



NEWSLETTER

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WHIS WELCOMES OUR NEW TREASURER!

Please join us in welcoming *Carson Thomas of Montana* as our new Treasurer, recently elected at the WHIS Teleconference. The treasurer helps make our annual conferences possible! Thank you for your service!

If you are interested in being considered for an executive committee position, stay tuned! New officers are elected as needed and at the annual conference.

WHIS PURPOSE

- To promote high standards of horticultural and regulatory inspection work
- To combine and share expertise, knowledge, experience and training among plant pest inspectors toward stimulating interest in and professionalizing plant inspection work
- To advocate harmonization between State and affiliated agencies
- To provide a means of disseminating information to plant pest inspectors, allied workers and the general public that is particularly pertinent to plant pest inspection work
- To provide a means of furthering fellowship among plant pest inspectors and allied worker

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2020 Annual Meeting Teleconference REVIEW

Andrew Cline gave a great review of some pesky pests and new ways for fighting them, including new methods to track Japanese beetle.

Dr. Helmuth Rogg shared a wealth of beautiful pictures from his career in pest exclusion, which has spanned the globe including the Galapagos.

Wondirad Gebru provided highlights of his own career.

Chris Looney shared his knowledge about Asian Giant Hornet. Among other great facts, he mentioned that exclusion methods can be used to keep AGH out of hives.

Brian Koontz discussed the hemp program in Colorado.

State reports covered a variety of topics and issues that Western states are facing. Japanese beetle remains a concern to many Western states. Colorado has been expanding its hemp program, while California faces new threats from a variety of pests and diseases both new and old. Washington continues to expand its search for Asian Giant Hornet.

WHIS hopes to make presentations available online at <http://whis.org>. Stay tuned for updates!



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**We hope to welcome you
all to our annual meeting
in 2021, in Oregon!**

Details to follow!