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**WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES
SCIENTIFIC AWARD WINNERS**

(LAWRENCE, Kan.) — The Weed Science Society of America announces the winners of the prestigious Weed Science Society of America Awards, which were presented to members who displayed excellence in research, education and extension outreach activities related to weed science. Nominees were judged by their peers on the weight of their scientific accomplishments and the notable contributions they have made in their areas of expertise. These top honors were awarded on the opening day of the organization's 48th Annual Meeting, held February 4-7, 2008, in Chicago.

The Weed Science Society of America extends congratulations to these distinguished award recipients:

WSSA Fellows – Awarded to members of 10 years or more who have made substantial contributions to weed science. Only 0.25 percent of the active membership may be elected to fellowship in one year.

Martin A. Locke, Ph.D.
Research Leader of the USDA Agricultural Research Service Water Quality and Ecology Research Unit
Oxford, MS

Carol Mallory-Smith, Ph.D.
Professor of Weed Science and Associate Department Head of the Department of Crop and Soil Science
Oregon State University
Corvallis, OR

Robert Wilson, Ph.D.
Professor, Panhandle Research and Extension Center and the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture
University of Nebraska
Lincoln, NE

Honorary Member- Given for significant contributions to the field of weed science. Active membership is not a requirement.

Ricardo Labrada Romero
Weed Officer
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Rome, Italy

Outstanding Teacher- Awarded to a member and active teacher of weed science who has taught courses at least five times or served as a major professor for at least five graduate students in weed science.

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Antonio DiTommaso, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY

Outstanding Extension- Awarded to a member for outstanding extension outreach work who has devoted at least 75 percent of their extension activities to weed science work.

Joseph M. DiTomaso, Ph.D.
Cooperative Extension Specialist In The Department of Plant Sciences
University of California-Davis
Davis, CA

Outstanding Research Award- Awarded to a member whose research work has demonstrated originality and creativity and has impacted the field of weed science.

Krishna N. Reddy, Ph.D.
Research Plant Physiologist and Lead Scientist of the Integrated Weed Management Project
USDA-Agricultural Research Service Southern Weed Science Research Unit
Stoneville, MS

Outstanding Industry Award- Awarded to a member employed in private industry recognized for professional accomplishments via products, processes, patents, and publications.

Vanelle Peterson
Senior Scientist
Dow Agrosiences
Indianapolis, IN

Outstanding Early Career Weed Scientist Award- Awarded to a member not over 40 years of age who has demonstrated originality, creativity and has made a notable contribution to weed science.

Nilda Roma Burgos, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Weed Science
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR

Outstanding Graduate Student Award- The student must be a candidate for or have received within the past twelve months the M.S. or Ph.D. degree related to weed science. The individual must be recognizable as a truly outstanding individual with excellent potential for continued development.

Jacob Barney, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Scholar
University of California-Davis
Davis, CA

Outstanding Paper - *Weed Science*- Awarded to the author(s) of the paper published and judged to be the outstanding contribution in the journal, *Weed Science*.

“A Conceptual Framework for Preventing the Spatial Dispersal of Invasive Plants.” *Weed Science* 55: 178-184.

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Kirk W. Davies, Ph.D.
Rangeland Scientist
USDA – Agricultural Research Service Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
Burns, OR

Roger L. Sheley, Ph.D.
Invasive Weed Ecologist and Lead Scientist
USDA – Agricultural Research Service Eastern Oregon Agricultural Research Center
Burns, OR.

Outstanding Paper - *Weed Technology*- Awarded to the author(s) of the paper published and judged to be the outstanding contribution in the journal, *Weed Technology*

“Evaluation of Rapid Screening Techniques for Woody Plant Herbicide Development,” *Weed Technology*. 20:971-979.

Mitch Blair
Scientist, Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
University of Kentucky
Lexington, KY

Shepard M. Zedaker, Ph.D.
Professor of Forestry
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Petersburg, VA

John R. Seiler, Ph.D.
Chaired Professor of Forestry
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Petersburg, VA

Perry Lloyd Hipkins
Senior Research Associate/Extension Weed Specialist, Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and
Weed Science
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Petersburg, VA

Patrick L. Burch
Product Technology Specialist
Dow AgroSciences
Christiansburg, Virginia

Outstanding Reviewer Awards- Recognizes individuals for WSSA journal reviewing excellence.

Vijay K. Nandula, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral Scholar
Mississippi State University
University, MS

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William Vencill, Ph.D.
Weed Scientist, Crop and Soil Sciences Department
University of Georgia
Athens, GA

For more information about the Weed Science Society of America, contact Lee VanWychen, Director of Science Policy, at (202) 408-5388 or visit our website at www.wssa.net.

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About the Weed Science Society of America

The Weed Science Society of America, a non-profit professional society, was founded in 1956 to encourage and promote the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. The Weed Science Society of America, promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds; provides science-based information to the public and policy makers; and fosters awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems. For more information, visit www.wssa.net.