

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!

Previous work and volunteer experience in Weed Science:

My interest in Ag Research started while working as a summer student for AAFC in Regina. After receiving my Diploma in Agriculture in 1980 I started working at the U of S Plant Sciences for Kerry Foster. This new research program was on Zero Tillage and Reduced tillage systems. Focus of research dealt with seeding equipment comparison, fuel use, and water use efficiency. We also conducted trials comparing fallow systems, comparing chemfallow and cover crops to tillage. All this was pretty novel at the time and a lot of effort was spent on finding effective and affordable chemfallow tankmixes as glyphosate was \$25 per litre. In 1993 after funding cuts I was fortunate to move over to the Weed Research Program with Rick Holm, where I still work. Since 1993 we have conducted >1000 public funded and contract weed research trials in a variety of major crops, minor use crops / weeds, special crops and spices.

When did you first become involved with CWSS?

My first CWSS (ECW) meeting was in Edmonton 1993.

Favorite memory/experience in your weed science career to date?

I have always enjoyed working with grad students and undergraduate student on their research projects. Most of these students are very impressive and I learn lots from them. I've also found working on new active ingredients or alternate uses of herbicides interesting over the years.

What is your favorite weed and why?

My favorite weed would be Canada Fleabane as its Bayer code shares the name of my daughter.

What are your future plans in weed science?

May 2020 will be 40 years as a Research Technician so future plans will be reviewed annually! (*Editor's note: We hope those plans involve continuing to attend CWSS meetings!!*)

