



2022-2023 WSSA Standing Committee Report

Committee Name and Code: Environmental Aspects of Weed Management Committee (E8)

Committee Chair: Zahoor Ganie

Committee Members (includes sub-committee members):

Vipan Kumar, Rakesh Jain, Anil Shrestha, Greg Dahl, Gurinderbir Chahal

Other members who could not attend virtual meeting: Andrew Kniss, Lindsay Haines, Mayank Malik, Travis Legleiter, Atul Puri

Board of Directors Liaison: Lynn Sosnoskie

Committee members rotating off: None.

Continuing member: Mayank Malik; Vipan Kumar

Recommended members to replace those rotating off: None.

Summary of past year's activities including:

- **Committee goals**

- a) Propose symposium for 2024 annual meeting: Committee discussed/reviewed the symposium on “Current Standards and Regulations for the Assessment of Environmental Impacts of Pesticide Use” that was proposed to the board for this (2023) year and was approved. Committee **The goal was successful, and symposium will be held at the 2024 WSSA annual meeting.**
- b) Creating a poster section for the Environmental Aspects of Weed Management. It was discussed that if symposium is not accepted for the next year, committee will suggest board to create a separate poster section for the environmental Aspects of Weed Management. Irrespective of the status of symposium next year adding a poster section for the environmental Aspects of Weed Management would be worth a consideration. **We discussed this again and would recommend the WSSA board to consider creating a poster section for the environmental aspects of weed management in next year’s annual meeting and onwards.**
- c) Review paper on different environmental aspects of weed management. With updated information/understanding and literature review on key topics related to herbicide drift, leaching, air quality, persistence etc. Goal is to identify a lead for the review paper and make some progress on this goal. **No action taken in 2023. However, after the symposium is conducted in 2024 committee will work with the presenters to publish a paper covering the symposium in one of the WSSA journals.**
- d) Committee will meet again for a mid-year review of progress on the proposed goals. **No action taken in 2023.**
- **Committee accomplishments (impact of activities on membership, publications, policy, education, other, etc.):**

A symposium was proposed, symposia speakers were contacted/confirmed, and proposal was submitted in time to WSSA board that was approved this year.

- **WSSA funds requested if any?** No funding was requested except for the funding for a symposium.
- **Current state of the committee's projects or activities?**
The committee had slow activities in the past year. However, proposal for symposium was submitted on time. No progress was made on any other goals including the plans to put together a review paper.
- Any new information posted on the WSSA website?
None.

Summary of plans for next year (changes in goals, key initiatives, plan of action, etc.):

The committee plans to conduct a symposium on "Current Standards and Regulations for the Assessment of Environmental Impacts of Pesticide Use" in 2024 annual meeting. The committee also plans to write a review paper on environmental aspects of weed management in 2024. Committee will meet again for a mid-year review of progress on the proposed goals.

Recommendations for Board or Membership action:

Consider adding a poster section for the environmental Aspects of Weed Management. We would like to encourage WSSA members to join the committee.