

Name: Dr. Bill Hamman

Occupation: Research scientist and President/ owner Hamman AG Research

Previous work and volunteer experience in Weed Science:

Dr. Bill worked for Monsanto for 3 years following the completion of his Ph.D. in 1973. He then worked as a weed scientist for Agriculture Canada for 3 years before returning to work in R & D for Monsanto for the next 25 years. In 2003 Bill started his own research consultant Company called Hamman AG Research and has been conducting research in weed science as well as insect, disease, fertility and variety/hybrid development trials. Currently Dr. Bill has 12 employees working for his business as well as working with sub contract field research Companies at Olds and Vulcan, AB and Melfort, SK

How did you become involved with CWSS and when?

First joined the industry with Monsanto in 1973 and attended CWC Western Section meetings in Calgary in 1973 when academia moved herbicides through recommending categories to support herbicide registrations. Bill has attended all but about 5 of the meetings since 1973 (*Editors note: Bill might be the guy to go to if you're looking for stories about the meetings... or attendees!*).

What has the extent of your involvement been with CWSS?

Chairman of the CWC Western Section in 1980 when it was held at the Banff Springs hotel. Room rates at that conference was \$35 per night and included breakfast in the restaurant. What a deal! (*Editor's note: How can we get those prices back?!*) Bill was also Emcee at the CWC banquet 4 times in the 1980 and 90s. He served with Rory and the Edmonton LAC in 2015 as Local sponsor coordinator. Bill always supports the annual meeting monetarily or by sending employees and sub contract groups to attend the annual meeting to gain an appreciation of the great and challenging science of controlling weeds.

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

All the early years of meetings in CWC Western Section with the very funny research Scientists like Henry Friesen, Ross Ashford, Jack Freeman, Eric Hughes, Elmer Stobbe, Bill VandenBorn, and many others in Industry. The industry hospitality suites brought on many headaches however!

What is your favorite weed and why?

Wild Oat.. originally named "wild Bill Oat" at the Wild oat action Committee meetings in 1973. He is one notorious weed but you can't help admire him. Tall, slender and always seems to seed his wild oats!

What are you career goals/future plans in weed science?

Dr. Bill is Retired and working full time in field research after 45 years. How does it get any better than that?

