



Canadian Weed Science Society  
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### CWSS News You Can Use

Time to see if those April showers will bring May flowers. Here are some updates on what is happening in the world of weed science.

### Message from the CWSS-SCM BOD

The CWSS-SCM Board of Directors had a busy April working on advancing several society initiatives. We've listed some of the highlights below. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the BOD or Executive if you have questions or would like additional information. Hope the spring brings some interesting weeds your way!

- The Executive Assistant selection panel completed their applicant reviews and interviews, and selected a candidate. More on this below.
- Allison Hayward (FMC) has joined the CWSS-SCM BOD and Executive Committee as our interim treasurer.
- Breanne Tidemann (AAFC) will be joining the CWSS-SCM BOD and Executive Committee in May as our interim secretary.
- Investment strategy has now been executed. Thanks to Frances for stick-handling through all the bank's red tape.
- We now have a society credit card that can be used for society transactions and

bookings.

- Quickbooks Online has been purchased to modernize and expedite our book-keeping.
- We completed a review into obtaining charitable status. Outcome was that this would not be worthwhile - significant effort required and very little upside.
- Looking into joint meetings with the Weed Science Society of America in Feb 2022 and with the Canadian Society of Agronomy in 2023.
- We are moving forward with a plan to hold a webinar for all CWSS-SCM members in September. More to come on this. Thanks to Kristina for leading the planning committee for this initiative.
- Travel budget for the 2019 Annual Meeting speakers reviewed and approved. Should be very exciting – look for a registration package this summer!

## Welcome to Kristina Polziehn



The CWSS-SCM is pleased to announce that Kristina Polziehn has accepted the role of part-time Executive Assistant for our society. Kristina has her MSc. in Plant Sciences from the University of Alberta and brings a wide breadth of knowledge and experience from past agronomy, research, grain marketing and sales roles in the agriculture industry.

Kristina currently operates a crop consulting business in north-central Alberta.

Kristina has been actively involved in the CWSS-SCM for several years, serving on the local arrangements committee for the 2015 annual meeting in Edmonton and as secretary and a member of the CWSS-SCM Executive committee from 2016-2019. Please feel free to reach out to Kristina to welcome her to the Executive Assistant role, or with any questions you may have. She can be reached at [cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:cwss.scm.assistant@gmail.com)



## Member Profile

This month we are profiling our current CWSS board Secretary Kristen Obeid. Kristen is the OMAFRA Weed Management Specialist for Horticulture Crops. See her whole profile below.

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## Graduate Student Profile

This month's graduate student profile is of Nicole Berardi. Nicole is working on her PhD under the tutelage of Dr. Clarence Swanton. The title of her work is "Antioxidant Responses to Weed Competition in Arabidopsis and Maize". To learn more about Nicole, please click below.

[More info...](#)

## CWSS Annual Meeting Plenary Speakers

We have confirmed the speakers for the plenary session for the 2019 CWSS annual meeting in Kelowna. An exciting diverse group of speakers and topics to look forward to!

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## Plant Canada 2019

Registration is now open for the **Plant Canada 2019** meeting in Guelph, ON. The topic of this year's meeting is **Communicating Innovation in Plant Science**. Follow the link below to get to the registration page.

Some Key dates coming up for the meeting include:

- May 30th: Early Bird Registration Rate
- May 24th: Abstract due for oral presentation consideration
- June 14th: Poster abstracts due

[Click here](#)

## Fascination of Plants Day 2019



CWSS is participating in the global "Fascination of Plants Day 2019" on May 18th. Watch for some interesting posts from CWSS members about their favorite weeds and why. Take the time on May 18th to post pics and tweets about your own favorite plants **#plantday**

Also, you can submit your own favorite plant (weeds) on the CWSS page! They might get used in future monthly updates!!

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## 2019 Meeting Calendar

Here are some of the meetings coming up in your area this winter. If you have more to add, hit us up on social media and let us know of your event!! Click on the event for more info.

- June 26, 2019 **CanolaPALOOZA** - Canola Council of Canada, Lacombe, AB
- July 7-10, 2019 **Plant Canada 2019** - Fed. of Can. Plant Science Societies, Guelph, ON
- July 9, 2019 **CanolaPALOOZA** - Canola Council of Canada, Saskatoon, SK.
- July 9 - 13, 2019 **Canadian Society of Soil Science Annual Meeting**, Saskatoon, Sk.
- July 9 - 12 & July 16-18, 2019 **Manitoba Crop Diagnostics School**, Carman, MB
- July 16-18, 2019 **Ag in Motion**, Saskatoon, Sk.
- July 16-19, 2019 **International Wheat Congress**, Saskatoon, Sk.
- July 18, 2019 **Wild Blueberry Producers of Nova Scotia Field Day** - , Springhill NB
- July 23, 2019 **Saskatchewan Crop Diagnostics School**, Scott, Sk.
- July 24, 2019 **Crops-A-PALOOZA** - Canola Council of Canada, Carberry, MB
- July 29 - Aug 2, 2019 **Atlantic Weed Science Network Annual Weeds Tour** - Moncton, NB. exact date TBA



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