



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2020

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WHIS IS LOOKING FOR A TREASURER!

WHIS is looking for a Treasurer to serve on our executive committee. Gain experience and help WHIS! If you are interested, please contact Cheryl Smith at cheryl.smith@state.co.us.

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 workers

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2020 Annual Meeting Teleconference REGISTERING AND ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FOR THIS YEAR'S MEETING IS FREE!

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE WAIVED FOR 2020!

HOW TO REGISTER

You must register separately for each day of the teleconference. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

To register for **Day 1 on Aug 4, 2020**, please visit

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7236988139600668428>

To register for **Day 2 on Aug 5, 2020**, please visit

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4166217089966493452>

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

For system requirements, features, and other tutorials, please visit

<https://support.goto.com/webinar>

MEMBERSHIP

Become a WHIS member for 2020! Membership fees will be waived this year. Please fill out a Membership Application and return to Cheryl Smith at cheryl.smith@state.nm.us

STATE REPORTS

Represent your state by giving your state report at the meeting!

Reports are due **July 27th**. See page 5.



2020 Annual Meeting Agenda

AUGUST 4, 2020, 8:00-11:00 PST

8:00-8:15: Set up, greetings

8:15-9:00: OLD BUGS AND NEW TRICKS

Andrew Cline (California Department of Agriculture), Kristina Weber moderating

9:00-9:10: Break

9:10-9:55: A LONG WAY FROM HOME: MY CAREER PATH TO OREGON

Dr. Helmuth Rogg (Plant Protection & Conservation Programs Director & SPHRO, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture), Chris Benemann moderating

9:55-10:00: Ice Breaker- Name That Pest

10:00-10:45: A JOURNEY THROUGH AGRICULTURE

Wondirad Gebru (Colorado Department of Agriculture). Cheryl Smith moderating

AUGUST 5, 2020, 8:00-12:00 PST

8:00-8:15: Set up, greetings.

8:15-8:45: ASIAN GIANT HORNET UPDATE

Chris Looney (Washington State Department of Agriculture), moderator TBD

8:45-9:30: HEMP UPDATE

Brian Koontz (Colorado Department of Agriculture), Cheryl Smith moderating

9:30-9:40: Break

9:40-12:00: STATE REPORTS AND BUSINESS MEETING

STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

Tech Support for Panelists

Thanks to Kristina Weber for putting this together!

Using the Control Panel

Details regarding buttons on control panel.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar>

Understanding Session Roles

Describes the difference between being an organizer, co-organizer, panelist, presenter and attendee.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar/help/roles-faqs-g2w060010#View2>

Panelist Quick Start Guide

Describes in more detail actions that a panelist can do during the webinar. Note: Panelists cannot see questions from attendees until an organizer has assigned the question to them.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar/help/panelists-g2w010018>

Panelist Quick Reference Guide (PDF)

May be useful to send to presenters.

https://commerce.virginia.edu/sites/default/files/Technology/GoToWebinar_Panelist_QuickRef_Guide.pdf

Question and Answer

How to manage and answer questions during a broadcast.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar>

Change Presenter

How to change the presenter during a broadcast.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar>

Share your Screen

More information on how to share your screen during a broadcast. Answers questions about sharing your main monitor, secondary monitor, a particular application, etc.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar>

Share a Video

Details on sharing videos during a broadcast.

<https://support.goto.com/webinar/help/share-a-video-beta-g2w090120>

State Reports

Instructions & Template

States will have a chance to provide a quick update on their horticulture inspection program on Day 2 of the conference.

For each attending state, please:

- **Fill out the information below**
- **Choose a representative to share the highlights at the conference (2-3 minutes).**
- **Email responses and name of representative to Cheryl Smith at cheryl.smith@state.nm.us by JULY 27th .**

Nurseries:

1. Who needs a nursery license and how are nurseries/vendors/dealers categorized in your state?
2. How much does a nursery license cost?
3. How many nurseries are licensed?
4. How many routine nursery facility inspections were performed last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
 - b. How is it determined what facility is inspected?
5. How many pest exclusion/intervention inspections were performed last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the last year?
6. How are inspection activities records stored and/or maintained?
7. How many nursery inspectors does your state have?

Phytosanitary Certificates:

8. How many licensed ACOs in your state?
9. How many Federal phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?
10. How many State phytosanitary certificates were issued for plant products last year?
 - a. Was this an increase or decrease over the previous year?

List Other Program Regulatory Activities Performed/Provided.

Trapping Data:

Gypsy Moth, Japanese Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, Other... Please describe find, how many traps were placed, and how many insects were discovered.

New Insect/Disease Finds in the Last Year

Program Changes, new personnel

Other Relevant Information

Top Ten List

- a. Top ten insect/mite pests
- b. Top ten diseases

NEW THIS YEAR: How has COVID-19 affected agriculture in your state?