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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The annual meeting held in February at the Baltimore Hilton was a great success. This was a joint meeting with the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) with over 525 members and guests in attendance. We had over 350 volunteered and invited papers and posters presented at the meeting. The General Session and WSSA/NEWSS Awards Presentations were well attended and the following Opening Reception was a great time for all in attendance. The General Session had a special welcome from Mr. Ed Kee, Cabinet Secretary, Delaware Department of Agriculture. The keynote speaker was Dr. Sonny Ramaswamy, Director of USDA-NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture). The meeting included six symposia and workshops on a wide range of topics of interest to WSSA and NEWSS members. The Tuesday morning symposium was entitled "Herbicide Application in the 21st Century," which was chaired by Greg Dahl. On Tuesday afternoon, the first of two symposia on herbicide resistance, entitled "Herbicide Resistance Management – The Path Forward" was chaired by David Shaw. A workshop entitled "Re-aligning Your Course to Improve Student Learning" was led by Joe Dauer. In addition, a Graduate Student Professional Development Workshop was conducted. I sat in on this workshop and was very impressed with the quality of the event. A special thank you is in order for Emilio Oyarzabal and Monsanto for organizing and financially supporting this great workshop for our graduate students. On Wednesday afternoon, we had the second symposium on herbicide resistance, entitled "Environmental Assessment of Herbicide Resistance," which was organized and chaired by Timothy Grey and moderated by Les Glasgow. The final symposium on Thursday morning was entitled "Holistic Invasive Weed Management: Integration of Science, Statutes, and Society" and was chaired by William Bruckart. I would like to thank the symposium and workshop chairs for their hard work in planning, organizing, and moderating these excellent programs.

The meeting included some great traditions of the NEWSS. Specifically, the NEWSS Graduate Student Paper Contest was held on Tuesday morning and

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afternoon. What a great opportunity to learn about the outstanding research conducted by these students!

Another new event which has been a tradition of the NEWSS was the Wednesday evening Joint Society Dessert Social. This was a spectacular event which was enjoyed by all in attendance. A special thank you is in order for Renee Keese for organizing this event. I would also like to thank the industry sponsors for financially supporting this event. The sponsors of the Joint Society Social were: Bayer (Mark Parrish), Monsanto (David Mayonado), BASF (Tom Holt), and Syngenta (Steve Pyle). We appreciate their support of this special social event.

The Second Annual Presidents Uniform Fitness Forum (PUFF) was held at 6:00 am Tuesday morning. A special thank you is in order for Barb Glenn for making arrangements for the event and mapping the course.

I wish to thank our Local Arrangements Chair, Scott Glenn, for arranging the projectors for the concurrent sessions, symposia, and workshops. Scott and his committee did a great job in making sure that all the meeting rooms had the needed equipment and that the equipment was functioning properly. Scott also arranged an outstanding field trip to Orioles Park at Camden Yards. This was a fantastic tour led by Head Groundskeeper Nicole McFadyen. We had a great behind the scenes tour of a major league ballpark.

This meeting was a success because of the efforts of many people, including the committee and section chairs from both WSSA and NEWSS. We are fortunate to have a very effective meeting manager, Kate Counter, who handles most of the meeting arrangements and negotiation with the hotel. And, of course, our Executive Secretary, Joyce Lancaster, is a great asset to the Society.

The next annual meeting will be a joint meeting with the Canadian Weed Society (CWSS) in Vancouver, BC, Canada, February 3–6, 2014. Joe DiTomaso (WSSA President Elect) and Hugh Beckie (CWSS 1st Vice President) are already hard at work planning for this meeting. You will find their call for symposium proposals elsewhere in this newsletter. In addition, Vice President Dallas Peterson has created a member survey for feedback on what went well and what could be improved from the Baltimore meeting. Joe, Hugh, and Dallas will work together to improve the annual meeting based on the results of the survey.

The WSSA Board has been very busy during the last several months. We have hired a Web Content Manager, Muthukumar Bagavathiannan (Muthu). He and David Krueger have redesigned the WSSA website and the new design went on-line on March 1. I encourage you to check out the newly designed site. If you see any problems with the site or have suggestions for improvement, please contact Muthu at muthu@uark.edu. Under Past President Rod Lym's leadership, WSSA has negotiated new meeting management and society management contracts with Allen Press. We are currently in the final stages of negotiating a new publication contract with Allen Press. I will keep you informed of the status of this contract in a future President's Report.

After several years of service to WSSA as the EPA Liaison, Jill Schroeder has decided to step down from this role. WSSA owes a huge debt of gratitude to Jill for her important role in increasing the visibility and stature of WSSA and the discipline of weed science within EPA. The EPA Liaison position has been advertised and we currently have two qualified applicants. I have appointed a committee to review the applicants and make a recommendation. I will inform all WSSA members of the appointment when it becomes final.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as WSSA President for the coming year. I'm looking forward to the challenge.

Jim Kells
President, WSSA

WSSA FUTURE MEETING SITES AND DATES

2014

Vancouver, BC, Canada

February 3–6, 2014

Hyatt Regency

**Joint meeting of WSSA and
Canadian Weed Science Society**

2015

Lexington, Kentucky

2016

San Juan, Puerto Rico

2017

Tucson, Arizona

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CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

2014 Joint Annual Meeting of CWSS and WSSA

**54th Annual Meeting of the Weed Science Society of America
Hyatt Regency • Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
February 3–6, 2014**

The Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS) and WSSA members are invited to submit proposals for symposia at the Joint Annual Meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency, Vancouver, British Columbia, on February 3–6, 2014. As you prepare your proposal, realize that the Boards of Directors will have the difficult task of deciding which proposals to accept for the program. The CWSS and WSSA boards will evaluate the proposed symposia based on how well they are justified, the target audience, and the completeness of the proposal agenda and budget. For a half-day symposium, the maximum allowable budget will be \$5000 of which up to \$1000 can be used for symposium publication costs, provided they are published in a WSSA journal. It is not sure if full-day symposium will be accepted at the 2014 meeting, because of room limitations presented by the number of oral papers that will need to be accommodated in this joint meeting. Thus, if a full day is desired, please indicate how you would trim it down to a half-day if it were not possible to schedule a full day. Symposia organizers are strongly urged to consider publication of the symposium papers in one of the WSSA's journals. Publication of the symposium will be one of the factors considered in selecting symposia for the meeting. Organizers should make it clear to invited speakers that a publication is required if that is the organizers' intent. Chairs should also determine which authors will receive page waivers. Typically, this is reserved for invitations to non-WSSA members. Make sure that all authors are aware of page fees. Please see the guidelines listed below for symposia funding from WSSA. Requests for travel support can be made for non-members only. Hyatt Regency room rates at Vancouver will be CAD \$185.00 + tax for single/double occupancy (conversion rate is generally close to 1:1 but the rate is subject to change due to fluctuations in currency). Please estimate travel and lodging costs for invited speakers. **Symposium proposals can be e-mailed directly to Joe DiTomaso (jmditomaso@ucdavis.edu) and are due June 1, 2013. If you have any questions, feel free to email or call (530-754-8715).**

SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL

**2014 Annual CWSS and WSSA Meeting
Vancouver, BC, Canada**

Outline of the Proposal Form:

Title:

Organizers:

Contact Person: Phone: Email:

Justification and Objectives (approximately 300 words):

Target Audience:

Associated Section(s):

Length of Proposed Program:

Proposed Titles and Speakers:

Budget Requested: (Please specify to the extent possible the expenditure of the funds as opposed to submitting an overall amount. The more detailed the budget, the better the WSSA Board of Directors can evaluate the proposal.)

GUIDELINES FOR DISPOSITION OF WSSA FUNDS FOR SYMPOSIA EXPENSES

Funds are available to support symposia approved by the CWSS and WSSA Boards of Directors for the upcoming meeting. These funds can be used by the symposium organizers, working in conjunction with the Program Chair, for expenses incurred in securing speakers. The following guidelines are intended to help the symposia organizers and the Program Chairs in allocating available funds. For a half-day symposium, the maximum allowable budget will be \$5000 of which up to \$1000 can be used for symposium publication costs (\$6000 with \$2000 for publication costs for full day symposium).

Although funds have been budgeted for the symposia, the goal is to spend the least amount necessary to obtain excellent symposia speakers. The funds will be allocated as necessary to partially cover travel expenses of speakers. Members of the CWSS or WSSA who agree to present symposium papers **will not** be offered travel funds except in dire emergencies to be determined by the Program Chairs. An example of such a circumstance would be a CWSS or WSSA member who is a renowned expert in the field of the symposium topic but who has no source of funds to attend the annual meeting in question.

No honoraria will be offered to any speaker. No more than three nights' lodging will be offered to non-member

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WSSA Endowment Fund

As was stated in a 1995 WSSA newsletter, “promoting excellence in Weed Science continues to be the single purpose of the Endowment Fund,” and this has not changed in 2013. The original Fund began in 1973 with an unrestricted gift of \$5000 from Monsanto. The Endowment Fund, as we know it today, received its first clear mandate from a generous donation and letter of sincere gratitude for the value of weed science from Dr. Roy J. Smith, Jr. in late 1985. Through the generous donations from many of you, with the guidance of our Financial Advisor, Mr. Jeffrey Holloway of Wells Fargo Advisors LLC, and the continued oversight by the WSSA Finance Committee, the principle for the fund has grown to \$350,000.

The Endowment Fund is set up to generate dividends and interest that

are to be used to support awards and programs that encourage outstanding students to pursue academic training in weed science. In short, it is a plan to spread the ‘word’ of the value of weed science and to encourage overall excellence in the field.

Currently, the Endowment Fund financially supports the “WSSA Undergraduate Research Award” which provides \$1000 in partial support of weed science research conducted by undergraduates. At the recent WSSA 2013 annual meeting, ten awards were given. We would like to do more. The Endowment Fund committee would greatly appreciate any of your ideas on how to continue to grow the Fund, and what future programs or awards we should support.

Remember, you are able to contribute to the Endowment Fund any

time, not just when you renew your WSSA membership in December! Please make checks payable to “WSSA Endowment Fund” and send to WSSA, c/o Joyce Lancaster, 810 East 10th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. Donations to the WSSA Endowment Fund qualify as a tax deduction.

The Endowment Fund committee would live to hear from you:

Anita Dille, Chair
David Clements
John Jachetta, WSSA URA
awards committee
Bill Johnson
Reid Smeda
Gordon Vail
Ian Burke, WSSA Treasurer
Joyce Lancaster, Exec. Secretary

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symposium speakers. All symposium speakers who are not members of CWSS or WSSA will be offered free registration at the annual meeting and a free ticket to society events (other than tours) during that week. Funds for reimbursement of some, or all, travel expenses (travel, meals, and lodging) will be made available to non-member symposium speakers on the basis of need, availability of funds, and the value of the speakers to the program. Funds can only be used to pay for speaker travel expenses. If less than the maximum allowable funds are used for speaker travel expenses, the difference cannot be used for other purposes.

Symposium organizers need to consider travel costs when considering invitations to speakers located far from the meeting site. Because of the limited budget for symposia expenses and the high cost of travel for many international speakers, symposium organizers should strongly weigh the value of international speakers unless other arrangements for funding their travel can be made.

Symposia chairs should contact their intended speakers and determine their financial needs for participation no later than May 1. This information should be incorporated into the budget for the proposed symposium.

Symposium proposals must be submitted to the Program Chairs by June 1.

The CWSS and WSSA Boards of Directors will evaluate the submitted proposals and decide which symposia will be funded. The Program Chairs will inform the organizers of the symposia selected for funding. Symposium organizers that receive funding can then proceed with offers of funding to non-member speakers. In no event should symposium organizers make commitments for more funding from WSSA than is approved by the boards. Symposium organizers are free to seek additional or alternate funding sources if symposia budget limits are insufficient to cover all of the travel expenses for non-member speakers. Symposium organizers should seriously consider publication of symposium papers in *Weed Science*, *Weed Technology* or *Invasive Plant Science Management*.

**Joe DiTomaso, 2014 Program Co-Chair
WSSA President-Elect**

**Hugh Beckie, 2014 Program Co-Chair
CWSS 1st Vice President**

WASHINGTON REPORT

by Lee Van Wychen, Director of Science Policy

CONGRESS APPROVES FINAL FY 2013 SPENDING BILL

The federal government ran on a continuing resolution for the first six months of FY 2013 as Congress punted any spending decisions into the new year well after last year's elections. On March 21, the House of Representatives voted to adopt the Senate amended spending plan, H.R. 933, to fund the federal government through the remainder of the fiscal year to September 30, 2013.

Depending on how you look at the numbers, most USDA research, education and extension programs took a 7.8 percent cut compared to their FY 2012 appropriations. This includes Hatch Act, Smith Lever Act, the IR-4 program, the Sustainable Ag Research and Education program and the Regional IPM Centers. The Senate did pick a few programs to get more money than they did in FY 2012 which included the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) that will get \$275 million in FY 2013, compared to \$264 million it received in FY 2012. There were also some programs like the Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) and the Organic Agriculture and Extension Initiative (OREI) that did not get any funding for FY 2013 because Congress did not pass a new Farm Bill, nor did they extend funding for those programs in the FY 2013 final spending bill.

One provision in the FY 2013 Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2013, (H.R. 933), that has generated some controversy is the "Farmer Assurance Provision" under Sec. 735, which stems from past litigation over procedural issues unrelated to sound science or the safety of biotech crops such as RR sugar beets. Basically, the provision says that if a farmer plants a crop that was legal to plant at planting, the Secretary of Agriculture will ensure that the

farmer gets to harvest it, even if some lawsuit is upheld in a court. This provision has been supported by many different trade associations over the past couple of years, including the Biotech Industry Organization and the American Seed Trade Association. The trade groups contend that environmental activists and judges have "inappropriately" interfered with already-approved products that are being planted, and that the provision "provides certainty" to farmers, even if a court ruled against the USDA's approval of the product. This provision will expire on September 30, 2013. In the meantime, Secretary Vilsack has asked USDA's Office of General Counsel to review the farmer assurance provision "as it appears to preempt judicial review of a deregulatory action which may make the provision unenforceable."

NEW AG APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

With the new Congress, comes new chairman of both the House and Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittees. On the House side, Rep. Bob Aderholt from Alabama's 4th Congressional District will take over as chair from Jack Kingston of Georgia. Rep. Aderholt will be serving in his 9th term from northern Alabama and served as chair of Homeland Security Approps in the 112th Congress. Prior to his election to Congress, Aderholt served as an aide to Governor Fob James and as a Municipal Judge in Haleyville, Alabama. Educated through Alabama's public school system, Aderholt went on to graduate from Birmingham Southern College and from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

On the Senate side, Sen. Herb Kohl from Wisconsin has retired from Congress after 24 years in office. Senator Mark Pryor from Arkansas will take

over as the new chair of the Senate Ag Approps Subcommittee, with Sen. Roy Blunt from Missouri serving as the ranking member. Pryor grew up in both Arkansas and the Washington, D.C. area. He received a B.A. in History and his law degree from the University of Arkansas and worked in private legal practice for over ten years. Pryor was first elected to public office in 1990 as a member of the Arkansas State House of Representatives. In 1998 he was elected Arkansas' Attorney General. He was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 2002 and was re-elected in 2008, where he received more votes than any statewide elected official in Arkansas history.

VILSACK STAYS, BUT EPA AND INTERIOR WILL GET NEW LEADERS

USDA Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack will remain Secretary of Agriculture during the second term of the Obama Administration. There was speculation that the former Iowa governor would run for the U.S. Senate seat in Iowa being vacated by the Sen. Tom Harkin in 2014.

At EPA, Administrator Lisa P. Jackson announced she was leaving about a month after it was revealed she was using an alias email account to conduct official business. Jackson used a private email under the alias "Richard Windsor" to correspond with EPA colleagues, a decision her staff defended by saying that her official email account received too many messages for her to use it efficiently. Jackson spearheaded efforts to begin regulating greenhouse gas emissions, including setting new standards to clean up mercury and other toxic emissions from coal power plants, and established new fuel economy standards for motor vehicles. Many of those initiatives occurred under Gina McCarthy, the agency's assistant admin-

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istrator for air and radiation, who was nominated in February to take over the EPA reign's from Jackson.

McCarthy has worked for Democrats and Republicans alike in state governments. However, her role as the point person in developing rules limiting emissions from industrial sources like power plants and boilers is likely to make her a proxy during the confirmation process for the administration's broader efforts to address climate change.

Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar also announced he will be leaving the administration this spring. In his place, President Obama nominated Sally Jewell, head of the outdoor recreation equipment cooperative REI. The nomination of Jewell, a high-profile business executive with strong support among conservation groups, marks a departure from the recent tradition of naming Western political figures to lead the Department of Interior, which manages millions of acres of public land. Jewell is president and CEO of Recreational Equipment Inc., a retailer with \$2 billion in annual sales based in Kent, Washington. She spent 19 years in the commercial banking industry before joining REI, the nation's largest consumer cooperative, with more than 100 stores.

EPA EXCLUDES ARUNDO AND PENNISETUM FROM BIOFUEL RULE

For the past year, EPA had been working to finalize a federal rule which would allow fuel made from two known noxious weeds, *Arundo donax* (giant reed) and *Pennisetum purpureum* (napier grass or elephant grass), to count toward federally-mandated renewable fuels targets. The National and Regional Weed Science Societies are opposed to the rule and have been working with other stakeholder groups to prevent parts of the rule from becoming law.

Much to our relief, EPA announced on February 22 that it EXCLUDED *Arundo donax* and *Pennisetum purpureum* from its final rule. Other parts of the rule were approved, which included the use of camelina and energy cane as eligible biofuel feedstocks under the Renewable Fuel Program.

EPA said they would continue to consider determinations on biofuels produced from *Arundo donax* and *Pennisetum purpureum* and make a final decision at a later time. The final rule is at:

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/fuels/renewablefuels/documents/new-fuel-pathways-under-rfs-fr.pdf>



Dr. Jacob Barney briefs Congress on Invasive Weeds and Biofuel Crops

EPA definitely made the right decision at this time, but I have no doubt that they will continue to look at *Arundo* and *Pennisetum* going forward. In our meetings with EPA, we have stressed that if EPA approves *Arundo donax* and similarly high risk feedstocks, we believe that the a federal rule must include—at the very minimum—guidelines or a permit process that requires stringent best management practices to reduce the risk of escape. These guidelines should be written with the guidance of the National Invasive Species Council and relevant federal agencies.

BARNEY BRIEFS CONGRESS ON INVASIVE WEEDS AND BIOFUEL CROPS

On March 7 during National Invasive Species Awareness Week (NISAW), Dr. Jacob Barney from Virginia Tech presented his latest research to congressional and agency staff on Capitol Hill in a briefing titled "Invasive Weeds and Bioenergy Crops: Economic Boon or Environmental Disaster?" Barney discussed the economic benefits and environmental risks associated with using fast-growing, low-input invasive perennial grasses as biofuel feedstocks. The briefing was very well attended and sponsored by the WSSA and the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NC-FAR).

NPDES BILL REINTRODUCED IN 113th CONGRESS

The National and Regional Weed Science Societies were among the 90 plus public and private stakeholder groups that supported the introduction of the "Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013," H.R. 935, in the 113th Congress. The legislation clarifies Congressional intent that Clean Water Act permits are NOT required for the lawful application of FIFRA-approved pesticides. In 2009, the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals screwed up and double regulated pesticide appli-

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Northeastern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting Report

The Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS) held its 67th Annual Meeting in conjunction with the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) from February 4–8, 2013 in Baltimore, MD. Nearly 200 NEWSS members were among the more than 500 total conference attendees. Dwight Lingenfelter, NEWSS Program Chair, and Jim Kells, WSSA Program Chair, worked together to coordinate a well-organized program for the two societies.

NEWSS Past President Mark Vangessel served as Chair of the Awards Committee during the past year. Seven members were honored at the NEWSS Awards Program: Dr. William Curran (Penn State University) was presented with the NEWSS Fellow Award, Dr. Henry Wilson (Virginia Tech) received the Award of Merit, Dr. James Brosnan (University of Tennessee) and Dr. Richard Stalter (St. John's University) were recipients of the Outstanding Researcher Award, Randall Prostack (University of Massachusetts) received the Outstanding Educator Award, Quintin Johnson (University of Delaware) was presented with the M.

Garry Schnappinger Service Recognition Award, and Angela Post (a Ph.D. candidate at Virginia Tech) was honored as the Robert D. Sweet Outstanding Graduate Student.

In addition, during the WSSA Awards Program, Bill Curran received the Outstanding Extension Award, Angela Post was presented with the Outstanding Graduate Student Award, and Glenn Evans, Robin Bellinder and Russell Hahn of Cornell University were recognized as authors of the Outstanding Paper in *Weed Technology*.

Twenty-three students presented talks on their research as part of the NEWSS Graduate Student Paper Contest. The following students were recognized for their outstanding oral presentations: 1st Place awards for Kelly Patches (Penn State) and Katherine Ghantous (UMass), and 2nd Place awards for John Orłowski (Univ. of Kentucky) and Dan Tekiela (Virginia Tech). Twelve students presented research posters in the NEWSS Student Poster Contest: Kate Venner (Virginia Tech) was awarded 1st Place and Rachel Atwell (North Carolina State Univ.) was awarded 2nd Place for their

posters. In the NEWSS Photo Contest, Farnaz Kordbacheh (Univ. of Tehran/Cornell Univ.) received 1st Place and Larissa Smith (Virginia Tech) received 2nd Place awards.

At the NEWSS Business Meeting, President Antonio DiTommaso presented "My Journey to the Presidency of NEWSS" about his upbringing in Italy and Canada on his way to becoming a weed scientist at Cornell University. Later in the meeting, Toni passed the gavel to the incoming President, Dwight Lingenfelter of Penn State. Greg Armel (BASF) moved up to the President-elect position, and Rakesh Chandran (West Virginia Univ.) was elected by the membership as the new Vice President. The Collegiate Weed Science Contest in 2013 will be a joint event between NEWSS and the North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) on July 24 and 25 at the Monsanto research farm near Monmouth, IL. Plans are being made for the 68th Annual Meeting of NEWSS to be held January 6–9, 2014 at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia, PA.

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cations in, over, or near water. This legislation has had over 2/3's majority support by the House and Senate in the last session of Congress, but unfortunately the Senate leadership would not allow to it come to floor for a vote.

FEDERAL COURT SAYS NOAA MUST USE "SOUND SCIENCE" FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES RULES

The U.S. 4th District Court of Appeals out of Richmond, Virginia threw the book at NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for not using sound science in their decisions on

endangered species protections. Quite frankly, NMFS has had a terrible activist driven track record. Basically, the court ruled that NMFS lied in its 2008 biological opinion claiming twenty-seven species of salmon were jeopardized by agricultural practices, when they were not. And that significant data and standards used in the biological opinions were not logical or even rational.

The Chair and Ranking Member of the House Ag Committee have a great summary of the court case, as well as background information, that you find

here:

<http://agriculture.house.gov/press-release/hastings-lucas-peterson-praise-federal-court-ruling-noaa%E2%80%99s-salmon-opinion>

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North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course June 25-27, 2013

What is the North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course?

The NAIPSC is three days of intense instruction and learning for those interested in the basics of invasive plant ecology and management. The course combines hands on workshops, site visits and instructor-led discussion sessions to provide the most in-depth, comprehensive education on a variety of principles and topics related to invasive plant ecology and management.

The NAIPSC is an opportunity for land managers (public and private), landowners, policymakers, researchers, and graduate students to receive training in the basics of invasive plant ecology and management. The three-day course provides in-depth learning on the principles of integrated weed management, herbicide modes of action, plant identification, biological control, GPS and remote sensing applications, and spatial distribution analysis of invasive plant species populations. Also included will be instruction on the use of restoration practices designed specifically for managing invasive plant species.

The NAIPSC material reinforces proven methods and presents relevant hypotheses and practices related to invasive plant ecology and management. This approach will stimulate thoughtful discussion, provide problem-solving applications, and encourage retention of the main themes presented throughout the course. Participants with limited understanding of integrated control methodology, mapping and monitoring technology, restoration ecology, and plant taxonomy will learn the basic principles of invasive plant ecology and the latest techniques for managing infested areas.

Continuing education units will be available from the Society for Range Management and other sponsoring organizations. In addition, participants (e.g., graduate students) can earn up to two academic credits by completing online assignments following the NAIPSC. The NAIPSC Online Community is open to all NAIPSC participants to provide continued communication among past and current participants and instructors following completion of the NAIPSC field course.

This course is being held June 25-27, 2013 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, NE. WCREC is ideally located in the west central region of Nebraska and is host to many of the same invasive plants species found throughout North America.

The registration fee is \$650 per person and includes the NAIPSC course notebook, weed identification books (2) and interactive CD, biocontrol reference book, lunches, refreshment breaks, transportation to off-site locations, and a BBQ dinner at the historic Buffalo Bill State Park.

Also, membership in the NAIPSC Online Community is included with registration in the NAIPSC Field Course.

Registration is limited to 40 participants and is due by May 1, 2013.

For information on lodging and travel, visit the Website at <http://westcentral.unl.edu>



Special Session on Biocontrol

2013

Memorial to Marshal D. McGlamery

July 29, 1932 – January 25, 2013

Dr. Marshal D. McGlamery, Professor Emeritus of Weed Science at the University of Illinois, passed away January 25, 2013 in Suffolk, Virginia. Dr. McGlamery was world renowned for his knowledge and expertise in weed management. His unique talents for communicating his extensive knowledge with individuals and audiences were equally renowned. During his 35-year career in the professorial ranks at the University of Illinois, untold numbers of students, farmers and agricultural professionals benefitted from Dr. McGlamery's undaunted passion for helping others better understand and manage unwanted vegetation.

Marshal (Mac) was born July 29, 1932 in the small town of Moorland, Oklahoma to Walter and Bernice McGlamery. He married his hometown sweetheart, Marilyn Hudson, on June 2, 1957, and together they enjoyed 56 years of blissful marriage. Their love and commitment to one another was further blessed with two sons, Steve and Paul, who currently reside with their families in Virginia. Mac held a special place in his heart for children and realized some of his greatest enjoyment lavishing his four grandchildren with the love and attention unique to a grandfather.

Marshal's interest in agriculture began when he spent the summers of his youth working on his uncle's farm. He cultivated his growing love of agriculture by enrolling at Oklahoma A&M College (now Oklahoma State University) in 1950 to study crop production. A 2-year stint with the United States Army interrupted his undergraduate studies during his junior year, but following his military service Mac returned to Oklahoma A&M where he earned a B.S. in crops in 1956

and a M.S. in soil fertility in 1958.

Following completion of his M.S. degree, Mac became an instructor at Panhandle A&M College, teaching courses in soil management and fertility from 1958–1960. He then became an agronomist at a local agribusiness in Lawrence, Kansas where he made soil testing and fertilizer recommendations to local farmers. After a year in retail business, Mac made the decision to return to academia and pursue a Ph.D. in soils. He enrolled at the University of Illinois in 1961 to begin his Ph.D. program. However, he soon changed the focus of his research to weed science following a chance encounter with Dr. Fred Slife, who was looking for a graduate research assistant with soils experience to study the new phenomenon of atrazine carryover. Mac completed his Ph.D. in weed science in 1965, and later that year joined the faculty ranks as a weed science extension specialist with responsibilities in research and extension. Dr. McGlamery advanced through the professorial ranks and became a full professor in 1975. He held a joint extension/teaching appointment for the 27 years preceding his retirement on February 29, 2000.

Dr. McGlamery held a research appointment during only the early years of his tenure at the University of Illinois, but he maintained an active role in various field and greenhouse research projects throughout his career. Mac collaborated with other weed science researchers to develop the best weed management systems for the agronomic crops grown in Illinois. He believed the most valuable weed management information he could share with his clientele was derived from in-state research. With his dedicated leadership, research results were trans-

posed into practical programs readily adopted by Illinois weed management practitioners. He participated in three sabbatical leaves to learn additional research skills and techniques to better address the most daunting weed management challenges of the day. He spent two summers in India endeavoring to establish soybean as a viable source of dietary vegetable protein. Dr. McGlamery served on dozens of graduate student research committees and volunteered countless hours of consultation to graduate students from virtually every subject-matter discipline within the college.

Mac began to build his teaching skills while teaching a soils laboratory at Oklahoma State University. In 1968 he was provided with the opportunity to teach the weed science course at the University of Illinois, which at that time was an introductory course in a developing science. It was during the early years of teaching this course that Mac learned the essential value for a teacher to teach from experience and not simply from a textbook. Ultimately, Dr. McGlamery taught this course for over 30 years. Enrollment in his course averaged at least 50 students for 24 consecutive years, a true testament of his teaching prowess. He also taught an extramural weed science course at different locations around the state for many years, and tailored the course content to better address the educational needs of the students at each location. When asked to describe his philosophy of teaching, Mac stated: "I believe that each student is an individual and that they must be challenged to achieve their best. I want the students to know that I am not just interested in numbers or

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grades, but that I want each of them to accept the challenge to improve so that they can be a better member of society." His students referred to him not as an instructor, but as a teacher.

Dr. McGlamery was perhaps best known for his communication skills and captivating presentations as an extension weed scientist. He possessed an innate ability to take the most basic and technical information and translate it into a format understandable to all. His attire was analogous to his trademark: a fluorescent orange shirt with rainbow-color suspenders provided the canvas onto which a marshal's badge was pinned, and a bolo tie hung around his neck. He used humor to keep the audience alert because he believed humor helped the listener retain what they heard. The standing-room-only crowds he attracted were as much a reflection of respect for his knowledge as his ability to entertain. He safeguarded his well-earned reputation for being an unbiased source of weed management information. His audiences grew to depend upon him to remove the promotional hype surrounding the commercialization of new herbicides and provide a frank account of each new product. Mac was instrumental in the formation of the

Pesticide Applicator Program at the University of Illinois, an extension program that trained thousands in the safe and proper handling and application of pesticides. The hours of work he devoted to the University of Illinois Plant Clinic cannot be tabulated, nor can the miles he traveled across the state to visit fields, speak to individuals or groups, or in some other manner serve as an emissary of weed science and the University of Illinois.

Throughout his career, Mac maintained an active role in the North Central Weed Science Society and Weed Science Society of America, serving on numerous committees in each society. His presentations at annual society meetings were eagerly anticipated and the room in which he spoke was usually filled to capacity. As a tribute to his career, his final presentation at the North Central Weed Science Society's annual meeting was allocated twice the amount of time normally allocated for individual presentations. In further tribute, no concurrent presentations were scheduled during his presentation so everyone had the opportunity to hear Mac regale the standing-room-only crowd with the history of weed science in the north central region. He received numerous awards from sci-

entific societies, governmental agencies and the University of Illinois for his dedication to teaching and extension.

Throughout his career, Mac believed he was privileged to serve agriculture and the people of Illinois. He believed the purpose of both his professional position and his life was to assist others and thereby accomplish something that outlived him. His dedication and compassion for weed science was surpassed by his dedication and compassion for his fellow human beings. With uninterrupted meekness and humility, Marshal McGlamery personified the role of a servant. When asked during an interview to describe what he hoped his legacy would be, Mac replied: "I hope people will say I was a person who literally took the term "service" to heart. I tell people that I'm a public servant. I know your taxes pay my salary. I hope you've got your money's worth." Perhaps the most fitting tribute to this extraordinary individual is to emulate his service to others. Marshal McGlamery realized that one consummate accomplishment toward which so many strive; *he made a difference.*

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NECROLOGY

LOWELL S. JORDAN **1930 – 2013**



It is with sadness that Dean Yates reports that Lowell S. Jordan, Professor Emeritus of Horticultural Science and Plant Physiologist in the Department of Botany and Plant Sciences, passed away on March 2, 2013. He was 82 years old.

Dr. Jordan's research interests were in the areas of herbicide efficacy, herbicide physiology, and the mode of action of herbicides.

Dr. Jordan was named a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America and of the Western Society of Weed Sciences, and in 1982 received the Outstanding Teaching Award of the Weed Science Society of America. He was very active in professional societies and on university committees.

Born on April 23, 1930, in Vale, Oregon, Lowell Stephen Jordan received his B.S. in Agriculture from Oregon State College (now University) in 1954 and his Ph.D. in Agronomy and Agricultural Biology from the University of Minnesota in 1957. He taught for a year at Southern Illinois University, and then joined the Department of Horticulture at UC Riverside in 1959 as Assistant Plant Physiologist. In 1967 he received professorial rank in addition to the Cooperative Extension title. He retired in 1993. The following year he and his wife, Catalina, moved from Riverside to Murrieta.

Dr. Jordan is survived by his wife; daughters Diane Hankla of Santa Cruz and Sharon Luster of Riverside; sons Gary Jordan of Riverside and James Jordan of Murrieta; stepdaughter Luralyn Montecillo-Cruz of North Carolina; his brother Lauren of Pilot Rock, Oregon; and nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and a half-brother.

Visitation was on Monday, March 11, at Miller-Jones Mortuary in Sun City; funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12, at St. Martha Catholic Church in Murrieta.





NECROLOGY

MARSHAL D. McGLAMERY **1932 – 2013**

Marshal Dean McGlamery, 80, died on Friday, January 25, 2013, in Suffolk, Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn, and his sons, Paul (and Rebecca) and Steve (and Kim), and his four grandchildren, Ellie, Anna, Rachel and Jacob. He was born in Mooreland, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by parents, Walter and Bernice, stepmother Edna, and his four siblings, Eleanor, Robert, Roger and Muriel.

Marshal was a graduate of Oklahoma State University in 1958 and earned his Ph.D. in agronomy at the University of Illinois in 1965. He was on the faculty at the UI and worked for the USDA Extension Program until he retired in 2000. During his tenure, he received many prestigious awards, including the USDA Superior Service Award in 1983, the UI-CES Sustained Excellence in 1984, the UIUC Funk Award in 1986, and was made an honorary member of the American Society of Agronomy in 1999.

He spent two summers in India helping to establish soybeans as an edible protein and did sabbaticals at the University of Minnesota, North Carolina State University and the University of Arkansas.

He served as “Santa Claus” for many years for the Agronomy Department. He was a deacon at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church since 1961. He taught Sunday school at the Champaign County Nursing Home for over 30 years.

Memorial services took place at Lake Prince Woods in Suffolk, Virginia on March 9 and at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church in Urbana on April 20. His family requests that in lieu of gifts, memorial donations be given in his name to Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org) or the PABC Building Fund (600 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Urbana, IL 61801). Condolences may be registered at www.rwbakerfh.com.



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June 25–27, 2013	North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course	University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research and Extension Center North Platte, Nebraska	Email: steve.young@unl.edu Telephone: 308-696-6712 Web: http://ipscourse.unl.edu
July 14–17, 2013	Aquatic Plant Management Society Annual Meeting	San Antonio, Texas	www.apms.org
July 24–25, 2013	Collegiate Weed Science Contest (Joint event between NEWSS and NCWSS)	Monsanto Research Farm near Monmouth, Illinois	
December 9–12, 2013	North Central Weed Science Society Annual Meeting	Columbus, Ohio	www.ncwss.org
January 6–9, 2014	68th Annual Meeting of Northeastern Weed Science Society	Sheraton Society Hill Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	www.newss.org
January 27–29, 2014	Southern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting	Birmingham, Alabama	www.swss.ws
February 3–6, 2014	Joint WSSA and Canadian Weed Science Society Annual Meeting	Vancouver, Canada	www.wssa.net
March 10–13, 2014	Western Society of Weed Science Annual Meeting	Colorado Springs, Colorado	www.wsweedscience.org
February, 2015	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting	Lexington, Kentucky	www.wssa.net
2016	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting	San Juan, Puerto Rico	www.wssa.net
2017	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting	Tucson, Arizona	www.wssa.net

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