



California Weed Science Society Award of Excellence – 2010

Lars W.J. Anderson
USDA – Agricultural Research Service

Lars Anderson has been nominated by the Nominations Committee and approved by the Board of Directors to receive an Award of Excellence from the California Weed Science Society at the 62nd annual conference. Lars was selected because of his distinguished service to the society as President in 2001 and for his frequent service on the program.

Lars received his BA in biology from UC Irvine in 1967, his MA in Biology from San Diego State University in 1970, and his Ph.D. in Biology from UC Santa Barbara in 1974. Lars has been doing research on aquatic weeds for 32 years with USDA-ARS, much of that time in California. In addition to being an outstanding research scientist, Lars has been instrumental in control and eradication efforts for several of the most invasive aquatic weed problems in CA. These include providing leadership for efforts to develop and implement control programs for Hydrilla, *Salvinia molesta*, *Caulerpa taxifolia*, Eurasian watermilfoil, and curlyleaf pondweed. Lars has served on several Science Advisory Committees for aquatic weeds and other invasive species like Quagga mussels. He served the Weed Science Society of America as co-chair of the New Journal Development Committee, which resulted in the creation of Invasive Plant Science and Management in 2008. He was a co-founder of the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society in 1985. He is a Past President of the Western Aquatic Plant Management Society (2006/2007), the Aquatic Plant Management Society, and the Western Plant Management Society. He is active in his community of Davis as Past President and Trustee of the Explorit Science Center, a docent of the Jepson Prairie Reserve, the Putah Creek Counsel Stewardship Committee and the City of Davis Natural Resources Committee and the Climate Change Committee. His bibliography is extensive and diverse.

