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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Weed Science Society of America and reflect on the past and why the society was formed, I challenge all members to think about the future of the society. What do you want this society to look like in 10 years? It is up to the membership to shape the future of WSSA. I attended a

Summit Meeting of professional society officers hosted by the American Phytopathological Society. Although WSSA is a smaller society than many others, I came away from the meeting feeling that we share many of the same concerns. The biggest of which may be relevance for members. It is important that we continue to provide value to members. In order to do that, the Board of Directors needs to hear from you. Please consider the following questions and provide input to the Board.

What changes can be made in the annual meeting that would make it more relevant?

How can we better provide useful information to the membership?

What information/products would you like the society to provide?

Change is often difficult but perhaps this time of celebration of our history is an opportune time to emphasize the future of WSSA. It is time for us to review our strategic plan and modify it for the coming years. I hope that any of you that have suggestions for increasing relevancy of the society or the annual meeting will send me your comments directly.

One large order of change for us is the resignation of Rob Hedberg as the Director of Science Policy. Rob has taken a position with USDA-CSREES in Washington beginning in July 2005. Rob will become the Science Policy Legislative Affairs Advisor in the Office of the CSREES Administrator. I would like to express the Board's appreciation for the outstanding job that he has done for the society. During his time with WSSA, he increased the visibility of Weed Science in Washington, D.C. and provided leadership on many issues of concern to WSSA and its members.

The Board is in the process of searching for a replacement for Rob. A committee led by Reid Smeda with representatives from each regional society has worked extremely hard to come up with a plan that will provide continued funding for the Director of Science Policy Position.

President-Elect Dale Shaner and the program committee along with the 50th

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NEEDED: WEED PHOTOGRAPHERS

If you enjoy weed photography and want to support WSSA, here is an opportunity to do both. WSSA needs your help in collecting images of weeds for a weed identification compact disc project. Spend a quiet afternoon hiking and taking pictures of weeds. You will be amazed at the number of different weeds that occur in any given area. WSSA needs to collect digital images of over 300 common weeds of North America to complete the project that will contain all (over 1400 species) of the common weeds of North America. See our web page at the "Contribute photos" link on the WSSA Home Page www.wssa.net. If you submit and have approved the images of 10 of the needed species you will earn a 50% discount on the CD. If you submit and have approved images of 20 or more of the needed species, you will receive a **free** copy of the CD. Individuals contributing approved images will have their name attached to the image, and thus will have made a lasting contribution to WSSA. A contribution of images of only one species is significant and we urge you to help. This project is open to all interested persons. Description of the project, guidelines for taking digital images, and lists of weeds for which we need images are found on the web page. For further information you may also contact Alex Ogg at ogga@tctwest.net.

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anniversary committee are planning many special events for the meeting. Arnold Appleby has completed a history of the society that will be provided to all members at the meeting. Please plan to attend this meeting which will be held in New York City from February 13–17, 2006 and help celebrate our history. Be sure to submit your abstracts for the annual meeting. Information on the call for papers is included in this newsletter. We had an excellent attendance in 2005 and I hope that the number of attendees in New York will be even greater.

Please take time to nominate candidates for the society awards. I know that it takes time to put the packages together but we have so many qualified and worthy members who should be nominated for these awards. This is an opportunity to honor our peers.

See you in New York.

Carol Mallory-Smith
President

Retirements



FRED W. ROETH, Professor of Agronomy and Extension Weed Specialist, retired from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on December 31, 2004 after 35 years of university service.

Dr. Roeth was raised on a general livestock and crop farm in western Ohio in a family of eight children. Participation in 4-H, FFA, and sports and graduation from Houston High School preceded his enrollment at Bowling Green State University in 1959. After spending two years at BGSU, he transferred to The Ohio State University to pursue his interest in agriculture and graduated with a B.S. degree in Agronomy.

While at OSU, Fred was elected to Gamma Sigma Delta and Towers honoraries and served as a vice president of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. His M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agronomy/Weed Science were awarded by the University of Nebraska where he was a research assistant under the direction of Dr. Terry Lavy.

His career as a weed scientist began in 1969 as an assistant professor in the Botany and Plant Pathology Department at Purdue University working on perennial weeds. In 1975, Fred accepted a research-extension position with the University of Nebraska

at the South Central Research and Extension Center near Clay Center. During his tenure there, he advised and co-advised 15 graduate students and authored numerous research and extension publications.

Dr. Roeth served as an associate editor of *Weed Technology*, on WSSA awards and resolutions committees, and the NCWSS board of directors and other committees. His research-extension areas have included johnsongrass, musk thistle, shattercane, enhanced herbicide degradation, herbicide resistant weeds, herbicide interactions, and general weed management in row crops. He received a University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Distinguished Service Award in 1987 and was elected Fellow of the North Central Weed Science Society in 1997. In Clay Center he served on community, school, and church boards.

Fred and his wife, Carol, have three children and four grandchildren. In 2003, on the closure of the UNL South Central R & E Center, he was transferred and moved to Lincoln where he will continue to pursue interests in family activities, outdoor recreation, sports, and pleasure reading.

WSSA FUTURE MEETING SITES AND DATES

2006

**New York, NY
February 13–17
Marriott Marquis
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2007

**San Antonio, TX
February 5–10
Marriott Riverwalk
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**Deadline for October issue
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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT!!!!

WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA TURNS 50 YEARS OLD IN 2006!



The members of WSSA will celebrate the 50th birthday at the WSSA Annual Meeting and Conference at the New York Marriott Marquis Hotel in February 13–17, 2006. You will notice on this page and other locations throughout this and coming WSSA Newsletters a one time logo to commemorate this unique event.

Have you heard? Dr. Arnold Appleby has written a book entitled “Weed Science Society of America — Origin and Evolution — The First 50 Years” to help celebrate this occasion. A free copy will be provided to all those who attend the meeting in February.

Did you know? A number of “conferences” had been in existence for a number of years prior to the 1950s. The surfacing of WSA (this is not a spelling mistake) was not easy, requiring an incubation period of 3 to 7 years depending on when one considers the onset of germination, with subsequent emergence in 1956. Central to this “happening” was the need for a legal entity to conduct the business of publishing a journal.

The original constitution had six committees and five special committees, a much different situation from 2006.

DO YOU KNOW?

1. How many people attended the charter meeting?
2. How many papers were presented at the first meeting?
3. Was the formation of the national WSA unanimously approved?
4. Here is an easy one — What was the name of the first Journal published by the WSA?
5. How many papers were in the first volume?
6. What were the dimensions of the first Journal?
7. In what year did the dimensions of the Journal change?
8. In what year did the name of the Journal change?
9. What was the incorporation date for WSSA?
10. What was the name of the popular magazine published by WSSA?
11. In what city has WSSA met most frequently over the 50 years?
12. How many times has WSSA met there?

This is just a small sample of the information contained in Dr. Appleby’s book and we owe many thanks to him for compiling this information.

Follow the logo and look for the answers to these questions elsewhere in this issue of the Newsletter. Be sure to watch for a new set of questions in upcoming issues of the WSSA Newsletter.

CALL FOR PAPERS – 2006 WSSA MEETING

INVITATION

You are invited to submit titles and abstracts for papers to be presented at the WSSA Meeting in New York, New York on February 13–16, 2006, Monday to Thursday. Volunteer papers may be presented orally in one of the section meetings or as a poster. An individual may personally present only one volunteer, non-poster paper. This rule will be strictly followed. In addition to the volunteer paper, an individual may present a poster paper, may be co-author of papers presented by other authors, and may present an invited symposium paper.

DEADLINE

Abstracts must be submitted electronically and copies postmarked by **October 1, 2005**, to be considered. Those not electronically submitted and postmarked by the deadline will not be accepted. This deadline applies to symposium papers, as well as to volunteer papers and posters. The program will be posted on the WSSA worldwide web homepage (<http://www.wssa.net>) and members will be informed when available by "ListServe" from Joyce Lancaster. Printed programs will be mailed to those who pre-register before **January 13, 2006**, and will be provided to all attendees at the registration desk at the meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULES

Volunteer papers will be presented within a 15-minute schedule. Concurrent sessions dictate that the time schedule be strictly followed. To allow for introduction, transition of speakers, and other slippage, you should plan to present your paper in 12 or 13 minutes. Papers presented should report the results of completed research or other substantive information. Information should not have been presented at a previous WSSA national meeting. Ideally, information reported at the WSSA meeting should be published in *Weed Science*, *Weed Technology*, or a similar outlet in the near future.

SYMPOSIUM PAPERS

Speakers participate in the symposia by invitation. Refer to the details below and on page 5. Deadlines and procedures for preparing and submitting abstracts are the same as for volunteer papers, except that the author must send a copy of the abstract to the symposium organizer, in addition to mailing hard copies to the Abstract Editor and Program Chair (see Submission of Abstract section).

PROJECTION EQUIPMENT

The WSSA has adopted LCD projection for PowerPoint presentations as the standard and will be used exclusively for the 2006 meeting in New York, New York. **NO** 35mm projectors will be available. LCD projectors and computers will be supplied by WSSA members and coordinated by section chairs. Screens, microphones, carts, and extension cords will continue to be supplied by

AV services and paid for by the Society. In order to make this process go as smoothly as possible, please follow the guidelines below.

Format

All presentations **MUST** be in PowerPoint (any version) for MS Windows (PC compatible). PowerPoint 2000 will be the software used. Macintosh/Apple formats will **NOT** be supported. Your presentation must be saved as a PowerPoint show file. **The section chairs have requested that ALL presentations be prepared and sent to them in advance so that preloading of the computer before leaving for the meeting can be accomplished** (see Submission of Presentations). You must send your presentation to the section chair on a 3.5" floppy disk or CD-R (**NOT a CD-RW**). **Zip disks will not be accepted.** Presentation also can be sent to the section chair as an email PowerPoint attachment. Please limit the size of presentations to less than 25 MB. No audio clips or sounds will be allowed. Video clips are discouraged unless absolutely necessary. PowerPoint animation is discouraged. Please contact the section chair one week **PRIOR** to sending your presentation if you need to use a video clip. Limit fonts used in the presentation to basic fonts, as not all machines may have the same choice of fonts. Examples of standard fonts are Times, Arial, Courier, Tahoma, or similar equivalents. Section chairs and computer operators are not responsible for changes in fonts, bullets, and other formatting at the time of presentation. Use up-to-date virus protection software to avoid infecting the computers provided by the section chairs.

Submission of Presentations

Presentations must be submitted to the section chair prior to the meeting. Section chairs have indicated that they must receive the presentation at least one week in advance of the meeting (**no later than February 6, 2006**). You will be able to preview your presentation at the meeting to ensure that the formats/fonts are all as you intended them to be. Please check the meeting program for the time and place. Due to the limited time and equipment, last minute editing is highly discouraged. All presentations will be transferred to a CD-R for each session. At the conclusion of the session, the CD-R and other copies of the presentation(s) will be destroyed. Submission of files at the time of the presentation or at any other time during the session will **NOT** be allowed.

Equipment

A Windows PC laptop computer and projector will be provided for each session. Presenters will **NOT** be allowed to use their own computers in the sessions. If possible, computers will be located on the podium in each session. If this is not possible, an infrared remote provid-

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ing forward and backward control of the PowerPoint presentation will be provided in each session.

Be alert to changes, modifications, and refinements in these guidelines during the next few months (and years). This information will be published in the October and January issues of the WSSA Newsletter.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Volunteer papers, posters, and symposium papers all require abstracts to be electronically submitted. To submit abstracts electronically, go to the Weed Science Society of America homepage (<http://www.wssa.net>).

After **September 1, 2006**, you will be able to access the Title/Abstract Submission Page form from the WSSA homepage. Additional instructions will be provided on the Title/Abstract Submission Page. Once the submission form is completed, print copies and distribute as follows:

- One hard copy to the Abstract Editor (Robert Kremer, page 7)
- One hard copy to the Program Chair (Dale Shaner, page 7)
- Unless a symposium paper, one hard copy to the respective section chair for your first choice section (See Section Chair List on page 7)
- If a symposium paper – send one hard copy to the symposium organizer
- One copy for your files

The Program and Abstract Book will be printed exactly as submitted, other than format and font changes to make all abstracts the same; therefore, proofread very carefully. If you cannot submit the title and abstract electronically, please request a submission package from the Abstract Editor, Robert Kremer (see page 7).

Authors will receive an email indicating that their abstract was received and confirming the section where the paper will be presented. **Presentations must be sent to the section chair where the paper is assigned.**

PREPARATION OF ABSTRACT

Following are the guidelines for the preparation and submission of an abstract. Be alert to additional instructions that may appear on the website itself.

1. **Contents** – The abstract should include a brief overview of essential aspects of experimental procedures and should highlight significant results and their interpretation. Write the abstract so it consists entirely of information. Do not include statements such as “The results of the experiments will be presented” or “The significance of these results will be discussed.”
2. **Typing** – Typing instructions will be provided on the Title/Abstract Submission Page of the WSSA website for those using electronic submission. Members who request a submission package from the Abstract Editor will receive typing instructions in the package.
3. **Titles, author(s), and location** – In the abstract, authors will be identified by occupational affiliation and

location, not by mailing address. Therefore, please type the title, author(s), the affiliation (institution, agency or company), and location (city and state or country, but not the zip code). When authors are from different locations or affiliations, group authors and affiliations/locations together.

Capitalize only the first word and proper names in the title and end the title with a period. Include both the common and scientific names of weeds and uncommon crop plants in the title, but only the common names of herbicides and well-known crop plants. You do not need to type the title in boldface; the system will do that automatically. First names followed by initial (period after initial) should be typed before last names of all authors. The site will provide a method for indicating the presenter, be sure to specify the presenting author. Do not include departments, divisions or zip codes. Do abbreviate the word “University” to “Univ.”

Example 1. The occurrence and densities of weeds in Illinois, Iowa, and Indiana as noted from crop scouting records. David R. Pike*, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana; and David Harms, Crop Pro-Tech, Bloomington, IL.

Example 2. Performance of sulfentrazone for control of yellow nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*) in southern peas (*Vigna unguiculata*). Jerry J. Wells* and Ronald E. Talbert, Univ. of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

4. **E-mail Address** – For better communication among researchers, place e-mail address of senior author following last sentence of abstract.
5. **Herbicide nomenclature** – Use common names of herbicides as given in *Weed Science* (2003) 51:1022-1028. When the common name refers to the parent acid, the salt or ester forms used in the experiments should be identified at the first mention of the common name (e.g., methyl ester of diclofop). At the first mention of a herbicide application rate, list whether the weight is acid equivalent (ae) or active ingredient (ai) (e.g., kg ai ha⁻¹). If no common name is available, use its designation (trade name or code) followed by the full chemical name. If the chemistry is confidential, identify source (company) in parentheses after designation.
6. **Adjuvant nomenclature** – Where possible, use WSSA *Herbicide Handbook*, 8th edition (2002), p. 454-456; *Weed Science* (1985) 33 (Suppl. 1): 22-23; or WSSA *Monograph* (1982) *Adjuvants for Herbicides*. Otherwise, use the most complete available chemical description of the adjuvant.
7. **Weed nomenclature** – Identify weeds by common names. At first mention of a weed, whether in the title or text, follow the common name with the scientific name (underlined and in parentheses). Do not repeat the scientific name in the text if given in the title. Use common and scientific names of weeds as given in the *Composite List of Weeds*, published by WSSA in 1989. If

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there is no WSSA-designated common name, use common scientific names from another source such as *Hortus Third*.

8. **Crop nomenclature** – Scientific names for crop plants are optional. They are not needed for well known crops, but should be included for less common crops and whenever needed for clarity. Place scientific names, underlined and in parentheses, following first mention of the common name, whether in the title or text.
9. **Soil nomenclature** – Include the soil series with textural classification and the subgroup name using the terminology of the U.S. Dept. Agric. Natr. Res. Conserv. Serv. publication, *Soil Taxonomy*, U.S. Gov. Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 1975. For soils outside the U.S.A., use the local official terminology.
10. **Measurements** – Report all measurements in International System of units (SI). Abbreviate units of measure if preceded by a number. See *Weed Science* (2003) 51:1029-1033 for additional suggestions and WSSA *Herbicide Handbook*, 8th edition (2002), p. 463-466 for metric conversions.
11. **Abbreviations** – Use abbreviations as shown in *Weed Science* (2004) 52:1063, WSSA *Herbicide Handbook*, 8th edition (2002), p. 453-454 or CBE Style Manual.
12. **Numbers** – Use Arabic numerals for all numbers with two or more digits and for all measurements such as time, weight, length, area, quantity, or degree except when the number is the first word in the sentence. Spell out numbers when they are the first word in a sentence or when they are less than 10 and not measurements.
13. **Tables, figures, or literature citations** – Do not include these in Abstracts.

SUBJECT INDEX

A subject index consisting of weed/crop names, herbicides, and other key words will be included at the end of the abstract book, in addition to the author index. Providing key words to be used in indexing will be the responsibility of the authors. Words in the title are not automatically indexed. Only key words provided by the authors will be used.

1. A **maximum** of five key words per abstract will be indexed. Most abstracts should only require two or three words.
2. Prioritize key words based on the importance of a given subject, especially for abstracts containing more than five weeds and herbicides. Use a priority ranking of (a) weeds and/or crops, (b) herbicides, other chemicals (including adjuvants) and other types of weed control (e.g., cultural, biological), (c) additional topic words or phrases.

3. Use scientific name of weeds, without authority. Genus plus species is considered one key word.
4. Genera names may be used when more than one species in that genus is mentioned in the abstract.
5. Use common names of crops (for less common crops, use scientific names without authority).
6. Use common names of herbicides and other chemicals (including adjuvants) or code numbers for experimental compounds.
7. Chemical class names, e.g., sulfonylureas, should be used when more than one herbicide in that class is mentioned in the abstract.

POSTERS

The information presented as a poster is very similar to that presented as an oral paper, but it is presented on poster board rather than orally in a meeting. Directions for preparing a poster can be found under POSTER SESSION (see below).

The difference between a poster and a commercial exhibit must be clearly understood. The commercial exhibits are presented by Sustaining Members of WSSA and consist of educational information of a promotional nature about products or services. Posters may be presented by personnel of the same sustaining member companies and may concern commercial products, but they must present results of completed research with these products rather than promotional material about them.

POSTER SESSION

There may be split sessions for presentation of posters. In addition to specifying Section 15 (Poster Session), authors should indicate category from Section 1 through 14 (page 7). Poster presentations will be grouped by these categories.

1. Authors are expected to be at their poster during the period reserved for viewing the poster to answer questions and to discuss their research with interested parties.
2. Participants in Section 15, the Poster Session, will meet at a location designated in the program before the Poster Session begins to elect a chair-elect of the section for 2007 (Section Chair in 2008) and discuss recommendations for improvement of the Poster Session.
3. **Poster Boards. One board 48 x 48 inches and an easel will be provided for each poster paper. There will be no exceptions to the rule of one board per paper.**
4. Content of Paper. Text, graphs, and tables must be easily read from a distance of 6 feet. Titles and headings should be larger and readable from a greater distance.
5. Because of cost and logistics, it will not be possible to provide electrical connections, telephone lines for computer connections, video equipment (VCR and video monitor), or other special equipment for posters.
6. Groups of authors may present more than one poster, but at least one author must be present at each poster during the time designated exclusively for viewing the poster.

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2005 AWARDS SUMMARY AND CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

The September 10, 2005 deadline for award nominations is coming soon, but now is the time to begin preparing nominations. If you know of someone whose outstanding work in weed science qualifies them for an award, please visit the **WSSA website (www.wssa.net/society/wsinfo.html) for award nomination forms and information.**

Many outstanding WSSA members should be recognized, but recognition can only come after nomination. WSSA presents awards for outstanding service each year. These include the Outstanding Teacher, Research, Extension, Industry, Early Career Weed Scientist, Graduate Student and Undergraduate Research Awards. Award recipients will be announced at the annual meeting next February in New York, NY. Nominations are also open for Fellows for 2006 and Honorary Member for 2007. Current members of Award subcommittees are ineligible for rewards from their respective subcommittee. Also, any WSSA member who has won an outstanding service award is not eligible to receive a second one in the same category.

FELLOW AWARD

WSSA members are invited to nominate a member of WSSA who they believe deserves a special recognition because of his/her contribution to WSSA and the field of Weed Science. Up to 0.3 percent of the active membership of WSSA may be elected as Fellows in any one year. Nominees must be members of the WSSA who have been active for at least 10 years. They must have made substantial contributions in more than one of the following areas: (1) professional publications, (2) educational contributions other than publications, (3) development or improvement of weed science programs, practices and products, (4) other professional contributions, (5) service to WSSA or regional conferences, and (6) service to the profession outside the Society. **Jim Barren-**

tine (jbarren@uark.edu), chair of the Fellows and Honorary Member Awards Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

HONORARY MEMBER AWARD

WSSA members are invited to nominate individuals for election as an Honorary Member of WSSA. The Honorary Membership Award is given to an individual who has performed meritorious service to the field of Weed Science, but who is not an active, participating member of WSSA. Only one honorary member is selected per year. Nominees may be from the United States, Canada, or other countries. **Jim Barrentine (jbarren@uark.edu),** chair of the Fellows and Honorary Member Awards Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

OUTSTANDING EXTENSION AWARD

A nominee for this award must have been active in extension work 4 out of the past 5 years with a minimum of 75 percent of his/her extension work involved in weed science. The nominee must also be a member of WSSA. **Mark VanGessel (mjv@udel.edu),** chair of the Outstanding Extension Award Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH AWARD

This award is for research workers who are members of WSSA and who have demonstrated originality and creativity and whose work has had an impact in the field of weed science. The award is established to recognize outstanding contributions to both applied and basic weed science research. **Lori J. Wiles (lori.wiles@ars.usda.gov),** chair of the Outstanding Research Award Subcommittee, may be con-

tacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARD

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must be a member of WSSA and currently active in teaching weed science. The recipient must have taught a weed science course(s) at least five times or have served as major professor for at least five students who have received advanced degrees and whose research was in weed science. **Rene Van Acker (rene_van_acker@umanitoba.ca),** chair of the Outstanding Teacher Award Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY AWARD

WSSA members are invited to nominate a member of WSSA who they believe deserves special recognition because of his/her contribution to the field of weed science. The nominee must be a member of the WSSA and actively employed in private industry at the time of nomination. The nominee must be actively engaged in weed science activities and weed science should have been a major component of the nominee's job description during his/her career. **Eric Prostko (eprostko@uga.edu),** chair of the Outstanding Industry Award Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

EARLY CAREER OUTSTANDING SCIENTIST AWARD

The recipient of this award must be an active member of WSSA, must have completed a minimum of 5 years of work in weed science in addition to their terminal degree, and not be 41 years of age by January 1, 2003; or have demonstrated no more than 10 years of work after their terminal degree. This award is for young

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scientists who have demonstrated originality and creativity, have made a notable contribution to weed science and have potential for continued excellence. **Tom Mueller (tmueller@utk.edu)**, chair of the Early Career Outstanding Scientist Award Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages. Note: the title of this Award was formerly the Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award.

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

The student must be a candidate for the M.S. or Ph.D. degree or have received the degree within the past 12 months at the time the award is presented. The student should have made notable contributions to weed science and should have a good academic record and sound training in weed science. Above all, the recipient must be recognizable as a truly outstanding individual with excellent potential for continued development. The nomination should be initiated by the student's major advisor. **Rene Van Acker (rene_van_acker@umantoba.ca)**, chair of the Outstanding Graduate Student Award Subcommittee, may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Education Committee of WSSA developed an Undergraduate Student Research Award designed to support undergraduate involvement in agricultural research. Interested faculty members are encouraged to identify potential award candidates and discuss the possibility of sponsoring a research project. Awards may be a stipend for research budget expenses (travel, supplies, etc.), to defer fees, to defray living expenses for summer research, or any combination of these items. **For this award nominations are due November 1, 2005.** **John J. Jachetta (jjjachetta@dow.com)**, chair of the Undergraduate Research Award Subcommittee,

may be contacted for questions on the electronic submission of nomination packages.

CHARLES A. BLACK AWARD

The Charles A. Black Award is to be awarded annually to a Food or Agricultural Scientist, actively engaged in research, who has made significant scientific contributions to his/her scientific field, and who is selected on the basis of significant abilities to communicate the importance of his/her work and of agricultural science to layman policy makers and media. These nominees may have demonstrated their ability to communicate either by written material, spoken material, use of television, radio, or other media. They should be recognized by their peers as scientists who have made significant contributions in their professional fields.

Nominations for the Award can be made to the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology, 4420 Lincoln Way, Ames, Iowa 50010. Nominations must be made by **September 1, 2005**,

and should be accompanied by five letters of support, a vita of the individual and a two-page summary prepared by the nominator describing the activities of the nominee and reasons for consideration for the Award. Announcement of the award will be published in NewsCAST and circulated to the members and to scientific and agricultural news media.

The Award consists of a commemorative plaque and a \$500 travel allowance for the recipient to receive the Award at the February 2006 CAST Board Meeting.

CAST is solely responsible for the selection of the individual to receive the Award. Evaluation of the nominations will be made by a committee from the CAST Board, appointed by the CAST President. In order for the individual to receive the Award, they must be present to make a short verbal acceptance statement and provide a written copy which may be used by CAST in publicizing the annual winner.

Weed Science Society of America Outstanding Reviewer Award

Jeffrey Derr

The WSSA board has approved a new award for the society – Outstanding Reviewer. The purpose of this award is to recognize the hard work that reviewers do in evaluating submitted manuscripts. The award also recognizes the importance of our two journals, *Weed Science* and *Weed Technology*, to our society and to our discipline. I would like to thank the WSSA board, our editors, the Director of Publications, and the Awards committee in supporting me on this new award.

A numerical score has been developed that incorporates both the quality of each review as determined by the Associate Editor for that manuscript, as well as the time required to complete the review. In this manner, the award recognizes both excellent reviews as well as timeliness, which supports the goal of publishing high quality research in as short a time as possible. The maximum score per paper for reviewer quality is 5 points, with a maximum of 2 points if the review is completed within 21 days. A combined score will be calculated for each reviewer, totaling all of the reviews that individual prepared for both *Weed Science* and *Weed Technology* for the period from October 1 through September 30. The final score for each reviewer will be: total letter grade scores + total review time scores.

Awards will be presented to the two reviewers with the highest scores at the following WSSA annual meeting. The subcommittee for this award, consisting of the two editors plus the Director of Publications, will decide how to handle any ties. An individual can receive the award only once every four years. Each award recipient will receive a certificate plus a check for \$250.

WASHINGTON REPORT

by Rob Hedberg, Director of Science Policy

DAVID SHAW PROVIDES CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING

Friday, May 13 was not an unlucky day for the weed science discipline or David Shaw, Director of the Geo-Resources Institute at Mississippi State University. That morning Dr. Shaw gave a briefing, *"Down to Earth Science from Outer Space – Applying NASA Technologies and Interagency Collaborations to Advance Agricultural Science and Natural Resource Management,"* to congressional staff from both the U.S. House and Senate as well as several attendees from Federal Agencies and the private sector. After his introduction by Dr. Rodney Brown, Deputy Undersecretary for Research, Education and Economics at USDA, David gave an excellent overview of real and emerging earth science applications of remote sensing data combined with modern computing capacity. David did an outstanding job conveying the value of federally funded research conducted at Land Grant Universities as well as the contributions weed scientists are making to science, agriculture and natural resource management.

This briefing was conducted by NCFAR (the National Coalition on Food and Agricultural Research), a coalition that WSSA officially joined last year. This briefing was the third in a series that NCFAR has launched to provide congressional staff with a timely overview of scientific frontiers in food and agriculture research and to instill them with an appreciation of the value of federal investments in such research. It was personally gratifying to see how David created a new appreciation for weed science among NCFAR members and congressional staff.

WEED SCIENCE TO HOST CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING ON ENDANGERED SPECIES/ INVASIVE SPECIES

On Wednesday, June 15 WSSA will sponsor a briefing for the House

Resources Committee to explore the connections between invasive weed management and the enhancement of critical habitats to promote endangered species recovery. Cosponsors for this briefing now include the Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Foundation, The Aquatic Plant Management Society, the Wildlife Management Institute, the Nature Conservancy and BASF. The opportunity to present this briefing grew out of the successful symposium held on this topic during the Northeast Weed Science Society annual meeting here in Washington in January. (Presentations are posted on the NEWSS website – NEWSS.org).

The significance of this briefing is that the House Resources Committee chaired by Congressman Pombo (R-CA) is spearheading efforts to revise and reform the Endangered Species Act. By being invited to present this briefing, we will have an opportunity to promote recognition of noxious and invasive weeds as a significant threat to T&E species. Furthermore we will be able to encourage pragmatic revisions in the bill so that noxious weed management will be recognized as a legitimate method of enhancing the quality of critical habitats and promoting endangered species recovery.

WSSA TO RECEIVE GRANT FOR NIWAW VII FROM NATIONAL FISH AND WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) has informed WSSA that we will receive a Pulling Together Initiative (PTI) grant for \$15,500 to help expand the NIWAW outreach activities and promote the establishment of Cooperative Weed Management Associations (CWMAs) across the country. This welcome news comes at a time when Dr. Nelroy Jackson assumes the chairmanship of the NIWAW VII planning committee on behalf of WSSA. The plans for NIWAW VII are already off

to a very promising start with substantial new offers of support and involvement from many of the partners who recognize the value of this event that has now grown into an annual conference. When you can, please thank Dr. Jackson for his willingness to take on this important role and mark your calendars now for the week of February 26 through March 3.

THANK YOU

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all members of WSSA, APMS, NEWSS, NCWSS, SWSS and WWSWS for the opportunity to serve as your representative in Washington for the past six years. I have accepted an offer to work for USDA-CSREES as the agency's Science Policy and Legislative Affairs Advisor and will assume that post in July. As I prepare to move on, I can honestly say this is the best job and most fun I have ever had working for a living. The members of the societies are great, the mission of the societies is worthwhile and the opportunities to have positive impact are significant. I'll move on with a tinge of regret but I am confident that the momentum we have created can be maintained. I must especially thank Rich Bonanno who has served steadfastly as Chair of the Washington Liaison Committee from the time I was hired and through the whole time I have been Director of Science Policy. Rich has performed an enormous service for the societies and has been an excellent source of support and counsel the whole time. Please let Rich know his efforts are appreciated as he now spearheads the effort to hire your next Director of Science Policy.

Thank you,
Rob Hedberg



Get Involved – learn more about WSSA! Join a Committee!

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

DO YOU KNOW?

1. How many people attended the charter meeting? **700**
2. How many papers were presented at the first meeting? **79**
3. Was the formation of the national WSA unanimously approved? **No**
4. Here is an easy one — What was the name of the first Journal published by the WSA?
Weeds
5. How many papers were in the first volume?
23
6. What were the dimensions of the first Journal?
6x9 inches
7. In what year did the dimensions of the Journal change? **1962**
8. In what year did the name of the Journal change? **1968**
9. What was the incorporation date for WSSA?
April 1, 1970
10. What was the name of the popular magazine published by WSSA? **Weeds Today**
11. In what city has WSSA met most frequently over the 50 years? **St. Louis**
12. How many times has WSSA met there? **7**

In order to continue to grow and change as an organization, WSSA needs your active participation. WSSA is an organization that is run by the membership on a volunteer basis. The committees form the structure of the organization and direct WSSA's many activities, from selecting awardees to publications to representing specific subject matter areas. Please look at the committee list and volunteer for a committee! The duties of each committee are outlined in the society's MOPs and can be accessed on the WSSA website. One or more committee members rotate off each committee each year providing an opportunity for others to be involved. The committee chairs are responsible for recruiting and recommending a volunteer to serve in each position (there may be some restrictions such as location/region – for example if the person rotating off the committee is from the north-central, the new member should represent that region as well). Please contact the committee chair for more information on the committee you are interested in and to volunteer to serve! Thank you for volunteering to keep WSSA a relevant organization!

THINK NEWSLETTER

Deadline for October issue is
September 1, 2005.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

The WSSA Board of Directors is investigating and will discuss electronic voting for the Society at the summer board meeting. If approved, electronic voting will start this fall. The purpose is to increase membership participation in the voting process. Historically, only about 25% of the membership vote in an election or for proposed changes to the WSSA Constitution. Electronic voting also will save the Society some money in

postage cost for the mailed ballots.

We propose to send ballot biographies and amendment explanations by mail to those members for whom we do not have an email address. Ballot biographies and the ballots will also be posted on the WSSA website. An email message will be sent to all members with email address indicating that the electronic polling site is open. To cast their ballot, a member will login to a secure website using

their WSSA user identification and password. Allen Marketing and Management has a system in place that will handle the casting of electronic ballots. Once a member casts a vote, they can't vote again. The electronically submitted ballots will be made available to the Immediate Past President of the Society, who will count the ballots in the presence of two other WSSA members.

SOUTHERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY NEWS

The Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) held its 58th Annual Meeting at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte, NC on January 24–26, 2005. The society embarked on a new meeting format that included more symposiums for invited papers to allow more time for open discussion, and an expanded poster session for volunteered titles. The meeting theme, "SWSS – Looking to the Future," was highlighted by 16 symposia ranging in topics from weed control during establishment of warm-season turf to glyphosate-resistant horseweed. Over 275 posters and papers were presented, many of

which were part of an excellent graduate student contest.

Five deserving scientists were recognized at the awards banquet: Joe Street (Distinguished Service Academia), Harold Ray Smith (Distinguished Service Industry), John Wilcut (Outstanding Educator), Eric Protsko (Outstanding Young Weed Scientist), and Bob Hayes (Weed Scientist of the Year). Whitnee Barker (Outstanding M.S. Student) and Ian Burke (Outstanding Ph.D. Student) were also recognized for their hard work and contributions to the SWSS. Award winners in the graduate stu-

dent contest were: Marcos Oliveira, Clemson (1st place paper), Brian Otis, Arkansas (1st place paper), Marty McCormick, Texas A&M (2nd place paper), Ian Burke, North Carolina State (2nd place paper), Andrew Gardner, North Carolina State (1st place poster), Jay Meehan, Clemson (1st place poster), Tom Eubanks, Mississippi State (2nd place poster), D. M. Scroggins, Louisiana State (2nd place poster), and Vinod Shivrain, Arkansas (2nd place poster). The banquet concluded with outgoing SWSS president John Harden passing the gavel to current president David Shaw.

Western Society of Weed Science 58th ANNUAL CONFERENCE March 8–10, 2005 Hyatt Regency Hotel Vancouver, British Columbia

Vancouver, British Columbia was the host to 290 WSWS members who presented 63 scientific posters during two sessions and 93 scientific papers in seven research project sections. A highlight of the conference was a special symposium about herbicide chemistry versus genetically modified crops, and how these two will interact to provide management of future weed problems. In a second symposium, estimation of dose-response functions for pesticides were discussed. Additional sessions included developing strategies for weed control in specialty crops by maximizing limited resources, interpreting pesticide regulatory changes, understanding the ecological impact of invasive plant management, utilizing remote sensing as a tool for weed control in agronomic crops, and a discussion of managing weeds in riparian areas.

Students representing many universities of western states contributed eight poster displays and 18 oral presentations. Outstanding poster displays and presentations were recognized for demonstrating excellence in basic and applied research. For a third consecutive year, students were given an opportunity for a "student night out" hosted by individual WSWS members who allowed them to informally discuss their future career options in weed science.

Roland Schirman of Washington State University and Nelroy Jackson of Monsanto Company (retired) were two members designated as WSWS Fellows. Kassim Al-Khatib from Kansas State University received the Outstanding Weed Scientist for the public sector, where as Kelly Luff from Bayer Crop Science received the Outstanding Weed Scientist for the private sector. The Presidential

Award of Merit was presented to Tony White for his tireless and dedicated efforts in developing and maintaining the WSWS website. At the conclusion of the business meeting, newly elected president Phil Banks of Marathon Agricultural and Environmental Consulting received the ceremonial hoe from outgoing president Phil Stahlman of Kansas State University and adjourned the meeting. Pictures of the graduate student winners, WSWS board of directors, society fellows, and award recipients can be viewed at the web site:

<http://www.wsweedscience.org/meeting/photos.asp>

The WSWS will reconvene in Reno, Nevada during March 14–16, 2006 for its 59th annual meeting. Contact Wanda Graves, WSWS Business Manager, at 510-790-1252 for more information.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEED SCIENCE DIRECTOR OF SCIENCE POLICY

The Weed Science Society of America and its associated weed science societies are seeking applications for qualified individuals for the position of Director of Science Policy. This position is available after July 15, 2005. An introductory letter, resume, and three letters of recommendation are due to the search committee by June 30, 2005. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. The Director of Science Policy (DSP) serves the needs of the six cooperating weed science societies (WSSA, APMS, NCWSS, NEWSS, SWSS, and WWS). All duties will be performed in consultation with the WSSA Washington Liaison Committee (WLC).

Core Responsibilities of the DSP shall be to:

- monitor and report on activities in Washington, DC which are relevant to the societies.
- make the expertise of the societies known and available to the Congress, Federal departments, and agencies.
- pursue specific interests of the societies as a group, or as individual societies, when there is a compelling need.
- provide leadership in drafting analytical statements and position papers on specific science issues that are of concern to the societies or where the societies have specific competencies.
- attend national and regional weed science annual meetings as requested by the President of each society.
- participate in the planning of National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW).
- seek outside funding on weed-related opportunities that will enhance the position of Weed Science.

Reporting Responsibilities:

The DSP will provide written quar-

terly Activity Reports to the President, President-elect, Vice President, and Newsletter Editor of each society and to the WLC. These reports will also be suitable for electronic distribution. The DSP will initiate conference calls with the WLC whenever necessary. The DSP will provide reports to specific committees of the WSSA and the five societies as appropriate and work with the committees on specific issues as needs arise.

Location and Travel:

The DSP will be located in Washington, DC. WSSA maintains an appropriately equipped office in Washington, DC for use by the DSP and will pay for the costs of operating said office. The DSP will travel to the WSSA annual meeting and, when invited, to the annual meetings of the associated weed science societies. Other travel will be required as needs arise.

Compensation and Review:

The DSP will be a full-time employee of the WSSA. Starting salary for this position will be commensurate with the education and experience of the successful individual. Health insurance allowance and retirement benefits are provided. The WLC will conduct an annual review of the DSP performance and also make recommendations on changes in responsibilities prior to February 1 of each year. The results on this annual review are provided to the WSSA Board which makes the final decision on salary adjustment.

Please send all letters, inquiries, etc. to:

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE/ WATER QUALITY, EASTERN SHORE AREC Posting Number: 042500

Position Responsibilities:

Virginia Tech is inviting applications for an Assistant Professor Environmental Science/Water Quality to be located at the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center (ESAREC), which is on the Virginia portion of the Delmarva Peninsula between the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean in Painter, VA. The position will have academic affiliation with the Department of Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences at Virginia Tech. Specific responsibilities will be to develop an innovative, nationally recognized research and extension program that will (1) define and quantify physical, chemical, and biological processes affecting off-site movement and water quality impacts of sediment, nutrients, and crop protection chemicals; (2) evaluate cultural practices affecting these processes, which may include tillage, plasticulture, and fertilizer, manure, and pesticide management; and (3) develop environmental risk assessment tools and improved land-management practices (BMPs) to minimize the impact of agriculture on the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay.

Required Qualifications:

Candidates must demonstrate excellent communication skills and have the ability to work well with producers, farm consultants, and faculty across related disciplines, extension agents, agribusiness personnel, and government agencies in the development and delivery of educational programs. Scholarship must be demonstrated through peer-reviewed research and extension publications, recruiting and advising graduate students, development and delivery of science-based extension programs, and securing extramural funding to support

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research and extension programs. Prior to employment, candidates must have an earned Ph.D. in environmental science, soil science, biosystems engineering, or a closely related discipline.

Preferred Qualifications:

Knowledge of production agriculture is highly desirable.

Employment Comments:

Assistant Professor, Tenure Track, Calendar Year, Full-Time Position in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Applicants should complete the faculty application online and submit

a cover letter, curriculum vitae and statement of research interests and extension philosophy as an attachment to the online application. Applicants are asked to arrange for three reference letters to be sent directly to Dr. Henry Wilson.

Direct inquiries to:

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Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principles of diversity, and in that spirit seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, people of color, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify us by the review date.

Salary:

Commensurate with experience.

WEED SCIENCE POSITIONS ON THE WEB

WeedJobs <<http://www.wssa.net/weedjobs/>>

Interested in advertising a weed science position or looking for a job on the Internet? Then visit the WeedJobs Web pages.

Information for Persons Wishing To Advertise Positions

Why advertise your weed science position at WeedJobs? First, you get worldwide advertising — most of the younger generation surf the Internet when job hunting. Second, it is fast — it can be on the Web within a day or two of submission. Third, and best of all, it's free.

What type of positions may be advertised? The listing is restricted to positions in weed science — but all aspects — not just academic or research positions. Advertisements for permanent, term, postdoctoral or graduate student positions will be accepted from anywhere in the world.

To submit an advertisement, go to the URL above and follow the instructions.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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July 12-15, 2005	American Peanut Research and Education Society (APRES) 37th Annual Meeting	Portsmouth, Virginia	
August 7-12, 2005	INTECOL/ESA Meeting Ecology of arable plants: Linking invertebrate and weed population dynamics	Montreal, Canada	http://www.esa.org/montreal/
October 31-November 2, 2005	BCPC International Congress	Glasgow, Scotland	Becky Dyer Tel: +44 (0) 1420 593 200 Email: becky.dyer@bcpc.org
November 6-10, 2005	American Society of Agronomy– Crop Science Society of America– Soil Science Society of America International Annual Meetings	Salt Lake City, Utah	www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/anmeet < http://www.asa-cssa-sssa.org/anmeet > Tel: 608-273-8080
November 7-11, 2005	20th APWSS Conference	Rex Hotel Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	Dr. Duong Van Chin, Chair Organizing Com. 20th APWSS Conf. Dept. of Weed Science & Farming System Cuulong Delta Rice Research Institute Omon Cantho, VIETNAM Email: duongvanchin@hcm.vnn.vn
November 8-11, 2005	17th Latin America Weed Association (ALAM), 4th National Weed Congress of Cuba and 1st Iberoamerican Weed Science Congress	Centro de Convenciones Plaza America Varadero, Matanzas, Cuba	Dr. Juan Carlos Diaz President of the Organizing Committee Email: jcdiaz@inica.edu.cu http://grec.ifas.ufl.edu/Weed%20Science/Alam/Web%20page/ALAM01.htm
November 16-18, 2005	XXVI Annual Meeting Mexican Weed Science Society	Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico	Enrique Rosales-Robles rosales.enrique@inifap.gob.mx Sostenes Varela svarela@uat.edu.mx www.agronomiayciencias.uat.edu.mx/asomecima
November 27-30, 2005	Canadian Weed Science Society Annual Meeting	Niagara Falls, Ontario	Al Hamill Tel: 519-738-2251, ext. 487 Email: hammilla@agr.gc.ca
December 11-14, 2005	North Central Weed Science Society Meeting	Hyatt Regency Crown Center Kansas City, Missouri	John Wollam Tel: 816-242-0361 Email: john.wollam@bayercropscience.com
January 3-6, 2006	Northeastern Weed Science Society Meeting	Westin Hotel Providence, Rhode Island	Timothy Dutt Tel: 610-285-2006 Email: timothy.e.dutt@monsanto.com
January 22-26, 2006	Southern Weed Science Society Meeting	Omni Hotel San Antonio, Texas	Robert Schmidt raschwssa@aol.com
February 13-17, 2006	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting	Marriott Marquis on Broadway New York, New York	Brad Majek Tel: 856-455-3100, ext. 4122 Email: majek@aesop.rutgers.edu
April 4-6, 2006	5th International IPM Symposium of the North American Weed Management Association	St. Louis, Missouri	
September 18-21, 2006	14th Annual North American Weed Management Association	Calgary, Alberta Canada	
September 17-21, 2007	9th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions Weed Science Society of Western Australia	Perth, Australia	