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CWSS News You Can Use

The October update has new information regarding the upcoming Digital Annual Meeting including our Plenary Session Speakers and CEU Workshops.



CWSS Member Profile

Mr. Gerry Stuber is a Senior Research Technician with the Weeds Program at the University of Saskatchewan. Gerry is a long time member of the CWSS. Get to know more about him below!

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CWSS Virtual Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

The wait is over! You can now register for the 2020 CWSS-SCM Virtual Annual Meeting November 23-27, 2020. Costs and important deadlines are listed on the registration page.

[Register Now](#)

CWSS Annual Meeting Important Dates

The tentative agenda for the CWSS 74th Annual Meeting is available. Follow the link to see more information.

Below are important deadlines for the meeting.

October 1, 2020: Scholarship and awards deadline.

October 9, 2020: Title submissions for posters and presentations. Information on how to submit titles through Fourwaves can be found by clicking this file link: [Submitting titles and](#)

[abstracts separately.docx.pdf](#).

October 30, 2020: Final Submission for Abstracts.

October 30, 2020: Photo Contest deadline. You can submit through the Registration site or to cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com.

November 14, 2020: Deadline for Poster and Presentation submissions.

November 16, 2020: Access to viewing poster and presentation material.

Meeting dates: November 23-27, 2020.

CWSS 74th Annual Meeting Plenary Speakers

Here are the plenary speakers for the 2020 CWSS Annual Meeting. Check out the [meeting schedule](#) to view when the each speaker will present !

[Dr. Jacques Cayouette](#)

[Dr. Claude Lavoie](#)

[Dr. Antonio DiTommaso](#)

[Dr. Meghan Vankosky](#)

[Dr. Owen Olfert](#)

[Dr. Ruoqing Wang](#)

[Dr. Marie-Josée Côté](#)

[Dr. Clarence Swanton](#)

Click on the speakers name above to view bio's and topic information that each of the speakers will be presenting in November. Reminder that the presentations will be pre-recorded but a live question and answer period will take place on the scheduled date of the presentations.

Impact of COVID-19 on Weed Science: Losing causal conversations

By Allison Hayward, Ph.D. Field Development Representative, Eastern Canada FMC

For an industry built on relationships, trust, and communication, COVID-19 has really upended the way agriculture does business. There have been the obvious changes with the way sales calls are conducted and the way meetings are arranged, but there has also been a shift in the way field research is being done. A big part of what I do as a field research scientist for a pesticide company is conduct small plot research trials and tour fellow researchers through them. These field tours allow for hands on experience with new chemicals and it's on these tours (and the dinner and drinks afterwards) that important discussions are had. This year we couldn't do these tours. This year I had to go out alone to all my plots and take pictures and put these pictures in a PowerPoint presentation. It just wasn't the same. Its hard to say how much, if any, advancement in the development of these new chemistries were lost with the lack of in-depth conversations. It's amazing how many more ideas are thrown around during a causal conversation compared to a virtual meeting. My mentor once told me that good research doesn't happen in a silo. I worry that the transition to online interactions has created silos and that the development of new and innovative pesticides and agricultural inputs will suffer as a result. So, to my fellow researchers I say, lets talk. Whether it be at the upcoming virtual CWSS annual conference or via a phone call. I encourage all of use to have casual conversations and mention small ideas that have crossed your mind, you never know what it could lead to.

Mandatory alcohol (70%) and social distancing on the pick-nick table by Audrée Guérin (AAFC summer student) during lunchtime.

Picture submitted by Marie-Josée Simard.

Want to share fun or interesting pictures of your day to day work ? **Send pictures and a description to cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com or tasha_061@outlook.com to be featured in a future newsletter !**



2020 Meeting Calendar/Upcoming Events

Here are some of the meetings coming up in your area this winter. If you have more to add, hit us up on social media and let us know of your event!!

Save the date for our joint CWSS/WSSA Annual meeting to be held **February 21-24, 2022**

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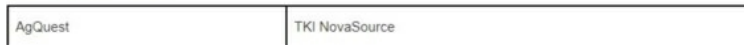
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