

This month's membership profile is of our fearless leader, current CWSS President Dr. Eric Page. Eric is a Research Scientist with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada in Harrow, Ontario. He has been with AAFC since 2011. Eric's area of research is in weed ecology, crop physiology and plant population genetics. In addition to currently serving as the CWSS President, Eric was the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President in 2016 and sat on the Local Arrangements Committees for the Montreal (2014) and Saskatoon (2017) meetings. He also served as the section chair for Weed Biology and Ecology from 2012-2015. Eric's direct answers to the survey questions are below!

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

2005-09 – PhD, University of Guelph – Light quality as a mechanism of crop-weed competition

2002-04 – MSc, Washington State University – Modelling wild oat emergence across variable landscapes

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

Ironically, my first CWSS-SCM meeting as a graduate student was in Niagara Falls at the very same hotel that will be hosting our 2018 annual meeting.



**What is your favorite memory/experience in weed science to date?**

I think for me the best part of working in weed science is having the opportunity to reconnect yearly with old friends from grad school at our CWSS-SCM annual meeting. It's amazing how so many of your contemporaries find their way into positions in academia, government or industry; weed science and indeed Canadian agriculture as a whole is a small world.

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

Yellow nutsedge. The tubers make a good snack if you happen to be hungry in the field.

*(Editor's comment: These tubers may need to be provided for taste testing at our next CWSS meeting. Members of the LAC take note!)*

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

Off the top of my head, a couple of my career goals:

1. To cite Swanton and Weise (1990) in every paper I publish.
2. To never split infinitives....it is to go boldly, not to boldly go.
3. To always remember that when I have a problem, it's a good problem to have.

And finally, to make sure that I take every opportunity to mentor future generations of weed scientists so that my idiosyncrasies live on forever...it's untreated not non-treated. Non-treated is not a word.

*(Editor's note: Dr. Page may have just unintentionally revealed himself as your anonymous manuscript reviewer...)*