Welcome to the spring issue of the NCWSS Newsletter. Although you may have been experiencing spring for a several weeks, I’m learning that spring reaches North Dakota a bit later on the calendar. With this thaw, I could be tempting to let spring fever catch hold and start charting new directions for the Society as NCWSS President. However, recent leaders of the Society have taken several progressive and responsive steps in the past few years and enacted several changes. These changes have improved the Board’s efficiency, empowered committees to generate dynamic new ideas, and improved the annual meeting format just to cite a few examples. So, it is probably best to keep a steady hand on this ship and stay the course. Still, with my first opportunity to make presidential remarks, I wanted to make a few assessments and comments on the Society based on our mission statement.

MISSION: The NCWSS delivers research, education, and training to persons responsible for weeds and their management in land use systems.

The NCWSS delivers research: Without doubt, we are a research and science based organization. While we operate rather autonomously within our state or provincial boundaries or companies, collectively, we are effective in delivering valuable research. However, one might question if we deliver research to our full potential or to fully meet the needs of our clientele. In fact, academic and industry budget reductions are threatening to reduce our potential. This challenge leads me to ask two questions. Will academic weed scientists seek out the funding opportunities and become engaged in the new NIFA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) proposals (http://www.nifa.usda.gov/)? These funding streams are projected to be larger, longer in duration, and require greater integration of extension or education with the research.

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The seven separate Request for Applications (RFA) within the AFRI core program were released March 22. I challenge NCWSS weed scientists to combine your talents and bring several proposals to the table to deliver research for the benefit of our stakeholders.

The second question that I have is whether or not we make a conscientious effort to measure the value of our research? We are so busy in doing good work that we often skip measuring the impact of our efforts. Consider the old riddle, “If a tree falls in the forest, does it make a sound if there is no one to hear it?” The analogous situation might be “If a weed science position becomes vacant, does anybody care?” If we don’t measure the impact of our research, education, and extension, can we blame a non-responsive administration? I believe that we make impacts daily. We just need to stop being modest and tell our story.

The NCWSS delivers education: I will argue this is our Society’s forte. Our annual meeting is all about education and communication. At the 2009 Annual Meeting, we educated 303 NCWSS members who were in attendance. In particular, 60 students had a special educational opportunity at the statistics workshop, and the entire membership had educational opportunities at excellent symposia, workshops, and discussions on application technologies, invasive species management, Extension issues, and new herbicide technologies. I need to provide a special kudos to the coordinators of these sessions for their fine work: Greg Kruger, Don Penner, Anita Dille, Jeff Vogel, Lowell Sandell, Mike Owen, and Terry Carmody. Overall, our annual meeting provided the authors of 68 posters and 101 papers the opportunity to educate their colleagues on the most recent research findings in the North Central region. While I believe we have a successful format for our annual meeting, our Long Range Planning Committee is continuing to evaluate the options of posting poster and paper presentations to our web site as an enhancement of this educational component.

How do we deliver this mission? The answer is really quite simple. The Society provides the framework through streamlined operations and a new executive secretary, Phil Banks, but your ideas, participation, and dedication make the Society work.

I especially want to thank Mick Holm as past President, John Wollam and the Local Arrangements Committee, Bryan Young and the Long Range Planning Committee, and Bill Johnson and Executive Secretary Search Committee for key contributions over the past year. You have all contributed in laying the groundwork for the health and success of the NCWSS.

Committees
Committees and Section Chairs for 2010 are posted on the NCWSS website. Please review the assignments and let me know if you find any mistakes in phone numbers or email addresses. I would like to thank everybody who is on a committee.

I might hazard one final comment regarding the educational value of our meeting. Robin Morgan stated “Knowledge is power. Information is power.” I hope we can empower our members with information by supporting their travel and attendance even in times of tight budgets. I think this applies equally to industry and academia. If there are unique educational activities that we can provide to increase industry attendance, please let me or Mark Wrucke know.

The NCWSS delivers training: The NCWSS also excels in training, especially for our graduate students. Graduate students gain valuable experience in communicating through the paper and poster contests at the annual meetings. Graduate and undergraduate students have also experienced 3 decades of training through the Summer Weed Contests. Our educational offerings will evolve over the next couple of years. This summer, the NCWSS will host a 3 day summer school in Wisconsin from July 27-29, which will allow students to learn about weed science and related production issues beyond the crops they typically encounter. Jed Colquhoun will be providing coordination of the planning team and expect more information from him. The summer school will be a great opportunity that I wish I had as a student. In fact, I’m going to try to tag along a bit and blend in (and hope they don’t notice the gray in my hair). In 2011, the NCWSS will participate in a Weed Olympics contest being hosted by the University of Tennessee. This is a national summer weed contest. Our educational and training efforts are only limited by our imagination. Please feel free to suggest any new ideas for symposia, workshops, or trainings.

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Save The Date

NCWSS Summer School: Exploring Wisconsin’s Weeds, Ag and Environment.

- A hands on opportunity to learn about processing vegetables, muck farming, fresh vegetable production, cranberries, water quality issues, grazing, dairies and cheese production.
- Open to NCWSS grad students
- Arrive in Madison, WI on July 26th and depart at 11:00 AM on July 29th.
- Event concludes on Thursday morning with a crop diagnostic troubleshooting workshop.
- Don’t miss your chance to become an honorary cheesehead.

Stay tuned for more info

64th Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society - Mick Holm (Past President)

My term as President came to a close during the awards luncheon at our Kansas City annual meeting. While I thoroughly enjoyed my time serving as your President, I was glad to pass the gavel to our new President, Chris Boerboom. With his job change and subsequent move to North Dakota, I’m glad Chris is still in the North Central region and was willing to serve as President. Hopefully the weather in Fargo doesn’t get the best of him.

I would like to thank Chris for his leadership in developing the strong Kansas City program. Also, John Wollam and his local arrangements crew did a great job behind the scenes insuring that everything ran smoothly during the meeting. There are many others who also should be acknowledged, including the symposia organizers, session chairs, committee chairs and paper and poster judges. It takes a lot of effort from many of our members to have a successful annual meeting.

Attendance was down slightly this year. The final count was 303. I believe this can be explained or blamed on the economy, conflicting meetings and perhaps the weather. Another explanation is that we didn’t partner with another organization this year. I have a lot of value for partnering with other groups for our annual meeting and think we should pursue this every year. With this said, our attendance wasn’t too much different from the 332 we had at the 2005 Kansas City meeting.

2009 was a year of change for our society. Our first society wide election was successful as we elected a new VP, Bryan Young and a new CAST rep, Duane Rathmann. Also, we recognized Bob Schmidt at the meeting for his 32 years of service to the NCWSS. His replacement, Phil Banks is up and running as our new Executive Secretary. Thanks to both Bob and Phil for their part in making such a smooth transition.

As Past President, I’ll be busy this year offering guidance to Chris and our program chair, Mark Wrucke. I’ll also be coordinating the Distinguished Achievement awards, including the newly implemented Grad student award. Please be thinking of potential nominees for all the various awards. You will also find me as part of the NCWSS summer school to be held in Wisconsin during July. This event is a one year hiatus from the weed contest and promises to be an exciting and educational time for our students.

I hope everybody has a safe and productive year and I’m already looking forward to our Lexington meeting. Remember the more we all get involved with the NCWSS, the stronger our Society will be into the future.
2010 NCWSS BOARD MEMBERS

President - Chris Boerboom
President Elect - Mark Wrucke
Vice President - Brian Young
Past President - Mick Holm
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Harlene Hatterman-Valenti - Communications Editor

Kevin Bradley - WSSA Rep.
Lee Van Wychen - Dir. Science Policy
Mark Bernards - Extension
Andy Robinson – Graduate Student
Ryan Tichich – Industry
John Hinz - Resident Education
Brian Jenks - Western Region
David Thomas - Central Region

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Top Left to Right:
Bob Schmidt, Kevin Bradley, Bob Hartzler, Duane Rothman, Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, Christy Sprague, Lee Van Wychen

Bottom Left to Right:
Brian Young, Mick Holm, Chris Boerboom, Mark Wrucke
NCWSS Annual Meeting - 2010, Kansas City

Thanks to the Kansas City Local Arrangements Committee
Distinguished Achievement Awards

Young Scientist - Kevin Bradley

Dr. Bradley obtained his B.S. degree in Agriculture with a minor in Business from Ferrum College in 1995 and his Ph.D degree in Weed Science from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2000. Dr. Bradley began his career as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Virginia Tech conducting research to evaluate weed management programs in corn, soybean, wheat, pastures, cotton and vegetable crops. He managed the Virginia Cooperative Extension weed identification clinic, maintained the online Virginia Tech weed Identification Guide and incorporated images and information from the guide into the herbicide application decision support system (HADSS) and WebHADSS software currently in use throughout the southern United States.

In 2003, Dr. Bradley became an Assistant Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist in the Division of Plant Sciences at the University of Missouri with a 70% extension, 20% research and 10% service split. Dr. Bradley is responsible for research and extension projects for weed management in corn, soybean, wheat, pastures and forages. Specific programs that Dr. Bradley places his focus on include weed management programs for use in conventional and herbicide tolerant crop and forage systems and the identification, characterization and management of glyphosate-resistant weed biotypes. He was the first weed scientist to document glyphosate resistance in waterhemp and continues to do extensive work to understand the magnitude of the problem and develop weed management systems to control waterhemp in Missouri. Dr. Bradley works in cooperation with other disciplines to develop weed management strategies that will reduce the incidence and severity of insect and disease pests. He also is working on defining the effects that common pasture weeds have on forage yield and quality. Dr. Bradley has authored or coauthored 24 refereed manuscripts and 8 extension publications. Dr. Bradley and his students have given 29 presentations and 7 Invited Presentations at regional and national meetings since 2004. Dr. Bradley has also published over 100 additional extension newsletter articles, technical reports, abstracts, etc. Dr. Bradley has trained several MS and Ph.D students. Dr. Bradley has been an active member of the NCWSS since 2003. He was the organizer of the Herbicide-resistant Crops symposium at the 2008 meeting and is a currently the WSSA liaison. He has also served on various committees in the NCWSS and WSSA. Dr. Bradley is also active in the American Society of Agronomy and is currently Associate Editor for Agronomy Journal. Dr. Dr. Bradley was recognized with the Outstanding Recent Alumnus, Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science, Virginia Tech in 2008 and the 2006 Provost Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty at the University of Missouri.

Young Scientist Award
Kevin Bradley

Young Scientist Award
Adam Davis

Adam Davis – Young Scientist

The focus of Adam's research has been primarily in weed biology and ecology, with emphasis on weed population dynamics, multitactic integrated weed management and the dynamics and management of weed seedbanks. He has a superb command of statistical methods and has used these talents to
guide his research on using matrix population models to guide biocontrol agent selection. And he has been concerned with and conducted research on the invasive potential of biofuels species. The research results in these difficult areas have been widely accepted and acclaimed as being of high impact and contributing a great deal to the literature on weed science biology and ecology.

Dr. Davis is an outstanding speaker and writer and has promptly presented his research results at regional, national and international meetings, and has published these results in a variety of high quality journals. To date, he has published 35 articles in peer-reviewed journals, including those targeted at agricultural professionals, such as Weed Science and Agronomy Journal, and general interest journals such as Science and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. His publications have been widely cited and he has been invited to present his results numerous times to regional, national and international audiences. Adam has been recognized for his scholarly achievements and creative and productive research by being nominated or honored for a number of awards.

In terms of service to organizations, Dr. Davis has an exemplary record for one this early in his career. He is an active member of several professional societies, including the NCWSS and WSSA. His efforts in serving on and chairing committees and organizing and chairing symposia are highly commendable. Because of his outstanding writing and editing skills, Adam has been in high demand for reviewing manuscripts and in being invited to serve as Editor for several journals. He currently serves as an Associate Editor for Weed Science and Weed Research.

Dr. Davis excels as a proposal/grant writer, and has an impressive list of successful competitive grants, which also demonstrates the very high regard of other scientists for his research and productivity in a difficult-to-research area, where guidelines are limited and creativity is essential to success. Part of Dr. Davis’ extraordinary success has been due to his originality and persistence, but also to his ability to work cooperatively with a number of scientists and technical assistants within and across disciplines. He is equally effective as a part of a team or as the team leader. He is a good listener and is open to new and fresh ideas, and is also available and willing to share his ideas and assist others as requested.

As a USDA-ARS research scientist based at the University of Illinois, Adam has enjoyed contributing to graduate education by serving on four Ph.D. and four M.S. thesis committees. He has trained numerous undergraduate research assistants and supervised several undergraduate independent study projects in weed science. There are currently four postdoctoral research associates working in his lab.

Although Adam has no outreach or extension role in his current assignment, he makes clear and outstanding presentations to a variety of local and regional lay audiences as requested. The publication, Integrated Weed Management Guide: One year's seeding, is a superb example of Adam’s ability to "take the message to the clientele".

Adrian Moses - Industry Award

Adrian has served the NCWSS as program chair and president of the society, member of numerous committees (Constitution & Operating Procedures, Local Arrangements, Membership, and Publicity & Public Relations), board of directors, poster and paper judge, and presenter of several papers. He deeply values the work of the society, is a strong advocate for the involvement of its membership in society activities and promulgates the principles of the society at every opportunity.

As an ambassador for Syngenta, Adrian has developed highly functional relationships in the agricultural community by participating in programs and sharing information. He has very effective relationships with university colleagues and supports numerous research programs, working collaboratively to provide the agricultural industry with crop protection.
products. He participates in university career days to publicize private sector opportunities for interested students. He uses his Gilbert research farm to host numerous field days and workshops throughout the year. Adrian always looks for opportunities to support and promote agriculture.

Each year, Adrian is responsible for approximately 100 R&D trials and each year he sets the benchmark among his peers for a prolific, high quality R&D program. From these and other trials conducted by his peers in the Midwest, Adrian is expected to present summary reports during our annual results meeting where he averages 8 to 10 project summaries each year. From these summaries decisions are made relative to the development of new active ingredients, new formulations, crop registrations, patents and technology acquisitions. As a project team member, he has been responsible for helping develop the directions for use for several corn and soybean herbicides including Callisto, Flexstar GT, Halex GT, Lexar, Lumax, and Prefix.

The trials that Adrian conducts himself are always underpinned by exemplary agronomy whether it be a trial on herbicides or another area of technology being investigated by Syngenta (indeed, Adrian is as capable as any practical entomologist or plant pathologist in Syngenta of conducting trials associated with these areas of science). This breadth is particularly important as Adrian’s Iowa territory is arguably one of the most important to Syngenta, which means that the visibility and pressure to deliver quality work is very high. Adrian’s R&D program is always one that impresses and is a perennial ‘must stop’ for the numerous internal tours that traverse the U.S. each year.

Adrian is extremely well thought of within Syngenta and is often referred to as ‘Mr. Congeniality’. He is highly coveted as a mentor and has hosted new hires and international colleagues who desire tuition on our R&D ways of working for anywhere from a couple days to several weeks. His ‘guests’ always leave as ‘friends’ with an in-depth appreciation for Iowa agriculture and the intimate knowledge of the business end of a spray boom. In addition, over the years Adrian has hired and trained numerous summer interns, some of which, due to his encouragement, have sought advanced degrees.

Finally, Adrian’s is an excellent colleague. Quick to offer help and encouragement to those who need it, always prepared take on additional tasks or trials to ensure the success of a project, and known Syngenta-wide as a scientist who delivers in word and deed year in and year out. All of this is underpinned by Adrian’s genuine nature, generosity, joyful spirit, intense scientific curiosity and immense good will.

Reid Smeda – Education

“What you get out of this class depends upon what you are willing to put into it”. This is a motto that Dr. Reid Smeda places on the syllabus of the undergraduate courses he teaches. Raised on a small fruit farm and being an only son, he learned at an early age that accomplishments never were made without effort and ambition. He thanks both of his parents for that.

With a B.S. and M.S. from Michigan State University (1982 and 1985, respectively) and a Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1990, Dr. Smeda began his career as a Plant Physiologist with the USDA-ARS in Stoneville, MS. Living there provided a greater cultural and professional education than many of the courses taken in college. Although not directly involved in teaching, training Post-doc’s and technical staff always fueled a desire to become a University professor.

In 1996, Dr. Smeda moved from MS to MO, and became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Agronomy at the University of Missouri. His teaching responsibilities included an undergraduate introductory course in weed science and team instruction of a graduate level weed science course. After 13 years at Mizzou, he still is involved in those courses, and also instructs a Freshmen/Sophomore course called “People, Plants, and the Environment”. He also serves as the faculty advisor for the
Dr. Smeda believes that one of our most important accomplishments as professionals is the education of young people, the future of our society and the discipline of weed science.
**J.D. Green - Fellow**

Dr. Jonathan D. (J.D.) Green is Extension Weed Scientist at the University of Kentucky where he began his career in 1986 upon completion of a Ph.D. in Weed Science from Oklahoma State University. Dr. Green is highly respected by growers, county Extension Agents, agricultural retailers, and professional peers as evidenced by numerous awards and commendations including the M.D. Whiteker Excellence Award in Extension in Kentucky. J.D. has been a devoted member of the NCWSS throughout his career and has served the Society in numerous capacities including member of the Board of Directors as Kentucky state representative and Director-at-Large for Extension, two terms as chair of the Finance, Steering, and Policy Committee, and service on 16 other committees including Constitution and Operating Procedures, Fellow and Distinguished Achievement Awards, and Program. Also, he served on the Executive committee as Secretary/Treasurer from 2003-2007. In addition to his service to the NCWSS, J.D. is an active member of the Weed Science Society of America, the Southern Society of Weed Science, and is one of only a few weed scientists who served on the American Society of Agronomy’s ARCPACS Board during its initial stages of development. Consequently, he played a key role in laying the foundation for developing criteria for certifying weed scientists. He also has served on four review panels for projects submitted to the Southern Region Pesticide Impact Assessment Program or the North Central Region for IPM. Although J.D.’s appointment is 100% Extension, he makes time to interact with students and serves as a role model for graduate students. He has served as the major advisor of two graduate students and has served on 23 graduate student advisory committees, is coordinator of the College Herbarium of Kentucky Weeds, and has develop and taught or co-taught three courses.

**Thomas B. Threewitt - Fellow**

Thomas B. Threewitt has been an active member of the NCWSS for more than 40 years. After receiving a Ph.D. in Weed Science from the University of Illinois in 1972, Dr. Threewitt accepted a position of field research representative for the state of Kansas with Ciba-Geigy. He is one of the few individuals who stayed with the same company at the same location for 32 years until retirement from Syngenta in 2004, even though the company went through several mergers and name changes during his career. After retiring from Syngenta, Tom established his own consulting and contract research company Paca Ag. Tom was especially active in developing Ciba-Geigy/Novartis/Syngenta products for dryland cropping systems including Igran, Dual, Amber, Beacon, Peak, Spirit, and Rave herbicides. He was the first to discover and recognize the potential to control shattercane with Beacon herbicide. In recognition of his contributions, he received the NCWSS Distinguished Achievement Award – Industry in 2002. He has also made noteworthy contribution to the profession outside of his primary industry responsibilities. He is a member of the Kansas Agricultural Retailers Association and served as an original member and President of the Kansas Certified Crop Advisors board of directors. Tom made a special effort to meet graduate students at universities within his area of responsibility to learn of their research projects and professional interests. He regularly assists at NCWSS summer student contests and has frequently served as a judge in graduate student paper/poster
contests. Tom has served as Director for Kansas on the NCWSS Board of Directors as well as serving on several committees. In addition to the NCWSS, Tom also is an active member of the Weed Science Society of America, the Western Society of Weed Science, and the Council of Agricultural Science and Education.

Robert N. Klein - Fellow

Robert Klien has been an active member of the NCWSS for nearly 25 years, though he gave his first of many papers at a NCWSS meeting several years earlier in 1976. He worked several years as a County Agent in McCook, Nebraska before accepting the position of Extension Cropping Systems Specialist at the University of Nebraska’s West Central Research and Extension Center at North Platte in 1984. Throughout his career Bob has tirelessly promoted effective management of stored soil water to increase crop productivity in the semi-arid Central and West-Central Great Plains. He has contributed to the understanding and has actively promoted efficient pesticide application technologies and has gained an international reputation as an expert on application equipment and nozzles. He has been an invited speaker at scientific meetings and extension programs in several states. Bob has served as Chair or Vice-Chair of the NCWSS Equipment and Application Methods Section many times, as Chair of the Regional Publication Committee, and as a member of Membership Committee. Bob has been a prolific author of extension publications and articles. He co-authors the annual “Guide for Weed Management in Nebraska” and has written numerous NebGuides, Extension Circulars, and Crop Watch articles. In 2005, Bob was recognized by the NCWSS with the Distinguished Achievement Award for Education. In addition to his contributions to the NCWSS, Bob also is an active member of the Western Society of Weed Science, the Weed Science Society of America, and the American Society of Agronomy. He served on the ASA Board of Directors from 2005-2008, when major decisions were made to change ASA governance.

Student Awards Contest

Grad Student Contest - Soybean, Legume and Grass Pasture Papers.

Paper First Place.

Continuation of Transgenic Volunteer Corn with Soybean and the Implications for Weed and Insect Resistance Management. Paul T. Marquardt*, Christian H. Krupke, and William G. Johnson, Purdue University, West Lafayette.

Paper Second Place.

Tolerance of Miscanthus to Pre- and Postemergence Herbicides. Alexander J. Lindsey*, Wesley J. Everman, Calvin F. Glaspie, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
NCWSS Student Awards Contest 2010

Grad Student Contest - Weed Biology and Ecology.

**Paper First Place.**


**Paper Second Place.**

Competitive Effects of Volunteer Corn (Zea mays L.) in Corn. Tye C. Shauck*, and Reid J. Smeda, University of Missouri, Columbia.

Grad Student Contest - Herbicide Physiology and Mixed Student Papers

**Paper First Place.**


**Paper Second Place.**


Grad Student Contest - Agronomic Crops

**Paper First Place.**

Quizalofop Efficacy on Acetyl-Coenzyme A Carboxylase Resistant Grain Sorghum as Affected by Application Rate and Timing. M. Joy M. Abit*, Kassim Al-Khatib, Phillip W. Stahlman, Patrick W. Geier, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Hays and Hays.

**Paper Second Place.**

Poster First Place.


Poster Second Place.


Grad Student Contest - Corn & Sorghum / Soybean / Cereals & Sugar Beet

Herbicide Combinations for Weed Control in Glyphosate Resistant Alfalfa. Alexander J. Lindsey*, Andrew J. Chomas, Wesley J. Everman, and Steven A. Gower, Michigan State University, East Lansing; The Monsanto Company, St. Louis, MO.

Poster Second Place.


Grad Student Contest - Equipment Application / Invasive / Weed Ecology / Horticulture

Kochia Differential Response to Glyphosate. Jason Waite* and Kassim Al-Khatib, Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Poster First Place.

Preemergence Weed Control in Onion with Pendimethalin, Flumioxazin, Ethofumesate, Dimethenamid-p, S-metolachlor, Acetochlor, and Propachlor. Chad M. Herrmann* and Bernard H. Zandstra, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
NCWSS Student Awards Contest 2010

Poster Under Graduate
Simulated Dicamba Drift on a Low Soybean Plant Population Soybean. Matthew J. Hardebeck, Andrew P. Robinson and William G. Johnson, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Recipient of the Hyatt NCWSS Annual Meeting Scholarship
Jared Roskamp - University of Illinois

NCWSS Resolutions for 2009
Resolutions and Necrology Committee
Patrick Tranel, Chair

1. RESOLUTION ON: The Hotel Meeting Facility for the 64th Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.
   WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society requires adequate facilities and lodging in order to conduct the business and program of the Society at the Annual Meeting; and
   WHEREAS the meeting rooms and facilities of the Hyatt Regency Crown Center of Kansas City, MO provided an excellent and spacious meeting environment; and
   WHEREAS the staff and management of the Hyatt Regency Crown Center of Kansas City, MO were helpful and cooperative in fulfilling the needs of the Society for a successful Annual Meeting;
   THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Central Weed Science Society in session at Kansas City, MO, December 7-10, 2009 for the 64th Annual Meeting commends the Hyatt Regency Crown Center management and staff for their outstanding efforts in providing the Society with excellent meeting facilities and arrangements.

2. RESOLUTION ON: Local Arrangements Committee for the 64th Annual Meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society.
   WHEREAS the North Central Weed Science Society relies upon the effort and diligence of the Local Arrangements Committee for arranging suitable facilities for the Annual Meeting; and
   WHEREAS a diligent and well organized Local Arrangements Committee is crucial to the conduct of a successful Annual meeting; and
   WHEREAS Chair John Wollam and other members of the Local Arrangements Committee have fulfilled all their responsibilities in an exemplary manner;
NCWSS Resolutions for 2010

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3. RESOLUTION ON: Graduate
Student Paper and Poster
Contest and Undergraduate
Student Poster Judges for
the 64th Annual Meeting of
the North Central Weed
Science Society.
WHEREAS the North Central
Weed Science Society relies
on voluntary contribution of
time, effort, and expertise of
its members selected to
judge the Graduate Student
Paper and Poster
Contests, and
Undergraduate Poster
Contest for their inputs of
time, labor, and cooperation
in providing the Society
with well run, successful
contests at this Annual
Meeting.

4. RESOLUTION ON: The
North Central Collegiate Weed
Science Contest.
WHEREAS the North Central
Collegiate Weed Science
Contest requires adequate
facilities in order to conduct
the contest in an orderly
and educational manner; and
WHEREAS the facilities at
ABG AG Services near
Sheridan, IN provided an
excellent environment; and
WHEREAS the Summer
Contest Host Fritz
Koppatschek, Contest
Coordinator Jay Dewesse,
and the staff of ABG AG
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News from CAST

CAST is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization composed of scientific societies and many individual, student, company, nonprofit, and associate members. The primary work of CAST is the publication of task force reports, commentary papers, special publications, and issue papers written by scientists from many disciplines.

CAST expresses appreciation for all those who help "get the word out" on CAST's fact-based agricultural information, specifically those involved in the recently published Issue Paper, Agricultural Productivity Strategies for the Future: Addressing U.S. and Global Challenges. This timely Issue Paper includes a preface from Dr. Norman E. Borlaug and has been prepared as an update of CAST Paper No. 1, written by Dr. Borlaug in 1973. The authors of the current paper address (1) future demands facing agriculture; (2) the relationship of bioenergy and bioproducts to agriculture; (3) major issues impacting future U.S. agricultural productivity; (4) major issues facing agricultural productivity in other parts of the world; (5) strategies to meet future food needs; and (6) examples of research areas that could enable the next "Green Revolution." The authors question the commitment by the United States and many other countries for support of agricultural research and indicate the far-reaching impact that such research, education, and resulting technology—or lack thereof—will have on the nation and the world. Chair: Gale Buchanan, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia, Tifton Campus.

A copy of this paper can be downloaded at: http://www.cast-science.org/publications.asp

Duane Rathmann
NCWSS CAST Representative
Climate Change and the Implications for Plant Protection

May 25, 26 and 27, 2010

University of Guelph

The Science, The Impacts, and The Options

The Climate Change and the Implications for Plant Protection symposium explores the impact of climate change on the global agriculture industry. Leading researchers from around the world will share cutting-edge scientific research on

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Dr. John “Jack” May

Dr. John "Jack" May passed away on Friday Feb. 26, 2010. He had been in the hospital or in a care facility since Dec. 8, 2009. I have attached the obituary that he wrote himself. We will also be making a digital obituary very soon where you will be able to sign a guest book and leave any comments or stories. If you have any questions or would like notifications when the obituary site is up please contact me by email at coryabel@gmail.com.

John (Jack) May, 79, passed away peacefully on Friday, Feb. 26, 2010. He was born and raised on a cattle ranch near Steamboat Springs CO. He was the youngest of five siblings born to Fred and Anna May. His surviving sisters, Frances Dorr-Wheeler and Helen Stonebrink, and other relatives reside at Fruita, CO.

Starting in a one-room school called Fly Gulch, Jack continued his education in Steamboat Springs where he was five times elected president of his class. He graduated student body president in 1949 from Steamboat High School. He went on to earn an AS from Mesa College, were he was V.P. of the Student Body and met his future wife, Alma Jean Tourney. Jack and Alma were married at Cal Poly, San Dimas, CA. in 1952 and returned to Steamboat Springs to ranch on the Elk River for eight years. While ranching, Jack was very active in the Colorado Cattleman’s Association. Aside from being an expert fly fisherman, Jack enjoyed trout fishing and hunting mule deer and elk.

Jack returned to college, Colorado State University, in 1960. He was involved in student affairs at CSU and was a member of the Ag Council, several Ag Science fraternities (Alpha Tau Alpha, Alpha Zeta, and Sigma Zi) as well as Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. He earned his Ph.D. in Plant Physiology and was an assistant professor at CSU until he graduated in 1968.

After completing his Ph.D., Jack and family moved to St. Louis, MO, where he worked for eight years in R&D covering the mid-western states at Shell Development Company. He did technical support for Shell in several states before moving to Shell’s Biological Research Center in Modesto, CA as the coordinator for new herbicide development. His work there with Shell allowed him to travel extensively throughout the southeastern states and abroad, to England and South America on special assignments. In 1986, Shell sold their agricultural business to DuPont, so Jack and Alma moved to Maryland where he was the herbicide development manager. They returned to CA where he managed a research facility in Fresno. After retiring from DuPont in 1990 he worked as a consultant for Western Farm Service for 14 years, retiring again in 2004. Jack will be remembered by his peers as “Cowboy” because he wore western clothes, boots, and hat throughout his professional career. He leaves his loving wife, Alma T. May; two sons Sandford W. “Sam” May, Astoria, OR and John M. May, St. Louis, MO; two daughters Mary E. May, Los Osos, CA and Jennifer L. Bosso, Santa Barbara, CA. He also leaves his six grandchildren, five great-grand children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Contributions may be made in memory of John W. May to the National Kidney Foundation: 30 E 33rd Street NY,NY 10016 or to Hospice Partners of the Central Coast in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Jack Best

Jack Arnold Best, 62, Cedar Rapids died Wednesday, December 30, 2009 in his home after a short illness. A memorial service will be held at Teahan Funeral Home Thursday, January 14 at 1 p.m. Friends may visit at the funeral home Thursday after 12:30 p.m. Reverend Joe Kane will preside.

Jack was born on August 4, 1947 in North Carolina. Jack was the son of Jack W. Best and Myrtle Best.

Survivors include his daughter Amanda Best of California, his mother Myrtle Best of Elizabeth City, North Carolina, his sister Linda Curtis of Raleigh, North Carolina. Also surviving are his two nephews Thomas Cherry and wife Becky of Pennsylvania and Joseph Neizer of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Jack was preceded in death by his father Jack Wallace Best in 2003 and his son Christopher Best in 1987.

Jack received his undergraduate and his Ph.D in chemistry from North Carolina State University. Jack worked at BASF, he retired in 2003 after working for BASF for 30 years. He traveled extensively for BASF including China where he purchased paintings which are on display at Jiamen restaurant in Cedar Rapids.

Jack was extremely generous. He had a tree planted at Ellis Golf Course for his friend, Gary Schirm. He also gave one of his favorite golf pictures to Dustin Miller, golf pro at Ellis Golf Course. Jack was very competitive. He liked to play golf and bowl for small wagers. Just ask his many friends he knew at Ellis Golf Course.

In retirement, Jack enjoyed golfing, reading, photography, nature, music, feeding the birds, his wildflowers and yard. One of Jack’s favorite sayings was “Life is good”.

The family and friends wish to extend a special thanks to Home Instead Senior Care and Mercy Hospice for the loving and compassionate care they gave Jack. He enjoyed being in his house sitting in his chair smoking his pipe and being around nature.
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is excited to announce the recent hire of two new faculty at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte, NE.

Steve Young is an Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Extension Weed Ecologist. His research and extension work will focus on several areas of weed control:

- Weed competition in cropping systems with limited water
- Invasive plant species in riparian areas, surface waterways, and other non-crop areas
- Ecology of invasive plant species and mechanisms of invasiveness
- Ecosystem services associated with agricultural and managed systems
- Integrated pest management techniques, including automation, GIS and geo-spatial technologies

Young earned a B.S. in horticulture from Washington State University in Pullman, Wash. During his M.S. in plant science from the University of Idaho in Moscow he researched weed control timing in sugarbeet. Young completed his Ph.D. in soil science from the University of California at Davis. His doctoral research examined how restored native plant communities were able to resist invasion by yellow starthistle. He also researched various options for controlling roadside vegetation. Most recently, Young’s post-doctoral research at the Washington State University Center for Precision Agricultural Systems focused on the effects of biofuel crop production on below-ground soil processes, including carbon and nitrogen cycles.

Greg Kruger is an Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Extension Cropping Systems Specialist. Kruger will be focusing on sustainable crop production and management systems as they relate to limited rainfall production systems, biotechnology, pest management, and other production factors. Specific areas of research and extension will include:

- How new crop technologies offering drought-resistant herbicides, herbicide resistance, insect resistance, disease resistance can best be utilized for conditions in west central Nebraska.
- The variety and hybrid testing program
- Improvements in row spacing, seeding density, and general agronomic practices.
- Interaction between pest management strategies, e.g., when treatments are combined, some may have an additive effect while others are synergistic or antagonistic.

Kruger earned his B.S. degree from Ohio State University with a major in agricultural and applied economics. He went on to Purdue University where he studied resistance in soybean to root-knot nematodes and received an M.S. degree in plant pathology. Kruger’s Ph.D. work at Purdue focused on herbicide resistance in marestail (horseweed), a problem in Nebraska as well. He looked at potential glyphosate, ALS-inhibiting, dicamba, and 2,4-D resistance. He found that plants evolved resistance to either glyphosate or ALS-inhibitors, but usually not both, even though many plants have been exposed to both.
A big thanks to Bob Schmidt

At the end of 2009, Bob Schmidt retired from his job as Executive Secretary of the NCWSS and SWSS. Bob served NCWSS from 1977 until 2009. He was responsible for the day to day business activities of NCWSS that took place behind the scenes. In addition some of the more visual activities included the following:

1) For many years, Bob was the individual that wrote the checks for graduate students in recognition of winning 1st or 2nd place for the poster or oral paper contest. Bob was always meticulous for detail like spelling student names, and this process of writing checks was always a last minute harried affair, since the time between selecting winners and awarding checks was often only several hours.

2) Bob understands the processes needed to run the annual meeting, registration and the banquet. He was the one who tried to guess how many plates we needed to set aside for the Wednesday night banquet. Many of us have taken a number of statistics courses, but no one was like Bob in using his "gut feeling" and guessing how many plates were needed without leaving someone hungry. Once Bob knew the number of people registered for a meeting, he could tell you within 5% (significant P level) how many would show up at the banquet.

3) Registration for the meeting was a very busy process. Bob was there to answer all the hard questions and find missing packets. He always handled this hectic job with precision and courtesy.

4) Bob has great institutional knowledge of the NCWSS operations. This provided continuity as the board changed from year to year and over the years of the society. He understands the operational history of the society. This resulted in significant operational savings to the society in negotiating with various suppliers and vendors. His understanding of membership trends aided in planning the annual meeting and keeping costs within budget. Lastly, his understanding of why decisions were made and the background of those decisions were helpful when policies needed to be changed.

Despite never being able to see Bob in an actual weed science talk, we always considered Bob one of "us" in the weed science community. He truly "served" our society and often went above and beyond to make sure meeting participants felt welcome. His dry sense of humor was also very intriguing. We truly appreciate his years of service to NCWSS and wish him well in retirement.

Thanks Bob.
Assistant Professor in Crop Science
9 month, tenure track
The University of Wisconsin-River Falls, a member of the University of Wisconsin System

POSITION SUMMARY: The University of Wisconsin-River Falls, a member of the University of Wisconsin System, is located 30 miles from the Twin Cities of Minneapolis-St. Paul in scenic west central Wisconsin. Year-round art, cultural and recreational events are easily accessible. UWRF’s 6500 undergraduate and graduate students pursue degrees in four colleges: Arts and Sciences; Education and Professional Studies; Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; and Business and Economics. The University provides an excellent environment for learning, emphasizing the importance of faculty-student interaction in classrooms, laboratories, academic advising, and co-curricular activities. A favorable student-faculty ratio affords opportunity for meaningful interchange between faculty and students. Strong interests in teaching and research as well as professional and community service are highly valued.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES: The principal responsibilities of this full-time 9-month, tenure track faculty position will involve teaching undergraduate introductory and advanced courses in crop science, including Plant and Seed Identification, Weed Control, Integrated Pest Management, Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Production Systems and others as assigned. Responsibilities also include student advising, coaching the intercollegiate crops judging team and assisting with the Crops and Soils Club; participating in professional activities, as well as university and community service, and other duties as assigned. In addition, the University expects program-related scholarly activity, defined as research, scholarship or creative endeavor. The normal teaching load is equivalent to 12 credits per semester. Opportunities exist for summer employment on a year-to-year basis. This position reports to Chair of the Department of Plant and Earth Science.

QUALIFICATION: Completed doctorate by appointment date in agronomy, crop science, plant science or a closely related field with expertise in sustainable agriculture and/or crop protection. Familiarity with Midwest United States agriculture. Ability to teach the courses noted in the Position Responsibilities, as well as the ability to update existing courses and/or develop new courses. Ability to interact effectively with students, professional colleagues, and members of the extended community. Willingness to help facilitate undergraduate research endeavors, internships and extracurricular activities. Ability to facilitate the learning of practical applications in the discipline to help ensure readiness of students for internships and graduates for employment. Ability to work effectively in a team environment as well as the ability to work independently to achieve University, College and Departmental Goals. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with individuals from diverse backgrounds and abilities. College teaching experience strongly preferred.

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Position Announcements

Graduate Assistantship
Mississippi State University
Starkville, MS

JOB TITLE: Graduate Assistantship

POSITION DESCRIPTION: Graduate Research Assistantship. Funding is provided by a Specialty Crop Research Initiative with an emphasis on multi-disciplinary, multi-state collaboration. Field and/or greenhouse studies will focus on timing of herbicide applications in relation to sweetpotato root initiation as a function of environment and cultural practice. Laboratory experiments will characterize herbicide translocation and partitioning in the sweetpotato plant.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will; Communicate with academia, state and federal agencies, industry, growers, and consultants. Prepare a research proposal for thesis or dissertation. Conduct field, greenhouse and laboratory research according to proposed objectives. Collect, analyze, and interpret results in reports, presentations, and publications. Outline curriculum and research timetables to meet deadlines and commitments.

QUALIFICATIONS: Candidate must hold a BS, or preferred MS degree in a plant science discipline with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Be willing to travel and conduct research during summer months. Display excellent work ethic and personal integrity. Proficient in the English language (written and oral). Ability to work independently and as part of a diverse group of people. Display the motivation and desire to understand dynamic bio-chemical interactions relative to plant growth through scientific research.

DESCRIPTION OF LOCATION: The Starkville community is located in northeast Mississippi and is surrounded by the enthusiasm and energy of Mississippi State University. The area provides all the intellectual, cultural, and recreational advantages of a large urban setting in a more cohesive town-university community. More information can be found at http://msstate.edu or at http://msucares.com

COMPENSATION: Salary: $16,000 / $18,000 (MS / PhD) Benefits: Tuition waived.

AVAILABILITY: Closing date of competition: Until suitable candidate is found. Date position available: Spring/Summer 2010

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a letter of interest describing career goals and research interests, resume, and three letters of reference.

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