

Message from the 2018 Program Chair

Plans are being made for the 2018 North Central Weed Science Society (NCWSS) annual meeting program. On behalf of the program planning committee, we look forward to welcoming everyone to our meeting at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee, Wisconsin December 3–6, during which time there will be ample opportunities to share research results, renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

It is my pleasure to invite all who are interested to submit paper and poster titles for the 2018 meeting. This **Call for Papers and Posters** will not be repeated, so please take a moment to mark the submission deadline of **Tuesday, September 18, 2018** on your calendar. Unlike past years, the Board of Directors will enforce this strict submission deadline and titles received after **September 18 will not** be accepted. Both title and abstract submissions are to be made through the web-based submission site hosted through the Weed Science Society of America located at: <http://wssaabstracts.com>. The site is now open for submissions, so please be sure to submit your title before the **September 18** deadline!

Our annual meeting will begin Monday, December 3 and conclude Thursday, December 6. Our committee has many ideas for assembling an interesting and insightful program. The general session will include an address by our NCWSS president, Christy Sprague, and feature one or more speakers who will welcome our members to the great state of Wisconsin. Several symposia sessions are being developed that will be broadly appealing to our members. And, as begun in 2017, the always-popular “What’s New in Industry” session will begin immediately after the Industry Symposium Breakfast Thursday morning.

No voice recordings of the presentations will be made, but authors are encouraged to allow their poster and/or Power Point presentations to be uploaded to the NCWSS website as PDF files for member-only viewing. This is especially helpful to those who are unable to attend the annual meeting. Submission of posters and Power-Point slides as PDFs is strictly voluntary and submitters of titles will be asked if they wish to participate. Directions for on-line submission of papers and posters can be found in the following article.

The 2018 program will feature the traditional graduate student paper and poster contests and the undergraduate student poster contest. Guidelines for these contests can be found on the NCWSS website (<http://ncwss.org/>) under Society/About NCWSS – link to NCWSS Operating procedures. The guidelines are found on pages 26-30.

Once the program has been finalized we will post it on the NCWSS website and upload the program to the Guidebook App. Hard copies of the NCWSS program booklet will be given out at the registration desk at the conference. After submitting a title, the next important date is the abstract submission deadline on **Friday, November 16, 2018**. We are asking that all oral presentation authors upload their slides to the submission website at least one (1) week / seven (7) days prior to the meeting by **Monday, November 26, 2018**. This allows section chairs to preload the presentations on their computer and make sure that all presentations are working adequately. By using the submission website we can ensure that the section chairs receive your

slides. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact your section chair one week prior to the meeting to make other arrangements.

We are looking forward to hearing about your research and seeing you at the 73rd annual meeting of the North Central Weed Science Society. Please encourage others to submit papers, posters, and participate in the NCWSS and our annual conference. We have a great discipline and society and look forward to welcoming others. Also, please pass along any suggestions on how we can make the meeting more valuable to you and for others.

Please follow the directions below, closely heed to the deadlines, and please contact Aaron Hager (hager@illinois.edu 217-333-9646) if you have any questions.

SIGN-IN to Title/Abstract Submission Site (Currently open)

Go to the title/abstract submission website (<http://wssaabstracts.com>) hosted through WSSA. You will need your login and password for your account or create your own new account if you have not done so previously. Select the Enter button for the 2018 NCWSS link under upcoming conferences.

SUBMIT TITLE (deadline Tuesday, September 18, 2018)

Create or edit your profile.

Proceed to the My Titles and Abstracts link.

Follow the site's instructions for submission.

Enter the title in the space provided.

Capitalize only major words in the title as indicated in the instructions.

Do not include any quotation marks or punctuation in the title.

Use the dropdown menu to answer the question, "Are you a student?" If you are please continue to answer the questions regarding participation in the student contest. **It is critical that we know which papers and posters will be competing in the student contest.**

Presentation Type:

Use the dropdown menu to indicate what type of presentation you will be giving: Oral paper, Poster, Symposium, or General Session.

Topic Sections:

Use the dropdown menu to select the top two choices for your topic section.

Authors:

Use the dropdown menu to select authors from the prepopulated list. This is a new feature. If an author does not appear on the list, please use the new author function. You will be able to reorder the authors and select the presenting author from this section.

Save and Submit:

Once you are done entering your title, please hit the Save and Submit button. From there you will be taken the Permission to Post the Presentation page. Permission to Post the Presentation: Please indicate if you are willing to allow a PDF version of your poster or oral presentation slides to be posted to the NCWSS website and hit submit. The default setting is set to no. All titles must be submitted by **Tuesday, September 18, 2018.**

SUBMIT ABSTRACT (deadline Friday, November 16, 2018)

Sign into your account as you did previously for the title submission. Click on the link to submit an abstract. Scroll down to the abstract part of the window and click anywhere in the area designated to hold the abstract. Cut and paste your abstract into the box provided. Develop an abstract in a word processing program. There is no need to include the title or authors in the "cut and paste" portion since the correct information has been already entered. We recommend that you make all changes prior to pasting into the submission form.

NOTE: If you make any changes to the title or authors, please email both the section chair and program chair (hager@illinois.edu) to alert us about the change.

Action Summary

Titles must be submitted by **Tuesday, September 18**. By this date, please enter the web submission site and complete the title submission portion of your presentation.

Abstracts must be submitted by **Friday, November 16**. By this date, please sign into your account and follow the link to submit an abstract.

Oral presentation Power Point files should be uploaded by **Monday, November 26**.

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All papers will be presented with PowerPoint files through an LCD projector. Electronic presentations will be limited to Power Point programs and need to be uploaded to the Submission website 1 week / 7 days prior to the meeting. Presentations are approximately 12 minutes long followed by one to two minutes for questions or comments to fit a 15 minute schedule. Contact the Program Chair if more time is needed. Abstracts of the paper and poster presentations will be published on the NCWSS website (www.ncwss.org). Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the Title/Abstract Submission website prior to the meeting (by Friday, November 16, 2018). A Call for Abstracts and Instructions for Submitting the Abstracts will be sent to the corresponding authors by the Proceedings Editor after titles are submitted.

Posters will be set up on Monday and available for viewing on Tuesday and Wednesday. All posters should be removed by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. One poster mounting board supported on an easel will be provided by the NCWSS. **Poster size is 42 by 42 inches.** Posters will be arranged according to subject, so please indicate your section preference in the title/Abstract Submission system linked to the NCWSS website. Additional details will be mailed to each poster session participant following title submission.