



The US witchweed eradication effort turns 50: A retrospective and look-ahead on parasitic weed management

The APHIS Witchweed program in North and South Carolina recently passed the 50 year milestone. A symposium is planned to celebrate progress in this program, and provide information regarding other parasitic plants. Presentations are planned from U.S. and worldwide parasitic plant authorities and researchers.

What: Symposium

When: February 9, 2011

Where: Weed Science Society of America Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon, Hilton Portland and Executive Tower Hotel. For meeting registration information see:

<http://wssa.net/Meetings/WSSAAnnual/Info.htm>

WSSA Press release:

50-Year War Against Witchweed May Be Nearing its Final Skirmish

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/WSSA2010/12/prweb4865414.htm>

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Target Audience: State and Federal Regulatory personnel
Researchers working with parasitic plants
Those interested in the history of Weed Science

Organizers: Alan Tasker, USDA APHIS and Jim Westwood, Virginia Tech

Objectives:

- 1) Update/Educate WSSA members highlighting recent parasitic plant research and control methods.
- 2) Celebrate the release of South Carolina from the Witchweed Quarantine
- 3) Publish proceedings of interest to WSSA members

[Link to Agenda]