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NEWS

NORTHEASTERN WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY Newsletter

November 2003

Comments from the President



Scott Glenn
NEWSS President

What is the future of Weed Management? Nobody knows for sure! But we plan to lay the groundwork for the future at the 58th annual Northeastern Weed Science Society meeting. We will meet in Cambridge, Massachusetts on January 5 through 8, 2004. The theme of the meeting is "The Future of Weed Management." Tim Dutt has assembled an outstanding panel of scientists to address this issue at the General Symposium.

There was a resounding response by the NEWSS membership to the request for increased participation at the NEWSS annual meeting. There were a record number of titles submitted. Each section will be packed with interesting presentations. There also will be a special workshop on the ecology and management of *Microstegium* (Japanese stiltgrass). Thanks to Jeff Derr for organizing a panel of experts to discuss this important invasive species.

To appropriately address the future of weed management it is important to include the NEWSS graduate students. I am very proud of the NEWSS graduate students. Their dedication to Weed Science is quite evident at the NEWSS Collegiate Weed Contest and in the excellent presentations that have been given in the Graduate Student Paper Contest at the annual meetings. I strongly encourage the graduate students to not only attend the meeting and symposium, but also participate with comments and questions. After all it is your future that will be discussed. Carrie Judge has organized an interesting graduate student mixer that will include some lively discussions and delicious pizza. All graduate students as well as undergraduates are invited

to attend on Tuesday January 6 at 6:30 PM.

During your free time there are many things to do in the Cambridge/Boston area. The Boston Marriott, Cambridge is located in the midst of the MIT campus and a short distance from Harvard and the Charles River. You can hop on the subway at a station that is located next to the hotel and within minutes you will be in downtown Boston. There is plenty of shopping, restaurants, and attractions in Boston. Travel the route of Paul Revere or to the top of the Prudential Building. You can see 'Cheers', the Boston Harbor, or the Green Monster. A place with such a storied past is a great location for us to envision our future. Come join us January 5 – 8 at the Boston Marriott, Cambridge! The deadline for hotel registration is December 17. More information on registration can be found in other articles in this newsletter.

It has been a pleasure serving on the NEWSS Executive Board as your President this past year. The people that I have worked with on the Board have all been hard-working people that are dedicated to serving the membership and improving the NEWSS. I thank the Executive Board and Committee for all your efforts and your friendship. I encourage all members to consider getting involved with the NEWSS. The experience and friendships that you obtain significantly out-weigh the work. "See ya in January!!"



Directions to the Cambridge Marriott



From Logan International to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Follow signs to Boston via Sumner Tunnel; to up ramp (93 North) and take Exit 26 (Storrow Drive); to left immediately; go under underpass. There is a ramp on the left (Government Center/Kendall Square); go up ramp, turn right over the Longfellow Bridge. The Hotel is the first building on the left after passing a set of lights.

From Mass. Turnpike I 90 East to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Take (I 90) East (Mass. Turnpike); get off at Exit 18 (Brighton/Cambridge); exit right towards Cambridge. This will put you on River Street. Follow River Street nine lights (1 mile) and turn right on Broadway. Go five lights. Hotel is on the right.

From the Cambridge Center Marriott to Mass. Turnpike I-90

Take Broadway in front of hotel to the right. Just before Longfellow Bridge, take right onto Memorial Drive West. Follow Memorial Drive until you come to the Western Avenue bridge (it is the 4th bridge). Turn left and go over the bridge. Turn left at the end of the bridge and then get into the right hand lane. Entrance to the Mass. Pike will be on the right.

From I-95 (Providence Area) to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Proceed North to the end; take the left

lane off 128 (Dedham); proceed to Mass. Turnpike I 90 East; get off at Exit 18 (Brighton/Cambridge); exit right towards Cambridge. This will put you on River Street. Follow River Street nine lights (1 mile) and turn right on Broadway. Go five lights. Hotel is on the right.

From the North 95 South to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Proceed 95 South to Route 1 South; go over the Tobin Bridge; stay on left & pay toll; take 93 South; immediately go to the right & get off at Exit 26 (Storrow Drive); go to the left immediately; go under the underpass approximately 1/4 of a mile there is a ramp (Government Center/Kendall Square); go up the ramp and turn right on the Longfellow Bridge. The Hotel is the first building on the left after passing a set of lights.

From Route 2 to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Follow Route 2 to the rotary; turn right, go over the bridge (Alewife Brook Parkway); to the end, turn left staying on the right; proceed straight ahead until you reach Memorial Drive; turn left continuing until you reach River St.; turn left, take a right on Massachusetts Avenue; proceed until you see a Shell Gas Station (Main St.); turn left until you reach Ames St.; & take the first right

(Broadway). The Hotel is on the right hand side.

From 93 North and South (Expressway) to the Cambridge Center Marriott:

Take exit 26 (Storrow Drive); follow signs to Storrow Drive keeping to the left. You will pass through a tunnel on the left. This marks the beginning of Storrow Drive. You will then take the first exit on left, Kendall Square/Government Center. At end of exit, bear right; cross over the Longfellow Bridge; continue straight for about 1/4 mile and Hotel will be on left hand side.

Train information

The MBTA runs commuter trains on set schedules to points south, west, and north. Those bound for Framingham, Needham, Franklin, Providence (RI), and Stoughton leave from South Station and Back Bay Station; those to Fitchburg, Lowell, Haverhill, Ipswich, and Rockport operate out of North Station. MBTA's Old Colony commuter line connects Boston's South Station with points south, running through Braintree to Plymouth/Kingston and Middleborough.

From the Subway

The subway's Blue Line runs from the airport to downtown Boston in about 20 minutes; from there, you can reach the Red, Green, or Orange lines, or commuter rail. The MBTA (called the "T") costs \$1 for in-town travel. You must pay a double fare for some suburban areas such as Braintree; pay the second fare as you exit the station. Free shuttle buses connect the subway station with all airline terminals; they run from 5:30 AM to 1 AM. Shuttle Bus 22 runs between Terminals A and B and the subway; Shuttle Bus 33 runs between the subway and Terminals C, D, and E.

Pre-Registration for Annual Meeting



Brian Manley
Secretary/Treasurer

Plan to attend the 2004 Annual NEWSS meeting in Cambridge, MA! Please find below links to pre-registration forms for the meeting - if you are on-line now, simply click the appropriate link to point your internet browser to a downloadable form on the NEWSS web site, or scroll down to the bottom of this newsletter where the same forms have been attached for off-line convenience.

Regular Member pre-registration form

Distinguished Member pre-registration form

Microstegium Workshop Only pre-registration form

Completed pre-registration forms and payment are due on or before December 8, 2003 for discounted registration. On-site registration will cost individuals an additional \$20.00.

Hotel Room Reservations

The deadline for hotel reservations for the 58th annual NEWSS meeting at the Cambridge Center Marriott is **December 17, 2003**. To reserve rooms by telephone, contact the Reservations Desk at 1-877-901-2080, and use the code "Northeast Weed" to secure the conference room rate. Alternatively, make room reservations on-line at: [Cambridge Center Marriott - reservations](#) Use the group code "NOWNOWA" to secure the conference rate.

Attendees planning to ship materials to the hotel should address packages to the following address:

Cambridge Center Marriott
c/o Jill Leverone
2 Cambridge Center
Cambridge, MA 02142

2004 NEWSS Annual Meeting Condensed Program

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2004

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| 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | NE-1000 Regional Hatch Project Group Meeting - Longfellow |
| 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Committee Meetings (see committees for locations) |
| 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Drop off photos for photo contest at Registration Desk - Level 2 |
| 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Poster & Commercial Displays Set-Up - Salon 4 |
| 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Section Chairs available to load presentations on computers - Longfellow |
| 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. | Speaker's Preparation Room Salon 2 |

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2004

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Speaker's Preparation Room - Salon 2	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Posters (Authors absent) & Commercial Displays - Salon 4
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Poster Judging Committee Meeting - Coolidge	8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Ornamentals - Salons 5 & 6
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Posters (Authors present) and Commercial Displays - Salon 4	8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Vegetables and Fruit - Salon 1
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Job Placement Room - Salon 7	8:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Northeast Region - ASHS Paper Session I - Longfellow
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	General Session - Salon 3	8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Agronomy - Salon 3
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Research Posters (Authors not present) & Commercial Displays - Salon 4	10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Turfgrass and Plant Growth Regulators - Salons 5 & 6
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Conservation, Forestry and Industrial - Salon 1	1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	General Symposium - "Weed Management in the Future" - Salon 3
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Weed Biology and Ecology - Longfellow	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	NEWSS Annual Business Meeting - Salon 3
1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Turfgrass and Plant Growth Regulators - Salons 5 & 6	4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	NE-ASHS Poster Session (Authors Present) - Salon 4
1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Agronomy - Salon 3	6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Social Mixer - Salon 4
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	NE-ASHS visit to Harvard Natural History Museum - (1:30 p.m. meet at registration area - Level 2)	THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2004	
3:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Vegetables and Fruit - Salons 5 & 6	6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Breakfast (Old and New) - MC ² Restaurant
3:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Invasive Species - Japanese Stiltgrass Workshop - Salon 1	7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting (Old and New) - Coolidge
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Invasive Species Workshop Reception - Salon 4	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Speaker's Preparation Room - Salon 2
6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Weed Science Field Days Meeting - Coolidge	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	NE-ASHS Breakfast and Business Meeting - Dana
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Collegiate Weed Contest Meeting - Coolidge	8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Posters (Authors absent) & Commercial Displays - Salon 4
6:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Graduate Student Mixer - (NEWSS and NE-ASHS) - Longfellow	8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Job Placement Room - Salon 7
		8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Turfgrass and Plant Growth Regulators - Salons 5 & 6
		8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Ornamentals - Salon 1
		8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Agronomy - Salon 3
		8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Weed Biology and Ecology - Longfellow
		10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Northeast Region - ASHS Paper Session II - Coolidge

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2004

6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	Past Presidents' Breakfast - MC ² Restaurant
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Past Presidents' Meeting - Coolidge
7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Speaker's Preparation Room - Salon 2
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Job Placement Room - Salon 7

Committee Meetings

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, January 5, 2004

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Coolidge
Thursday, January 8, 2004
6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, MC² Restaurant
(Old and New Members)
7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Meeting, Coolidge

PHOTO JUDGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2004
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dana

AWARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2004
6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Coolidge

STUDENT PAPER JUDGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2004
6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Coolidge

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2004
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Longfellow
(Moderators, Section Chairs,
and Chair-Elects)

POSTER JUDGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Coolidge

WEED SCIENCE FIELD DAY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. Coolidge

COLLEGIATE WEED CONTEST COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Coolidge

PAST PRESIDENTS' BREAKFAST MEETING

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Breakfast, MC² Restaurant
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Meeting, Coolidge

NEWSS REGISTRATION

Monday, January 5, 2004
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration Desk, Level 2
Tuesday, January 6, 2004
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration Desk, Level 2
Wednesday, January 7, 2004
7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Registration Desk, Level 2
Thursday, January 8, 2004
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration Desk, Level 2

NORTHEAST REGION - ASHS REGISTRATION

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Registration Desk, Level 2
Wednesday, January 7, 2004
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration Desk, Level 2

Program Committee **2004 NEWSS Annual Meeting**

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Commercial Displays

All Sustaining Members of NEWSS are eligible and encouraged to participate in the Commercial Display Session that will be held at the annual meeting in Cambridge from January 5-8, 2004. Contact **Susan Rick** for more information.

To All Poster Session Participants

Please be aware that all poster boards available for presenters at the annual meeting will be numbered - the number corresponding to each poster follows the poster title in the Meeting Program as follows:

The Value of Herbicides in Crop Production of the Northeastern United States - S Sankula* and L Gianessi, NCFAP, Washington, DC (6) ←

Please affix posters to the board that matches the number provided.

Student Room Reimbursement Policy

To be eligible for reimbursement of room charges incurred at the annual meeting, participants in the NEWSS Student Paper Contest **MUST** follow these procedures:

- A. The title submission form must denote that the student wants the presentation judged by the committee.
- B. This form must clearly show which student will present the paper in the case of multiple authors.
- C. At the meeting, the awards chairperson will provide a list of the students who have been judged.

Participating students will be compensated at one-half the rate charged for a room, based on double occupancy, for each night the student is registered at the Cambridge Marriott. Reimbursement will be made at the NEWSS registration table upon presentation of a paid hotel room receipt.

NEWSS Photo Contest Rules

Photographs may be submitted in slide, print, or electronic media. **If submission is in electronic format, the contestant is responsible for providing the appropriate means for viewing the image(s).**

- Contest is open only to members of the NEWSS.
- Subject of photo is to be any photogenic subject that is associated with Weed Science.
- Each contestant may enter up to 5 photographs, but can win only one prize.
- Prints should be no smaller than 35 sq. in. or no larger

- than 80 sq. in. Prints should be mounted.
- Slides must be in a 2" X 2" mount that will fit in a standard carousel slide tray and should be labeled as to which side goes toward the screen.
 - All photographs should be labeled with name and address. Prints should have a business card that will be attached to the mat for display after judging.
 - The Photo Contest Committee will judge the Contest.
 - Judges will consider these factors: subject, composition, technical aspects, and overall appeal.
 - Prizes include certificates and \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third.
 - Contestant does not have to be present to win.
 - Entries will be returned to the owner after the Contest.

Photo entries may be submitted in person to the Dana Room in the Cambridge Center Marriott no later than **5:00 p.m. Monday, January 5, 2004**. Entries also may be mailed to the Awards Committee Chair with delivery scheduled no later than **December 21, 2004**:

David Mayonado
Monsanto Company
6075 Westbrooke Drive, Salisbury, MD 21801

NE-ASHS 2004 Condensed Program

Registration:

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Registration Desk, Level 2

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
 Registration Desk, Level 2

Tuesday, January 6, 2004
 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 pm
 NE-ASHS Visit to Harvard Natural History Museum
 meet at registration area – Level 2 at 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
 8:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Northeast Region -
 ASHS Paper Session I
 Location: Longfellow

Wednesday, January 7, 2004
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. NE-ASHS Poster Session
 (Authors Present)
 Location: Salon 4

Thursday, January 8, 2004
 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. NE-ASHS Breakfast and
 Business Meeting
 Location: Dana

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Northeast Region - ASHS
 Paper Session II
 Location: Coolidge

Placement Service

The NEWSS provides a placement service for members at the annual meeting each year. This service is open to any institution or commercial firm seeking employees as well as individuals desiring positions. See the NEWSS web site (www.newss.org) for "Position Available" and "Position Desired" forms.

The forms will be available for inspection at the placement service desk during the annual meeting in Cambridge. After that date, the forms will be forwarded to the WSSA placement service chairperson.

Articles for the NEWSS News



Brent Lackey
Public Relations

The Executive Committee hopes that the membership is satisfied with the new electronic format of the NEWSS News, and would appreciate any comments that would help us to improve both format and content of this publication. So far, the response has been overwhelmingly positive, particularly due to our ability to communicate NEWSS information in a more timely and cost-effective manner. Additionally, despite a few hiccups with the on-line title submission process in October, the number of papers and posters submitted by the membership for the 2004 annual meeting using this new process has substantially exceeded submissions compared with the previous five years. For future newsletters, please send articles via e-mail to Brent Lackey (brent.lackey@syngenta.com), or by facsimile (336-632-6021).

WSSA Weed Identification CD-ROM



Jeff Derr
WSSA Representative

As detailed in the August issue of the NEWSS News, the society will be taking pre-orders for a new CD-ROM weed identification tool sponsored by the WSSA entitled "**1,000 Weeds of North America: An Identification Guide**". This exciting new tool will be displayed at the NEWSS registration desk in Cambridge. By entering simple plant characteristics of an unknown weed, you can use the interactive key to identify the species within a short time. In addition to an interactive weed ID program, the CD contains a helpful tutorial, one or more images of each weed, common name, up-to-date scientific name, and synonyms for each species, an illustrated glossary of terms, and page number references to over 30 of the most commonly used weed reference books.

The cost for single copies of the software is \$49.95 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling, for a total of \$54.95.

The Executive Committee has decided to sell this CD to our members in order to obtain the discount rate. The cost to our membership is \$44.00 per copy if preordered on the NEWSS meeting registration form and picked up at the annual meeting in Cambridge. We are unable to mail copies of the CD. Please have a look at the [brochure](#) for further information, and if interested, please indicate the quantity you would like to order on the meeting pre-registration (see bottom of this newsletter).

NEWSS 58th Annual Meeting General Symposium



Tim Dutt
Vice President, Program Chair

“Weed Management in the Future” is the theme for the 58th annual NEWSS meeting in Cambridge. There was a record number of titles submitted by members this year, which should make it a great meeting for the exchange of information and ideas. The keynote address will be given by associates of The Hale Group, a strategic management consulting firm specializing in food and agribusiness and who are based in the Boston area. They will address the forces that are shaping the future of the agricultural and food industries. General symposium speakers from both industry and academia will attempt to forecast where we are going with weed management tools (herbicides, herbicide-resistant crops, and biological control), how the biology and ecology of weeds can effect how we manage weeds in the future, and how developing information technology could change the way we make management decisions about weeds in both natural and agricultural systems. This should be an interesting meeting with emphasis on determining the direction of future weed management opportunities.

Graduate Student Workshop



Carrie Judge
Graduate Student Rep

A graduate student workshop will be held during the annual meeting Tuesday, January 6 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. The focus of the workshop will be "Contract Negotiating and Interviewing Tips." Food and sodas will be provided. All NEWSS and NE-ASHS graduate and undergraduate students are welcome. We will have two speakers to address the finer points of contract negotiating and interviewing tips from both an academic and an industry viewpoint. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this event!

Reminder: All student contest presenters are eligible for room reimbursement during the annual meeting, based on double occupancy. See this newsletter for more information. Hope to see you there!

Japanese Stiltgrass Workshop



Jeff Derr
WSSA Representative

We held an informal discussion on Japanese stiltgrass (*Microstegium*) research projects and management techniques at the 2003 NEWSS meeting in Baltimore. The attendees desired to continue these discussions so I have put together a mini-symposium to more formalize these discussions and allow the membership to participate. The workshop will be held Tuesday afternoon, January 6, 2004 from 3:15 until 6:00 pm, with a social mixer to follow. The talks will cover a range of topics for this weed species, including biology, ecology, control strategies, organizational models for eradication, and grass-roots management programs. There will be no additional registration fee for NEWSS members. We will be offering a special one-day registration fee for nonmembers attending only this session. For those of you not familiar with this weed species, I refer to it as the “crabgrass of shade”. *Microstegium* infests turf, ornamental beds, forests, and noncrop areas, especially in shaded areas. It is one of the top invasive species according to native plant/invasive species groups, is distributed throughout the Mid-Atlantic region, and is spreading in New England. I hope you will be able to participate in this workshop.

Announcing!

**2004 WSSA - NAWMA Invasive Plant
Species Workshop
February 12 - 13, 2004
Westin Crown Center Hotel
1 Pershing Road
Kansas City, MO**

Attend the 2004 Invasive Plant Species Workshop co-hosted by the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA). Attend the workshop, or both the WSSA annual meeting followed by the workshop. This workshop is intended for land managers, those on the ground wrestling with invasive plants. Target audience includes, but is not limited to consultants, enforcement officials, natural resource managers, rights-of-way and non-cropland managers; anyone engaged in active management of invasive plants. This workshop will feature researchers, educators, regulatory and policy personnel discussing issues relevant to current invasive plant management in the Midwest. Click [here](#) for more details.

Recertification at the Annual Meeting



Art Gover
Research & Education Coordinator

As in the past, we will seek to have our meeting content approved for pesticide applicator recertification for all the northeastern states (Maine to Ohio to North Carolina), as well as for Certified Crop Advisor CEU's.

When an agency certifies our meeting, there is an inherent understanding that we all will abide by the rules of that agency; i.e., we will attend the sessions that we claim credit for. Additionally, we must abide by the laws of physics as they are commonly understood - we cannot be in two places at the same time. Those talented enough to transcend these laws will just have to suffer the limited imagination of the Research and Education Coordinator, who, in a fit of jealousy, will not submit *any* credits on your behalf.

The requirements for Certified Crop Advisor recertification are a little more rigorous than for state pesticide applicator recertification. Applicants must sign in at the beginning of the session, and sign out at the completion. The sign-in form will not be available after the session is under way, so plan accordingly.

Legislative Report



Dan Kunkel
Legislative Committee

Fees for Service rider, still pending with the appropriations bill. The Appropriations bill is likely to be pending until later this year. Background: Crop Life America, along with a coalition of industry and other groups, have prepared a new "Fees For Service" bill for Congress to consider this summer. The proposed bill has an accountability provision for the EPA to report on review times and output. The timelines start from the time of submission and the clock does not stop with review actions until final approval.

Endangered Species Act of 1973, amendment. Several activist groups have been filing lawsuits against EPA for "not protecting endangered species", citing that EPA has not been complying with the Endangered Species Act. Under the Endangered Species Act, EPA must ensure that registration of pesticides will not jeopardize the continued existence of threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. In at least one case, the court has sided with the activist groups. Thus, congress is considering a counter measure on the regulations to avoid further EPA court battles. The legislation would amend the Endangered Species Act of

1973 to make the Secretary of Interior designate critical habitat discretionary instead of mandatory. The measure requires the Department of Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed.

Chemical Facilities Security Act of 2003

This measure would require chemical companies to conduct vulnerability assessments and develop security plans for their facilities. In addition, the measure authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to reject those plans if they are deemed inadequate in protection against terrorism. The Secretary can require plant owners and operators to revise their plans and assessments to ensure adequate safety and protection. The bill would allow other agencies, including EPA, to provide technical support. For those that fail to comply, the Secretary would be able to petition the courts to temporarily shut down a facility if needed. The Secretary can also impose civil penalties of up to \$250,000. This legislation is supported by the Bush Administration.

Court Ruling On Consideration Of Clinical Test Data

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has granted the association's petition for review and vacated EPA's moratorium on using human clinical test data in pesticide risk assessment. The court ruled that EPA's "previous practice of considering third-party human studies on a case-by-case basis, applying statutory requirements, the Common Rule, and high ethical standards as a guide, is reinstated and remains in effect unless and until it is replaced by a lawfully promulgated regulation."

Sustaining Membership Report



Susan Rick
Sustaining Membership

In mid September, 2004 dues notices were sent via e-mail or regular post to existing members and past members that were on the updated Sustaining Membership list. The current e-mail list of members was obtained from Shawn Askew and e-mails were sent to additional prospects from this list. The request included 2004 dues and donations to support coffee breaks at the upcoming meeting, with remittance to be sent to our new treasurer, Brian Manley. For those readers who have committed to contributing to the NEWSS as a sustaining member, please remember to send your checks to Brian Manley (contact information below) as soon as possible.

2005 NEWSS Annual Meeting



Robin Bellinder
NEWSS President - Elect

PLAN AHEAD AND PUT US ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

After listening to the membership, I have opted to change the usual venue for our meeting. Instead of returning to Baltimore, we will be meeting at the Capital Hilton in Washington DC, January 3-6, 2005. The hotel is located just 2 blocks from the White House and is easily accessible by air, subway, and car. Hotel accommodations will cost \$116 for singles and doubles. We expect to have an outstanding program in place for the meeting.

Candidate for NEWSS Vice-President

Bill Curran



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