



# Canadian Weed Science Society

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**Newsletter**

**Spring 2012**

### Message from the President Bill Summers

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I hope that everyone had a great time over the holidays and are moving forward with the many objectives and resolutions that you set for yourself for 2012. Our CWSS-SCM meeting in Niagara Falls was an incredible success with over 180 attendees and lots of opportunity for all of us to seek out knowledge, to socialize and to be in various ways active members of this society.

My term as President started off with the dreadful news of the

untimely death of Denise Maurice. She was inspirational to many of us, with not only her knowledge, but as a friend and a colleague that always had a smile on her face and was willing to help everyone. She will be sorely missed by us all.

As I look into 2012 I'm focused on a few specific objectives. Though Accountable for these successes there are many on the Board that have taken on the Responsibility of ensuring that these objectives are met, and I'm sure exceeded. There is much more that is being worked on, and as the year progresses new objectives may be added.

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Our Strategic Plan that was created in Banff in the fall of 2008, and was to have guided us from 2009 to 2013 will come up for review in the fall of 2012. As we will not be holding our next Annual General Meeting until February of 2014 the board felt that this would be appropriate.

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### Our appreciation to the following companies for their Support

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My Objectives for my Term	How will I measure successful completion of this objective?
To ensure a successful Annual General Meeting	10% increase in attendees to the conference, > 45% in exit survey rate conference excellent
To resolve the issue of where and how to publish the plenary session	Agreed upon decision by Board by May 1st
To improve the functionality, the efficiency and the relevance of the CWSS-SCM Website	Improvements in place prior to launch of notice of Annual Meeting - Sept 1st, Special survey to be run at the Annual Conference - Goal to have > 80 satisfied with the CWSS-SCM website
To bring forward the next 5 year review of the Strategic Plan and ensure that the membership is part of the process	Next 5 year review of Strategic Plan to be held on Sunday the 11th of November 2012, Three President messages in 2012 to the membership will focus on aspects of the Strategic Plan.
To ensure a long term sustainable Undergraduate Initiative	All participants rating event > 7 out of 10, > 10 Participants participate in Winnipeg, Comments from 2011 built into improved Initiative in 2012
Work with LAC to expand the relevance of the CWSS-SCM to agronomists at major Grower Associations	Have agronomists from at least 5 Grower Associations (National or Provincial) participate in some capacity at the 2012 Annual General Meeting

There are four main objectives in our Strategic Plan:

- Be recognized locally, nationally and internationally on weed-related science
- Serve as a facilitator and clearing house on research, information and product development
- Expand the CWSS-SCM network of members and partners
- Ensure good governance

As the year progresses I thought I would take the opportunity to talk to you about these objectives and hopefully spark within you additional ideas for us to focus on in our next 5 years.

### Ensure Good Governance

If we look at a definition for Governance from Wikipedia we find:

[Governance](#) describes "the process of decision-making and the process by which decisions are implemented (or not implemented)".

The CWSS-SCM Board in 2008 determined that under Good Governance there would be four main objectives for the CWSS-SCM:

## President's Message continued

- Ensure that roles and responsibilities are defined and understood
- Provide continuity of leadership and corporate memory
- Relate strategic goals and objectives to the society's fiduciary responsibility
- Ensure due diligence for fiscal and other responsibilities

Over the last few years the Board has worked enthusiastically on these objectives and has done things such as create a robust and current "Manual of Operations", updated our by-laws, and developed a new plan for Sponsorship. There is much more that has been done and on reflecting back at the goals that were established there has been much success and the achievements have been institutionalized to ensure continuity into the future.

The work that has been done has ensured a strong CWSS-SCM for now and into the future. If you have other ideas that we should be pursuing around Good Governance I know that the board would be interested in hearing from you.

A lot is going on at the Board, and the LAC for Winnipeg has a strong team fixated on putting together the best annual meeting ever. I encourage all of you to join with us to ensure success in 2012 for the CWSS-SCM and for you personally.

- Bill Summers

## Aliens Among Us—iPhone/iPad App

The Royal BC Museum's first iPhone/iPad app, *Aliens Among Us*, launched in December and is available as a free download from the iTunes store. There are more than 4,000 alien species in British Columbia and detailed information—images, sound recordings, descriptions—for 47 of these is now available via the app or website. To explore the website and participate in the project go to:

<http://alienspecies.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/>.

Or download the free *Aliens Among Us* app to an iPhone or iPad at the iTunes store: <http://itunes.apple.com/app/aliens-among-us-royal-british/id479083111?mt=8>.

## Quote

*The destruction of weeds might be truly defined as "The art of cultivating the ground," for the farmer, who knows how to keep them in check is entitled to the highest honor and rewards.* - Dalaire 1904

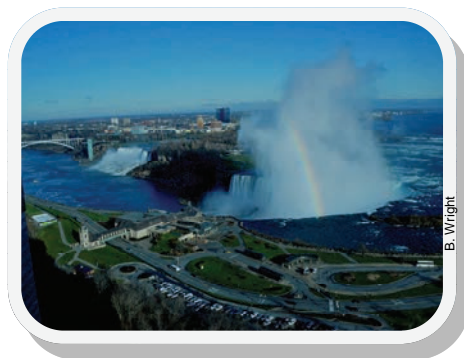
The original quote was in French:

*On pourrait définir la destruction des mauvaises herbes "L'art de cultiver la terre," car c'est au cultivateur qui sait les tenir en échec que revient l'honneur et le mérite des plus hautes récompenses.* - Dalaire 1904

## The 2011 CWSS-SCM Annual Meeting



The Marriott Gateway on the Falls was the beautiful setting chosen for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Canadian Weed Science Society/Société canadienne de malherbologie. Clarence Swanton and the rest of the Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) made sure that their colleagues from around Canada (and the U.S.) were treated to all the best that the region had to offer. The total number of attendees at the 2011 annual meeting in the Niagara Falls was 182.



View from the hotel

So first thing on the meeting agenda was a pre-conference Wine and Scenery Tour of the region. The tour group visited different wineries in the region, did a bit of shopping at Niagara-on-the-Lake and saw some of the sights of the region.

Over 30 attendees participated in the tour. The tour guests were able to taste some of the wines from the wineries they visited.

The graduate student meet and greet with the CWSS-SCM Board of Directors was followed by a general Meet and Greet in the foyer near the Registration Desk. Good company, a drink and good food was a great introduction to the meeting. As they registered, the guests could go and meet up with old friends and introduce themselves to new ones. A large variety of substantial snacks and finger food were provided: beef on a bun, cold canapés and hot hors d'oeuvres, crudités and cheese.

The President's dinner was an opportunity for the guest speakers of the plenary session to meet with the CWSS-SCM Board Executive, the chair of the LAC and the chair of the plenary session. The group were engaged in lively discussions related to the topics of the Tuesday session and to the work of the plenary speakers.

### Plenary Session

On Tuesday morning, Peter Sikkema, President of the CWSS-SCM, and Clarence Swanton, chair of the LAC, welcomed attendees to the Annual Meeting. The topic of the Plenary Session was Herbicide Resistance

Shiona Glass-Kaastra, University of Guelph, Veterinary College, talked about antibiotic resistance, which parallels with herbicides. François Tardif from the University of Guelph discussed triazine resistance. Graminicide resistance (Acetyl-CoA Carboxylase Inhibitors) was Hugh Beckie's topic (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Saskatoon). Mike Owen from Iowa State University gave his perspective on ALS inhibitors resistance. Glyphosate Resistance was covered by Jeff Stachler from North Dakota State University. Chris Hall, University of Guelph, reviewed resistance to HPPD Inhibitors. The session ended with Aaron Hager, University of Illinois, on resistance to auxinic herbicides.

### Graduate Student Session

The afternoon session was the Graduate Student presentations. A total of 18 students presented their research:

- 1) Kim Walsh, University of Alberta (U of A)– First report of outcrossing in camelina [*Camelina sativa* (L.) Crantz], a potential platform for bioindustrial oils.
- 2) Zhenyi Li, Nova Scotia Agriculture College (NSAC) – Hexazinone Alternatives for Wild Blueberry Production.
- 3) Goutam Kuwar, NSAC – Weed management options for organic wild blueberry production.

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4) Todd Larsen, NSAC – Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*) in Nova Scotia: ecological impacts and management of an invasive weed.

5) Eileen Beaton, NSAC – Wild Chervil (*Anthriscus sylvestris* (L.) Hoffm.) Management on Nova Scotia Dykes.

6) Margaret Eriavbe, NSAC – Growth and vegetative characteristics of *Hieracium pilosella* L. (mouse ear hawkweed) and *Hieracium caespitosum* (meadow hawkweed) in wild blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*) fields on Prince Edward Island.

7) Scott White, University of Guelph (U of G)– Emergence and development of red sorrel (*Rumex acetosella* L.) and wild blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium* Ait.) ramets in Nova Scotia.

8) Breanne Laturus, U of A – Pyroxasulfone and Sulfentrazone Control of Herbicide Resistant Weeds in Field Pea.

9) Rob Miller, U of G – Weed Control and Cultivar Tolerance to Saflufenacil in Soybean (*Glycine max*).

10) Sid Darras, U of A – Improving field-pea competitive ability using genotypic mixtures.

11) Julia Thompson, The University of Western Ontario – The influence of glyphosate treatment on the growth and fitness of glyphosate-resistant and -susceptible giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida* L.) biotypes

12) Joe Vink, U of G, Ridgeway Campus – Glyphosate-Resistant Giant Ragweed in Ontario: Distribution and Control.

13) Amanda Green, U of G – Mechanisms of resistance to glyphosate in giant ragweed (*Ambrosia trifida* L.) in Ontario.

14) Megan MacEachern, NSAC – Potential for spreading dogbane (*Apocynum androsaemifolium* L.) management with the dogbane leaf beetle (*Chrysochus auratus* Fab.).

15) Rhoda deJonge, University of Toronto – Is it a 'dog' eat 'dog' world? -- "Will the native dogbane beetle adapt more quickly to dog strangling vine in restricted situations?"

16) Fawn Turner, U of G – The recruitment biology and ecology of small and large crabgrass in turfgrass: Implications for management in the context of a cosmetic pesticide ban.

17) Derek Lewis, University of Manitoba – Biennial Wormwood (*Artemisia biennis*) and Kochia (*Kochia scoparia*) Interference with Sunflowers.

18) Eric Tozzi, U of G – Overwintering Survival of Canada fleabane (*Conyza canadensis*) in a Changing Climate.

Attendees to the student presentation session experienced a slight break to stretch their legs and take a break as a fire alarm interrupted the session. After the break, the talks continued without affecting the schedule.

### Workshops

The workshops started with everyone attending the Crucial Conversations by Justin Hale on Wednesday morning.

Al Watson from the University of McGill, Pam Charbonneau from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Gerry Stephenson from the University of Guelph participated in the Symposium – Alternatives for Weed Management in Landscape Environments. The session ended with a panel discussion on the topics presented.

Four concurrent workshops were also held on Wednesday:

1. Graduate Student Workshop. "So what? and Who cares? Making your science, media friendly." Owen Roberts, University of Guelph
2. Tillage the forgotten mode of action. Summary: With the increase in herbicide resistant weeds and weed shifts there is one mode of action that has never had a case of weed resistance; tillage. Mike Cowbrough and Greg Stewart (OMAFRA)
3. Smartphone Tips and Tricks. Summary: Today's smart phones have the power of many personal computers and provide a number of practical tools to make the job of a crop consultant, research technician or

## 2011 Annual Meeting continued

- professor easier. Ian McDonald, OMAFRA.
4. CSI – Crop Scene Investigation: Handling the product inquiry. Complaint calls are never easy and can result in huge liabilities if handled incorrectly. What are the critical things to document? What service can a professional provide that leaves the grower with a positive experience? Steve Johns of Syngenta facilitated this workshop.

### Program Sessions

There were four program sessions this year:

- Weed Control in Corn, Soybean and Edible Beans Section, chaired by Peter Sikkema,
- Weed Biology / Ecology; Noxious / Invasive Weeds Control Section chaired by Darby McGrath

- Weed Control in Cereals, Oilseeds & Pulses Section - chaired by Bob Blackshaw
- Weed Control in Horticulture & Special Crops Section chaired by Rob Nurse

The Provincial Weed Reports and Regulatory Issues was chaired by David Ralph.

The poster session was organized by Diane Lyse Benoit before the meeting and by Eric Page at the meeting.

### Conclusion

The food at the meeting, especially the coffee breaks, provided a variety of foods for everyone. The breaks and the breakfasts often had fruit and vegetables as the major snacks.

We thank the behind the scenes people, the LAC team, for all their efforts: Clarence Swanton, Kevin Chandler, Rob Nurse, Katie Zuccala, Allan

Kaastra, Kate Hyatt, Nathan Boyd, , University of Guelph graduate students who helped at the Registration Desk, Peter Smith, Rob Grohs, Christy Shopshire, Pat Lynch, Darren Robinson, Fran ois Tardif, Chris Hall, Kristen Callow, Fred Vaughn, Mike Cowbrough, Al Hamill, Clay Switzer, Gerry Stephenson, Pam Livingston, Diane Benoit, and Harold Wright. Our Marriott Hotel event manager, Kelly White, and Mark Dosman of Strategic Site Selection helped keep our event on track and help us to make our hotel arrangements.



## The Session Stats for 2011 Annual Meeting

Session	Number of Presentations
Cereals, Oilseeds and Pulses Section	6
Soybean, Corn and Edible Beans Section	9
Horticulture and Special Crops Section	6
Weed Biology and Ecology/Invasive and Noxious Weeds Section	2
Forage Rangeland, Forestry and Industrial Vegetation Management	6
Posters	21

## Winners of the 2011 CWSS-SCM Awards

Award Name/ Award Winner	Sponsor and Presenter
CWSS-SCM Industry Award — Brian Legassicke	CWSS-SCM — Peter Sikkema, President
Excellence In Weed Science — Diane Lyse Benoit	Dow AgroScience — Al McFadden
CWSS-SCM Fellow Award — Anne Légère	CWSS-SCM — Peter Sikkema, President
BASF Poster Awards 1st) Bob Blackshaw 2nd) François Tardif 3rd) Pam Livingstone	BASF Canada — Jeff Bertholet

## CWSS-SCM 2011 BASF Poster Award Winners



Jeff Bertholet, BASF Canada, presents the winner poster award to Bob Blackshaw (left photo) and to François Tardif (middle photo) second place winner and to Pam Livingstone (right photo).third place winner

### CWSS-SCM Industry Award from CWSS-SCM



Peter Sikkema, President CWSS-SCM, presents the CWSS-SCM Industry Award to Brian Legassicke

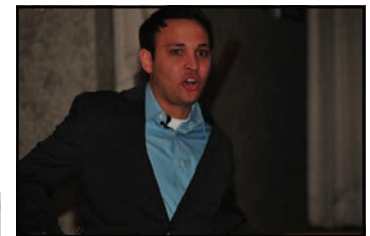
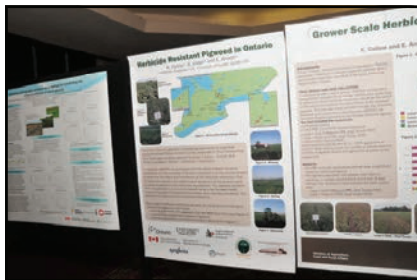
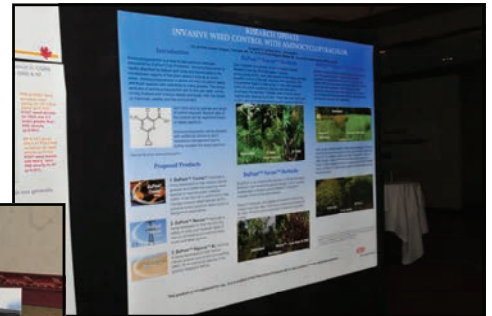
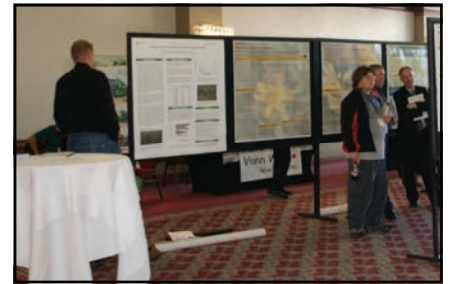
### Excellence In Weed Science Award from Dow AgroScience



Al McFadden of Dow AgroScience presents the Excellence in Weed Science Award to Diane Lyse Benoit

**Photos from the 2011 CWSS-SCM Annual Meeting**

*Commerical Displays  
Poster Session*



*Other Sessions*



**Thanks for the Photos**

Thanks to Brent Wright for his photos in this issue.



**More Photos from the 2012 CWSS-SCM Annual Meeting**

**Student Presentations**



**2012 Photo Contest—New Category 2012 Photo Contest—New Category-Research in Action**

Start gathering your photos or taking new photos for the 2012 Photo Contest. The photo categories have changed somewhat. Category 1 remains the same but categories 2 and 3 are combined and a new Category 3 is added.

Category 1: Agriculture and Forestry: individual botanical subject is not the prime theme of the image. For example: production (seeding, spraying, cutting...) or general views (landscape)

Category 2: Weeds: Pictures of plants (patches, whole individual or parts) considered as weed. Images should demonstrate morphologic characteristics and/or weed invasion/competition. For example, dandelion seeds transported by wind, vetch on evergreen, soybean field with common ragweed...

Category 3: Research in action: Pictures of research activity whether it be in the lab, or in the field. For example, canola breeding greenhouse, plot seeding, hand spraying...

## The 2011 CWSS-SCM Fellow Award — Dr. Anne Légère



Peter Sikkema, President of CWSS-SCM (2011), presents Anne Légère with the CWSS-SCM Fellow Award

### Anne Légère, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D.

Anne obtained her B.Sc. in Biology in 1974 and M.Sc. in Plant Science in 1979 at Laval University, followed by a Ph.D. in Weed Science in 1986 from Purdue University in Indiana. However, she has been employed with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) at Ste-Foy, QC, since 1978, first as a Biologist, then as a Research Scientist in 1986. From 1993 to 1995, she was a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Plant Science at McGill University, Visiting Research Scientist at AAFC in Saskatoon from 1995 to 1997, then back to Ste-Foy until 2005; at that time she went back to Saskatoon where

she currently resides! Dr. Légère is a leader in the areas of ecological crop protection, weed ecology and management, and agroecological impact of cropping practices on weeds and biodiversity. For example, she has examined the sustainability and impact of transgenic, organic, and conventional cropping systems on biodiversity, as well as weeds as indicators of agronomic and climate changes. In addition, she has contributed to the training of graduate and undergraduate students as future leaders in weed science. She is actively involved in the European Weed Research Society and International Weed Science Society, past Director of Publications for the Québec Society for the Protection of Plants, past Director of Publications and a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America, and past President of the Canadian Weed Science Society. In 2008, she was honored with the *Excellence in Weed Science* award by the Canadian Weed Science Society for her outstanding career accomplishments.

(The write-up was reproduced from our Awards Banquet booklet, 2010.)

## Survey Results

The results from the CWSS-SCM 2011 Conference Exit Survey and the Website survey will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.



## The 2011 Bayer CropScience Best Student Presentation Award

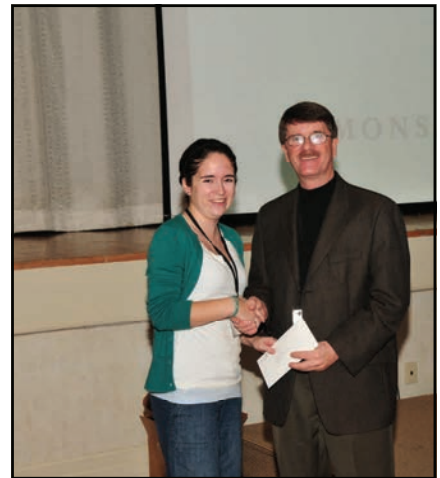


Kate Hyatt of Bayer CropScience presented Scott White with the Bayer CropScience Best Student Presentation with honorary mention to Joe Vink and Rob Miller

## CWSS-SCM 2011 Student Awards



Brian Legassicke of Monsanto Canada Inc. presents the 1st Place Student Award for a PhD student to Scott White and for a MSc Student to Megan MacEachern



Nathan Boyd on behalf of the CWSS-SCM presents with the 3rd Place Award for an MSc student to Kim Walsh



Al McFadden of Dow AgroSciences presents with the 2nd Place Student Award for an MSc to Amanda Green

## CWSS-SCM 2011 Photo Contest Winners

Eighty-seven photos were entered into the 2011 Photo Contest sponsored by E.I. DuPont Canada. Again, many members from the Society participated in this year's contest. There were 26 photos in the General Agriculture and Forestry section, 24 in the Weeds in Action section and 37 in the Weeds section. This year an overall people's choice award has been added to the photo contest.



France Boddy (from E.I. Dupont, presenter of awards), Nicole Kimmel, Scott Cressman, Rob Gulden, Brent Wright, Stephen Darbyshire, Bill May, Allan Kaastra, Peter Smith (photo contest chair)

Frances Boddy of DuPont Canada Inc. presented the 2011 photo awards to the following people in each of the categories:

1. General Agriculture and Forestry: 1<sup>st</sup>– Scott Cressman, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Bill May, and 3<sup>rd</sup>– Brent Wright
2. Weeds in Action: 1<sup>st</sup>– Rob Gulden, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Nicole Kimmel and 3<sup>rd</sup>– Stephen Darbyshire
3. Weeds: 1<sup>st</sup>– Allan Kaastra, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Brent Wright and 3<sup>rd</sup>–Stephen Derbyshire

People's Choice Award—Brent Wright

Peter Smith, chair of the Photography Contest, announced the winning photos.

The People's Choice Award went to Brent Wright with his photo "Foxtail Barley".





First Place winners:  
General Agriculture and Forestry—Scott Cressman (left)  
Weeds in Action—Rob Gulden, “Burdock” (center)  
Weeds—Allan Kaastra, “If I were a weed” (right)

## Incoming and Outgoing Board Members



Above: Our new CWSS-SCM President, Bill Summers, thanks our outgoing President, Peter Sik-kema. Below: Peter passes on the gavel to Bill.

**Incoming:** The CWSS-SCM Board welcomes three new Board members: Greg Wilson (CropLife Representative, East), Hugh Beckie (2nd Vice-President) and Frances Boddy (LAC co-chair) and Brent Wright (LAC co-chair)

**Outgoing:** The current Board extends a heartfelt thank-you to three outgoing Board members: (Member-at-Large, East), Kate Hyatt (CropLife Representative, East), Sue Boyetchko (Past-President) and Clarence Swanton (LAC chair)



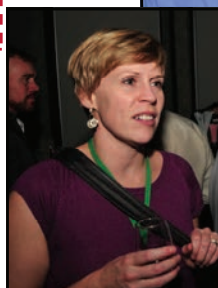
Greg Wilson



Hugh Beckie



Co-chairs for 2012 LAC:  
Frances Boddy and Brent Wright



Kate Hyatt



Outgoing Past-President  
Sue Boyetchko

The CWSS-SCM Board thanks Clarence Swanton and his Local Arrangements Committee



## More meeting photos



## Major changes to Topics in Canadian Weed Science

After several months of consideration and negotiations with the Agricultural Institute of Canada (AIC) and the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science* (CJPS), the CWSS/SCM Board of Directors has made arrangements to begin publication of the proceedings of the annual plenary sessions (a.k.a., the Symposium Monographs) as papers in CJPS rather than as annual volumes of *Topics in Canadian Weed Science*. There are a number of reasons for this change. Partly it is to support CJPS (of which CWSS/SCM is a sponsoring society), partly it is to provide better dissemination of weed science information (a society goal), and, to a lesser extent, it is economic. Publishing via the CJPS route will realize a modest saving, which is intended to be utilized toward improving the quality of

the plenary sessions and other society services.

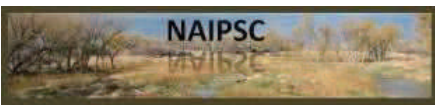
Currently, it is planned to commence CJPS publication with the plenary session at the 2012 meeting. Although the option for publishing the presentations collectively as a special issue of CJPS was considered, it was decided to insert individual presentations as separate papers scattered through the journal as soon as they are ready for publication. This strategy will ensure the most timely distribution of information. In addition, the Board has secured an agreement with AIC that these papers will all be freely available to everyone as “open access” papers at the CJPS website. It is planned that links to these papers will also be provided at the CWSS/SCM web site.

It is anticipated that not all presentations at the plenary sessions will be of a nature suitable for presentation in the peer-reviewed CJPS. The Board is exploring other options for making such presentations available to meeting attendees. This new strategy does not necessarily mean the end of *Topics in Canadian Weed Science* as a publishing vehicle for the society.

**There are potentially many other projects for which it could be put to service as an irregular publication. The Board is eager to hear of any ideas, concerns or proposals from the membership at large.**

Stephen Darbyshire  
Publications Director

## 2012 North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course



A new feature, “Interviews with NAIPSC”, has been added to the North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC) website (<http://ipscourse.unl.edu>). The NAIPSC has been conducting interviews with individuals who are familiar (or not so familiar) with invasive plants. Read about some of the NAIPSC instructors and their thoughts on invasive plants and similar topics. The first interview is with Steve Young, organizer, moderator, and an instructor for the NAIPSC, who shares his thinking behind the development of the NAIPSC and what makes an outstanding course. Be sure to check back regularly or follow the NAIPSC on Facebook or Twitter. The second annual NAIPSC will be held June 26-28, 2012 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte, NE.

CWSS-SCM 2012 Annual Meeting  
November 12 to 15, 2012



Photo Courtesy of The Fairmont, Winnipeg

Mark **November 12 to 15, 2012** on your calendars, for the next CWSS-SCM Annual Meeting. It will be held at the **Fairmont in Winnipeg, Manitoba**. The Annual Meeting is chaired by Frances Boddy and Brent Wright. The plenary symposium theme will be **"Weed Evolution in Action"**.

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## Denise Maurice



Denise Maurice with Ian Morrison

Denise Maurice was one of the most influential and important members of the weed science community in the last generation. The Canadian Weed Science Society would like to recognize her contributions to weed science with a brief biographical sketch that will allow others to better appreciate the scope of her influence during her life and career.

Denise was born in Prince Alberta, SK on April 10 1955. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1977, majoring in plant science, and a Master of Science degree in 1985, majoring in weed science (under the supervision of the late Dr. Ian Morrison). Her two major interests in life were her children, Evan and Elise, and her work.

Denise was CWSS-SCM President in 2005 and a CWSS – SCM Outstanding Industry Member award winner in 2001. She went on to receive the Premier's

Award of Excellence in 2004, the WSSA Outstanding Industry Award in 2007, and the Farm Tech Recognition Award for her outstanding contribution to Alberta's cropping industry in 2009.

Denise held various roles in government and industry, with her most recent role as Vice President, Crop Production, in the Canola Council of Canada. As the provincial weed extension specialist for Alberta Agriculture in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Denise established herself as one of the most dynamic individuals the weed science community had ever seen. She networked far and wide, striving to obtain the best information for her clients and advocating for research where she felt it was necessary. She became well known on the extension speaking circuit, and amazed her audiences with her breadth and depth of knowledge on a large variety of topics, which she always delivered with her trademark enthusiasm. During this time, she was instrumental in developing a herbicide resistance action plan for Alberta, and initiating the first herbicide resistant weed survey in Alberta. In 1993, she played a major role in organizing the first ever national CWSS (then Expert Committee on Weeds) conference, and the first Canadian symposium on weed resistance to herbicides, both of which were held in Edmonton.

After joining Westco in the mid 1990s, Denise built on her skills to supervise and train her staff to become what she wanted - the best in the business. Out of that time came several products such as the AgroManager program, which among other things incorporated the concept of economic thresholds for weeds, insects, and diseases of crops. This innovation earned her the Canadian Agri-Marketing Association's first prize, Electronic Media Outbound, in 2000. Denise also used her influence and budget within the company to support needed research. Much of the new, innovative information that came forward from the research community during that time had the support of Westco, or more specifically, Denise.

In 2004, the CWSS-SCM elected Denise as our president, the first woman, and the first industry member to lead our society. Her enthusiasm and positive energy never waned, she never stopped working hard, and she carried us along with her. She died unexpectedly on November 23, 2011. Her mark on us, as professionals and as friends, will never be forgotten.

### Upcoming Meetings

March 27–29	2012 7th International IPM Symposium, “IPM on the World Stage” Memphis, TN, USA; Website: <a href="http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium12">http://www.ipmcenters.org/ipmsymposium12</a>
April 24-27, 2012	Weeds Across Borders 2012. Meeting the Challenges of the Future. Cancun, Mexico. <a href="http://www.weedcenter.org/wab/2012/index.html">http://www.weedcenter.org/wab/2012/index.html</a>
July 16-19, 2012	"Adapting Crops to Change ", University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with Canadian Society of Agronomy Canadian Society for Horticultural Science, Certified Crop Advisors - Prairie Board, North American Fruit Explorers and Agricultural Institute of Canada; Website: <a href="http://agronomycanada.com/">http://agronomycanada.com/</a>
December 10–13, 2012	North Central Weed Science Society Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri <a href="http://www.ncwss.org">www.ncwss.org</a>
June 17-22, 2012	The VI <sup>TH</sup> International Weed Science Congress, Hangzhou, China WSSA Web site: <a href="http://www.iwss.info/coming_events.asp">http://www.iwss.info/coming_events.asp</a>
February 4-7, 2013	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting with Northeastern Weed Science Society, Baltimore, Maryland; Website: <a href="http://www.newss.org/annualmeeting.php">http://www.newss.org/annualmeeting.php</a>
February 18-22, 2013	International conference on herbicide resistance in crops and weeds, Perth, Australia, WSSA Website: <a href="http://www.iwss.info/coming_events.asp">http://www.iwss.info/coming_events.asp</a>
February 3-6, 2014	Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting with CWSS-SCM, Vancouver, British Columbia

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### Articles for Newsletter

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