

56th Annual Meeting of the Weed Science Society of America and the 69th Annual Meeting of the Southern Weed Science Society

San Juan, Puerto Rico
February 8 - 11, 2016

SYMPOSIA

- Weed Control 2050: Imagining Future Strategies and the Knowledge Needed to Achieve Them
- 21st Century Challenges in Aquatic Weed Management
- Use of Endemic Plant Diseases and Insect Pests for Biological Control of Invasive Weeds
- The Intersection of Agricultural Lands and Wild Areas – Management of Non-Crop Vegetation as Habitat for Pollinator, Beneficial, and Iconic Species

GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIA

- Who You Are is How You Lead



Presidents' Welcome

We would like to invite you to participate in the 2016 joint meeting of the Weed Science Society of America and the Southern Weed Science Society at the Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel and Casino in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 8-11, 2016. The Sheraton hotel has excellent meeting facilities and Puerto Rico offers lots of exciting things to see and do in conjunction with the meeting. This will be the 56th annual meeting of WSSA and the 69th meeting of SWSS in an integrated program co-chaired by Kevin Bradley and Peter Dotray.

The joint meeting will get started on the afternoon of February 8 with the general session and WSSA Awards presentations. The general session speakers will focus on the history, agriculture, and ecology of Puerto Rico. The WSSA awards reception will follow the general session with all registered members and guests welcome to attend.

WSSA will again be hosting a poster contest for any graduate students participating in the meeting, while graduate student members of the SWSS region will have the opportunity to compete in an oral presentation contest sponsored by SWSS. The graduate student organizations will also be hosting WSSA and SWSS graduate student luncheons on Tuesday and Wednesday. A graduate

student workshop titled "Who You Are is How You Lead" will be facilitated by the WSSA and SWSS graduate student organizations to support professional development.

SWSS will host their awards ceremony on Wednesday afternoon, at which both the WSSA Poster and SWSS Oral graduate student contest award winners also will be announced. The SWSS awards ceremony will be followed by an awards reception, which is open to all meeting participants.

In addition to our regular poster and paper presentations at the meeting, there also will be four outstanding symposia. The four symposia will be on "Weed control in 2050: Imagining Future Strategies and the Knowledge Needed to Achieve Them;" "21st Century Challenges in Aquatic Weed Management;" "Use of Endemic Plant Diseases and Insect Pests for Biological Control of Invasive Weeds," and "The Intersection of Agricultural Lands and Wild Areas – Management of Non-Crop Vegetation as Habitat for Pollinator, Beneficial, and Iconic Species."

There will also be some extracurricular events before and during the meeting that attendees and guests can participate in. A preconference tour on Sunday afternoon to the El Yunque Rainfor-

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est on the eastern side of the island will explore the flora and fauna of the only tropical rainforest in the U.S. National Forest System. There will be a Luquillo Beach tour on Tuesday and guests will also have an opportunity to sign up for additional tours through the hotel services.

The entire program will be posted on the WSSA web site (www.wssa.net) in advance of the meeting and a smart phone and tablet app will be available for downloading in advance of the meeting to help with planning and coordinating your schedules. Printed programs will be available for pick-up at the registration desk for the meeting. We feel that we have an exciting and interesting joint meeting of WSSA and SWSS planned for you to attend and look forward to seeing you in San Juan next February.

Dallas Peterson
President, Weed Science
Society of America

Brad Minton
President, Southern Weed
Science Society

Schedule of Events

Please note that this is a tentative schedule of events

Saturday, February 6, 2016

7 a.m. – 5 p.m. WSSA Board of Directors

Sunday, February 7, 2016

8 a.m. – Noon WSSA Board of Directors

1 – 5 p.m. SWSS Board of Directors

Rainforest Tour

Monday, February 8, 2016

7 – 8 a.m. WSSA Board/Committee Chairs

Breakfast

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. WSSA/SWSS Committee

Meetings

2 – 4 p.m. SWSS Board of Directors

4 – 6 p.m. General Session/WSSA Awards

Ceremony

6 – 8 p.m. Welcome Reception

(heavy hors d'oeuvres and cash bar)

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

8 – 10 a.m. Poster Session (Even numbered

Presentations)

10 a.m. – Noon Paper Sessions

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Luquillo Beach Tour

Noon – 1 p.m. WSSA Graduate Student

Luncheon

1:30 – 5 p.m. Paper Sessions

5 – 6 p.m. WSSA Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

7 – 8 a.m. WSSA President's Breakfast with

Regional Presidents

8 – 10 a.m. Poster Session (Odd numbered

presentations)

10 a.m. – Noon Paper Sessions

Noon – 1 p.m. SWSS Graduate Student

Luncheon

1 – 5 p.m. Paper Sessions

5 – 6 p.m. SWSS Business Meeting/Awards

Presentation/Student Poster/

Paper Contest Awards

6 – 8 p.m. SWSS Reception

Thursday, February 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Paper Sessions

1 – 3 p.m. WSSA Board of Directors

SWSS Board of Directors



Student Events

Graduate Student Poster Contest

There will be a graduate student poster contest in two groups – one for Master's students and one for Ph.D. students. All registered students of both the WSSA and SWSS may participate. Students wishing to participate will designate this at the time of abstract submission.

SWSS Student Oral Presentation Contest

There will be two oral presentation contests for SWSS students only – an Ms contest and a PhD contest. Again, SWSS students wishing to participate will designate this at the time of abstract submission.

WSSA Graduate Student Luncheon

Tuesday, February 9 Noon – 1 p.m.
Open to all WSSA students registered for the meeting.

SWSS Graduate Student Luncheon

Wednesday, February 10 Noon – 1 p.m.
Open to all SWSS students registered for the meeting.

Graduate Student Workshop — Who You Are is How You Lead



El Yunque Rainforest

Sunday, February 7 1 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m.

You will experience a drive through typical native towns going to El Yunque Rainforest. There you will see lush tropical vegetation, wild orchids, giant ferns, tropical hardwoods, and waterfalls. You will stop at La Coca Falls for photo shoots then on to Yokahú Tower for a fantastic view of the North coastline. There also will be a twenty minute guided walk on Caimitillo trail through the forest to view first hand the flora and fauna in this natural wonder. After your visit to the rainforest there will be a stop at a local fruit stand to purchase fresh fruits and beverages then return back to the hotel.

Cost: \$65 p/p including gratuities and tax



Luquillo Beach

Tuesday, February 9

10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.

Luquillo's greatest assets are its varied, beautiful beaches and its easy access to San Juan and the rainforest. Balneario Luquillo is a calm crescent shaped beach lined with coconut trees. Playa Azul beach has a small surf, perfect for body surfing. The 'point' is protected and offers good snorkeling (sometimes in the winter there is too much current) and 'La Pared' often offers good surfing waves. 'La Selva' surfers beach is just east of Luquillo.

Cost: \$58 p/p including gratuities and tax



Hotel Information

The Sheraton San Juan Hotel and Casino is the conference hotel for 2016. The hotel address is 200 Convention Center Boulevard, San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Sheraton is a AAA, four diamond property, ideally situated in the Puerto Rico Convention Center District adjacent to the Convention Center and facing the Bay of San Juan. The hotel is only minutes away from historic Old San Juan and the San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport.

Reservations

One of the reasons we have been able to retain relatively low meeting registration costs is that we receive free meeting space from the hotel if we achieve our contracted guest room minimum. However, we are charged attrition fees and meeting space rental fees if we do not meet this threshold. Thus, your reservation at the Sheraton San Juan Hotel and Casino, rather than another location, ensures the success of the meeting for the Societies and enables us to keep registration rate increases to a minimum in the future.

As part of our contract, we've negotiated complimentary guestroom internet for all attendees staying at the hotel, complimentary use of the fitness studio; complimentary use to towels and chaise lounges at the sun and pool deck; and complimentary casino match play coupon of \$10 per person. The group rate for a standard guest bedroom is \$189 per night plus tax, available 3 days prior and 3 days after the event dates of February 4 - 12, 2016, subject to availability.

The Sheraton is making available 25 "student rooms" from Sunday February 7 through Thursday February 11 at the reduced rate of \$89 plus tax single occupancy/double occupancy. This is first-come, first-served, so you need to reserve these early. Student reservations will be cross-checked with the registrant list to ensure that only those who qualify for the rooms obtain them.

There is a personalized web site for the 2016 WSSA/SWSS Annual Meeting. You can access the site to book, modify, or cancel a reservation from August 5, 2015 to February 13, 2016.

Regular Members

To make reservations online, visit:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WSSAS-WSS2016>

Student Members

To make reservations online visit:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/WSSAS-WSS2016Students>

If you'd prefer to reserve your room via phone, please call: 1-866-932-7269—be sure to mention "WSSA" in order to get the discounted rate.

Our discounted block is available through Thursday, January 13, 2016. Reservation requests received after the cut-off date will be based on availability and may be subject to the hotel's prevailing rates.

Check-in time at the Sheraton is 3 p.m. with check-out at noon.

Room Type	Rate*
Traditional King Single/Double.....	\$189
Triple Occupancy.....	\$219
Quad Occupancy	\$249
Junior Suite Single/Double.....	\$189
Club City View Double	\$189
Club City View King	\$189
Student Single/Double Occupancy	\$89
Student Triple/Quad	\$89



Transportation

The Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino is only a short drive from the San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport (SJU).

Getting Here By Air

The hotel is easily reached by flying into the San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport, one of Caribbean islands' major international airports. Many major domestic and international airlines serve San Juan Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport.

By Taxi

Follow signs in the airport for ground transportation and taxi service. A typical taxi fare in the summer 2015 was \$20.

Getting Around By Car

A wide range of rental car companies are available at the airport. Additionally, Avis car rental is located conveniently on property in the parking garage.



Registration Information

Registration Fees

Please see the registration form for costs on registration. Take advantage of the early bird discounts and register on/before December 9, 2015.

How to Register

By Mail

Complete the registration form, include payment, and send to:
WSSA Meeting Registration
810 East 10th Street
Lawrence, KS 66044-7065

Online (for credit card registrations only)

Meeting registration can be accessed and paid for directly online by going to the meeting registration section of the WSSA web site: <http://www.wssa.net>

A printable PDF registration form can be found at www.wssa.net. Complete the form, including payment information and e-mail to WSSAmeeting@allenpress.com.

By Fax (for credit card registrations only)

Complete the attached registration form, or print one from our website, and fax to 785-843-6153.

Questions

Call 1-800-627-0326 or e-mail us at WSSAmeeting@allenpress.com.

Cancellation Policy

Written notice of cancellation received on or before January 11, 2016 will be refunded, less a \$50 processing fee. **No refunds will be issued for cancellations after January 11, 2016.** Participants unable to attend the conference can make substitutions.

Registration Form

Print or type name clearly as you wish it to appear on your badge. One form per registrant (only a spouse/guest may be included on the same form). Spouse/guest must be registered in order to attend the WSSA/SWSS receptions on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Affiliation _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____
Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____
Please Specify Any Special Needs _____
Spouse/Guest Name (if registering) _____

Registration Type - All registration payments in US dollars.

	Early Bird - Dec. 9	Dec. 10 - Jan. 8	January 9 & after	Subtotals
WSSA Member	\$325	\$425	\$475	\$ _____
SWSS Member	\$325	\$425	\$475	\$ _____
Member of Both	\$325	\$425	\$475	\$ _____
WSSA Student Member**	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$ _____
SWSS Student Member**	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$ _____
Student Member of Both**	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$ _____
Student-Non-Member**	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$ _____
Non-Member	\$425	\$575	\$625	\$ _____
WSSA Emeritus/Retired Fellow***	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$ _____
SWSS Retired Fellows/Distinguished Service Award Winners***	Complimentary	Complimentary	Complimentary	\$ _____
Guest	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$ _____

Registration includes the Awards Reception on Monday evening.

** Student registration includes attendance at the Awards Reception, the Graduate Student Luncheon and 2016 WSSA online student membership.

*** WSSA Emeritus or Retired Fellows and SWSS Retired Fellows and Distinguished Service Award Winners may register for the annual meeting without a registration fee. Registration for this group includes the Awards Reception on Monday evening.

Special Events - Optional

Rainforest Tour \$65 per person No. _____ \$ _____
Luquillo Beach Tour \$58 per person No. _____ \$ _____

Total for Registration and Optional Events \$ _____

Forms of Payment

☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Print Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Do not send cash. Please make checks payable to "WSSA." All fees must be paid in US funds and drawn on US banks.

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Return Form

WSSA & SWSS Meeting Registration, 810 East 10th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044

Email: wssameeting@allenpress.com • Fax: WSSA at 785-843-6153