



## FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY



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In 2006 the Florida Weed Science Society began its 51st year as an organization under the guidance of President, Megh Singh and Past President, Jim Shine. 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.

The decline of the U.S. agricultural market in recent years has made it increasingly difficult for professional agricultural societies to maintain their membership levels. Despite this trend, the FWSS has maintained a steady membership level and remains a strong organization because it is the only organization to address the discipline of weed science for all agricultural and non-agricultural systems in Florida. As with all professional societies, the FWSS will continue to face challenges in the future to maintain and grow membership. It will be necessary for us to adapt to an ever changing agricultural environment and continue to provide broad based programs covering all aspects of weed control research.

Our annual meeting was held February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006 at the Gulf Coast Research and Education Center in Wimauma, Florida's newest REC. This facility is a clear example of the commitment by the University of Florida to provide facilities and technical support needed for future success of Agricultural Business. I want to thank center director Dr. Jack Rechcigl and his staff at the center for hosting our meeting and allowing our society to use the excellent facilities there. The success of the meeting is due in large part to the following people who all did an excellent job and deserve special recognition: Bielinski Santos and Jim Gilreath who coordinated the local arrangements, Cami Esmel our audio visual expert, Barbra Thompson responsible for compiling and printing the program, Curtis Rainbolt the secretary/treasurer, and Greg MacDonald as editor of the newsletters.

One of the strengths of the FWSS as an organization is that annual meetings have always been diversified with subjects appealing to a broad audience. This year was no exception, a very broad technical program covered crops from cotton to turf, tomatoes to citrus and weeds from nutsedge to hydrilla, Spanish needles to cogongrass. The program also included three guest speakers, Jim Graham from the University of Florida with an update on citrus canker, Jerry Wells from Syngenta Crop Protection with an industry perspective on the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA), and Charlie Meister with an IR4 program update. Many thanks to them for participating in our meeting and presenting topics of interest to all of us. We

also had very good student representation with five excellent contest presentations. We must continue to offer programs that are useful and informative for the broadest audience possible and to provide support and encouragement for students in the discipline of weed science. These points are critical if we are to remain a strong organization with potential for future growth.

Please mark your calendars for our next annual meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Florida Fruit and Vegetables Association (FFVA) office in Maitland, FL. This meeting will offer three changes to the meeting formats of the recent past. First, we will break our recent tradition of holding meetings only at the University of Florida REC centers. Over the previous few years, meetings have been at all of the centrally located REC centers. This year we chose a different venue with the selection of the FFVA, but the meeting will remain at a central Florida location with easy access by most of the state. The FFVA offers excellent facilities and a hotel just across the street. Second, the week of the meeting has changed to the last week of February instead of the third week. Third, the days and times of the meeting have also changed. Traditionally, the meeting has been all day on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. This year it will be on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. Eliminating the morning of the first day should save one overnight stay by many and allow most to drive to the meeting on that first day. Bryan Unruh is the program chair for this meeting and is busy preparing an exciting technical program for the meeting. Mike Aerts, of the FFVA, is chairman of the local arrangements committee and is working hard to make sure we have everything we need for a successful meeting. I am looking forward to another excellent meeting. This is one you will not want to miss; see you there.

Eric Rawls, President  
Florida Weed Science Society

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

**The Board of Directors has voted to increase membership dues in the following manner.**

**Individual Membership from \$10.00 to \$15.00**

**Student Membership from \$5.00 to \$10.00**

**Sustaining Membership from \$50.00 to \$75.00**

### **Constitution Change -**

**The President and Board of Directors recommend that the Awards and Scholarship committees be combined under a single committee. This committee shall be called the Awards and Scholarship Committee and all duties under the by-laws for each committee shall be combined under the new committee. Since both committees focus on similar issues, it was felt that a single committee would reduce duplication of efforts. Formal language of this constitutional change will be forthcoming in the January newsletter.**

**Reminder of the change in meeting format - we will begin Monday afternoon and conclude Tuesday afternoon by 3:00pm.**

## Plan now to attend the . . . 2007 Annual Meeting

### Meeting Dates:

The meeting will begin on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Meeting Location:

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



### DIRECTIONS TO FFVA

800 Trafalgar Court, Suite 200  
Maitland, FL 32751

#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the 800 building.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Costs for area hotels on the night of February 26, 2007 are as follows:

Sheraton North - \$119 This is the hotel that is directly across the street; easy walking distance.

Marriott Courtyard - \$149

Homewood Suites - \$229

Residence Inn - \$159

Springhill Suites - \$139

Hampton Inn - \$109

The hotels other than the Sheraton range from 4 to 5 miles away from our offices (all to the north). Mike Aerts has secured a room block (50 rooms) reservations at the Sheraton. The current cutoff date for our room block is January 29. Please make reservations in a timely manner so we don't lose our block. The phone number for the Sheraton to make reservations is (407) 660-9000, and their address is 600 N. Lake Destiny Dr., Maitland. When making reservations be sure to mention the FFVA / Florida Weed Science Society meeting to obtain the \$119 group rate.

## 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, 2007. 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](mailto:jadu@ifas.ufl.edu)

### This and That

**University of Florida News - Cody Gray**, the University of Florida's most recently hired weed scientist, is leaving to take a position with CerexAgri in Colorado Springs, CO. His departure creates a void in aquatic weed management in south Florida and the lack of someone to coordinate the Ft. Lauderdale Weed Control Shortcourse. VOLUNTEERS!?!? IFAS hopes to fill the position very soon.

Former student, **Atul Puri** completed his Ph.D. under Greg MacDonald and has taken a Post-Doctoral position with Bill Haller at the Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.

**Tyler Koschnick** has recently taken a position with SePro Co. in Ohio as National Research Coordinator.

**Jennifer Cook** recently completed her Ph.D. under Raghaven Charudattan this past summer.

## 2007 Annual Meeting *Call for Papers*

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual FWSS Conference and Meeting will be held at the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Building in Maitland, FL, February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. At this time, we would like to encourage all individuals who wish to present a paper to fill out and **submit the included form by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. You will be contacted soon after to finalize all details.

**PRESENTER'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

(M.I.)

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ **e-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRESENTATION TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*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 JANUARY 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 TO:**

Bryan Unruh  
West Florida Research and Education Center  
4253 Experiment Drive, Highway 182  
Jay, Florida 32565  
(850) 995-3720, ext. 108  
Fax: (850) 994-5215  
[jbu@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:jbu@ifas.ufl.edu)

**FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

**February 26th and 27th, 2007**

**Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association**

**800 Trafalgar Ct., Suite 200**

**Maitland, FL 32751**

**(321) 214-5200**

**Pre-Registration: Deadline February 1, 2007**

Mail check made payable to FWSS to Dr. Curtis Rainbolt

Everglades Research and Education Center

3200 East Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY/AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**2007 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):	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL REMITTANCE</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

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

\*\* Meeting registration includes lunch and dinner on Monday (Feb 26th), 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 Bryan Unruh, (850) 995-3720, ext. 108; [jbu@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:jbu@ifas.ufl.edu) or Mike Aerts (321) 214-5200, [Mike.Aerts@ffva.com](mailto:Mike.Aerts@ffva.com) .

FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2007

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, 2006. 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.

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Last Name First Name M.I. Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major Jr. \_\_\_ Sr. \_\_\_ MS \_\_\_ PhD \_\_\_  
Check Level

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

Educational Background

Table with 4 columns: College/University, Degree, GPA, Dates. Includes three rows of blank lines for data entry.

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:

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](mailto:jadu@ifas.ufl.edu)