

2010 WSSA Committee Progress Report

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Committee Code and Name: E6 Research and Competitive Grants

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Committee Members Rotating Off: Appropriate Replacements:

Adam Davis (NC)

Adam Davis (will serve again)

2010 Summary of Activities (through 07/09/10)

- What are the committee's goals for 2010?
 - 1) To preserve and enhance weed science research funding opportunities.
 - 2) To help WSSA members identify appropriate funding programs.
- List the committee's accomplishments:
 - 1) Dave Mortensen represented WSSA at the NIFA stakeholders' meeting in Washington, D.C. in April, 2010.
 - 2) E6 members contributed to a letter from the WSSA board to NIFA director Roger Beachy requesting that funds for weed science research be re-instated in the AFRI competitive grants program.
- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
 - 1) Letter to R. Beachy.
- How much funds were requested? How much was spent?

No funds requested.
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?

This remains to be seen. After the initial ruckus raised by the WSSA board and members of E6, NIFA threw WSSA a \$60K bone. Hopefully, they'll seriously consider making weeds a funding priority in future competitions. The spate of publicity about herbicide-resistant weeds in the media this spring suggests that weed science will not be ignored in the future.

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

We are on target for objective 1 (helping to maintain weed science funding), and are behind on objective 2 (creating a matrix of funding opportunities to post to the WSSA website). Obj. 2 got buried during the letter-writing campaign, and now it's field and grant-writing season. We'll try to get the ball rolling on this during lay-by.

2010 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2010:

None

- Plan of Action:

Objective 2: Create funding matrix for weed science funding opportunities. E6 members will identify a wide variety of programs that accept weed science projects, and create a matrix, to be posted to the WSSA website, of research areas x funding programs with links to the relevant programs.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2010:
- Other requests for the Board: