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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As a scientific society, WSSA is uniquely positioned to provide real value through our growing impact and leadership on subjects important to the membership and the Nation. This has been a very fast and fun year and WSSA members have been called on frequently to provide science-based information and National leadership in areas critical to the country's success.

I'm especially proud of our S-71 Herbicide Resistant Weed Education Committee and they have made great strides under the leadership of David Shaw (Mississippi State University); this committee has invested considerable time and skill in achieving its goals. In addition to David, the Herbicide Resistant Weed Education Committee includes Sarah Ward (Colorado State University), John Soteris (Monsanto Company, HRAC Chair), Wes Everman (Michigan State University), Jill Schroeder (New Mexico State University), Lee VanWychen (WSSA), Bill Vencill (University of Georgia), Mike Owen (Iowa State University), Greg McDonald (University of Florida), Harold Coble (North Carolina State University) and Jeff Derr (Virginia Polytechnic Institute).

A critical element of the Herbicide Resistant Weed Education Committee's activities is the development of a study, funded by USDA-APHIS, entitled "Herbicide-Resistant Weeds Management Report." This report identifies a number of key methods used to manage the spread and development of resistance in weeds, assesses their effectiveness, the degree of method adoption, the reasons for adoption or non-acceptance, and what can be done to increase the use of integrated resistance management programs. We expect this report to be completed in mid-2011; sooner if possible. The APHIS report writing sub-committee has gotten off to a great start and is making quick progress, this sub-committee includes David Shaw, Ted Webster (USDA-ARS, Tifton, Georgia); Sarah Ward; Bob Nichols (Cotton Incorporated); Kevin Bradley (University of Missouri in Columbia); Jason Norsworthy (University of Arkansas); Nilda Burgos (University of Arkansas); Mike Barrett (University of Kentucky); Bill Witt (University of Kentucky); John Soteris, Stephen Powles (University of Western Australia) and Rick Llewellyn (CSIRO).

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As a further goal, an additional S-71 sub-committee has been created to develop a set of herbicide resistance management training modules for the WSSA website and nationwide use. The S-71 subcommittee is also making excellent progress on their task, lead by John Soteris, this sub-committee includes, Wes Everman, Les Glasgow (Syngenta Crop Protection), Jill Schroeder, David Shaw, Jeff Stachler (North Dakota State University), and Francois Tardif (University of Guelph).

These Herbicide Resistant Weed Education Committee efforts represent a substantial investment of member time and energy and we all very much appreciate the contributions being made. Plans are being considered to have a national symposium as a roll-out for the APHIS report, as well as a demonstration of the materials developed for the WSSA website. The National Research Council (NRC) has invited WSSA to hold the symposium at the National Academy of Science in Washington, DC in 2011.

David Shaw, Jill Schroeder and a number of the members of the Herbicide Resistance Education Committee attended the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Herbicide Resistant Weed Task Force meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 9 through 11, 2010. The meeting attendees included NACD members, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff, North America Herbicide Resistance Action Committee (NA HRAC) members, and university weed scientists. The agenda included a group discussion of best management practices for herbicide resistant weeds, the product of the meeting was a NACD white paper discussing the impact of herbicide resistant weeds on conservation programs and best management practices to manage their occurrence and spread. A paper describing these BMP's was drafted for NACD's use by Jill Schroeder and John Soteris and was reviewed by members of Global HRAC, the WSSA S-71 Committee and other university weed scientists attending the NACD symposium before being provided to NACD for inclusion in their white paper.

In close cooperation with EPA, our EPA Subject Matter Expert, Jill Schroeder, continues to lead an educational effort to assist the EPA Office of Water, Registration Division, and Biological and Economic Analysis Division in understanding weed management's needs in the riparian corridor. This is especially timely, as the States will need to implement National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits by April 2011. In May 2009, Jill participated in a fact-finding field tour for EPA Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Water staff to learn about aquatic pest management issues in Florida; this tour was organized and hosted by Drs. Bill Haller (University of Florida) and Kurt Getsinger (US Army Engineer Research and Development Center). Since the management issues related to weed and invasive plant management in riparian areas are very different in the Western US, a second tour was organized this year to provide information about a Western ecosystem that dramatically contrasts with Florida; Jill Schroeder and Bonnie Rabe (New Mexico Department of Agriculture Division Director Ag and Environmental Services) organized and hosted this August 2nd through 5th, 2010 tour for EPA staff to New Mexico to learn more about water and weed management in the riparian areas of a land-locked, arid state. This was a particularly important educational opportunity for the Agency, as the comment period for the draft NPDES General Permit has recently closed and EPA staff are beginning to finalize that document. It is critical for EPA to learn first-hand about the weed management operations made for maintenance and invasive species management and there is no substitution for an on-the-ground education. We greatly appreciate the assistance and arrangements made by David Lucero (New Mexico Division Director Marketing and Development) and Kirk McDaniel (New Mexico State University Range Science) for this visit.

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WSSA FUTURE MEETING SITES AND DATES

2011

**Hilton Portland and
Executive Tower Hotel
Portland, Oregon
February 7-10, 2011**

51st Annual Meeting

Program Chair: Mike Barrett

Program Vice-Chair: Rod Lym

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**THINK NEWSLETTER
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The regulation of spray drift is also important to the National interest and WSSA is committed to advancing the state of knowledge in application technology. To help EPA understand the technological advances that have occurred since the Spray Drift Task Force developed the current data used for regulatory assessments, our WSSA Subject Matter Expert hosted a September 14th seminar at EPA on the evolution of sprayer technology by Dr. Bob Wolf (Kansas State University); this seminar was also presented earlier that day to the American Farm Bureau Foundation. In these discussions, Bob presented information about the latest equipment and nozzle technologies used to apply crop protection products to achieve optimum control of undesired pests while minimizing drift. As future guidelines regarding spray drift minimization are established, more technologies will be developed and validated; these developments will require sound research to support adoption and the future and science of application technology is very exciting. This seminar was very well attended by staff from all EPA divisions. Drs. David Shaw and Lee Van Wychen also attended as representatives of WSSA.

Planning is advancing well for a March 14th through 16th, 2011, Invasive Species Advocacy Week through the careful efforts of the Healthy Habitats Coalition as coordinated by Tracee Bentley (HHC Executive Director, Peak Resources, Colorado). The goal of this event is to expand the understanding and awareness of invasive species management/restoration needs and enhance the resource and infrastructure that supports increased invasive species appropriations that improve the government's capacity to prevent and control this difficult problem.

We are also working on a separate National Invasive Species Awareness Week event on February 28th through March 4th, 2011, coordinated by Lori

Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council and Lee Van Wychen. Planned events include a week of activities, briefings, and events to highlight what is being done across the nation and around the world to stop and slow the spread of invasive species, including a State Invasive Species Council and Regional Coordination Workshop, National Press Club Announcement of the National Invasive Species Agenda, briefings on regional invasive species issues (Great Lakes, Southeast, West, Northeast) and receptions and educational programs at the United States Botanical Garden and National Aquarium.

I wanted to also take a moment to talk about the WSSA Board of Director's summer meeting. We had the opportunity to preview the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower Hotel and it's a fantastic location for the 2011 National Meeting! We took an extra day for strategic planning and have a number of ideas that we'd like to cultivate, including funding a new "Losses due to weeds" monograph, the creation of K through 12 Weed Science based teaching materials, on-line versions of the Herbicide Handbook, exploring graduate student internships at EPA, working through our graduate student organization to invite local undergraduates to our national meetings, as well as seeking future joint meeting with the Regional Societies.

It's my real great pleasure to see the 2011 WSSA National Meeting taking shape for February 7 to 10, 2011 in Portland, Oregon at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower Hotel. This will be the first traditional WSSA meeting we've had in a while and our Program Chair, Mike Barrett, and Program Vice-Chair, Rod Lym, have strived to make this a gathering where Weed Scientists from around the world will have the opportunity to present and share their latest research results, expand their awareness of crit-

ical emerging issues, network to identify new solutions in weed management and enjoy the fellowship of our Society. Our Local Arrangements Committee, led by Carol Mallory-Smith and Tim Miller, has done a wonderful job in selecting an excellent site to create an opportunity that is certain to be both rewarding and memorable. I also want to thank Mark Czarnota (University of Georgia) for making the arrangements for a Sunday Plant Nurseries and Wine Tasting tour. The scientific program will feature six special-topic symposia as well as poster and oral paper presentations on the latest weed science research. Also, this year, we're trying something completely new and have convened a "Practitioners Forum" to address perceptions and misconceptions about weed management and research; this session is intended to start a conversation between On-the-Ground Weed Managers with University Extension and Research Faculty and Industry. The forum's goal is to find better ways to communicate research findings to Weed Managers and for Weed Managers to communicate their information needs more effectively to researchers. WSSA strives to better serve the Weed Practitioner community and invite their participation in the Society and through forums like this; through this discussion, Weed Scientists can gain additional insight into the challenges practitioners face.

The entire 2011 WSSA National Meeting program will be posted on the WSSA web site (www.wssa.net) where attendees will have the option of preparing their personal schedule for the meeting in advance. Printed programs will be mailed to those U.S. attendees pre-registered before January 7, 2011; please be sure to bring those programs with you to the meeting, as programs will only be provided to international attendees and on-site registrants at the meeting registration desk. Make your travel plans

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6th World Congress on Allelopathy

The 6th World Congress on Allelopathy will be held in Guangzhou, China from December 15 to 19, 2011. The World Congress of Allelopathy (WCA) is a formal academic conference organized by the International Allelopathy Society every three years. Recent trends in sustainable development and advances in research methodology have helped to make allelopathy a rapidly growing research field throughout the world. The 6th WCA will provide an excellent opportunity for exchanges between those who are interested in allelopathy.

The city of Guangzhou is the southern gate of China with a subtropical climate. Because beautiful flowers can be grown year round in Guangzhou, it is called the "Flower City." You are warmly welcomed by your hosts in Guangzhou!

For more information go to:

<http://www.international-allelopathy-society.org/main/WCA/index.html>

The first circular is at:

<http://www.international-allelopathy-society.org/main/WCA/WCA>

Resistance 2011 September 5–7, 2011 Rothamsted Research Harpenden, Hertfordshire, UK

This major international conference, the sixth in an ongoing series, will review the latest research on the origins, nature, development and prevention of resistance to insecticides, fungicides and herbicides. It will provide a forum for researchers, consultants, regulators and industrialists to present and discuss approaches to overcoming this increasingly important constraint to effective crop protection. Themes will include:

- > The current status of resistance to pesticides
- > Resistance mechanisms
- > Population biology and modelling
- > Applications of genomics
- > Risk assessment and regulation
- > Transgenic crops

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now for what promises to be an excellent meeting and I look forward to seeing all of you in Portland!

I'm always impressed with how dynamic and inclusive the discipline of Weed Science is and how critical Weed Scientists are to society's ability to grow food and feed itself, renew and restore its lands, manage its forests and rangelands and deal with the impact of climate change. Our community of

committed practitioners, students, scientists and industry leaders provides us with a unique strength that allows us to speak with a united voice to influence plant management policy. The WSSA has always been a unifying force, bringing together the science and practice of plant management to ensure that, as a Society, we make informed decisions and investments in research, education and outreach. I've

always been proud to be a Weed Scientist and as we rise to the call to shape public policy and contribute to the international dialogue on plant management, I know you are too.

In your service,
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NORTHEASTERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY

The 2010 NEWSS Collegiate Weed Science Contest was hosted by Cornell University, and held at the Homer C. Thompson Research Farm in Freeville, NY. This year's contest hosted not only Northeastern teams for the event, but teams from both the North Central and Southern regions. Nearly 100 students from 10 universities that included University of Guelph, Penn State University, Virginia Tech, University of Maryland, North Carolina State, University of Florida, Michigan State, Ohio State, University of Illinois, and Purdue University participated. Students participated in four contest segments including weed identification, unknown herbicide identification, sprayer calibration, and grower problems. The overall results were as follows:

GRADUATE DIVISION:

- 1st place team:** Michigan State University: Dan Tratt, Alex Lindsey, Laura Bast
2nd place team: University of Florida: Anna Greis, Sarah Berger, Courtney Stokes, Sergio Morichetti
3rd place team: Penn State University: Ben Crockett, Franklin Egan, Kristine Averill
1st place individual: Jason Parish, Ohio State University
2nd place individual: Alex Lindsey, Michigan State University
3rd place individual: Kristine Averill, Penn State University

UNDERGRADUATE DIVISION:

- 1st place team:** University of Guelph: Thomas Judd, Blair Freeman, Eric Schroeders
2nd place team: Penn State University: Ian Graham, Kelly Patches, David Harwick, Cory Chelko
3rd place team: University of Illinois: Ross Recker, Sean Breen, Max Hendrickson, Matthew Carton
1st place individual: Cory Chelko, Penn State University
2nd place individual: Dan Tratt, Michigan State University
3rd place individual: Kelly Patches, Penn State University

For more on the weed contest including team photos, weed ID, and grower problem synopses, see the NEWSS news supplement at www.newss.org

The 65th Annual Meeting will be held in Baltimore, MD at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel on Pratt St. The meeting dates are January 3-6, 2011. We will be meeting with the Northeastern Branch of the American Society of Horticultural Science. The theme for the Keynote Address and Symposium is "Impact of Environmental Regulation on Weed Science". The US Environmental Protection Agency's oversight of the Clean Water Act has allowed numerous updates since it was enacted over 30 years ago. The recently proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System updates could have significant impact on the discipline of weed science. These changes will be highlighted during our symposium on regulations.

Hope to see you there.

Barb Scott
NEWSS Public Relations

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ASSISTANT RESEARCH PROFESSOR, AGRONOMY DELTA RESEARCH & EXTENSION CENTER

This is a 100% research position with Mississippi State University and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station located at the Delta Research and Extension Center (DREC) in Stoneville, MS. The incumbent will develop a nationally recognized scholarly research program supported by external funding sources that addresses critical agronomic issues in a diversity of crops (corn, cotton, soybean, peanuts and wheat) grown by producers in the Mississippi Delta and surrounding areas.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Conduct in-depth research in major row crops commonly grown in Mississippi to optimize inputs for profitable production. Work with commodity groups, growers, and agribusinesses to promote Mississippi row crops and identify techniques to overcome production problems that limit yields and/or profitability. Cooperate in research projects with other

agronomists, entomologists, plant pathologists, and weed scientists at DREC, Mississippi State University, and USDA-ARS. Collaborate with MSU Extension agents and specialists to plan and conduct on-farm research and demonstrations. The incumbent will have the opportunity to coordinate, evaluate, summarize, and publish the Mississippi Cotton On-Farm Variety Trial (OVT). A demonstrated ability to effectively communicate research findings and troubleshoot problems with growers, consultants, and extension personnel is desired. Incumbent will also be expected to secure extramural funding to support research activities, publish research findings in appropriate professional research journals, and make presentations at professional meetings. Incumbent will be encouraged to participate in graduate student training and contribute to collaborative teaching in offcampus and campus-based educational programs in agronomy.

Minimum Qualifications: Earned doctorate in Agronomy or related field.

Preferred Qualifications: Strong background in row-crop agronomics as well as demonstrate ability to publish research findings in peer-reviewed journals and develop grant proposals and secure extramural funding.

Instructions for Applying: Candidates must apply on line by completing the Personal Data Information Form, submitting a cover letter, and curriculum vitae. Official transcript and three letters of recommendation must be mailed to:

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May 25–27, 2010	Symposium: Climate Change and the Implications for Plant Protection	University of Guelph Guelph Ontario Canada	Tel: 519-767-50001 info@open.uoguelph.ca www.cropprotection.open.uoguelph.ca
June 1–4, 2010	2010 Weeds Across Borders	National Conservation Training Center Shepherdstown, West Virginia	Emily Rindos Center for Invasive Plant Management Tel: 406-994-7862 emily.rindos@montana.edu www.weedcenter.org/wab2010
July 27, 2010	NEWSS Weed Science Contest	Cornell University Ithaca, New York	www.newss.org
December 13–16, 2010	NCWSS Annual Meeting (North Central Weed Science Society)	Lexington, Kentucky	www.ncwss.org
January 3–6, 2011	NEWSS 65th Annual Meeting (Northeastern Weed Science Society)	Renaissance Harborplace Hotel Baltimore, Maryland	www.newss.org
January 23–26, 2011	SWSS Annual Meeting (Southern Weed Science Society)	San Juan, Puerto Rico	www.swss.ws
February 7–10, 2011	51st Annual Meeting Weed Science Society of America	Hilton Hotel Portland, Oregon	www.wssa.net
February 28–March 4, 2011	National Invasive Species Awareness Week		www.nisaw.org
March 7–10, 2011	WSWS Annual Meeting (Western Society of Weed Science)	Spokane, Washington	www.wsweedsociety.org
June 7–12, 2011	11th World Congress on Parasitic Plants	Martina Franca, Italy	http://ipps2011.ba.cnr.it Organizer: Maurizio Vurro maurizio.vurro@ispa.cnr.it or ipps2011@area.ba.cnr.it
July 2011	APMS Annual Meeting (Aquatic Plant Management Society)	Baltimore, Maryland	www.apms.org
September 11–16, 2011	XIIIth International Symposium on Biological Control of Weeds	Kohala Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii	http://uhhconferencecenter.com/xiii_isbcw.html
September 5–7, 2011	Resistance 2011 Rothamsted Research	West Common Harpenden, Hertfordshire, UK	stephen.moss@bbsrc.ac.uk
March 27–29, 2012	7th International IPM Symposium, “IPM on the World Stage”	Memphis Cook Convention Center Memphis, Tennessee, USA	Symposium Website: http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium12/