

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

Committee Code and Name: S63 IWSS Liaison Committee

Committee Chair: Robert Blackshaw/Carol Mallory-Smith

Board Coordinator: Jill Schroeder

Committee Members Rotating Off: All members **Appropriate Replacements:** This is a special committee that will finish after the IWS Congress in June, 2008.

Committee Goals for 2007 (what did the committee plan to accomplish in 2007): Liaison between WSSA and IWSS to organize the 2008 IWS Congress to be held in June, 2008 in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Summary of Progress for 2007:

The IWSS Liaison Committee and the IWSS Science Committee had monthly teleconferences starting in July, 2007. A list of the things that were done and time lines are attached.

As of January 15, 2008 there are over 400 abstracts submitted for the meeting. Approximately \$80,000 has been pledged by different companies and organizations to help support the IWSC. The local arrangement committee led by Dr. Robert Blackshaw has done an excellent job in working with the hotel and in setting up a series of tours for Wednesday, June 25, 2008.

What was the membership/committee involvement in committee activities? Members of WSSA were very active on this committee in helping organize the meeting in June.

If funds were requested, how much was requested and how much was actually spent? No funds were solicited but WSSA contributed \$10,000 to support graduate student attendance to the meeting.

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on any or all of the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? N/A.

What is the current state of committee/project activity and what is needed to further the goals of the committee/project? The success of the IWSC 2008 will depend on the involvement of WSSA and other weed scientists throughout the world. As of now, it looks like the conference will be a success, although much work remains.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

None. However it would be good to have a report at the summer BOD on the meeting and an evaluation of what WSSA could have done better. This will be important for success in our other joint meetings in 2009 and 2010.

Committee Goals for 2008:

Conduct a successful IWSC 2008 meeting that pays for itself.

Plan of Action for 2008:
Continue organizing the IWSC 2008 meeting.

Resources needed for 2008:

Finances: None

Membership involvement (person-hours): 80

Progress Report on IWSC 2008 Scientific Program and WSSA Liaison Committee

Address list to communicate Congress information updated – July 2007

Second Circular was updated – July 2007

Call for Abstracts on IWSS and WSSA websites – July 2007

Fund raising campaign with letters started – October 2007

File of the Congress poster and flyer sent to Main Topic Organizers – October 2007

Registration opens – October 2007

Arrangements for Awards – October 2007

Coordinators for Graduate Students Awards: Per Kudsk, Jonny Gressel, Carol Mallory-Smith

Coordinator for Student Poster Award: Anne Légère

Coordinator for Larry Burrill Graduate Student Travel Award: see Graduate Students Awards

Plenary speakers and titles set – October 2007

Tue 24 June Dr. Somerville, Stanford University, USA

“The Promises and Challenges for Bioenergy”

Thu, 26 June Dr. Lu Baorong, Fudan University, PR China

“Development of Crop Production in China: A Case Study in Rice”

Fri, 27 June Dr. Stuebler, Bayer CropScience, Germany

“The future of weed control – a viewpoint from agrochemistry”

Abstract submission system set up and online – October 2007

Registration opens – October 2007

Congress excursions announced in Second Circular – November 2007

Two additional Pre-Congress Workshops announced – November 2007

Weeds and Biodiversity (Anne Légère)

Weedy Rice Workshop (Bernal Valverde)

Abstract reviewing system set up and online – First week December 2007

New deadlines – January 2008

Deadline for Abstract Submission is now 15 February 2008

Deadline for Early Registration is now 1 March 2008
Standard Registration is now between 2 March and 15 April 2008
On-site Registration starts 16 April 2008.

New internal deadlines – January 2008
Session Organizers submit session programs 15 March 2008
Congress Program finalized 15 April 2008
Program to printer 1 May 2008

Ongoing activities

Communicate information to Main Topic Organizers, Co-Organizers and Workshop Organizers and help with organizational and technical problems

Monthly telephone conferences to discuss current Congress issues.
Participants: Scientific Program Committee, Local Organization Committee, Fund Raising Committee, IWSS reps and WSSA secretariat.

Keep IWSS and WSSA websites up-to-date

Fund raising – approximately 80,000 US\$ has been raised (01/18/08))

Number of abstracts:410 (01/18/08)