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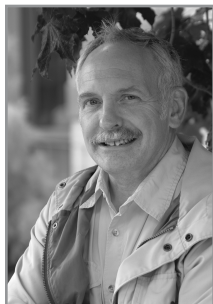
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RODNEY LYM

Dr. Rod Lym is Professor of Weed Science and Associate Chair in the Plant Sciences Department at North Dakota State University. His principal responsibilities for research are control of invasive weeds, especially leafy spurge and Canada thistle. His program has emphasized integration of herbicide treatments with other control methods including tillage and reseeding, biological control with insects, and incorporation with grazing animals.



Rod served on the WSSA Board of Directors from 1992 to 1995 as representative for the Western Society of Weed Science. He was the Associate Editor for the 7th Edition of the Herbicide Handbook and served on the committee to select the Outstanding Paper in Weed Technology from 1996–2001. He was a member and chaired several other committees including the Pasture, Rangeland, Right-of-Way and Forest section in 1989, the Leafy Spurge Task Force sub-committee from 1996–2001, and the Biological Control of Weeds committee. Rod was elected a Fellow of WSSA in 2006.

Dr. Lym served as President of the Western Society of Weed Science in 1998–1999 and was elected as a Fellow of that organization in 2000. Rod was honored with the Outstanding Weed Scientist award in 2007. He served on the CAST board of directors representing WSWS from 2000 to 2006. Dr. Lym was recognized by the Society of Range Management with their Outstanding Achievement Award for his work with invasive weed control in western rangelands. He was named the

Communicator of the Year in 2004 by the NDSU Agriculture Communication Dept. and the North Dakota Association for Communication Excellence, the first winner who was not part of the Extension Service. In 2007, he received the National Park Service Natural Resource Research award for the Midwest Region for his research program which directly led to improved land management practices and protection of the ecosystem in National Parks.

CLARENCE SWANTON

Clarence Swanton is a Weed Science Professor in the Department of Plant Agriculture, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario Canada. He received his B.Sc. from the University of Toronto, his M.Sc. from the University of Guelph and Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario. He served as the first Chair of the Department of Plant Agriculture from 1998 to 2004.



Dr. Swanton has been active in WSSA. He serves WSSA on several committees including the Early Career Weed Science Award, Outstanding Paper/Weed Science and the Fellow and Honorary Member Award Committee. He recently completed his term on the WSSA Board as conference member representative for the Canadian Weed Science Society. Clarence is currently the past President of the Canadian Weed Science Society.

Clarence has received several awards, including Fellow of the Canadian Weed Science Society, Canadian Society of Agronomy and the Weed Science Society of America, University of Guelph Presidential Distinguished Professor Award, WSSA Outstanding Researcher Award, and the Excellence in Weed Science Award in Canada. He has received the award for Outstanding Paper published in Weed

Science in 1994 and 2004. He has advised M.Sc. and Ph.D. students and teaches undergraduate and graduate weed science. He is also the proud coach of the University of Guelph Weeds Team.



CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY

DAVID B. VITOLO

Dave Vitolo has been an active member of the WSSA since 1984. He has served as the NEWSS Representative on the WSSA Board of Directors, has worked on various committees, including twice as a member of the Finance Committee, from 1997–2000 and again from 2005–Present. In addition, he serves as the WSSA internal auditor. He served as the Syngenta representative on the Global Herbicide Resistance Action Committee (HRAC), and currently serves as Treasurer of HRAC.



A member of the NEWSS since 1981, Dave has served on the Executive Board as President of the Society, as well as section chair and as a member of various committees. Dave hosted the Collegiate Weed Contest in 1988, and served on the steering committee for many years. In 2005 he was given the Distinguished Member Award by the Society. Dave has authored or co-authored over 50 papers and abstracts presented at the NEWSS, WSSA and WSWS. With his move to California, Dave joined the WSWS in 2004, where he chaired the Site Selection Committee in 2006–2007.

Dave Vitolo is currently Technical Crop Manager — Horticulture with Syngenta Crop Protection. He is based in Greenboro, NC. Previously he worked for Syngenta as a Senior Scientist in Sacramento, California, as Technical Manager for Non-Selective Herbicides in Basel, Switzerland, and as Manager and Weed Scientist at the Syngenta Eastern Regional Technical Center in Hudson, NY. He joined Ciba-Geigy in 1986.

Dave received a B.S. degree in Biology from Marquette University, and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Soils and Crops from Rutgers University, where he worked on weed interference in potatoes under Dr. Richard Ilnicki.

STEPHEN L. YOUNG

Stephen Young is a Weed Ecologist at the University of Nebraska Western Research & Extension Center in North Platte. The focus of his research and extension program is invasive species in riparian areas and weed management in rainfed crop systems. His background includes facilitating federally funded research on biofuel production, leading state funded research on vegetation control in rights-of-way, and providing technical support for private industry field research and development on pesticide products for registration.



Before taking his current position, Dr. Young conducted research at Washington State University Center for Precision Agricultural Systems and the University of California, Davis in irrigated and rainfed crop and non-crop systems. While in California, he also managed two large-scale research demonstration projects on pre- and post-plant weed control techniques for establishing native perennial grasses in rights-of-way.

Steve has been involved in the weed science societies (WSWS, WSSA) for 10 years. He is currently the chair of a symposium on advancements in automation and machine guided technologies for weed control at the 2010 Weed Science Society of America meetings in Denver. He has directed the committee on all the details of the symposium, including the securing of funding, arrangement of speakers and various promotional aspects.

Steve has the training and experience to fill the position of WSSA secretary. He knows the responsibilities and believes he can best serve the WSSA in this supporting role. The mission statement of WSSA includes the promotion of research, education, and extension outreach activities related to weeds; provision of science-based information to the public and policy makers; and fostering of awareness of weeds and their impacts on managed and natural ecosystems. A mission Steve would very much like to help advance as WSSA secretary.



CANDIDATES FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

PRASANTA C. BHOWMIK



Dr. Prasanta C. Bhowmik is a Professor in the Department of Plant, Soil, and Insect Sciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He received his M.S. degree in Crop Science, University of Guelph, Canada and his Ph.D. degree in Agronomy, University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been involved in teaching, research and extension since 1981 at the University of Massachusetts. His research program includes weed biology, allelopathy and invasive species, perennial weed control and integrated weed management in field crops and turfgrass. He has advised 20 graduate students. Dr. Bhowmik has been an author/co-author of 114 refereed journal articles, 11 book chapters, 450 abstracts and reports, and over 70 extension articles. Recently, Prof. Bhowmik has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for teaching Weed Ecology and Management at the Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State.

Dr. Bhowmik served on National Peer Review Panel for CSREES-USDA Invasive species (2007), USDA-CSREES Crops at Risk (CAR) and Risk Avoidance and Mitigation Program (RAMP) (2003), USDA/CSREES National IPM Implementation Program (1995) and USDA/CSRS National Water Quality Program (1993). Also, Dr. Bhowmik served as a Review Panel Member of USDA/CSREES Western Regional IPM Special Projects Grants in 2000 and 2001.

Dr. Bhowmik served as Vice President, President Elect, President and Past President of the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS). He has served on numerous committees, including Program Committee Chair, Site Selection Committee Chair and Symposium Chair, and Research Coordinator. Dr. Bhowmik received the NEWSS Distinguished Member Award in 1998 and Outstanding Researcher Award in 2000. In 2007, Dr. Bhowmik received the Outstanding Educator Award—NEWSS.

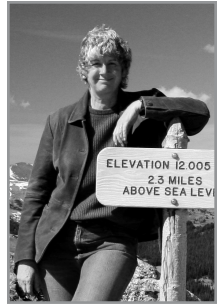
Dr. Bhowmik is a lifetime member of the International Weed Science Society (IWSS). He served as member of the Executive Board, Chair of Outstanding Research Award Committee, and member of numerous other committees. Dr. Bhowmik is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Allelopathy Society (IAS). Currently, he serves as Treasurer of IAS for the second term (2009–2011). He also co-organized the Fifth World Congress on Allelopathy in 2008 in Saratoga Springs, NY, and served as Editor of the Congress Proceeding.

As a long-time member of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA), Dr. Bhowmik has served as Abstract Editor (3-yr) and Associate Editor (3-yr) for *Weed Technology*. He has served on many WSSA committees, including Chair of Outstanding Young Weed Scientist Award Committee, Chair of Outstanding Research Award Committee, Chair of Biology of Weeds Committee, Chair of Terminology Committee, International Affairs Committee, and Turfgrass Symposium Committee. He also served as member of the WSSA Strategic Planning Committee (2001–2005). In 1996, Dr. Bhowmik was elected as a Fellow of the Weed Science Society of America.



SARAH WARD

I am Associate Professor of Plant Genetics in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Colorado State University. I received my BS in Applied Plant Sciences from the University of London (UK). Various adventures, including two years working on an agricultural development project in Ecuador, led to graduate school in the US where I received an MS and PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Colorado State University.



Although I started my academic career as a plant breeder working with new crops and alternative cropping systems, collaboration with the CSU weed science group convinced me that weeds were much more interesting. My current research focuses on the population genetics of weeds and invasive plants. I am a faculty member of the Graduate Degree Program in Ecology at CSU, where I teach graduate courses in crop/weed evolution and plant population genetics, as well as an undergraduate genetics course.

I served as Associate Editor for the special Invasive Weed Symposium issue of Weed Technology in 2004, and I have been an Associate Editor for Weed Science since 2007. For the past two years I have chaired the WSSA Professional Development Committee, working with a dedicated group of WSSA members on various projects including the new WSSA Graduate Student Travel Awards, a symposium on Research Ethics and a workshop on Technology Innovations at the 2009 WSSA annual meeting, and updates such as RSS feeds on the WSSA website. I am also a member of WSWS.

