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2011 Annual Meeting in Spokane, WA

The 2011 annual WSWS meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel City Center in Spokane, WA, from March 7-10.

Phil Banks, Treasurer-Business Manager, continued to provide orientation sessions at the annual meeting for new members to WSWS and for newly elected Board members.

The Program Chair and President-Elect Vanelle Peterson has helped to arrange two symposia at the annual meeting. One is on the newly expanding annual grass *Ventenata dubia*. The second symposium is titled "Ecological Effects of Invasive Plants". There will be some changes this year at the meeting. First, the students night out will be a different format and will match students interested in industry, public agencies, or academia with members of those sectors before the meeting. This will be facilitated by a check box at the time of registration. Second, Sandra McDonald will be organizing the 2011 Noxious Weed Short Course in Colorado. Sandra has taken over the very successful course previously organized by Celestine Duncan. It is scheduled for April 18-21. Finally, the society is advertising for those interested in becoming the editors of the Proceedings and the Research Progress Reports. This will all be done online this year using a new and simpler method so the job will be expected to be considerably easier than previous years and a stipend is provided.

Future meetings:

Doubletree City Center, Spokane, WA, March 7-10, 2011 Peppermill Resort, Reno, NV, 2012 Catamaran Resort and Hotel, San Diego, CA, 2013

<u>\$1000 Student Scholarships:</u>

Katie Conklin, North Dakota State University Sandya Kesoju, University of Idaho Tanya Skurski, Montana State University

Submitted by Joe DiTomaso, WSWS President