

## **2007 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2007 and Action Plan for 2008**

**Committee Code and Name:** E4 – Federal Noxious and Invasive Weeds Committee

**Committee Chair:** Charles T. Bryson

**Board Coordinator:** John Jachetta

**Committee Members Rotating Off:**

Prasad, Raj	2007-CWS
Burton, Jim	2008-S
Tasker, Alan	2008-NE
Vollmer, Jennifer	2008-W
Bryson, Charles T.*	2008-S

**Appropriate Replacements:**

Replace with someone from CWS
Extend service on committee
Extend service; not as chairperson

**Committee Goals for 2007** (what did the committee plan to accomplish in 2007):

1. Continue to support the project “Creation of a Prioritization Model to Identify Weeds of Global Significance.” Final in-house reviews completed, copyright permissions obtained, and fact sheets ready to be placed on WSSA web site. Work was continued by APHIS but fact sheets are yet to be released for web use.
2. The data base for “Invasive Weeds” researchers at the Center for Invasive Plant Management and within WSSA established during 2005 was continued and updated during 2007. Look into the possibility of placing this database on the WSSA web site or at least a link to CIPM so that the list is more accessible.
3. Creation of Subject Matter Expert position. The position was created by the WSSA Board and a person, Dr. Steve Dewey, was selected and hired to fill this position during a portion of 2007. The work that Dr. Dewey is doing has been well received and he has actively utilized WSSA experts to meet his responsibilities.
4. Continue to review weed science related federal legislation and make recommendations regarding changes in any legislation relating to noxious or invasive weeds, including non-weed laws where noxious and invasive weeds are or could adversely affect other organisms; encourage development of noxious weed programs and regulations; serve in an advisory capacity to USDA-APHIS, PPQ; and serve in an advisory capacity to federal agencies concerning biological and ecological characteristics and control methodology of noxious and invasive weeds.

**Summary of Progress for 2007:**

1. Filled the Subject Matter Expert position during 2007.
2. Several committee members and members of WSSA attended Weed Awareness Weed.
3. Committee members attended and made presentations at national and regional meetings such as the Southeastern Exotic Pest Plants Council.

**Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

Continue to fund and support the Subject Matter Expert position during 2008.

**Committee Goals for 2008:**

1. Continue to fill the Subject Matter Expert position during 2008.
2. Continue to support the project “Creation of a Prioritization Model to Identify Weeds of Global Significance.” Encourage APHIS to get these fact sheets on the web during 2008.
3. Continue to support the data base for “Invasive Weeds” researchers at the Center for Invasive Plant Management and within WSSA during 2008.
4. Continue to review weed science related federal legislation and make recommendations regarding changes in any legislation relating to noxious or invasive weeds, including non-weed laws where noxious and invasive weeds are or could adversely affect other organisms; encourage development of noxious weed programs and regulations; serve in an advisory capacity to USDA-APHIS, PPQ; and serve in an advisory capacity to federal agencies concerning biological and ecological characteristics and control methodology of noxious and invasive weeds.

**Plan of Action for 2008:**

See above.

**Resources needed for 2008:**

Finances: Continue to fund the Subject Matter Expert position during 2008.