

2007 WSSA Committee Report Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008

Committee Code and Name: Biocontrol of Weeds (W16) Committee

Committee Chair: Joe Neal

Board Coordinator: Tom Mueller

Committee Members Rotating Off:
James Anderson

Appropriate Replacements:
To be determined

Recommendations for Board Action:

The Biological control of Weeds committee will be organizing International Bioherbicide Group (IBG) Workshop to be held as a satellite conference in conjunction with the 2009 WSSA annual meeting in Orlando FL. In light of the fact that many international scientists will have to obtain visa's to participation in this workshop and the WSSA meeting, it is important that the WSSA BOD expedite the advertisement and registration process for the 2009 WSSA annual conference.

Finances Requested:

No budget was requested in 2007. The Biological Control of Weeds Committee is planning to submit a symposium proposal for the 2009 annual conference and will make a budgetary request in 2008 in this regard.

Summary of Progress:

A conference call was held to discuss the sponsorship of the 2009 IBG symposium and a 2009 WSSA symposium. Neal attended the 2007 IBG meeting in La Grand Motte France and presented our proposal to host the 2009 symposium. It was approved by the attendees. A planning committee was formed to plan these symposia. Members include: Lisa Lyn, John, Lydon, Ernest (Del) Delfosse, Bill Bruckart, Jim Cuda, Jose P Morales, and Joe Neal. First notice of the conference was sent in December 2007.

Current committee members:

Neal, Joe (2009) (Chair) (NE)	Inman, Scott (2011) (S / industry)
Morales-Payan, P. (2012) (Vice-chair) (S)	Sanyal, Debanjan (2011) (NC / industry)
Anderson, J. V. (2008) (W)	Hallett, Steve (2011) (NC)
Bruckart, Bill (2010) (NE)	Morales-Payan, P. (2012) (S)
Jayachandra, K. (2010) (S)	Mark Weaver (2012) (S)
Sellers, B. (2010) (S)	Erin N. Roskopf (2012) (S)
Wilson, Linda (2010) (Canada)	

Plan of Action for 2008:

Proposals are to be prepared and submitted to WSSA BOD and to the USDA NRI to support the 2009 Weed Biocontrol Symposium. A first circular will be sent to the international bioherbicide working group listserv in early spring. Local arrangements for a weed biocontrol field trip in association with the 2009 WSSA / IBG meetings will be planned.