WSSA Seeking Next Liaison with EPA for 2009

The Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) is seeking a qualified individual to interact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and serve as a liaison between WSSA members and EPA employees. Dr. Steve Dewey from Utah State University has served in this role over the past 18-months and will be making his 12th and final liaison trip to EPA during the week of December 8, 2008.

Ideally, this individual will travel to Arlington, VA for one week per month for the first six months and then approximately a week every two months to work in EPA’s Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP). This individual will interact with EPA employees and provide input on a wide range of topics such as the utility of label mitigations for herbicide use, spray drift management, invasive plant management near endangered species, and the role of weed control in land management.

This individual should be willing to learn the registration and reregistration processes for herbicides, become familiar with the EPA scientific committees and how they operate, and develop a basic understanding of how EPA OPP risk assessments are conducted.

This individual must be a member of the WSSA, and prepare a quarterly report for the WSSA Newsletter and a semi-annual report to WSSA Board of Directors.

The WSSA will help reimburse this individual for travel and per diem expenses while working at EPA up to a predetermined limit, while the applicant continues to receive a salary through their employer.

The application period will end on September 30, 2008. Ideally, the individual selected would be able to make their first week-long visit to EPA in January of 2009, but start time is negotiable.

Please send a letter of intent and resume by email to: Lee Van Wychen at Lee.VanWychen@wssa.net. If you have questions, please contact me or WSSA President Jeff Derr at jderr@vt.edu

Thanks,

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