



# Canadian Weed Science Society

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## Société canadienne de malherbologie



### **CWSS-SCM: News You Can Use**

The January 2021 Newsletter has information on upcoming meetings and a recap of our 73rd Annual Meeting !

### **Message from the President: Marie-Josée Simard**



In January last year our past president, François Tardif, ended his message by hoping that the 2020 summer would be a little bit more normal than the previous. Needless to say this summer was anything but normal. When we started to realise that the annual meeting might not be held in person, I remember mentioning to the Executive that the entire planet should quarantine for a few weeks, never imagining it would actually happen (asynchronously among nations, unfortunately). The covid pandemic came with multiple important challenges, especially for growers that rely on migrant workers to manage and harvest crops. Members who have families and small

businesses had to double their workloads and many still struggle as I write these lines. Those in universities were and are still not spared as field and lab activities were reduced and online courses are not easy to give and follow. Students miss out on all the social life associated with university curriculums. Those who nourish research ideas by strolling around research plots and fields with other colleagues, agronomists and producers were left with unsatisfied appetites. I myself experienced having to make cover crop planting decisions based on images sent by others, realizing afterwards the effect of image framing vs more holistic interpretations. We did get much better at virtual meetings and even parties, learning to unmute and leaving the camera on or off at the right time. Hopefully the scheduled vaccinations will bring back informal observations and discussions in the field and over coffee because we will need to find solutions to shortages in migrant workers that hoe crops, reductions in crop competitiveness generated by extreme weather events, shifting weed distributions in a warming climate and multiple herbicide resistance, to name a few.

Our 2020 online meeting was a success, thanks to my co-chair Martin Laforest, the Local Arrangements Committee and all the presenters who recorded their presentation, often for the first time. You can still watch all the presentations for a few months. Being able to listen to a talk more than once and watch all concurrent presentations does have advantages. As a board, we will have to decide what to do with the content and we will try to add additional online content (webinars etc.) for the membership. This year will again be different as we will not have a meeting in November but we will hopefully meet at the WSSA-CWSS joint meeting in Vancouver in February of 2022 thanks to our local arrangement co-chair Victoria Brookes and the WSSA co-chair (to be determined). We will have a second joint meeting in 2022 this time with the Canadian Society of Agronomy in Halifax to come back to our regular November schedule. I am sure everybody is anxious to meet in person and I look forward to our reunions. I do not believe the 2021 summer will be normal but I hope it will be less hectic.

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## **Upcoming CWSS-SCM Meetings**

CWSS-SCM/WSSA joint meeting is tentatively planned for **February 2022**.

CWSS-SCM/Canadian Society of Agronomy (CSA) joint meeting is tentatively planned for **November 2022**.

**\*\*Dates and locations for these meetings are pending due to uncertainties around travel and COVID-19. We will keep you updated as we know more.\*\***

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## **Join Our Society**

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2021, please contact Kristina Polziehn, CWSS-SCM Executive Assistant, at [cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com). We can accept cheque or put through the membership dues via credit card over the phone. Please note that if you attended our November 2020 virtual meeting, your membership fees for 2021 were included in the meeting fees.

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## **CWSS-SCM Photo Contest 2020**

Start collecting photos for our next photo contest !

The objective of our photo contest is to encourage CWSS- SCM members to hone their photographic skills, and to make excellent weed and weed management images available for use by CWSS-SCM members and in CWSS-SCM publications. For more information visit: <https://weedsience.ca/photo-contest/>

**Congratulations to this year's winners !**

### **Category 1: Agriculture and Forestry**

1st place: Sunflowers in Northeast, SK by Stephanie Ginter



**Category 2: Weeds**

1st place: Getting closer to the tufted vetch to see the beauty by Vincent Coulombe



**Category 3: Research in Action**

1st place: Never Ending Wild Oat Counts by Breanne Tidemann



**Category 4: Overall People's Choice**

Home is where you make it by Tasha Valente



## CWSS-SCM Award Winners 2020

**CWSS-SCM Excellence in Weed Extension**

**Award: Angela Gourd**



**CWSS-SCM Outstanding Professional Staff**

**Award: Brian Caldwell**



**CWSS-SCM Outstanding Industry Member**

**Award: Adam Pfeffer**



**CWSS-SCM Presidential Meritorious**

**Service Award: Frances Boddy**



**CWSS-SCM Excellence in Weed Science Award: François Tardif**



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### **2020 CWSS-SCM Awards and Graduate Student Awards**

**CWSS-SCM Poster Award 1st Place:** "Does crop competition impact the expression of a herbicide-resistant weed phenotype?" by Charles M. Geddes and Michael T. Kimmins

**Canadian Journal of Plant Science Outstanding Weed Science Paper Award:** "Refuge facilitates the preservation and accumulation of herbicide resistance traits in *Conyza canadensis*" by Eric R. Page, Sydney Meloche, Brandon McMurray, and Martin Laforest

**Graduate Student Presentation Awards:**

**1st place:** Stéphanie Lavergne

**2nd place:** Nicole Berardi

**3rd place:** Amanda Fedorchuk

**MSc. Graduate Student Scholarships:**

**1st place:** Laura Anderson

**2nd place:** Amanda Fedorchuk

**3rd place:** David Westerveld

**PhD. Graduate Student Scholarships:**

**1st place:** Khaldoun Ali

**2nd place:** Stéphanie de Heij

**3rd place:** Nicole Berardi

**Grad Student Trivia Night Winners:**

Nicole Berardi

Dave Westervelt

Lauren Anderson

**Door Prize Winners:**

Nicole Berardi, Ted Vanhie, Khaldoun Ali,

Clarence Swanton, Stefanie de Heij,

Eric Johnson, Pat Forsythe, Megan Krone

**Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you for your participation !**

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## Upcoming Events 2021

**SAVE THE DATE**  
MAY 18-20 2021  
**2021 NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES FORUM**  
VIRTUAL EVENT

The North American Invasive Species Forum is an international event encompassing the interests of professionals and organizations involved in invasive species management, research, and regulation across North America.

The Forum will bring together the international invasive species community and will highlight new research, emerging issues, success stories and prevention and response initiatives from across Canada, Mexico and the U.S. The forum will also build on the previous North American Invasive Species Forum held in 2017.

The Canadian Council on Invasive Species is hosting this Forum with the support of and guidance from, an international steering committee representing the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS-WORKSHOPS-PRESENTATIONS-NETWORKING**

\*Note: Based on current travel restrictions and limited indoor capacity in Canada due to COVID-19, the event is being held virtually.

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**NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE SPECIES FORUM**

[www.naisf2021.ca](http://www.naisf2021.ca)

## Job Postings

We are continuously updating job postings on our website. If you have a job posting that you would like circulated among the CWSS-SCM membership, please email Kristina Polziehn at [cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com)

## Newsletter Content

We are always on the look-out for new content and are open to contributions from the membership for our newsletters!

Do you have research you would like to share ? Interesting pictures of what "a day in the life" of a weed scientist looks like? Send any information for articles, photos, letters, and news items for the newsletters to [tasha\\_061@outlook.com](mailto:tasha_061@outlook.com) at any time.

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