

Southern Weed Science Society Report to the Weed Science Society of America

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The 2012 Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) annual meeting will be held January 23 – 25, 2012 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC. 84 poster presentations have been submitted for the 2012 program with 19 of those entered into the student competition. A total of 193 oral presentations have been submitted for the 2012 program including three symposia. 25 of the 193 oral presentations have been entered into the student competition. Approximately 450 authors are represented on the 2012 SWSS program.

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By action of the SWSS Board of Directors, the 2013 SWSS annual meeting will be held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Houston, TX from January 28 – 30, 2013. In addition, the 2014 SWSS annual meeting will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham, AL from January 27 – 29, 2014. Meeting site for the 2015 annual meeting is yet to be determined. Given the experience that SWSS had in Puerto Rico in 2011, there appears to be

a strong desire from the membership to return to this location in the future. As such, the SWSS Board of Directors and site selection committee are considering returning to Puerto Rico in 2015. In addition, the SWSS is considering holding the 2015 meeting jointly with another entity. A special committee has been formed to investigate the possibility of a joint meeting in Puerto Rico in 2015. This committee consists of: Tom Holt (chair) – BASF; Darrin Dodds - Mississippi State University; Todd Baughman – Oklahoma State University, and Larry Steckel – University of Tennessee. Several groups are being considered including the Weed Science Society of America, Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy, Southeastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America, and American Phytopathological Society – Southern Division. Further updates will be provided at the 2012 WSSA annual meeting.