



Canadian Weed Science Society
Société canadienne de malherbologie

Canadian Weed Science Society Announces 2014 Winners of Annual Awards

PINAWA, MB, November 24, 2014 – Earlier this month, the Canadian Weed Science Society (CWSS) honored several individuals for their extraordinary contributions to the field of weed science. The awards were presented during the organization's 68th annual meeting, held this year in Montreal, QC.

New Fellow. CWSS presented the **Fellow Award** – its highest recognition – to **Dr. Diane Benoit**, Ph.D., who was until recently a researcher employed by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec. Dr. Benoit is recognized internationally for her research on seed banks, studies on the biology of weeds, particularly those affecting vegetable crops, and more recently for her work on ragweed in connection with climate change. Through her leadership, Dr. Benoit helped to promote many national and international scientific societies.

Excellence in Weed Science Award (sponsored by Dow AgroSciences). CWSS honored **Dr. David Clements**, Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Environment, Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. The research of Dr. Clements focuses on invasive species particularly vulnerable ecosystems, such as the Garry oak forests of British Columbia. Dr. Clements is very active in the world of scientific publishing. He directs the collection of articles on the Biology of bad Canadian herbs, and is the instigator of a new collection on the biology and the impact of invasive species in the Pacific Islands. Dr. Clements has held numerous leadership positions within the CWSS / SCM. Dr. Clements has published more than 50 peer-reviewed manuscripts, supervised and co-supervised several graduate students, and presented 80 refereed papers at scientific conferences.

Excellence in Weed Extension Award (sponsored by Valent). CWSS honored **Dr. Tom Wolf**, who was a researcher at the service of Agriculture and Agri-food Canada for 17 years before founding the company AgriMetrix in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Dr. Wolf has developed a unique expertise internationally by focusing on the optimization of the different parameters of pesticide applications. With his exceptional communication skills and an interest in new modes of communication (Twitter, Facebook, videos, etc.), Dr. Wolf reaches thousands of people annually. He is also very active in many scientific and agricultural societies.



Student Scholarships and Travel Awards

1st Place Award for a Ph.D. student (sponsored by Monsanto) was presented to **Breanne Tidemann**, from the University of Alberta. Ms. Tidemann's research focuses on the potential impact of collecting weed seeds at harvest crops on the size of subsequent populations. Drs. Linda Hall (University of Alberta) and K. Neil Harker (AAFC Lacombe, AB) direct its work.

2nd Place Award for a Ph.D. student (sponsored by Dow AgroSciences) was presented to **Charles Geddes** from the University of Manitoba. Research by Mr. Geddes covers optimization methods in canola to reduce populations of volunteer canola in subsequent soybean crops. He works under the direction of Dr. Rob Gulden.

3rd Place Award for a Ph.D. student (sponsored by CWSS) was presented to **Andrew McKenzie-Gopsill** from the University of Guelph. The work of Mr. McKenzie-Gopsill focuses on the effect of competition between early season grasses and soybean seedlings according to morphological, physiological and biochemical parameters. Dr. Clarence Swanton directs its work.

1st Place Award for a M.Sc. student (sponsored by Monsanto) was presented to **Andrea De Roo** from the University of Saskatchewan. Research conducted by Ms. De Roo relates to differentiating species of Galium, and try to discover why the importance of this species has increased recently in the Canadian prairies. She works under the direction of Dr. Chris Willenborg.

2nd Place Award for a M.Sc. student (sponsored by Syngenta) was presented to **Katherine Stanley** from the University of Saskatchewan. Ms. Stanley's work focuses on the potential of mechanical weed control for pulse crops in organic production. She works under the direction of Dr. Steve Shirliffe.

3rd Place Award for a M.Sc. student (sponsored by CWSS) was presented to **Annemarie Van Wely** from the University of Guelph. The work of Mrs. Van Wely focuses on common ragweed populations resistant to glyphosate in soybeans. She works under the direction of Drs. Peter Sikkema and Darren Robinson.

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