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## **Weed Science Societies Focus on the Future during Upcoming Annual Meetings**

LAWRENCE, Kansas – November 20, 2014 – Upcoming annual meetings of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and its sister regional organizations will tackle a wide range of topics vital to the future of weed science – from how to manage herbicide-resistant weeds to new developments in weed research.

The events are expected to draw hundreds of scientists, students, educators and other individuals interested in sustainable weed management practices and the conservation of our natural resources.

The 55<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of WSSA will be held February 9-12, 2015, in Lexington, Kentucky. Rosalind James, Ph.D., a national program leader in USDA's Agricultural Research Service, will deliver a keynote address on the future of the agency's weed science research initiatives.

More than 300 presentations and poster sessions are on the annual meeting agenda, as well as two special symposia. The first will summarize a recent national-level Herbicide Resistance Summit sponsored by WSSA, while the second will explore the future of molecular-level weed research. Graduate students in weed science are organizing a special student-oriented workshop on how to prepare for jobs in weed science. For more details and registration information, visit [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net).

Upcoming regional annual meetings include:

- **North Central Weed Science Society, December 1-4, 2014.**

The society will meet this year in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Special symposia are planned on the role of cover crops in weed management and on the human dimension of managing herbicide-resistant weeds. For more details and registration, visit [www.ncwss.org](http://www.ncwss.org).

- **Northeastern Weed Science Society, January 5-8, 2015.**

The meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia. Agenda and registration details will be posted soon at [www.newss.org](http://www.newss.org).

- **Southern Weed Science Society, January 26-28, 2015.**

The society's annual meeting will take place in Savannah, Georgia, and will focus on a wide range of weed management topics – from regulations and environmental considerations to new weed control techniques. For details and registration, visit [www.swss.ws](http://www.swss.ws).

- **Western Society of Weed Science, March 9-12, 2015.**

Scheduled for Portland, Oregon, the annual meeting will focus on five subject areas: agronomic crops, horticultural crops, weeds found in range and natural areas, basic biology and ecology, and teaching and technology transfer. In addition, consultant Bill Cobb, Ph.D., will lead a symposium on the role of laboratory tests in the diagnosis of suspected herbicide problems. For further details and registration, visit [www.weweedsociety.org](http://www.weweedsociety.org).

### **About the Weed Science Society of America**

The Weed Science Society of America, a nonprofit scientific society, was founded in 1956 to encourage and promote the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. The Society promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers, fosters awareness of weeds and their impact on managed and natural ecosystems, and promotes cooperation among weed science organizations across the nation and around the world. For more information, visit [www.wssa.net](http://www.wssa.net).