

This year the CWSS has decided to highlight some of our members and how they fit in to weed science in Canada. Our first member profile is of our most recent Fellow, interviewed before he escapes to academia (Professor) and to become the director of AHRI, the Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative in Western Australia. Without further ado, get to know a little bit more about Dr. Hugh Beckie.

Dr. Hugh J. Beckie, *P.Ag.*, has been a Research Scientist for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Saskatoon since 1992. Hugh is well known for his identification of new herbicide resistant weeds and resistance surveys in western Canada, and has also conducted gene flow and agronomic research trials. Hugh is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Alberta where he has served on 6 graduate student committees. In addition he has co-supervised or served on the supervisory committee of 3 graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan, as well as numerous undergraduate research projects. Of the 109 papers he has published to date, the most memorable and most cited have been reviews. For example, “Herbicide-Resistant Weeds: Management Tactics and Practices” published in *Weed Technology* in 2006 has been cited over 260 times. Hugh’s direct responses to some profile questions are below; interestingly Hugh’s Ph.D. encouraged rather than discouraged his affection for his favorite weed!



***Previous work and volunteer experience in Weed Science:***

Summer student with DuPont at their Hanley Research Farm, 1984-1985

Research Scientist (HR weed management), AAFC Saskatoon Research & Development Centre, 1992 to present

***How did you become involved with CWSS and when?***

Attended my first Expert Committee on Weeds (now CWSS) conference in the late 1980s as a graduate student from the University of Manitoba.

*Editor’s Comments: Hugh has served the CWSS as Secretary, 2nd and 1st Vice President, President and Past President. Hugh has further demonstrated leadership through involvement with the Weed Science Society of America and at international weed science conferences, including the organization committee of the first and second Global Herbicide Resistance Challenge conferences in Perth, Australia and Colorado, USA. In 2005, Hugh received the CWSS-SCM Excellence in Weed Science Award and in 2017 he was recognized as Fellow of both the CWSS-SCM and WSSA, the highest distinction that these organizations confer.*

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

Receiving the Fellow award from CWSS in 2017 was special and a highlight of my Canadian weed science career

***What is your favorite weed and why?***

Green foxtail. That was the weed for my PhD thesis (trifluralin resistance).

***What are your career goals/future plans in weed science?***

Retire from AAFC in 2018; become Professor of Crop Weed Science, University of Western Australia, and Director of AHRI, Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative

We thank Hugh for being willing to be our first member profiled and for all his efforts on behalf of Canadian weed science and the Canadian Weed Science Society over the years. You will be missed when you move to Australia. Or you may have a lot of visitors from Canada...