

Council of Australasian Weed Societies

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TITLE President's Report

We received a letter from the Department of Commerce, Western Australia on 25 October advising us that the amendments to the constitution had been accepted and will be lodged in the records whenever they get around to it. They did note a few inconsistencies however, and we will be required to make small amendments to Clauses 18 and 20 to be compliant. They have provided the exact wording required and suggest the changes be made at the next AGM.

Victoria has had a very good response to their call for abstracts for the 18AWC, about 212 with maybe a few late ones. However the day the abstracts closed I received an email to say that a certain university had only just heard about it and could they have an extension! They did the same to me for the 17AWC and I am beginning to wonder if they are just playing for time or are they genuine! Congratulations to Victoria on the number of papers it should be a great conference.

It looks like Hobart is doing a big push to be the home of the 19AWC. I hope the resignation of Marty Bower does not impact them too much.

The 23rd Asian-Pacific Weed Science Society conference was held in Cairns 26-29 September 2011 and was smaller than expected, probably as it was out of circulation for the last 4 years (due to choosing locations that people didn't want to go to). The final accounts have not yet been prepared.

There is now a recent newsletter from the 6th International Weed Control Congress organizing committee. The conference will be held from 17-22 June 2012 in Hangzhou, China. Abstract submissions should be available on the web site until 15 January, but I haven't tried.

There is no further news on WA's application for the 7th IWCC for Perth in 2016.

Kind Regards, Trevor James, CAWS President