

2008 Annual Meeting Update

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Plans are progressing well for the 48th annual WSSA meeting in Chicago February 4-7, 2008. The host is the Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 60605 Tel: 1-312-922-4400. Lodging will be \$169 per night single or double. There will be a limited number of student rooms available for \$99 double on a first come first serve basis.

Meeting registration costs will be: members \$275 ('earlybird'), \$375 ('post-earlybird'), and \$430 (on-site at the meeting); students \$180 ('earlybird' and 'post-earlybird'), and \$280 (on-site at the meeting); and nonmember \$375 ('earlybird'), \$475 ('post-earlybird'), and \$530 (on-site at the meeting).

Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Orion Samuelson, Agribusiness Director since 1960 for WGN radio in Chicago. His program is heard daily on 260 radio stations with his national farm report. See the bio on Mr. Samuelson in this newsletter.

A number of people are working with me on the program, resulting in a solid list of learning opportunities. Aaron Hager, local arrangements chair, and his committee have assisted me in developing a tour of the Chicago Botanic Gardens and Orchids by Hausermann, Inc. for Sunday, February 3, 2008.

The Chicago Blackhawks will have home games on Feb. 2 (4 pm), Feb. 6 (8 pm) and Feb 7 (8 pm). Call 312-455-7000 for ticket information. The Chicago Bulls will not be in town during our meeting dates.

Lori Wiles and David Shaw have developed a GIS workshop for Monday, February 4 and also have developed a symposium on the use of GIS for invasive species research. Fred Salzman, working with the Horticultural Crops section, is developing a Vegetable Herbicide Roundtable discussion. Del Delfosse and his colleagues will host a USDA -ARS Weed Science workshop at the Hilton Chicago after the WSSA meeting. Although it will add a few extra days to your trip, please consider staying for, and participating in, this important review of the ARS weed science efforts.

Six symposia were chosen for the Chicago meeting. Two will address the invasive plant area and two will focus on glyphosate issues - resistance and complimentary herbicides. One will focus on weed genomics and one will address publishing in WSSA journals as part of the graduate student program in Chicago. I would like to thank the organizers for putting together these excellent symposia.

1) **Title: Invasive plant species and the new bioeconomy** - Organizers: Adam Davis, Dan Brainard and Eric Gallandt.

2) **Title: GIS for Invasive Weed Management and Research** - Organizers: Lori Wiles, David Shaw, and Lisa Rew.

3) **Title: Charting the Course for Weed Genomics** - Organizers: Patrick Tranel and Neal Stewart.

4) **Title: The Role, Value, and Importance of Complementary Herbicides for Weed Management in Glyphosate-Tolerant Crops.** - Organizers: D.R. Forney and David W. Saunders.

5) **Title: Glyphosate Resistance Mechanisms: Current Understanding and New Insights.**
Organizer: Vijay K. Nandula

6) **Tips and Tricks for Journal Writing: What Everyone Needs to Know for Preparing Submissions to WSSA Journals** – Organizer: Wade Givens