy program that will include posters and papers on timely weed science topics as well as special symposia on jointed goatgrass and biological control of invasive plants. If you haven't done so already, please pre-register for the meeting as it will not only save you time and money, but it helps the society to better plan and determine the meeting needs. Pre-registration will be open until February 15th and can be completed on-line through the WSWS website. Don't forget to make your reservation to stay at the Embassy Suites to maximize efficiency during the meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, March 9 starting at 8:00 a.m. I request that committee chairs send their reports to their designated Board contact by March 1. If anyone has items they would like included on the agenda, please contact me by March 1. If you have any suggestions for the WSWS Board to consider, please send them to me at daniel.ball@oregonstate.edu.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as WSWS President. It has been an honor and pleasure for me. I have greatly appreciated the support so many of you have provided during the year. One of the great strengths of our organization is the willingness of WSWS members to contribute their outstanding talent and valuable time to the society. I especially want to recognize and thank all committee members for their efforts and commitment to serve WSWS. In addition, please join me in giving special thanks to Phil Banks, our WSWS Business Manager, who continues to smoothly conduct the business of the society.

Before I forget, you are also encouraged to attend the Welcome and Retirees Reception event Monday evening at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

I look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!

Constitution and By-laws amendment by Kai Umeda

A proposal for an amendment to the WSWS Constitution Article VII is to add an Education Standing Committee. A subsequent Section to Article VII and to the by-Laws will describe the make up of the committee to have a chairperson for an appointed term and members including the interests of the Distance Education subgroup and the Noxious Weed Short Course. Currently, the Distance Education subgroup and the Noxious Weed Short Course are represented in an ad hoc Education Committee.

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Early registration for the Albuquerque meeting closes on February 15, 2009. Please register before then to avoid a higher fee. Members can register on-line at the website (www.wsweedscience.org). If you have any questions please give me a call (575-527-8853). You can make hotel reservations at our website under the section "Society Reminders". Please be sure to update your contact information when you register if you have any address, phone, or e-mail changes. In other matters, we are working with Website Editor, Tony White to make additional materials available to the WSWS membership. We now list a number of new J.W. Wiley publications that can be ordered through our website. Look over the list and if you order through our website, WSWS receives a percentage of the sale. We are also posting files of old WSWS Proceedings that will be available to WSWS members only. We should have most everything from 1938 through 1980 available before the meeting in Albuquerque. These will be in PDF format. As always, if we can be of any assistance to you feel free to call or e-mail (wsws@marathonag.com). Thanks, Phil Banks

Annual Meeting Preview by Jesse Richardson, President-Elect

Our upcoming annual meeting on March 9-12 will be an opportunity to glean important information about recent weed science research, as well as a chance to meet old friends and colleagues in the splendid setting of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The program will provide attendees a glimpse into the future of U.S. agriculture, including topics that are unique to the west. During the conference, we will have the opportunity to participate in two special symposia. Alex Ogg has organized a comprehensive session on the National Jointed Goatgrass Project, scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, which will be followed by a separate poster session. A symposium on the Biological Control of Invasive Plants has been planned by April Fletcher and David Thompson for Thursday. This all-day session will feature experts from throughout the country. Bill Cobb, Education and Regulatory Chair, has also organized a special session on Digital Photography. Knowledgeable experts will provide instruction on improving the quality and impact of digital images. We hope you are planning to join us for three days of technical presentations and discussions.

Retirement Reception

If you have or plan to retire soon and would like to be recognized during the WSWS Monday evening reception in Albuquerque, please let Phil Banks (wsws@marathonag.com or 575-527-1888) know. He will need a brief description of your career. Everyone recognized will receive a unique gift from WSWS.

On-line Auction

WSWS is holding an on-line auction for a piece of art produced by one of our members, with the proceeds to be used to assist with student travel to the 2010 meeting in Hawaii. WSWS will match the winning bid. Go online (www.wsweedscience.org) to view the art and submit a bid. The work of art will be shown at the registration desk during the Albuquerque meeting. Bids may be submitted during the meeting and those not attending will be updated daily if they

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want to continue to bid. The winner of the piece will be announced during the Breakfast Meeting on Thursday morning.

2009 Local Arrangements by Keith W. Duncan, Tracy Sterling, April Fletcher

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas And Happy New Year. Hopefully, 2009 is off to a good start and everyone is planning on coming to Albuquerque in March. The weather in March is usually very pleasant, but you never know when that spring storm will show up. So, check the weather before you leave and bring a coat in any case because the evenings will definitely be on the cool side.

The Embassy Suites is located at 1000 Woodward Place NE. It is only about a 10 minute drive from the airport. From the Albuquerque International Airport, take I-25 north toward Santa Fe. Take Exit #225 to Lomas Blvd. (It is only a short distance from entering I-25). Turn left onto Lomas and go under I-25. Turn right at the first opportunity onto Woodward Place. The Embassy Suites is on the right.

Hope everyone has a safe trip. We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque.

So Much to Do in the Land of Enchantment; So Little Time

by April Fletcher was published in the WSWS November Newsletter. April's article can be read on the WSWS Webpage at http://www.wsweedscience.org/. The Main Menu on the left of the page has a link to "Newsletter" to find more details on the attractions in the Albuquerque area.

Joint 2010 WSSA/ SRM Conference by John Jachetta, Rod Lym & Rita Beard WSSA Program Chairs

Call for Symposium & Workshop Proposals – 2010 Meeting

WSSA and the Society for Range Management (SRM) are holding a joint nation meeting at the Sheraton Denver Hotel in Denver, Colorado, on February 7-11, 2010; the theme for this meeting is *Working Landscapes- Providing for the Future*.

As we are still gearing up for the 2009 joint meeting of WSSA and SWSS in Orlando on February 9-13, 2009, this 2010 symposia and workshop call may seem a bit early, however, this timing is necessary to meet the unique needs of the 2010 joint meeting with SRM. This call for symposia will close on May 1, 2009, a bit earlier than in previous years.

At the 2010 joint meeting, WSSA will hold all of its regular National Meeting sessions. Where appropriate, SRM sessions will be combined with existing WSSA sessions to broaden their scope and enhance communication. SRM will also hold their traditional sessions in sustainable rangeland management and research. WSSA and SRM will be holding a joint keynote symposium on invasive plants. This symposium is being arranged by a WSSA/SRM committee led by Rita Beard, Joe DiTomaso, Rod Lym, John Mitchell, Cini Brown, Chad Cummings, Nelroy Jackson, and Dick Mack. With the exception of the joint symposium on invasive species, SRM will be scheduling its symposia separately. However, all attendees are invited to attend any session or symposia presented by either organization.

WSSA members are invited and encouraged to submit proposals for symposia or workshops on any topic at the 2010 meeting. As you prepare your proposal, realize that the board will have the difficult task of deciding which proposals to accept for the program. The program can handle four to five WSSA symposia per meeting. The board will evaluate the proposals based on how well they are justified, the target audience, and the completeness of the proposed agenda and budget. The maximum funding from WSSA is $5,000 per symposium. See the guidelines listed below for symposia funding from WSSA. Requests for travel support can be made for nonmembers only. Sheraton room rates in Denver will be $124 per night plus taxes; $134 for triple or quad rates. Please estimate travel and lodging costs for invited speakers.

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Our webmaster has established an online form on the WSSA website to submit symposium proposals for the 2010 meeting – look under the headlines heading on the homepage. Please complete the form online. Clicking the submit button will automatically email the symposium proposal to me. Symposium proposals are due to me by May 1, 2009. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at jjjachetta@dow.com or call me at 317-337-4686.

Guidelines for Disposition of WSSA Funds for Symposia Expenses

A total of $5,000 is available for each symposium approved by the WSSA Board for the upcoming meeting. These funds can be used by the symposium organizers, working in conjunction with the Program Chair, for expenses incurred in securing speakers. The following guidelines are intended to help the symposia organizers and the Program Chair in allotting available funds.

Although $5,000 has been budgeted for each symposium, the goal is to spend the least amount necessary to obtain excellent symposia speakers. The funds will be allocated as necessary to partially cover travel expenses of speakers. Members of WSSA who agree to present symposium papers will not be offered travel funds except in dire emergencies to be determined by the Program Chair. An example of such an emergency would be a WSSA member who is a renowned expert in the field of the symposium topic but has no source of funds to attend the WSSA meeting in question.

No honoraria will be offered to any speaker. No more than three nights lodging will be offered to nonmember symposium speakers. All symposium speakers who are nonmembers of WSSA will be offered free registration at the WSSA annual meeting and a free ticket to society events during that week. Reimbursement of some or all travel expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) will be offered to nonmember symposia speakers on the basis of need, availability of funds, and the value of the speakers on the program. Funds can only be used for speaker travel; if less than $5,000 is needed for speaker travel for a given symposium, the difference cannot be used for other purposes.

Program organizers need to consider travel costs when considering invitations to speakers located far from the meeting site. Whereas foreign speakers who are experts in the field of the symposium topic might receive a higher priority for expenses than domestic speakers, the cost of travel and needs of the individuals should be important considerations. For example, a Canadian speaker traveling from Ontario to New York may incur lower costs and have a lesser need for funding than a California speaker also traveling to New York. Because of the limited budget for symposia expenses and the high cost of travel for many distant foreigners, symposium organizers should strongly consider the value of bringing in speakers from distant foreign countries unless other arrangements for funding of travel can be made.

Symposia chairs should contact their intended speakers and determine their financial needs for participation no later than April 1, 2009. This information should be incorporated into the budget for the proposed symposium. Symposium proposals must be submitted to the Program Chair by May 1, 2009. The WSSA Board will evaluate the submitted proposals and decide which symposia will be funded. The Program Chair will inform symposium organizers which ones will receive funding for the upcoming annual meeting. Symposium organizers that received funding can then proceed with offers of funding to nonmember speakers. In no event should symposium organizers make commitments for more funding from WSSA than is approved by the WSSA board. Symposium organizers can search for alternate funding opportunities if $5,000 will not cover all travel expenses for nonmember speakers.

Symposia organizers should consider publication of symposium papers in Weed Science, Weed Technology, or Invasive Plant Science and Management. When necessary, the symposia chairs may request that the Editor of Weed Science, Weed Technology, or Invasive Plant Science and Management waive page charges for publication of symposia papers by contributors who are not WSSA members.

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GAO Report on Improving Oversight of Biotech Crops

Currently, the United States accounts for about 50 percent of the genetically engineered (GE) crops planted globally. In 2008, GE varieties accounted for about 80 percent of the corn, 92 percent of the soybeans, and 86 percent of the cotton planted in the United States. Last year the Senate Agriculture Committee had asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to analyze current federal regulatory and oversight policy on GE crops. Taking direction from the *1986 Coordinated Framework for Regulation of Biotechnology*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulate GE crops to ensure that they are safe. The unauthorized mixing of some GE crops with non-GE crops has caused controversy and financial harm. In this report, GAO examined (1) unauthorized releases of GE crops, (2) coordination among the three agencies, and (3) additional actions they have proposed to improve oversight.

WSSA members provided input and comments on several sections of the 109 page report including discussions around the need for more resources to monitor herbicide resistance and whether GE crops pose a risk as future noxious weeds.

Title - "Genetically Engineered Crops: Agencies Are Proposing Changes to Improve Oversight, but Could Take Additional Steps to Enhance Coordination and Monitoring."
Full Report - http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-09-60
Highlights - http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0960high.pdf

Economics Brief on Invasive Species Issued by USDA-ERS

'Integrating Invasive Species Prevention And Control Policies' is the title of a report from the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) which synthesizes the implications of a series of studies that describe the information and data needed by public and private decision makers.

Keeping detailed records about the estimated size of an invasion, control costs, and the numbers of organisms removed—or acreage cleared—will enable decision makers to modify control programs as needed to improve program efficacy and economic efficiency. Information about an organism's ability to spread and a potentially invaded ecosystem's carrying capacity is also important. Understanding how agricultural producers and homeowners, both at home and abroad, will respond to outbreaks and public prevention/control policies is important, especially when the decision maker can affect the risk of infestation only indirectly.

The report is at http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/EB11/
The USDA ERS Briefing Room on Invasive Species Management is at
http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/InvasiveSpecies/

NIWAW February 22-27, 2009

10th annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week

The Invasive Weeds Awareness Coalition (IWAC) invites you to Washington DC for a week of events focused on educating our new federal policy makers and elected officials about the environmental and economic losses caused by invasive weeds. The theme for NIWAW 10 is "***Preserving America's Heritage***". The headquarters hotel for NIWAW will be the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 1201 K Street NW, Washington, DC, just several blocks from the White House in the heart of DC. We have a "NIWAW" room block with rooms at $186 per night. There is a January 22, 2009 deadline for hotel reservations and meeting pre-registration. For more information, please visit: http://www.wssa.net/Meetings/NIWAW10/index.htm

Healthy Habitats Coalition

A new political advocacy coalition for invasive species funding called the Healthy Habitats Coalition (HHC) will be meeting in conjunction with NIWAW for the first time. Current federal efforts and budgets are inadequate to address the invasive crisis effectively and

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Calendar

For more information on these and other events: www.wsweedscience.org

Joint WSSA/SWSS Meeting
February 9-12, 2009 in Orlando, FL at the Hilton Disney Resort (David Shaw, Program chair)

6th International IPM Symposium
Transcending Boundaries
March 24-26, 2009
Portland Oregon
For more information go to:

http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium09/

local and state interests alone cannot resolve invasive issues. The magnitude and scope of such invasive issues require a strong federal commitment with a sustained, long-term involvement. While NIWAW has been successful in raising awareness of invasive weeds, the Healthy Habitats Coalition plans to take this message to the next level by advocating for legislation and policies year-round that improve the prevention and management of invasive and noxious weeds as well as other invasive pests and diseases.

The Healthy Habitats Coalition is organized under Wildlife Forever, one of the nation's leading sportsmen's non-profit conservation groups working to halt invasive species' harmful impacts on native habitat. Working in Washington, D.C., the HHC Director lobbies and coordinates national efforts to obtain enhanced federal legislation and resources for invasive species prevention and management.

The mission of HHC is to promote the conservation and restoration of the nation's natural heritage and economic interests from the negative impacts of invasive species. Again, HHC will focus on all invasive species taxa.

Specifically, HHC seeks enhanced federal legislation and appropriations that assist public and private landowners nationwide. Improved structure and procurement of funding for the protection and restoration of the nation's land assets across the USA is the goal. To accomplish this mission, HHC will engage the executive and legislative branches of the federal government. HHC will immediately begin to engage the new Administration, Senators, and Congressmen to get support.

We Need Your Help- HHC is a growing collection of leading expertise partners & lobbyists from industry, university, state, county and private practitioners. We are targeting diverse types of organizations for an Advisory & Steering Board to build a diverse base. Examples include:

- Champion legislators
- Governors Association
- National Congress of State Legislatures
- NGO's: Wildlife Forever, DU, Cattleman's, TNC
- National Invasive Species Council
- National Firefighter Chiefs
- National Network for Invasive Plant Centers.
- Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.
- Agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, mining, forestry, chemical, retailers and other invasive professionals.

Attend NIWAW 10 – While we have had numerous conference calls and planning sessions to form the framework for HHC, there will be many exciting opportunities to shape the future direction of invasives species policy. You don't want to miss it. The HHC well hold its first official meeting during the 10th National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (NIWAW). In addition, HHC members will be discussing invasive species policies and legislation targets for the new 111th Congress.

For more information about how to get involved in the Healthy Habitats Coalition, please contact HHC Director, Tim Richardson at 301-770-6496 or trichardson@wildlifeforever.org

New Name for USDA NRI Grants

The USDA National Research Initiative (NRI) grants have been replaced by a new competitive grants program in the 2008 Farm Bill called the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI). While AFRI covers most of the same grant programs that were offered by the former NRI, the new authority allows greater flexibility in the types of projects funded to include: single function projects in research, education and extension, and integrated research, education and/or extension awards.

Total program funds for the "Biology of Weedy and Invasive Species in Agroecosystems" are approximately $4.6 million. The Letter of Intent deadline for this grant program is April 20, 2009.

The synopsis of the AFRI program:
http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=44421

New Name for NASULGC

The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Board of Directors voted unanimously to change the association's name to the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), Advancing Research, Learning and Engagement, effective April 1, 2009.

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Deadline: Mail-in registration must be postmarked by February 23, 2009. PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION-NO EXCEPTIONS. Check or Money Order (U.S. Dollars) Only. Credit card payments may be made with online registration or call 575-527-1888. Visit: www.wsweedscience.org

Registration	Mail by 2/23/08	After 2/23	Total
_____Regular meeting only	$ 195.00	$ 240.00	_____
_____Regular meeting plus Symposium	$ 260.00	$ 305.00	_____
_____Symposium only	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	_____
_____Student/Regular meeting only	$ 75.00	$ 75.00	_____
_____Student/Reg. meeting + Symposium	$ 100.00	$ 100.00	_____
_____Student/Symposium only	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	_____
_____Spouse	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	_____

Publications		
_____2009 Proceedings	$ 20.00	_____
_____2009 Research Progress Report	$ 20.00	_____

Total Remittance $ _____

Note: Registration is available at the meeting at the higher rates noted above. Go to www.wsweedscience.org for more information on the Symposium. Full program will be posted at the website in mid January.

IF YOU DO NOT PLAN TO ATTEND BUT WANT TO REMAIN A MEMBER, FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW AND SEND $ 25.00 FOR DUES $ _____

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