A Message from CWSS Board President
Brad Hanson

While California’s climate gives weed managers something to do all year round, I’m hoping many of you are enjoying that brief lull between the end of the summer weed season and the onset of winter weeds.

Besides the shift in weed seasons, the fall also should signal that it’s time once again to start thinking about your plans to attend the California Weed Science Society Conference. As CWSS President, I’d like to invite you to join us January 22-24, 2020 for the 72nd annual conference will be themed “Back to the Future: Implementing New Technologies to Address Current and Emerging Challenges in Weed Management”.

This year the conference location rotates back to beautiful Monterey at the Portola Hotel & Spa, which has been a great venue for our conference in the past. January is a great time to visit Monterey and I hope you can take some time to enjoy what Monterey has to offer including great restaurants and world-class attractions such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Cannery Row, Fisherman’s Wharf, or the iconic 17-Mile Drive, among many others.

CWSS Program Chair Phil Munger and the rest of the program committee have put together a great agenda for the conference. The Weed School session will be the kick-off session on Wednesday morning and will really dig into the theme of the conference with a series of expert presentations on innovations in equipment, data, and sensor technology that is already, or will be, impacting weed control in California. Glyphosate has been a really important topic for weed managers as well as in the public sphere over the past few years and our General Session will focus on statistic, toxicology, and regulatory aspects of glyphosate; you’ll also find several other glyphosate-related presentations throughout the rest of the program. Find out “What’s New in Industry” and visit with our sponsors and vendors and dig into your favorite weed control in aquatics, trees and vines, desert systems, roadsides and industrial sites, agronomic crops, vegetable crops, turf and ornamental, forestry and rangelands, as well as updates on laws and regulations. Definitely don’t miss the CWSS student session and student presentation competition which offers a great opportunity to see their in-depth research and for our “experienced” members to connect with these talented early-career weed scientists. (continued page 2)
As California weed science professionals, please do not forget that this is YOUR society. The Board of Directors really welcomes and encourages your participation in the CWSS, whether as a participant or even as a contributor to the program, and we value your input. Throughout YOUR conference, we’ll be soliciting comments and feedback and look forward to continuing the great traditions of the California Weed Science Society going into the future. The program is going to be interesting and informative, there will be many CEU credits for licensed applicators and PCAs, the venue is fantastic, and this is one of the best weed science networking opportunities in the state. I’ll look forward to seeing you in Monterey during January 22-24th for the California Weed Science Society annual conference!

-Brad

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**Report from 2020 Program Chair Phil Munger**

On behalf of the Society, I would like to invite you to attend the 72nd Annual Conference of the California Weed Science Society (CWSS). The meeting will occur January 22-24, 2020 at the Portola Hotel & Spa in scenic Monterey, California.

The theme of the 2020 conference, “Back to the Future: Implementing New Technologies to Address Current and Emerging Challenges in Weed Management”, will focus on promising new technologies and their current and projected uses in areas of weed management.

The 2020 conference will begin with the CWSS Weed School on Wednesday morning, January 22nd. Presentations in this session will address use of remote sensing and high resolution imaging technologies in weed management, implementing drones for weed mapping and spray applications, as well as in-crop precision weeding and benefits of computer vision and robotics for effective in-crop weed control. Following the Weed School will be student poster judging and student presentations. These are excellent opportunities for members to learn more about student projects underway in California.

Brad Hanson will chair the General Session, which will begin after lunch on Wednesday. Brad has developed an excellent program that will include timely information on regulatory aspects and toxicology of glyphosate, as well as other glyphosate-related topics. Following the General Session, please plan to attend “What’s New in Weed Control”, where speakers will provide updates on products, and product uses and labels. The CWSS Members Reception will follow in the evening, where members can network, relax, and unwind after a busy day at the conference. Please plan to attend!

Concurrent sessions are scheduled all day on Thursday, which in the morning will include sessions addressing weed control in aquatic environments, in orchards and vineyards, and in roadside and in industrial settings. Also on Thursday morning will be a special session entitled “Desert Region & Fallow Ground Weed Control”, which will focus on weed control strategies under fallow and desert/arid conditions. Concurrent sessions will continue in the afternoon with emphasis on weed control in agronomic and vegetable crops, in forests and rangeland, and in turf and ornamentals. Lunch will be served between Thursday’s morning and afternoon concurrent sessions at the annual CWSS Business and Awards Luncheon. This is an important event where members can convene, enjoy a nice lunch, hear more about society activities, and join others in recognizing members of society. Please plan to attend this important part of the annual conference. The CWSS Conference will conclude with the Laws and Regulations Session on Friday morning.

Given anticipated attendance, we encourage you to register for the meeting and secure hotel reservations at your earliest convenience.

On behalf of the CWSS Board of Directors, we are looking forward to seeing you at the 72nd CWSS Conference in Monterey.

-Phil
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CWSS Journal and Research Update

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Submission Guidelines and Deadlines:

As of 2020, the CWSS Journal is published two times per year: Winter (December) and July (Summer).

For consideration in the Winter edition, please submit your articles no later than November 15th. For consideration in the Summer edition, please submit your articles by June 15th. Please send to Whitney Brim-DeForest, CWSS Director, wbrimdeforest@ucanr.edu.
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