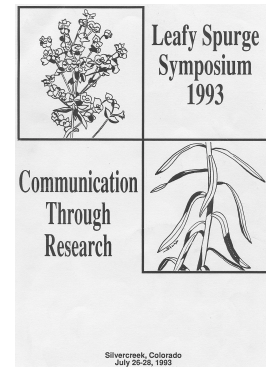


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1993 Leafy Spurge Symposium “Communication through research”

Foreword / Business Meeting Minutes

The 1993 Great Plains Agricultural Council Leafy Spurge Task Force Symposium was held July 26-28 at Silvercreek, Colorado. The Symposium was attended by scientists, weed district supervisors, and land managers from the private and public sectors. The Leafy Spurge Symposium is an opportunity for interested people to assemble, listen, and discuss the most current scientific information concerning leafy spurge – i.e., an opportunity to communicate through research.

The research papers presented at this symposium were balanced among biological control, chemical control, integrated leafy spurge management systems, and physiological/biological aspects of this important noxious weed. The primary purpose of the Leafy Spurge Symposium is for scientists who are conducting research on leafy spurge to discuss and critique their latest findings such that continual progress is made toward enhancing our knowledge base. It is anticipated that weed supervisors and land managers will take the research information presented and incorporate it into their weed management practices and systems.

This was the first time, hopefully not the last, that the Symposium was held in Colorado. A good exchange occurred and this will continue at future Symposia. The 1994 GPAC Leafy Spurge Task Force Symposium will be held in Bozeman, Montana, July 26-29. For information concerning the 1994 meeting, contact Dr. Neal Spencer, USDA-ARS Sidney, Montana, at (406) 482-2020.

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Minutes of the business meeting 1993

Leafy Spurge Symposium

Granby, Colorado
July 27, 1993

The meeting was opened by Dr. George Beck, President of the 1993 Symposium and Weed Scientist, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado.

I. A motion was made by Dr. Rod Lym (weed scientist, North Dakota State University (NDSU)) to hold the leafy spurge meeting every other year.

A. The motion was seconded by Dr. David Davis (USDA/ARS, Fargo, ND)

B. Discussion:

1. Dr. Lym - lack of new data at yearly increments.
2. Cost of attendance of a yearly meeting is a decision factor.
3. Dr. Beck agreed with the discussion for holding meeting every other year.
4. Dr. Davis agreed with the concept of biennial meetings, but thought Dr. Don Anderson, Assist. Dean of Agriculture at NDSU preferred the meeting to be held on a yearly basis.
5. Dr. Claude Schmidt (USDA/ARS - retired) stated GPAC - 14 may need to be consulted as changes in the meeting schedule may be in opposition to the charter.
6. Dr. Calvin Messersmith (weed scientist, NDSU) suggested we confer with Dr. Anderson and GPAC-14. A revision could be made at next year's meeting.

The Motion carried.

II. The next meeting is scheduled for July 26-29, 1994 in Bozeman, Montana.

III. The meeting following the Bozeman symposium would be scheduled for 1996 in Fargo, ND (if the above motion does not go against the GPAC - 14 charter).

IV. Dr. David Davis made a motion for the meeting ensuing the Fargo, ND meeting to be held in province of Manitoba, Canada.

A. Dr. Rod Lym seconded the motion.

B. A discussion was held on whether officers of the Leafy Spurge Symposium could be from Canada.

C. Dr. Calvin Messersmith suggested the issues such as officers for the Manitoba meeting could be resolved at the Bozeman meeting in 1994.

The motion carried.

V. Clay Vint was nominated for the position of secretary for the 1998 meeting in Manitoba.

The motion carried.

VI. Dr. Beck led a discussion on the aims and goals of the Leafy Spurge Symposiums i.e. research, extension, or some combination of the two.

- A. Dr. Lym felt the objective for the meetings was for researchers to communicate with one another. Too many people in attendance tend to restrict discussion between researchers.
- B. Attendees of the business meeting joined into the discussion of the objectives for the symposium. The general consensus was directing the goal of the Leafy Spurge Symposium toward the sharing of research data.

VII. Neal Spencer, USDA/ARS Sidney, Montana is chairing the 1994 Leafy Spurge Symposium to be held at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, Montana on July 26-29, 1994. On Tuesday evening, July 26, a series of group discussions will be convened. These groups will cover the principal areas of interest to the symposium attendees. Each will be led by one or more "facilitators". Thursday afternoon and Friday will be a field trip to several areas in Montana where leafy spurge controls are being applied. It promises to be a good meeting.

VIII. Dr. Beck discussed the format for the symposium proceedings.

- A. Dr. Beck stated, and Dr. Robert Masters (USDA/ARS Lincoln, NE) agreed, it is difficult to obtain written material from the speakers.
- B. The group consensus was to encourage researchers to write a paper and have a proceedings in the hands of the attendees.
- C. Dr. Lym stated early publication would facilitate having the information to the user when it was needed.
- D. Dr. Masters reiterated difficulty in obtaining papers from the speakers and a resultant delay in publishing the symposium proceedings.
- E. Dr. Beck stated he was establishing a deadline of August 31, 1993 for submission of manuscripts for the 1993 Proceedings. Those papers received by that time would be published; the remaining ----.
- F. Neal Spencer plans to ask for long abstracts prior to the 1994 meeting and distribute the publications with the meeting packet of information.

IX. Dr. Schmidt told the group that Dr. Don Anderson had been unable to attend the meeting this year. Dr. Russ Lorenz was also unable to attend. Dr. Schmidt would be doing more of the work on putting together the Leafy Spurge News.

- A. The Leafy Spurge News is scheduled for publication 3 to 4 times a year.
- B. Please continue to submit information to the Editors that would be of interest to the readers. Communicate!
- C. Abstracts from the meeting will be featured in the newsletter soon.

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