

2008 WSSA Committee Report to Members Summary for 2008 and Action Plan for 2009

Committee Code and Name: Biocontrol of Weeds (W16) Committee

Committee Chair: Joe Neal

Board Coordinator: Joe Neal

Committee Members Rotating Off: Joe Neal **Appropriate Replacements:** TBD

2008 Summary of Activities

What were the committee's goals for 2008?

Organize the IBG Workshop, a Biocontrol Symposium and Biocontrol field trip for the 2009 WSSA / SWSS / IBG meeting.

List the committee's accomplishments in 2008:

Organize the IBG Workshop, Biocontrol Symposium and Biocontrol field trip for the 2009 WSSA / SWSS / IBG meeting. Received a NRI Conference grant to support international scholar and young scientist participation in the IBG workshop and WSSA annual conference.

What information was posted on the WSSA website?

IBG workshop award and workshop information.

How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

No funds were requested.

What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

The IBG Workshop has over 40 registrants from 12 countries. Holding this meeting in conjunction with the WSSA / SWSS annual meeting will bring several scientists to the annual conference who would not typically attend the WSSA meeting. Additionally, quite a few WSSA attendees signed up to attend the IBG meeting.

What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?

At the 2009 annual meeting the committee will review plans for 2010 and 2011.

2009 Plan for Committee Activities

Goals for 2009:

Plan of Action:

- Ø Elect a new chair.
- Ø Review the turnout and feedback from the IBG workshop and Symposium.
- Ø What is needed to further the goals of the committee/project?

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

Funds requested for 2009: None

Other requests for the Board: None