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ANNUAL MEETING ~ OCTOBER 10th - 12th

Plans for our annual meeting are nicely falling into place, all that is needed now is to resolve the number of persons that will be attending. Even if it's too early for you to submit your registration it would be helpful if you could confirm your intentions to Benita Matheson bmatheson@agr.wa.gov at your earliest convenience.

We are very much looking forward to this event and hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

Our meeting will be based out of the Red Lion Hotel in Richland, WA. Guests will arrive at the hotel to check in after 3:00 PM. Our hospitality suite will be open 3:30 PM - 9:00 PM featuring Washington State amenities. "Tour of Traps": Numerous exotic insect traps will be set up on the hotel grounds. From the hospitality suite guests can take their refreshments with on a self-guided tour where the type, purpose of each trap, along with pests targeted and damage caused described. A guided tour is also planned that evening. Dinner will be on your own.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH

Buffet style breakfast will be served in the hotel banquet room, followed by our Opening Meeting, Welcome, and Introductions. We will then travel to Zen-Noh Hay, Co for a facility tour and presentation on forage export requirements and procedures. From there we will travel to Walla Walla Nursery and conduct a SANC Pilot Program mock systems audit, combining a unique SANC experience and audit processes. Lunch will be provided. Dinner will be on your own.

THURSDAY, OCT 12TH

Buffet style breakfast will be served in the hotel dining room. We will then travel the Clean Plant Center Northwest with WSU and WDSA personnel providing instruction, insight, and facilities tour. A meeting room has been reserved for attendees to present their State Reports. Lunch will be provided. After lunch, we will stop by a vineyard for a first-hand look at Grapevine Virus Disease. We will continue on to Inland Desert Nursery for a facility tour and review of Washington Grapevine Registration and Certification. Then will tour a Cannabis growing facility with past, present and future issues presented by the grower and WSDA. We will end our day at the Walter Clore Center for a facility tour, wine tasting, and catered dinner featuring northwest cuisine. Our Annual Business Meeting will be held after dinner.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

Travel Day: A minimum number is required for breakfast to be provided. Please RSVP prior to meeting.

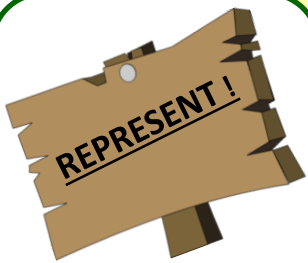
Registration Form Provided on Page 6.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO NOTE:

SUBSIDY REQUESTS: WHIS has funds available to assist members who may not otherwise be able to attend our meeting. Please submit the request form (Page 4) at your earliest convenience if interested.

STATE REPORTS: Each member state is requested to provide a state report, even if your state will not be represented at our meeting. The prepared report should be emailed to Bethany Abrahamson (babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu) prior to the meeting date. Copies will be provided at the meeting. Format for report is provided (Page 3).

SILENT AUCTION: This is a good time to start thinking about an item representing your state to be sold at our only fund raiser held each year. This auction is a chance for "Good Deals-n-Stuff", as most items go for under \$20. Thank you for your support!



WHIS ON LOCATION

An advantage of being a Western Chapter member is the opportunity to attend Central, Eastern, and Southern Horticulture Inspection Society meetings held in various states. Each year WHIS sponsors members to attend and represent our chapter. Meetings are packed full of valuable information and are an exceptional horticulture inspection training tool.

JUST IN: We have received notification for the next Southern Chapter meeting that will be held Sept. 18-21 in Startville, Mississippi. If you would like to review this meeting agenda and/or would like to be considered to represent our chapter at this meeting, please contact Bethany Abrahamson, babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu at your earliest convenience.

Not yet a member of WHIS? Easy fix. Membership form is provided on [Page 5](#).

Recent Travels by WHIS Members

- Ruben Arias (WHIS Advisory Committee, California) attended the Central Chapter HIS meeting in Lafayette, Indiana, in October. Highlights included a team-based workshop on identifying different types of insect damage and a gallery of pests/diseases for the region. Ruben also recently attended a SANC Training Workshop for inspectors in San Marcos, California in July.
- Bethany Abrahamson (WHIS President, New Mexico) attended the Eastern Chapter HIS meeting in Martinsburg, West Virginia, in April. She learned about plant pests and issues facing this part of the country and toured the Appalachian Fruit Research Station.
- Jacquelyn Schade (WHIS member, Alaska) attended the 2017 Western Plant Board meeting in Anchorage, Alaska in May. She gave a short update on WHIS and its 2016 meeting, and raised awareness for our society and upcoming meeting.

Have any recent travel related to horticultural inspection you would like to share with us in our newsletter? Please contact WHIS Editor John Wraspir jwraspir@agr.wa.gov or Bethany Abrahamson, WHIS President - babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu .



Black Stem Rot

BOLO

Be on the Lookout

Fall garden mums will soon be appearing for sale at retail nurseries near you and there's a yet another plant pathogen to be on the lookout for.

Phytophthora chrysanthemi (a water mold) had previously been identified in Japan and Croatia and now the U.S.

P. chrysanthemi is considered "high temperature tolerant" and can be an issue in the more arid areas of the west as well as in cooler climates.

Disease symptoms overlap in symptomatology with other pathogens such as plant stunting, chlorosis, vein reddening, wilting, and dieback of all or part of the plants. Severe infections express a distinctly black stem rot extended from the soil line to the lower branches.

This new species may not be of any more concern than other plant pathogens already on industry's radar. Introduction pathways are most likely with propagative material along with poor management practices.



Infested Root System



STATE REPORTS

Please provide 10 copies of your State Report at our Business Meeting, and / or emails copy of report to: Bethany Abrahamson (babrahamson@nmda.nmsu.edu).

The following is a standardization outline to follow when writing your state report submitted at our Annual Meeting. The oral portion of the report should not exceed 5 minutes in order to maintain the meeting schedule. A brief question and answer period is allowed after the presentation of the report.

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 ACO's 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 10 insect/mite pests.
- b. Top 10 diseases.

WHIS ANNUAL MEETING SUBSIDY REQUEST FORM

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

REPRESENTING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Please check boxes that apply.

- Meeting Registration Fee - \$110.00**
- Lodging - \$96.00 + tax per night - Number of nights: _____**
- Travel expense -**
 - **Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) @ \$0.535 per mile**
Trip starting point: _____
Approx. Miles: _____ Approx. Expense: _____
 - **Airplane @ \$1.15 per mile**
Approx. Miles: _____ Approx. Expense: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

***Proposals are not guaranteed until approved by WHIS Executive Committee.
Receipts for lodging and travel are required for reimbursement.
Only lowest rate between POV or airplane qualify for subsidy.***



2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE CATEGORY:

NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE MARK BOX IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE.

**CHECKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20.00 SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
*HORTICULTURAL INSPECTION SOCIETY – WESTERN CHAPTER***

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM AND CHECK TO:
*Beth Eiring, Montana Department of Agriculture, 1505 Missoula Ave, Helena, MT 59601***



REGISTRATION FORM

RESPONSE REQUIRED BY: September 19th, 2017

Western Horticultural Inspection Society 17th Annual Meeting

October 10th through 12th, 2017

**RED LION HOTEL RICHLAND HANFORD HOUSE
802 GEORGE WASHINGTON WAY
RICHLAND, WA 99352**

Member Attendance Fee: **\$110.00**

Non-Member Fee: **\$130.00**

Or Pro-Rated Fee for Single Day Attendance: **\$70.00**

2017 Membership Fee: **\$20.00**

To become a member, please submit completed WHIS Membership Application and Renewal along with membership fees. Send all completed forms, and check or money order for appropriate fees to:

*Beth Eiring,
Montana Department of Agriculture
1505 Missoula Avenue
Helena, MT 59601
Email: eeiring@mt.gov*

NAME:

TITLE:

REPRESENTING:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Enclosed fees made payable to WHIS.

\$110.00 Member Attendance Fee Enclosed: _____

\$130.00 Non-Member Fee Enclosed: _____

\$70.00 Per Day Fee Enclosed: _____

\$20.00 2017 Membership Fee Enclosed: _____

Day Attending (Wed. or Thurs.) _____

Guest Room Rate: \$96.00 plus local and state tax per night (single/double occupancy)

Reservations: 1-800-REDLION or 1-800-733-5466.

Reserved under the Western Horticultural Inspection Society

Reservation deadline: Tuesday, September 19th, 2017.

Transportation: Red Lion Hotel shuttle is available from the airport by calling: **(509) 946-7611**

Please Check box if you will require different or additional transportation accommodations.

Please Check box if you require specific dietary accommodations.

For more information regarding meeting and hotel accommodations, please contact:

Benita Matheson (509) 201-6205 bmatheson@agr.wa.gov or John Wraspir (360) 410-1260 jwraspir@agr.wa.gov