



FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY



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In 2008 the Florida Weed Science Society began its 53rd year as an organization, serving Florida growers and other constituencies under the guidance of our stellar officers (present company excluded) listed to the left. 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.

I would like to take time to point out that the state of Florida is a haven for weeds and exotic everything. From climbing fern to hydrilla or Palmer amaranth to dollarweed, we have more species of weeds than many states combined. We also have more folks working on weed related issues than many places, even with the current economy and the constant downsizing that affects us all. Florida is home to several societies working directly on weed issues including: The Florida Weed Science Society, The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council, The Florida Vegetation Management Association, The Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society, The South Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society. In addition to these state-wide societies, there are 12 county or multi-county Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas. With all these people and societies, the weed voice in Florida is strong, but could be a lot stronger. I'll leave my thoughts there.

This years meeting will be held at the same location; the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Headquarters in Maitland. The dates are February 23 and 24, 2009, 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.

The call for papers is February 06, so now is the time to get that cutting edge research out and into the mainstream!! Please also be sure to get your abstracts sent to Brent Sellers by this time.

In other news, the University of Florida, under the guidance of Greg MacDonald and Jay Ferrell and their colleagues hosted the Southern Weed Science Society Student Weed Contest this past August. It again was a well attended contest, with 26 students from 5 different Universities attending. The University of Arkansas won the contest again this year, and all the students and coaches said it was one of the best contests they had ever attended.

A special hats off and many thanks goes to the crew of the Plant Science Research and Education Unit in Citra. Dr. Danny Colvin and his crew put on one heck of a show. The facilities were tip-top and the contest ran smoothly like a well-oiled machine. Jim Boyer, Carl Vining and Mark Kann deserve a standing ovation! Wayne Currey also deserves a round of applause for setting up and running the team calibration event. Several of you also helped and deserve many thanks as well.



Plan now to attend

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2009 Annual Meeting

Meeting Dates:

The meeting will begin on Monday, February 23rd and conclude on Tuesday, February 24th.

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.

We have a room block for this hotel at a rate of \$119/night, with a cut-off date of February 06, 2009.

Their number is 407-660-9000

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).

FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY 31st ANNUAL MEETING

February 23rd and 24th, 2009

Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association

800 Trafalgar Ct., Suite 200

Maitland, FL 32751

(321) 214-5200

Pre-Registration: Deadline February 10, 2009

Mail check made payable to FWSS to Dr. Andrew MacRae

Gulf Coast Research and Education Center – Balm

Wimauma, FL 33598

(813) 633-4140 awmacrae@ufl.edu

NAME: _____

COMPANY/AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

2009 FWSS Membership Dues and Meeting Pre-Registration*

	Indicate amount paid
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 Feb 10 (\$ 35.00)	\$ _____
Late Registration, after Feb. 10 (\$ 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 23rd), and break refreshments.

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 Brent Sellers, sellersb@ufl.edu (863) 735-1314 ext. 207; or Mike Aerts (321) 214-5200, Mike.Aerts@ffva.com.

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 Tuesday, February 10, 2009. 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

2009 Annual Meeting

Call for Papers

The 32nd Annual FWSS Conference and Meeting will be held at Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association Headquarters, 800 Trafalgar Ct.; Suite 200 Maitland, FL 32794

February 23 and 24, 2009. At this time, we would like to encourage all individuals who wish to present a paper to fill out and submit this form by February 6, 2009.

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 FEBRUARY 6, 2009 TO:

Brent Sellers

Range Cattle Research and Education Center

3401 Experiment Station Rd.

Ona, FL 33865

(863) 735-1314 ext. 207

Fax: (863) 735-1930

sellersb@ufl.edu

FLORIDA WEED SCIENCE SOCIETY

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLY BY FEBRUARY 1, 2009

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 personal information: Last Name, First Name, M.I., Phone, Street Address, City, State, Zip, Jr., Sr., MS, PhD.

Major Check Level

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

Educational Background

Table with 4 columns: College/University, Degree, GPA, Dates. Contains 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
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 1038 McCarty Hall
 P.O. Box 110210
 Gainesville, FL 32611-0210
 or email to jadu@ifas.ufl.edu