

2013 WSSA Committee Report Summary for 2012 and Action Plan for 2013

Committee Code and Name: W16 – Biological Control of Weeds Committee

Committee Chair: William Bruckart (for John Lydon)

Committee Members - 2013: James Cuda, Raghavan Charudattan, Raj Prasad, and Joe Neal.

Board Coordinator: John D. Madsen

Committee Members Rotating Off: James Cuda(?) and Raj Prasad

Appropriate Replacements: (under consideration; names are welcomed)

Summary of Activities

- What were the committee's goals for 2012?
Compare Regulations of the U.S. and other countries pertaining to the release of biological control agents. The objective is to develop recommendations for APHIS to consider in granting biological control agent releases into the environment.
- List the committee's accomplishments (since the last annual meeting): Broadening scope of 2012 goals, we organized a symposium for the 2013 WSSA Ann. Meeting, entitled "Holistic Invasive Weed Management: Integration of Science, Statutes, and Society" that considers the whole process of invasive weed management.
- What information was posted on the WSSA website? None
- What amount of funds were requested? How much was spent? None requested, but \$5000.00 was granted in support of the symposium. All will be spent (most likely).
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education? None (yet); plans are to publish papers from the symposium, and enlightenment from the symposium might identify possibilities for improved invasive weed (and other pests?) management, including biological control opportunities.
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities? Preparing to present a symposium at the annual meeting. Actively seeking new members to keep biological control on the radar.

2013 Plan for Committee Activities

- Goals for 2013: Interact with other committees to further develop the theme of improved invasive weed management, to include public acceptance, government encouragement, and biological control.

- Plan of Action: Generate a list of possibilities for future dialogue/symposia, identify and contact other committees to create and organize symposia or other venues about ideas.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2013: None
- Other requests for the Board: Let Biological Control Committee know about ideas from other committees that might be compatible.

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