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In 2007 the Florida Weed Science Society began its 52nd year as an organization under the guidance of President, Eric Rawls and Past President, Megh Singh. On behalf of the society I would like to thank them for their dedicated service to the organization. Their guidance contributed greatly to the success and stability of the organization during the last two years.

This year's meeting will be held at the same location; the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Headquarters in Maitland. The dates are February 25 and 26, 2008, which are a Monday and Tuesday, similar also to last year. We all owe a special thanks to Mike Aerts for allowing FWSS to meet at this great facility.

Florida has seen its share of changes this year, thanks to the poor economy and the exceptionally dry weather, that directly impact all of us in the Florida Weed Science Society. The citrus industry continues to battle canker and greening, while the row crop sector battles low commodity prices - except corn. But that is another story, along with the push for biofuels using bio-energy crops. Everyone is scrambling to find the silver bullet, whether it's arundo, sugarcane, switchgrass or corn; folks are convinced it will work. One thing is for sure, someone will make a bunch of money trying. In the southeast, the problems with glyphosate resistant Palmer amaranth continue to mount and spread. The weed is very widespread in central Georgia, and populations have also been documented in North Carolina and other states.

Dr. Randall Stocker, former Director for the Center of Aquatic and Invasive Plants, and Dr. Alison Fox, Associate Professor of Agronomy will be retiring this December 2007. Randall and Alison were married 3 years ago and plan to sail together for a year or so to begin their retirement adventure. Both Alison and Randall focused on invasive plant ecology, biology and management, with particular emphasis on risk assessment. They will be greatly missed.



Dr. Randall Stocker

Dr. Alison Fox



In other news, Chris Tingle and his colleagues at the Syngenta Crop Protection facility in Vero Beach hosted the Southern Weed Science Society Student Weed Contest this past August. It was one of the most well attended contests in several years, with over 40 students from 9 different Universities attending. Our own Wayne Currey was on hand to give a historical perspective, as he, David Teem and Ray Cooper started the contest in the early 1980's while at the University of Florida. The University of Arkansas won the contest again this year, but the University of Florida won an unofficial "Best Dressed" at the banquet. As can be seen from the photo below.



Standing from left to right - Dr. Brent Sellers, Brandon Fast and Dr. Greg MacDonald. Seated from left to right - Kathryn Villazon, Josh Adkins, Teddy McAvoy, Barton Wilder and Bucky Dobrow. Not pictured Dr. Jay Ferrell.

photo credit - Wayne Currey

Plan now to attend the . . .

2008 Annual Meeting

Meeting Dates:

The meeting will begin on Monday, February 25th and conclude on Tuesday, February 26th.

Meeting Location:

The Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Building in Maitland, FL. (See map and directions below.)



800 Trafalgar Court, Suite 200
Maitland, FL 32751

DIRECTIONS TO FFVA



From I-4 East:

Take I-4 East to the Maitland Blvd. West exit (Exit # 90B). When you come off I-4, remain in your far right lane. You will turn right at the first light, Lk. Destiny Dr. Then left at the first light, Maitland Center Pkwy. Go approx 0.1 mile and turn right on Trafalgar Ct. and then an immediate right into our parking lot. We are located on the 2nd floor of the 800 building.

From I-4 West:

Take I-4 West to the Maitland Blvd. West exit (Exit # 90). When you come off I-4, move to the far right lane. You will turn right at the first light, Lk. Destiny Dr. Then left at the first light, Maitland Center Pkwy. Go approx 0.1 mile and turn right on Trafalgar Ct. and then an immediate right into our parking lot. We are located on the 2nd floor of the 800 building.

From the Turnpike

Take the Florida Turnpike to I-4 toward Daytona Beach. From I-4 you will exit the Maitland Blvd. West exit (Exit #90B). When you come off I-4, remain in your far right lane. You will turn right at the first light, Lk. Destiny Dr. Then left at the first light, Maitland Center Pkwy. Go approx 0.1 mile and turn right on Trafalgar Ct. and then an immediate right into our parking lot. We are located on the 2nd floor of the 800 building.

From I-95 North

Take I-95 to I-4 West toward Orlando. Exit at Maitland Blvd. West (Exit # 90). When you come off I-4, move to the far right lane. You will turn right at the first light, Lk. Destiny Dr. Then left at the first light, Maitland Center Pkwy. Go approx 0.1 mile and turn right on Trafalgar Ct. and then an immediate right into our parking lot. We are located on the 2nd floor of the 800 building.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Sheraton North - This is the hotel that is directly across the street; easy walking distance.

Marriott Courtyard

Homewood Suites

Residence Inn

Springhill Suites

Hampton Inn

The hotels other than the Sheraton range from 4 to 5 miles away from our offices (all to the north). Room block and other hotel information will be forthcoming soon.

FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY 30TH ANNUAL MEETING

February 26th and 27th, 2008

Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association

800 Trafalgar Ct., Suite 200

Maitland, FL 32751

(321) 214-5200

Pre-Registration: Deadline February 1, 2008

Mail check made payable to FWSS to Dr. Brent Sellers

Range Cattle Research and Education Center - Ona

3401 Experiment Station, Ona, FL 33865

NAME: _____

COMPANY/AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

2008 FWSS Membership Dues and Meeting Pre-Registration*

	<u>Indicate amount paid</u>
Individual Membership, Regular (\$ 15.00):	\$ _____
Individual Membership, Student (\$ 10.00):	\$ _____
Sustaining Membership (minimum \$ 75.00): *	\$ _____
Donation for Student Scholarship (any amount):	\$ _____
Meeting Registration **	
Early Registration, by Jan. 30 (\$ 35.00)	\$ _____
Late Registration, after Feb. 1 (\$ 50.00)	\$ _____
Extra dinner ticket (\$ 20.00):	\$ _____
TOTAL REMITTANCE	\$ _____

* Sustaining membership includes a free Meeting Registration to the donor or the donor's designee.

** Meeting registration includes lunch and dinner on Monday (Feb 25th), and refreshments during breaks.

Please indicate if you plan to stay for dinner, and if you need vegetarian meal for dinner:

I will _____ will not _____ be staying for dinner.

Dietary preference, vegetarian meal: Yes _____ No _____.

Questions regarding this event may be directed to Chris Tingle, chris.tingle@syngenta.com, (772) 567-5218, ext. 170; or Mike Aerts (321) 214-5200, Mike.Aerts@ffva.com.

Florida Weed Science Society is a not-for-profit organization, tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are required for two awards presented annually by the Florida Weed Science Society. The two awards are for the Outstanding Weed Scientist, and the Outstanding Graduate Student. The minimum selection criteria for the two awards are:

Outstanding Weed Scientist: Be an active member of FWSS for a minimum of five (5) years and have made significant contributions to the Florida Weed Science Society (committee service, serving on Board of Directors, or as an officer, program participant, etc.).

Outstanding Graduate Student: Open to both M.S. and Ph.D. students. Must have been a student in Weed Science for at least one (1) year and show potential of making significant contributions to Weed Science.

Nominations are open until Friday, February 1, 2008. To nominate an individual, send a letter of support, outlining the reasons that the individual should receive the award.

Send nomination letters to:

Joan Dusky
Office of Dean for Extension
1038 McCarty Hall
P.O. Box 110210
Gainesville, FL 32611-0210
or email to jadu@ifas.ufl.edu

2008 Annual Meeting

Call for Papers

The 31st Annual FWSS Conference and Meeting will be held at Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Headquarters, 800 Trafalgar Ct.; Suite 200 Maitland, FL 32794

February 25 and 26, 2008. At this time, we would like to encourage all individuals who wish to present a paper to fill out and submit this form by December 15, 2007.

Using the example below, please list your complete presentation title, all authors, and affiliations. Use * to denote the presenter and ** to denote Graduate Student contest.

Varying pesticide inputs to evaluate peanut maturity using hyperspectral imaging. D. Carley, D. L. Jordan,* M. G. Burton, T. B. Sutton, R. L. Brandenburg, P. D. Johnson, and C. Deharmasri. North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC and Syngenta Crop Protection, Greensboro, NC.**

PRESENTATION:

[Empty box for presentation details]

CORRESPONDING AUTHOR: _____ (Last) (First) (M.I.)

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

In addition, should you know of a speaker you feel would contribute to the program, or have a topic that needs to be addressed during the annual meeting, please provide this information below:

SUGGESTED SPEAKER: _____

SUGGESTED TOPIC: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

YOUR PHONE: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY DECEMBER 15, 2007 TO:

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Vero Beach Research Center
7145 58th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32967
(772) 567-5218 Ext. 140
Fax: (772) 567-5229
Chris.tingle@syngenta.com

FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2008

The Florida Weed Science Society (FWSS) annually awards a \$500 scholarship to a deserving graduate or upper level undergraduate student. To be eligible, the student must be majoring in a field of study directly related to weed science with a demonstrated concentration or emphasis on the application of their major to weed science. Graduate students must have an overall GPA of 3.0 (out of 4) and undergraduates 2.8 for their last academic semester. The student winning the scholarship will be expected to provide a letter to the FWSS Board of Directors indicating how the scholarship was spent. The letter is expected within one year of receiving the scholarship.

HOW TO APPLY

An application will consist of this form, and a 500-1500 word typed essay, and a list of activities, publications, awards, services, etc. The essay topic for this year can be any relevant weed science topic of interest to the applicant. The topic cannot in any way be directly related to the applicant's research or thesis/dissertation study, but instead should creatively describe and evaluate an issue of weed science relevance, which will provide knowledge advancement to weed science related clientele.

The applicant should provide the completed application to a faculty sponsor, chosen by the applicant, who will then complete the sponsor section below and forward it to the chair of the FWSS Scholarship Committee on or before February 1, 2008. Applicants will be evaluated predominantly on the quality of their essay, and the relevance of their activities, publications and service toward the improvement of weed science in Florida.

Form fields for Last Name, First Name, M.I., Phone, Street Address, City, State, Zip

Form fields for Major Check Level, Jr., Sr., MS, PhD

GPA (Overall GPA for Graduate Students. Previous semester for Undergraduates.)

Educational Background

Table with 4 columns: College/University, Degree, GPA, Dates

I AFFIRM THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE

Applicant's signature

Dear Sponsor,

The student named above is applying for a scholarship from the Florida Weed Science Society. Please verify, to the best of your ability, correctness of information provided on the application and provide an evaluation of the applicant using the format provided below. Your assistance in helping the FWSS scholarship committee evaluate this applicant is greatly appreciated.

Sponsor's Name _____ Affiliation _____

Sponsor's relationship to student _____

1. **Please rate the applicant with others of the same age and academic level as follows:**

	Lower Third	Middle Third	Upper Third	Upper 10%	Upper 1%	Not able to judge*
Competence in chosen field						
Motivation plus diligence						
Creativity or research potential						
Potential as a teacher						

*If not able to respond explain why.

2. **Please provide a brief narrative describing the applicant's merit to be awarded this scholarship.**

Sponsor's signature _____ Date _____

Send completed application package to:

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P.O. Box 110210
Gainesville, FL 32611-0210
or email to jadu@ifas.ufl.edu