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WSSA and Northeastern Weed Science Society Plan Joint Annual Meeting

- Scheduled for February 4-7 in Baltimore, Maryland

LAWRENCE, Kansas – January 17, 2013 – Next month weed scientists, students, educators and professionals from around the world will gather in Baltimore for a joint annual meeting of the Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) and the Northeastern Weed Science Society (NEWSS). The event is scheduled for February 4-7 at the Hilton Baltimore in Baltimore, Maryland.

“We look forward to our annual meeting each year as a way to stay in touch with our colleagues and share the latest research,” says Rod Lym, president of WSSA. “We explore critical issues and look for ways to collaborate on new weed management solutions.”

A keynote address on agricultural research initiatives and funding will be delivered by Sonny Ramaswamy, Ph.D., director of the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

The two societies have scheduled more than 370 presentations and poster sessions on a wide variety of topics of interest to weed scientists. Among them are five special symposia and workshops:

- **“Herbicide Application in the 21st Century”** will cover both current and emerging pesticide application technologies.
- **“Herbicide Resistance Management – The Path Forward”** will explore options for managing herbicide resistance.
- **“Realigning Your Course to Improve Student Learning”** is a workshop focused on improving weed science courses and teaching effectiveness.
- **“Environmental Assessment of Herbicide Resistance: Past, Present and Future”** will focus on the negative impact of resistant weeds on our environment.

- **“Holistic Invasive Weed Management: Integration of Science, Regulation, and Public/Private Policy”** will examine techniques that have succeeded and those that have failed in the management of invasive plants.

For more information on the event, visit www.wssa.net/Meetings/WSSAAnnual

About the Northeastern Weed Science Society

The Northeastern Weed Science Society serves the Northeastern United States by bringing together those who are concerned with the knowledge of weeds and their control; cooperates with other scientific societies to promote research, education, and outreach activities; and publishes scientific and practical information of value concerning Weed Science and related fields. For more information, visit www.newss.org.

About the Weed Science Society of America

The Weed Science Society of America, a nonprofit scientific society, was founded in 1956 to encourage and promote the development of knowledge concerning weeds and their impact on the environment. The Weed Science Society of America promotes research, education and extension outreach activities related to weeds, provides science-based information to the public and policy makers, fosters awareness of weeds and their impact on managed and natural ecosystems, and promotes cooperation among weed science organizations across the nation and around the world. For more information, visit www.wssa.net.