

NEWSS Report to the WSSA Board

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I. 2008 Collegiate Contest

The 2008 NEWSS Collegiate Weed Contest was held on July 30 at the University of Delaware, Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown, DE. All total, 37 graduate and undergraduate students (7 graduate teams and 5 undergraduate teams) participated from five universities. The universities represented at the contest were North Carolina State, Virginia Tech, Penn State, Cornell, and Guelph. Students participated in four contest segments including weed identification, unknown herbicide identification, sprayer calibration, and farmer/stakeholder problems. Mark Isaacs was the contest coordinator with help from numerous Carvel Research and Education Center staff and other volunteers.

The 2009 contest will be held on July 23 near Indianapolis, IN in conjunction with the North-Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS).

II. 2009 Annual Meeting

The NEWSS held its 2009 annual meeting at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, MD, January 6-8, 2009. This was the 63rd meeting for the NEWSS and the theme for this year's meeting was: *Use of Biofuels and the Implications for Weed Management*. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Stacy Bonos, from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ and was entitled: *Biofuels 101: Can We Grow Our Energy Supply?* Our room costs were \$125 per night. Registration was \$180 and \$130 for regular members and students, respectively. As has been the case during the past two years, an Awards Luncheon was included in this year's program. Note that the NEWSS covers room costs for students giving oral presentations at the meeting.

NEWSS 2009 Award Recipients were:

Distinguished Member: David J. Mayonado, Monsanto-The Agricultural Group

Distinguished Member: Andrew F. Senesac, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Long Island, NY

Outstanding Educator: D. Scott Glenn, University of Maryland

Outstanding Researcher: Joseph C. Neal, North Carolina State University

The Robert D. Sweet Outstanding Graduate Student Award: John B. Willis, Virginia Tech.
Service Recognition Award: Thomas E. Hines, Virginia Tech. East Shore AREC

III. Current Officers and Committee Chairs of the society are:

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IV. The NEWSS newsletters can be found on the NEWSS website: www.newss.org.