

## **2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009**

**Committee Code and Name:** S63 International Weed Science Society

**Committee Co-Chairs:** Bob Blackshaw and Carol Mallory-Smith

**Board Coordinator:** Jeff Derr

**Committee Members Rotating Off:** The duties of this committee are completed.  
Chris Hall, Neil Harker, Anne Legere, Dale Shaner

### **2008 Summary of Activities**

The International Weed Science Conference was held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, June 23-27, 2008. Registration was 511 for the meeting; fifty-one countries were represented. The number of attendees was less than we had originally projected. The revenue exceeded expenses by approximately \$20,000 which will split 50:50 between WSSA and IWSS.

The committee also recognizes the hard work of Karl Hurle, Chris Hall, and Dale Shaner for serving as co-chairs of the Scientific Committee for this meeting. The scientific program had 22 main topics covering the full range of weeds and weed management. A field tour was held mid-week to showcase some of the agricultural crops and beautiful sights of British Columbia.

There were many members who contributed time and energy to this conference so it is not possible to single everyone out for recognition. However, the committee wants to recognize the special efforts of Al Hamill and Anne Legere. Without Al's tireless work to solicit sponsorship funds, the society would have lost significant revenue on this meeting. Anne Legere edited the meeting abstracts and organized the student presentation contest.

Congress abstracts will be posted later this fall on the IWSS website ([iws.ucdavis.edu](http://iws.ucdavis.edu)). The 6<sup>th</sup> IWSC will be held in China in 2012.

### **2009 Plan for Committee Activities - Not Applicable**

#### **Recommendations for Board/Society Action:**

We recommend that the Board use the revenue from this meeting to support the next IWSC that will be held in China in 2012.