

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2011

Committee Code and Name:	Canadian Weed Science Society
Committee Chair:	Peter Sikkema
Committee Members Rotating Off:	After 2013 meeting in Baltimore, MD
Past-President	Sue Boyetchko
President	Peter Sikkema
1st Vice President	Bill Summers
2nd Vice-President	David Clements
Secretary	Jeff Betholet
Treasurer	Darren Robinson
Executive Assistant	Anita Drabek

2010 Summary of Activities

1. Membership: 131
 - a. Regular Members: 114
 - b. Students: 17

2. Annual Meeting
 - a. 2010: Regina, Saskatchewan
 - b. 2011: Niagara Falls, Ontario
 - c. 2012: Winnipeg, Manitoba
 - d. 2013: Vancouver, British Columbia (WSSA in February, 2014)
 - e. 2014: Quebec City, Quebec

3. Publications (Topics in Weed Science):
 - a. Field boundary habitats
 - b. Weed management in transition
 - c. Soil residual herbicides
 - d. The first decade of herbicide resistant crops in Canada
 - e. Invasive plants: Inventories, strategies and action

4. Plenary Session Topics:
 - a. 2010: Industrial Crops
 - b. 2011: Glyphosate Resistant Weeds

The Canadian Weed Science Society, although small, is a vibrant community of professionals dedicated to all aspects of weed science. Individuals specialize in

biological, cultural and chemical weed control, weed biology and invasiveness and government regulation.

The annual meeting of the CWSS was in Regina, SK in November 2010. Greater than 180 people attended this informative meeting (up from 120 attendees in Charlottetown, PEI in 2009) including a number of our American colleagues.

The Board of the CWSS meets regularly via conference calls. Meetings are well structured and run efficiently. Agendas are circulated prior to the meetings and minutes published within days.

The new CWSS web-site is up and running. It is a dramatic improvement over the previous web-site.

The CWSS is struggling to publish the series "Topics in Weed Science". The last four publications (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010) are in various states of preparation. Although in my previous report I expressed concern whether or not these would ever be published, we are making progress and expect to publish the 2007 and 2008 reports shortly.

In 2008, the CWSS hired Anita Drabek as our "Executive Assistant". Anita is instrumental in keeping the CWSS board on task and helps the society to run more smoothly.