

WSSA Annual Meeting Survey

1. How often do you attend the WSSA annual meeting?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Every year	<div><div></div></div>	30.9%	84
Every other year	<div><div></div></div>	18.8%	51
Less frequently	<div><div></div></div>	40.4%	110
I have never attended a meeting	<div><div></div></div>	9.9%	27
	answered question		272
	skipped question		1

2. If you do not attend the WSSA annual meeting every year, please indicate why: (Check all that apply)			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Cost of attendance	<div><div></div></div>	47.1%	88
Location	<div><div></div></div>	29.9%	56
Desire/need to attend other meetings	<div><div></div></div>	39.6%	74
Scheduling conflict	<div><div></div></div>	34.8%	65
The WSSA annual meeting does not fit my professional needs	<div><div></div></div>	11.2%	21
Other (please specify)	<div><div></div></div>	27.3%	51
	answered question		187
	skipped question		86

3. Please indicate the importance of the following factors when making your decision to attend the annual meeting.						
	Unimportant	Of Little Importance	Moderately Important	Very Important	Have Not Attended a Meeting	Response Count
Price of lodging	4.1% (11)	20.6% (55)	43.1% (115)	28.1% (75)	4.1% (11)	267
Availability of restaurants	25.8% (67)	43.5% (113)	22.7% (59)	4.6% (12)	3.5% (9)	260
Local activities or attractions	25.7% (67)	38.3% (100)	22.2% (58)	10.0% (26)	3.8% (10)	261
Cost of travel to the location	2.6% (7)	10.0% (27)	36.8% (99)	46.1% (124)	4.5% (12)	269
Climate of the location	14.0% (36)	31.0% (80)	35.7% (92)	15.1% (39)	4.3% (11)	258
Please provide additional comments about the location here:						53
	<i>answered question</i>					270
	<i>skipped question</i>					3

4. In what type of climate would you prefer the meeting to be held?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Cold	<div><div></div></div>	1.8%	5
Warm	<div><div></div></div>	55.7%	151
Does Not Matter to Me	<div><div></div></div>	42.4%	115
	<i>answered question</i>		271
	<i>skipped question</i>		2

5. Please indicate your response to the following questions:			
	Yes	No	Response Count
Are tours highlighting agricultural, invasive, or horticultural weeds pertinent to the region valuable?	69.2% (184)	30.8% (82)	266
Are 15 minute breaks during the sessions adequate to allow interaction with other members?	60.9% (162)	39.1% (104)	266
Are receptions and other social activities offered at the meeting valuable?	89.0% (234)	11.0% (29)	263
	answered question		268
	skipped question		5

6. What additional activities would you participate in if offered at the annual meeting?			
	Yes	No	Response Count
Spouse Programs	19.8% (46)	80.2% (186)	232
Local Tours	56.0% (139)	44.0% (109)	248
Member Receptions	79.7% (196)	20.3% (50)	246
Please help improve our meeting by listing other suggestions:			40
	answered question		259
	skipped question		14

7. Would there be value in scheduling the WSSA annual meeting in conjunction with other societies' annual meetings?				
			Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>		82.0%	219
No	<div><div></div></div>		18.0%	48
If you answered no, please provide additional comments here:				51
	answered question			267
	skipped question			6

8. Please indicate your satisfaction with the Poster Sessions:						
	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Response Count
Quality of poster session	2.0% (5)	2.8% (7)	27.2% (67)	58.1% (143)	9.8% (24)	246
Poster viewing time	2.0% (5)	9.4% (23)	26.1% (64)	55.9% (137)	6.5% (16)	245
Interaction with authors	2.5% (6)	10.3% (25)	28.0% (68)	55.1% (134)	4.1% (10)	243
Please help us by providing additional comments about how the Poster Sessions could better fit your needs:						38
answered question						246
skipped question						27

9. Please indicate your satisfaction with the Oral Paper Sessions:						
	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Response Count
Current 15 minute presentation format	2.0% (5)	5.2% (13)	14.1% (35)	63.3% (157)	15.3% (38)	248
Discussion during the paper sessions	4.4% (11)	19.0% (47)	31.5% (78)	39.5% (98)	5.6% (14)	248
Open discussion to compliment the paper session topics	3.7% (9)	20.8% (51)	33.1% (81)	38.8% (95)	3.7% (9)	245
Please help us by providing additional comments about how the Oral Paper Sessions could better fit your needs:						40
answered question						248
skipped question						25

10. Please indicate your satisfaction with the Symposia:						
	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Response Count
Symposia topics	2.4% (6)	2.4% (6)	24.9% (61)	62.0% (152)	8.2% (20)	245
Symposia format	2.0% (5)	2.9% (7)	25.8% (63)	61.5% (150)	7.8% (19)	244
Opportunity for discussion	2.5% (6)	7.5% (18)	30.0% (72)	53.3% (128)	6.7% (16)	240
Please help us by providing additional comments about how the Symposia could better fit your needs:						29
	<i>answered question</i>					245
	<i>skipped question</i>					28

11. Would you find instructional workshops, held in conjunction with the meeting, beneficial?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	64.8%	169
No	<div><div></div></div>	9.6%	25
Undecided	<div><div></div></div>	25.7%	67
	<i>answered question</i>		261
	<i>skipped question</i>		12

12. If yes, when would the workshops be best scheduled?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
During the meeting	<div><div></div></div>	48.5%	98
Before the meeting	<div><div></div></div>	39.6%	80
After the meeting	<div><div></div></div>	11.9%	24
	<i>answered question</i>		202
	<i>skipped question</i>		71

13. Do the current WSSA publications (<i>Weed Science</i> , <i>Weed Technology</i> , and <i>Invasive Plant Science and Management</i>) meet your professional needs?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<div><div></div></div>	92.8%	244
No	<div><div></div></div>	7.2%	19
Please help us improve the publications by providing additional comments here:			38
answered question			263
skipped question			10

14. We are currently evaluating the membership fees for the WSSA to better serve the members. Given a choice, how would you like to see the membership fees structured?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Reduced membership fees with publications available by subscription only	<div><div></div></div>	14.7%	38
Slightly reduced membership fees with a subscription to <i>Weed Science</i> in print and online included and the other publications available at a discounted rate	<div><div></div></div>	7.0%	18
Slightly reduced membership fees with your choice of one publication in print and online	<div><div></div></div>	10.9%	28
Slightly reduced membership fees with online only subscriptions to all publications and print versions available for an additional fee	<div><div></div></div>	47.7%	123
Increased membership fees with all publications in print and online included	<div><div></div></div>	19.8%	51
answered question			258
skipped question			15

15. If you could only select one publication to be included in your membership fee, which would you choose?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Weed Science	<div><div></div></div>	39.8%	103
Weed Technology	<div><div></div></div>	48.3%	125
Invasive Plant Science and Management	<div><div></div></div>	12.0%	31
	answered question		259
	skipped question		14

16. Please provide your thoughts about how to increase WSSA membership:		
		Response Count
		83
	answered question	83
	skipped question	190

17. Please indicate your professional setting/position/title:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
College/university faculty	<div><div></div></div>	52.2%	130
Graduate student	<div><div></div></div>	4.4%	11
Nonprofit organization	<div><div></div></div>	2.8%	7
For-profit company	<div><div></div></div>	22.1%	55
Consulting firm	<div><div></div></div>	3.2%	8
State agency	<div><div></div></div>	3.6%	9
Federal agency	<div><div></div></div>	15.7%	39
Other (please specify)			29
	answered question		249
	skipped question		24