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WESTERN SOCIETY OF WEED SCIENCE

The 58th annual meeting of the Western Society of Weed Science will be the first time that the organization convenes in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on March 8-10, 2005.

There will be two excellent symposia about "Crop Protection Chemistry vs. Genetically Modified Crops" and "History and Practical Applications of Dose Response Functions". The general session will feature presentations about challenges and opportunities facing weed science and how the WSWS considers future priorities and activities, a congressional update highlighting recent successes and future opportunities, and western weed trends from a Canadian perspective. The program features 157 scientific presentations of which 64 are poster displays describing research activities in weed science in crops, rangelands and forests, wetlands and wildlands, and educational outreach programs.

The detailed program, registration, and lodging information may be accessed at: **www.WSWeedScience.org** or contact Mrs. Wanda Graves, Business Manager - WSWS, PO Box 963, Newark, CA 94560, 510-790-1252.

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