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“New Challenges and Opportunities for Weed Management in California”

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A Message from CWSS President Joseph Vassios



As this season is winding down, we have been working to put together another informative CWSS Conference for next year. Our theme for the 71st California Weed Science Society Conference is ‘New Challenges and Opportunities for Weed Management’. I would like to invite you to join us for the conference being held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Downtown Sacramento on January 23-25, 2019.

With the addition of the new Golden 1 Center in Downtown Sacramento, there have been many new restaurants, bars, and attractions opened to explore during your time in Sacramento. In addition, I would also invite you to explore Old Sacramento, and the various museums that the city has to offer. The conference will end at noon on Friday at noon, so plan to explore the city!

The program committee chair, Travis Bean, and his fellow committee members have put together a great agenda for this conference. Wednesday’s program will begin with our Weed School session focusing on ‘Vegetation Management to Mitigate Wildfires’, which continues to be extremely important as we experience large wildfires across the state each year. This will be followed by student presentations. We are still accepting applications for the Student Paper and Poster contests, and I would encourage all students interested in participating to submit your application on the CWSS Website. Applications for the Student contests are being accepted through November 17, so I encourage all students to consider participating. Our General Session will discuss the various environmental and political challenges dealt with in managing invasive plants in the California Delta. This will be a very informative session, as the issues in the Delta affect the water supply for much of the state. The day will conclude with our “What’s New in Industry”, and the CWSS member reception. This year’s agenda has numerous speakers and researchers ranging from basic herbicide physiology, to practical applications of new management strategies.

One additional item not related to the conference that I wanted to make all members aware of is the addition of a “Student & Job Opportunities” page on the CWSS website. This is available for CWSS Sponsors, Exhibitors and Government Agencies as a platform for posting job openings that would be of interest to our membership. Please contact Celeste Elliott at manager@cwss.org for information about posting a job opening.

Again, I invite you to attend and look forward to seeing you January 23-25 at the 2019 Annual California Weed Science Society Conference in Sacramento!



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CWSS rate of \$186 plus taxes available until January 3, 2019

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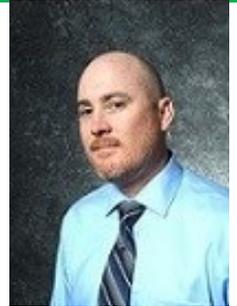
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Report from 2019 Program Chair Travis Bean



This January 23-25 we will be holding the 71st Annual Conference of the California Weed Science Society, and we'd like to invite everyone to attend! The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Sacramento, California. (Get your room reservations early!) Our conference theme this year is "New challenges and opportunities for weed management," and we have a lineup of speakers and topics drawn from the wide range of environments in which Weed Science is applied. There will be something of interest for everyone who works with weeds or invasives, whatever the context.

The meeting will start the morning of Wednesday, January 23rd, with our annual Weed School. This year we're focusing on "Vegetation management to mitigate wildfires." Given the extreme wildfire seasons we've just experienced in California and other western states, and the projections for more of the same in the future, this session will provide timely and practicable information on the role of invasive plants in exacerbating these catastrophic events, as well as providing key insights into how better management of invasive plants can help us in preventing and recovering from wildfire.

Following the wildfire session we'll hear from graduate and undergraduate students pursuing careers in Weed Science. A key role of the CWSS is to advocate for the Weed Science profession, and it's critical that we support the next generation of Weed Scientists, PCAs, Farmers, Ranchers, Natural Resource Managers, etc. The student session provides an opportunity to showcase some of our field's up-and-coming professionals and the new and exciting topics they are studying.

The General Session will be chaired by CWSS President Joseph Vassios, and will focus on the management of invasive weeds in the Sacramento Delta. We'll have speakers representing USDA Agricultural Research Service, UC Davis, and California's Division of Boating and Waterways. Topics will include an overview of key and problematic species, opportunities for and ongoing efforts in biological control, the use of herbicides and surfactants for aquatic weed control, and the role of managing aquatic weeds and their impact for California's water storage, conveyance, and recreation.

To complete our offerings on Wednesday, we will finish up with the "What's New in Weed Control" session, where exhibitors will provide label updates and other product developments. This will be followed by the CWSS Member Reception, which is a great opportunity for professional networking, catching up with old friends, and to wind down after a busy day.

Thursday we will have our regular concurrent sessions: Tree and Vine, Aquatics, Roadsides and Utilities, Turf and Ornamental, Agronomy, Forestry and Range, and Vegetable Crops. Because of our location, we'll also have a session on weed management topics in Rice. Thursday will include the CWSS Business and Awards Luncheon, which all members are encouraged to attend. The luncheon is a great chance to celebrate our members and honor some specific individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the Society.

Friday morning is the Laws and Regulations session, which will cover a range of topics on the legal requirements and responsibilities for managing weeds, as well as providing some essential DPR credits for those with applicator licenses. We've also been told that there will be Laws & Regs Jeopardy- come to test your wit against your colleagues!

Don't forget to register early for the conference- we've got a great program this year, and on behalf of the CWSS Board of Directors, I look forward to seeing all of our members, old and new, in Sacramento this January!



DPR hours to be requested, including laws & regulations. AZ, ID, MO, NV, OR, WA, GCSAA, ISA & Vector hours will also be requested.

Preliminary agenda available. Please check back for updates.

Sponsors, Exhibitors and Research Posters

Greetings! We are a few months away from our CWSS annual meeting in Sacramento and exhibitor signups and sponsorship commitments are underway! I'd like to let everyone know that we'll likely have room for 30-35 exhibitors at this venue, and as always, it is "first come, first served". Again this year, we have 12 high-visibility spots for 8' booths in the foyer, which are going quickly. If you wish to elevate your visibility at this conference, there is no better way than through exhibiting or sponsorship during the CWSS annual meeting. If you have a commercial poster you wish to display at the conference or have any questions about reserving your spot, please call or email at your convenience. Eli Kersh, CWSS Director of Sponsors and Exhibitors, 916-216-8744 or eli.kersh@alligare.com

What's New in Weed Control

The popular What's New in Weed Control Session will follow the General Session on Wednesday afternoon from 4:05-5:05 p.m. This session is designed to give conference exhibitors and sponsors a chance to introduce their company and representatives to all conference participants. Anything new and of interest to conference attendees such as label updates, new registrations, new products including equipment, crop protection materials, new technology, new publications, etc., would be welcomed. If you would like to reserve a time slot for presentation, please contact the session chair Kristina Short at 530-520-8377 or kshort@westbridge.com. Please keep in mind that this session does fill up rapidly, so reserve your spot soon!

Thanks,

Kristina Short

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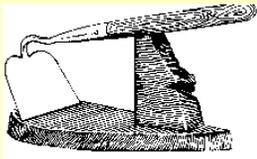
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All graduate & undergraduate students presently enrolled in college who have an interest in weed science are encouraged to enter the paper and/or poster contest at the **71st Annual Conference of the California Weed Science Society** **January 23-25, 2019 in Sacramento, CA**

BE Professional! This is an excellent opportunity for students to present research, improve their presentation skills, and network with professionals working in weed science. Papers or posters should consist of information gathered from research projects related to weed science and vegetation management. Students do not have to present results of their own research, but they must be familiar with all aspects of the research. Student papers and posters should be scientific in nature and should not be sales or marketing tools. **Titles are due November 17, 2018.**

FREE Conference Registration! All students entered in the contest are eligible to attend the CWSS Annual Conference for free! Students can register for the conference online at <http://www.cwss.org/events/>.

Student LUNCH! Students attending the conference are invited to meet weed science professionals and board members at the student luncheon. More information will be sent to all students registered for the conference.

TRAVEL Assistance! Students competing in the paper and poster contest will be eligible for up to **\$500 travel assistance** per student. Eligible students must present a paper or poster. Funding support can be used to pay for hotel, food, airfare, and/or mileage. (Contact Mariano Galla mfgalla@ucanr.edu (530) 517-8187 for more information and reimbursement forms.)

PRIZES! Papers and posters will be judged separately and the three best students in each category will be awarded as follows: **1st place: \$500, 2nd place: \$300, 3rd place: \$200**

GET Published! Paper and poster participants must submit an abstract for the proceedings. (All student abstracts will be published by CWSS. Additionally you can submit for Proceedings, following the editorial guidelines available on the CWSS website.)

Abstracts are due December 2, 2018

Participants in the paper contest will present on Wednesday, January 23rd. Students will be notified about the presentation time in late December. Posters should be 4 ft by 3 ft, and boards will be provided. Students must be present at their posters during the student poster session (Wednesday, January 23rd) to answer questions from judges and conference attendees.

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