



# Canadian Weed Science Society

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## Soci t  canadienne de malherbologie

### Who Are We?

The CWSS-SCM is a vibrant scientific society (membership of about 130 people) that meets annually to present new research findings and to discuss current issues on a wide range of topics in weed science.

Our membership is comprised primarily of university, government, and industry staff who specialize in research, teaching, extension, and regulation of weed-related topics.

### Our Primary Outputs

- We host an energetic 3-day annual meeting in late November, in locations that alternate between eastern and western Canada.
- We share research results through platform and poster sessions, provide a forum to highlight graduate student research, provide workshop-based continuing education opportunities, engage regulatory agencies in our meeting, and recognize excellence within our membership.
- *Topics in Canadian Weed Science* are published by the CWSS-SCM and can be purchased from our website, [www.weedscience.ca](http://www.weedscience.ca).

### Our Strengths

As a scientific society, we focus on obtaining new knowledge through research. We also value communicating this knowledge to client and stakeholder groups.

Our scientific interests have broadened recently from their historic focus on agricultural weed management using herbicides. We now study weed and pollen dispersal, weed/crop competition, cultural management practices, biological control, biofuel crops, environmental impacts and other topics, in addition to herbicide technologies. Research conducted by federal, provincial, university, and private sectors is of interest, in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings.



## Our Future

The CWSS-SCM endeavours to be widely recognized in Canada and beyond for its national leadership in bringing together research and information on science and management related to plants potentially impacting the environment, economy and society.

## What We Offer

- 1) *Research Capacity:* The majority of our university, government, and private sector members specialize in research designed to understand and manage unwanted vegetation.
- 2) *Networks:* All our members, particularly those new to weed science such as graduate students, benefit from a focus on professional contacts and mentoring within our society.
- 3) *Extension:* Our members include provincial (and other) extension personnel from all provinces. We aspire to form partnerships with existing organizations to aid and improve education transfer.
- 4) *Regulation:* Our Board of Directors and general membership has representation from the two federal regulatory bodies (Pest Management Regulatory Agency, PMRA & Canadian Food Inspection Agency, CFIA) involved with their respective vegetation management jurisdictions.



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