Comments from the President

Good Day and hopefully the spring season has finally arrived in your part of the world. To start, please join me in thanking Past President Renee Keese, President-Elect Dave Yarborough and the Program Committee for facilitating another outstanding Northeastern Weed Science Society Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The 2008 annual meeting, the Society’s 62nd, was a success with about 193 NEWSS members and guests attending. Following up on the recommendations of the Futures Committee, the Executive Committee made some significant changes to the program. For those of you who were unable to attend, the meeting started out with a day long Effect of Climate Change on Weeds Symposium. We had some excellent, world renown scientists involved in this symposium that shared their views on the future of our planet. (Please see the NEWSS website, www.newss.org, for a copy of their presentations). Everyone had to take notice because the weather in Philadelphia was so unseasonably warm for early January.

Shawn Askew, with Virginia Tech, was awarded the Outstanding Researcher Award; and Jacob Barney, Univ. of California-Davis received the inaugural “Robert D. Sweet Outstanding Graduate Student” award. Thanks to all for making the meeting an outstanding success.

Speaking about awards, the EC is considering the establishment of a new award, the Service Recognition Award. This award is being established to recognize outstanding service, above and beyond the call of duty, from someone who works in the area of weed science under the direction of university, federal or industry scientists. Renee Keese will be providing additional detailed information about this award.

We welcome aboard our new Executive Committee (EC) members; Hilary Sandler of the Cranberry Research Station, U-Mass who was elected as our new Vice President, Rakesh Chandran of West Virginia University who has assumed the Research and Education Coordinator and Caren Judge from BASF who is now Sustaining Membership Chair. Please join me in thanking three dedicated NEWSS members who have recently rotated off the EC, Bill Curran, Kathie Kalmowitz and David Spak. You can view the society officers and committee members, Sustaining Members, and Past Presidents at our website.

Inside this issue:

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- Committee listings
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Plants are underway for the 2008 Collegiate Weed Contest being held on July 30, 2008 (travel and setup on July 29) at University of Delaware’s Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown Delaware. Mark Isaacs, the Center’s Director, and Mark VanGessel will be leading the contest. Information will be forwarded to coaches and students soon. They are definitely in need of volunteers, so please contact Mark Isaacs (isaacs@UDel.edu) and let him know you are available and willing to help.

NOTE: It is recommended to use Adobe Reader 8 with this document. Some email hyper-links (e.g., first.last@company.com) will not work otherwise. Free upgrades are available at adobe.com.
Speaking of volunteers, NEWSS flourishes based on the hard work and efforts of numerous volunteers. The Society is always looking those extra set of hands to help keep things running smoothly. Please let me know if you are interested in helping in any manner. I am currently looking for a volunteer to join the WSSA Publication Committee representing NEWSS.

If this was not enough, NEWSS is sponsoring a Noxious and Invasive Vegetation Management Short Course on September 15-18, 2008 at Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center, Lebanon, PA. This Short Course is being managed by Bill Curran and Melissa Bravo of Penn State. It is designed to target public and private land managers (parks, conservancies, preserves, forests, private parcels and farms) from Maine to North Carolina who desire a better understanding of weed management. The course will stress ecologically-based plant management and include monitoring and assessment, prevention, cultural, mechanical and chemical plant management. Classroom, laboratory and field exercises will be utilized and the program will be designed to encourage interaction between instructors and students. Weed management professionals from our society will help conduct the program. To cover the costs, course tuition will be $300.00 for a 2.5 day terrestrial short course and $100.00 for an optional 4th day aquatic short course or $400.00 for the entire event. Students will need to cover travel, lodging and some meal expenses. Registration is limited to 50 people and is now open. See www.newss.org/newssnivm.php or contact Melissa Bravo (mbravo@state.pa.us or 717.767-7204) for additional information and/or registration.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the 63rd Annual Meeting. Vice President Hilary Sandler and the rest of the EC are working hard in planning our 2009 annual meeting. The venue is a familiar one, the Renaissance HarborPlace Hotel in Baltimore on January 5-8. Hilary has some great ideas for the meeting but I know she is very open for additional suggestions. Mark your calendar and we hope you will be able to attend.

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63rd Annual Meeting Program
Plans for 2009

I am in the process of formulating an agenda and contacting speakers for our symposium for the 2009 meeting. The topic will be the production of biofuel species and the impacts on invasive and weed management. I will be contacting individuals from the metropolitan Baltimore-D.C. area and the Northeast as potential speakers. We are also planning to have a 2-3 hour statistical workshop during the conference. Presenters at this workshop will have good information (new and refreshers) for everyone! If you know of someone whom you feel would be able to contribute to either speaking program, please feel free to contact me.

Last year in Philadelphia, we tried a new programming twist: all of the graduate student papers were presented in the same session. According to a recent survey of the membership by Dave Yarborough, the consensus is to continue the new format at the Baltimore meeting. We will also continue to have the awards luncheon, which was overwhelmingly supported by the membership.

Past President’s Report—Membership Survey Update

Our 62nd annual meeting was just 3 months ago, and at that time I provided the membership with an update. Here is another recap of the current status and significant items which have been impacted by the survey results.

From the 120 surveys returned we learned that the membership is willing to meet in the same locations. An example of this is our 2007 and 2009 conference being held in Baltimore at the Renaissance Harborplace, which allows us to negotiate a multi-year contract with savings in our hotel bills.

When asked about the cost of attending the NEWSS conference, the vast majority felt it was a good value. To continue in the vein, the registration fees this past year were not increased. Other societies charge considerably greater registration fees and the Board will continue to maintain the best value possible.

When asked about meeting concurrently with other scientific or educational organizations, 71% of the membership said yes, and as a Board we continue to try. Many groups are in discussions with us about joint meetings, but the details do not always come together. We will continue to work in this direction and start planning two-years in advance to bring this to fruition.

The Student Paper Contest was very important to 70% of the membership. We continue to focus on graduate student offerings – by having a mixer and inviting the students to be more active in running our sessions. 57% of you were in favor of creating a separate breakout session for the student paper talks, and we listed – for the first time we had a competition only session. This has a significant impact on the scheduling of our other sessions. So you observed more sessions being offered at one time, with potential for conflicts.

The membership was split over preference for paper and CD (electronic) Proceedings. Based on the importance of this document we will continue to provide both, plus make the Proceedings available on the website. Currently Proceedings from 2005-2007 are posted.

84% of members believe we should consider sponsoring education events either in combination or outside the annual meeting: this September the NEWSS will sponsor our first ever Noxious and Invasive Vegetation Short Course, held in PA.

The Awards Luncheon has been well received for the past two years. This will continue into 2009.

I hope you noted the change in our Program and Proceedings – we now recognize the winner of our photo contest with their photo gracing the covers for a year.

The NEWSS Board is listening to your thoughts and opinions. Please feel free to continue sending suggestions and comments on our implemented changes. Under the direction of Jerry Baron we will continue to move forward.

The Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore will again be the site for the 2009 NEWSS meeting on January 5-8.
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Number of NEWSS sustaining members has remained constant from 2007 to 2008. We would like to thank the 23 organizations for contributing in 2008.

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A new sustaining membership fee structure was implemented in 2007 and has been widely accepted. The purpose of the new fee structure, shown below, was designed to increase company participation and recognition for their support of the annual meeting and summer collegiate weed competition. The new fee structure simplifies the process by combining one payment for the annual meeting and weed competition. All membership levels receive a copy of proceedings and an exhibit table and recognition at the Annual Meeting. The tiered fee structure provides additional benefits such as complimentary conference registration(s), company link on the NEWSS website, etc., depending on the level of support.

Platinum and Gold sustaining members automatically contribute to the collegiate weed contest. Silver and Bronze members may contribute additional funding for the collegiate weed competition. If you are interested in contributing to the 2008 collegiate weed contest, please contact Caren Judge (carrie.judge@basf.com, 919-547-2380).

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Graduate Student Report

We are gearing up for quite an exciting year for graduate students in the society. We started off this year with the inaugural stand-alone Graduate Student Paper Contest at the 62nd Annual Conference in Philadelphia; which was an overwhelming success! This new format gave student presenters the opportunity to present to a larger audience and more exposure to potential future employers. Students involved in the contest adapted well to this new format and demonstrated a high level of quality in their research.

We had a great turnout at the Graduate Student Mixer during the first night of the meeting with 18 students attending. Our guest at the mixer, Dr. Lewis Ziska, shared an animated presentation about his research on climate change and weed management. Dr. Ziska also provided an insider’s perspective on working for the USDA and some employment advice for young scientists.

The Collegiate Weeds Contest at the end of July will be the next action-packed event for graduate students. The contest will be hosted by Dr. Mark Issacs, Dr. Mark Van Gessel, Dr. Gary Schnappinger at the University of Delaware at the Elbert N. and Ann V. Carvel Research and Education Center in Georgetown, DE on Wednesday, July 30th. This year’s contest is bound to be a blast and I encourage all of you to help recruit students. I will be mailing the graduate students more information about the contest soon, but in the mean time please spread the word.

Over the next nine months, I will be searching for my successor as Graduate Student Representative. I have enjoyed serving as the GSR and can honestly say that this has been a rewarding experience. This position on the NEWSS Executive Committee is a great professional development and networking opportunity. If severing as the GSR sounds interesting to you, or someone you know, please contact me at mrr203@psu.edu to discuss the position responsibilities and benefits.

2008 Weed Science Field Days

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<td>Mark VanGessel, <a href="mailto:mjv@udel.edu">mjv@udel.edu</a> (contact Mark for other arrangements)</td>
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Rakesh Chandran
Research and Education Coord.
Rakesh compiled the information for the field days.

2008 Turf Field Days

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OTHER FIELD DAYS:
Annual meeting of the Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, August 19, from 9 am - 1 PM. At the AD Makepeace Tihonet Marketplace on Tihonet Road in Wareham, MA or at the UMass Station.
The WSSA Annual Meeting in 2008 was held at the Chicago Hilton Hotel in Chicago, IL February 4-7. A total of 450 participants attended the meeting despite poor weather the day prior to the start of the meeting and also one day during the meeting making travel to Chicago especially difficult. A total of 309 presentations (oral + poster) were scheduled. There was a good turn out (40 participants) for the Sunday tour of the Chicago Botanic Garden and Hausermann’s Orchids facility. A total of six symposia were held including: Invasive Plant Species and the New Bioeconomy, Glyphosate Resistance Mechanisms: Current Understanding and New Insights, and a symposium targeted primarily at graduate students titled: Tips and Tricks for Journal Writing: What Everyone Needs to Know for Preparing Submissions to WSSA Journals. A GIS workshop ($100 cost per attendee) was also part of the Monday program.

The keynote speaker at the meeting was the entertaining WGN radio personality, Mr. Orion Samuelson, Agricultural Services Director for WGN radio in Chicago since 1960.

Several members of the NEWSS received WSSA awards at the Chicago Annual Meeting: Toni DiTommaso received the Outstanding Teacher Award and Jacob Barney received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award.

The 2009 WSSA Annual meeting will be held February 9-12 as a joint meeting with the Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World resort in Orlando, FL. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend (with your family!). The deadline for title submission is October 15, 2008. The WSSA Board of Directors is looking at this joint meeting as a possible future meeting format and as a way to increase interactions with the regional societies. The 2010 meeting will be held in Denver in conjunction with the Society of Range Management Meeting.

The 5th International Weed Science Congress will be held June 23-27, 2008 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The WSSA is one of the sponsors for the Congress. The theme of the meeting is: “Weeds – Local problems, global change”. Early and standard registration deadlines have passed but on-site registration will be available.

The first issue of the new invasive plant journal sponsored by the WSSA: Invasive Plant Science and Management was unveiled during the annual meeting in Chicago. The second issue of this quarterly journal is due out in late April 2008. Joe DiTomaso (UC Davis) is the editor for the new journal.

Robert Blackshaw will be stepping down as Editor of the journal Weed Science in February 2009; the search for a new Editor is underway. See WSSA website for more details on this position: www.wssa.net/


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Farm Bill Continues to Bounce:

On March 15, President Bush said he would ask Congress to pass a one-year extension of the farm bill if the House and Senate cannot negotiate a new Farm Bill. The Congress did agree to once again extend the 2002 Farm Bill, this time to April 18. Lawmakers are still hoping to finish up negotiations on a $280 billion five-year policy overhaul before the president’s deadline. The current stalemate between the White House and Congress is over how to pay for about $10 billion in new spending beyond the bill’s $280 billion baseline.

Energy Independence and Security Act Becomes Law on December 19, 2007

The House and Senate passed the Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) and President Bush signed it into law (Public Law 110-140) on December 19, 2007. EISA sets new renewable fuel goals and raises the average fuel economy standard for automobiles for the first time in 32 years to 35 miles per gallon by 2020. It also requires that by 2022, the US will work to produce 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels.

The WSSA Science Policy Committee has worked diligently over the past year on multiple fronts to ensure that any federal programs on cellulosic energy production move forward in a “smart” way by not allowing intentional introduction of the next kudzu for example. The first
step in the new law will be to boost renewable fuel production to 9 billion gallons in 2008, an increase of at least 2 billion gallons over last year. To help in that endeavor, EISA provides funding for research on production of so-called advanced biofuels, such as “cellulosic” ethanol from switchgrass, corn stover or other organic materials. If you are a WSSA member, you should be establishing partnerships with your colleagues and positioning yourself for the $600 million included in the following four sections of EISA (Section’s 207, 223, 230 and 234):

Gealy Presents CAST Gene Flow Report on Capitol Hill

On February 25, Dr. David Gealy, WSSA Treasurer and USDA-ARS Weed Scientist from Stuttgart, AR traveled to Washington DC to present the results of the Council for Agricultural and Science Technology (CAST) Issue Paper titled: “Implications of Gene Flow in the Scale-up and Commercial Use of Biotechnology-derived Crops: Economic and Policy Considerations”. The paper can be obtained at http://www.cast-science.org

This seminar was part of the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (National C-FAR) ‘Lunch-N-Learn’ Seminar Series. National C-FAR is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, consensus-based and customer-led coalition that brings food, agriculture, nutrition, conservation and natural resource stakeholders together with the food and agriculture research community, serving as a forum and a unified voice in support of sustaining and increasing public investment at the national level in food and agricultural research, extension and education.

Bonanno Selected to First-Ever EPA Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities Federal Advisory Committee

Continuing efforts to strengthen relations with the agriculture community, EPA has established the first-ever Farm, Ranch and Rural Communities (FRRC) Federal Advisory Committee. The committee was formed under the guidelines of the National Strategy for Agriculture, and it will advise the administrator on environmental policy issues impacting farms, ranches and rural communities and operate under the rules of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The first time members of the 30 person FRRC Federal Advisory Committee were announced on February 20 and the WSSA was quite fortunate to have one of its own members, Dr Rich Bonanno selected to serve on this very important committee. For more on Dr. Bonanno’s biography as well as the other 29 committee members, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/frrcf/members.html

Will You Be the Next USDA-ARS National Program Leader for Weed Science?

As many of you have heard, the USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) will be looking for a new National Program Leader for Weed Science after May 1. Equally as important, USDA will be soliciting customer input for its National Program 304 (NP 304), Crop Protection and Quarantine. This is the WSSA Science Policy Committee’s NUMBER 1 priority. The WSSA Board of Directors sent a letter to Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer on February 15 outlining the importance of this position to WSSA.

In addition to filling this critical USDA-ARS Weed Scientist position, USDA ARS will be soliciting customer input for the Crop Protection and Quarantine National Program 304 Workshop to be held at the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel in Miami from 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, through 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 23, 2008. The purpose of the workshop is to initiate the next 5-year cycle of the Crop Protection and Quarantine National Program (NP 304).

If you would like to attend the Workshop in Miami, please email Lee.VanWychen@wssa.net stating your interest in being added to the invitation list.

NIWAW 9 Wrap Up

About 140 invasive plant management stakeholders from 31 states attended the 9th annual National Invasive Weed Awareness Week (NIWAW 9) held February 24-29 in Washington DC. This special awareness week, hosted by the Invasive Weeds Awareness Coalition (IWAC), is dedicated to increasing both government and public education and awareness of the issues surrounding invasive weeds. The impact of invasive weeds on the nation’s agriculture, water quality, wildlife and recreation already costs the U.S. an estimated $34.7 billion annually, according to a recent Cornell University report. The WSSA fully supports the Coalition’s efforts and takes an active role in NIWAW events.

Two special events were held at the U.S. Botanic Garden (http://www.usbg.gov) during NIWAW 9. On February 24, Children’s Fun Day kicked off NIWAW 9 with plenty of engaging, hands-on activities for children and families to help them learn more about invasive weeds. On February 26, a reception hosted by IWAC partners recognized the outstanding achievements and contributions of both individuals and IWAC partners engaged in educating the public about the environmental and economic impacts caused by invasive plants. Dr. David Shaw, WSSA President-Elect served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

WSSA President Jeff Derr and WSSA President-Elect David Shaw along with Lee Van Wychen participated in the week’s events and orchestrating many successful meetings in conjunction with and outside of the NIWAW. Lee wishes to thank all of those that helped make the NIWAW 9 successful. It would not have been possible without the many hours of volunteer time and effort put in by the Invasive Weed Awareness Coalition members.

USDA Awards More Than $4 Million in Weedy and Invasive Species Grants

Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced on March 3, 2008 that USDA is awarding $4.6 million to 13 universities and research labs to develop ecologically and economically rational strategies for management, control and elimination of weedy and invasive species, which cause more than $100 billion in losses each year. For more information, visit www.csrees.usda.gov

Other information meetings etc: The National Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Conference
http://www.weedcenter.org/CWMAconf/cwma_conf.htm
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Another rather strange comment from the Secretary was that all food handlers from producers to retailers were being reminded to use good practices. No reference to getting more inspectors so that visits would be made to key points more often than once in 3-6 months.

Lack of funds still hampers CAST programs. If only it received the same support from the private sector as does NEWSS.

The following NEWSS awards will be presented at the 2009 annual meeting in Baltimore, and this is the first call for nominations:

- Distinguished Member Award
- Award of Merit
- Outstanding Educator
- Outstanding Researcher
- Robert D. Sweet Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- Service Recognition Award (*NEW*)

The new Service Recognition Award is to recognize someone who has gone above and beyond, who works in the area of weed science under the direction of university, federal, industry or private sector scientists. The nominee must demonstrate significant contributions to NEWSS or in the field of weed science.

Please consider nominating a worthy colleague for one of our NEWSS Awards.

Criteria and nomination forms for all awards are posted on-line at: http://www.newss.org/publications.php.

CAST Report

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Please volunteer to help at the NEWSS Weed Contest! —July 30, 2008

University of Delaware, Carvel Res./Edu. Center, Georgetown, DE

University of Delaware will host the NEWSS collegiate weed contest on July 30, 2008 in Georgetown, DE. Coaches will be sent complete details about contest specifics and hotel reservations soon. Also, as always, much help is needed before and during the contest, please consider assisting as a volunteer. To volunteer to help or if you have any questions please contact Mark Isaacs.

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## Award Winners—2007 NEWSS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

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### Awards Luncheon

A gallery of images from the awards luncheon event.
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NEWSS Awards Ceremony

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Jacob Barney received the Robert D. Sweet Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Domingo Riego received the Award of Merit (not pictured)
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Special Symposium—Effects of Climate Change on Weeds

The session opened with a welcome from Kathy Orr, Chief Meteorologist at WKYW TV in Philadelphia. Speakers for the special climate topic included: Dr. Cameron Wake, Univ. of New Hampshire; Dr. Lewis Ziska, USDA-ARS; Dr. Andrew McDonald, Cornell Univ.; Dr. David Mortensen, Penn State Univ.; and Dr. Brent Helliker, Univ. of Pennsylvania.
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Photos during the conference
The Northeastern Weed Science Society serves the Northeastern United States by bringing together those who are concerned with the knowledge of weeds and their control; cooperates with other scientific societies to promote research, education, and outreach activities; and publishes scientific and practical information of value concerning Weed Science and related fields.

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We hope you can volunteer to make it a successful event for the students!