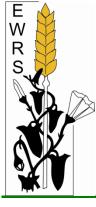
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Failure of oats due to heavy weed infestation in Denmark (Picture: Jens Carl Streibig).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

Deadline for contributions to be published in the following Newsletter issue: 1 April 2013

Photographic images

It is possible to include photographic material. Please make sure that the images are taken at no less than 300 dpi otherwise the picture quality drops.

Questions

If you have any problems in writing or formatting your article, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'll be happy to assist you. As Technical Editor of the Newsletter, I prepare the final layout of the Newsletter prior to publishing. You can contact me by sending an E-mail to <u>newsletter@ewrs.org</u> / <u>moonen@sssup.it</u> or by calling me at +39 050 883567. I'm looking forward to receiving your contributions.

CHARGES FOR JOB ADVERTISING IN THE NEWSLETTER

- Job advertisements are free of charge for EWRS members from public research and education institutions.
- The rate for a job advertisement from private enterprises is € 100,00 page. Reductions can be negotiated with the Newsletter editor for half page adverts.
- Publication of a job advertisement on a special page of the EWRS website <u>http:\\www.ewrs.org</u> will be charged € 300,00 per advert.

JOB ADVERTISEMENT



Weed seed grower wanted

Herbiseed is a long established business supplying weed seeds for use in agricultural research. We are currently looking for a contract grower to produce seed of up to 50 Mediterranean climate weed species.

You will be responsible for the entire growing operation, from sowing the seed, managing the growing crop through to harvesting, drying and seed cleaning. Herbiseed will contract to take an agreed amount of each species per year at the contract price and will be responsible for organising its transport to England.

We will provide full training and support to enable you to establish a viable business. We currently operate a highly successful contract business of this nature in Serbia which over 20 years has transformed our farmer contractor's lifestyle.

You will be responsible for all aspects of production from "*seed to seed"*. It is mainly outdoor work, not an office job. You should have:-

- Practical botany, horticultural, agricultural or plant breeding experience.
- 1-2 hectares of good land.
- Access to casual labour for harvesting.
- Self-motivation and willingness to do physical work.
- Adequate communication in English.
- Basic computer literacy, particularly email.
- A flexible approach to problem solving, resourcefulness, determination.
- An enjoyment of applying scientific principles to a practical process.

Several business models are potentially appropriate for this opportunity. We are happy to discuss your circumstances and ideas. We welcome enquiries from farmers wishing to diversify or someone adding weed seed production as a sideline to a more conventional job. If you are interested in supplying us with weed seed on a less formal basis than the contract operation described above, we would be interested to hear your proposal.

Please email for more information and to apply at: info@herbiseed.com

Please forward this opportunity to your students and any others who may be interested.

FROM THE BOARD

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues and friends,



The 16th EWRS Symposium is approaching. Nearly 400 abstracts have been submitted, showing the high level of interest from weed scientists over the whole of Europe and elsewhere. We expect another exciting event, merging high-quality science with vibrating social events in an informal setting. As usual, delegates will have the opportunity to experience a field excursion, getting to know the agricultural systems of northern Turkey. Samsun and the Black Sea region are longing to disclose their intriguing atmosphere to EWRS Symposium delegates. Make sure to register promptly to our major of the through the Symposium website event year (http://www.ewrs2013.org/default.aspx). Early bird registration fees are available until 1 March 2013. Do not miss this deadline!

As anticipated in the previous Newsletter, the 15th EWRS Working Group is now a reality. Ivo Brants (Monsanto) will coordinate EWRS activities on

Herbicide Tolerant Varieties, covering a wide range of subjects spanning from agronomy to environmental impact and socio-economic relevance of new herbicide-tolerant technologies. You can read the report on the kick-off meeting of this new Working Group on this page. Anyone interested in this subject please contact Ivo to be part of the WG membership and mailing list.

Lastly, I want to draw your attention on the book that Hansjörg Krähmer and Peter Baur have just published on Weed Anatomy. Over many issues of the EWRS Newsletter Hansjörg has delighted us with a series of amazing pictures and descriptions of the anatomical structure of common and uncommon weeds. A description of his book is included at page 9 of this Newsletter. This is a unique contribution to the weed literature and we thank Hansjörg for having anticipated some of its content to us.

Ad majora!

Parl Bark.

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS

THE YOUNGEST EWRS WORKING GROUP HERBICIDE TOLERANT VARIETIES

The newly created EWRS Working Group Herbicide Tolerant (HT) Varieties did gather for the first time formally on 23rd of November, 2012 at the University of Bingen, Germany. Herbicide tolerant varieties is for this WG defined as the umbrella description for varieties that become tolerant through mutagenesis as well as for varieties that are improved via genetic modification. The active participation of the 23 European scientists from 15 organisations (10 countries) reveal that there is a strong interest in the scientific community to increase understanding of Integrated Weed Management in and Sustainable use of these new agronomic systems in Europe.

The commercial introduction of the HT varieties in Europe goes hand in hand with periodically very polarized and emotional discussions. The members of this new WG committed to look for a scientific and balanced evaluation of the agronomic impact that these HT varieties will cause. Impacts to be studied

would include weed management in the new varieties as well as in the overall crop rotation, advantages and/or disadvantages for the rotational systems, watch outs and opportunities for HT varieties in specific agricultural systems, economic as well as agronomic sustainability.

As some HT varieties obtained via mutagenesis are finding their commercial way into European agriculture it was agreed to prioritize the evaluation for some of these crops.

Ivo Brants (Monsanto) was elected as coordinator and Prof Jan Petersen (University Bingen, Germany) was nominated vice coordinator.

A visit to the greenhouses with screening for herbicide resistant weeds and a view on an outdoor trial with ClearField® OSR was an appropriate end of the first meeting of the WG Herbicide Tolerant Varieties.

A link with information, equivalent to the other WG's, will become available on the EWRS website.

Interested people are invited to attend the next meeting of the WG Herbicide Tolerant varieties which will be held on Sunday 23rd June, 2013 in Samsun, Turkey (preceding the EWRS symposium) and will be jointly organised with the WG Optimization of Herbicide Dose. An invitation for participation has been extended to the WG Herbicide Resistance (weeds). Details will follow.







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JOINT MEETING OF THE WGS WEED MAPPING AND WEED MANAGEMENT IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID CLIMATE

A joint meeting of the WGs Weed Mapping and Weed Management in Arid and Semi-arid Climate will be organised from Sunday 29 September to Thursday 3 October 2013, in Chania, Crete, Greece.

The following weed mapping topics will play a major role:

- Small scale weed mapping
- Regional mapping and country surveys
- Weed resistance mapping
- Mapping of invasive weeds
- Mapping of rare weeds

Your comments and contributions are highly welcome and can be send to Falia Economou, the Coordinator of the WG 'Weed Mapping'.

The specific goal of the WG Weed Management in Arid and Semi-arid Climate is to gather a forum of weed scientists involved in research on all aspects of weed management in arid and semi-arid agriculture, especially in the Mediterranean region. It is therefore believed that the natural integration of both WG's will be synergistic and will create a fruitful discussion and collaboration. For this topic contributions on all aspects related to weed science focusing on arid and semi -arid climate will be accepted.

The Co-chair of the Organizing Committee and chairman of the Scientific Committee is Dr. Hanan Eizenberg. Soon the Joint Organizing Committee will send you the First Circular with more details. Please send us (<u>rubin@mail.huji.ac.il</u>; <u>eizenber@volcani.agri.gov.il</u>) your suggestions, titles, etc. We hope to have enough funds to support up to 10 students and young scientists according to the EWRS rules. Please encourage your students to attend the joint workshop.

We look forward to seeing you in Chania next autumn.

Best regards, Falia Economou and Baruch Rubin

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MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

THE HISTOLOGY OF *CAUCALIS PLATYCARPOS*

Dear Colleagues,

Caucalis platycarpos L. (Bayer code: CUCLA), small or carrot bur-parsley is an annual weed that is regarded as a rare and endangered species in many Northern European countries. It seems, however, to prefer warmer climates as it can be still quite common in the Mediterranean area, in the Iran and in the Iraq. In Turkey, it is a eed in wheat. *Caucalis* is a member of the Apiaceae or Umbelliferae family. The flowers are weakly zygfrequent womorphic.



Flowering and fruit setting Caucalis platycarpos



Zygomorphic flowers in an umbel are either male or bisexual,



The flower attracts different insects such as hover-flies (in this case *Sphaerophoria scripta*).



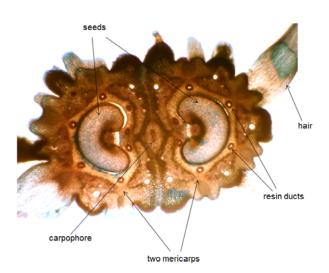
Fruits are achenes with hooked hairs easily attaching to the skin of animals. On top of the fruit a crown of sepals stays green.



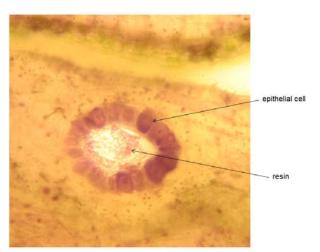
Glands in the fruit attract insects also.



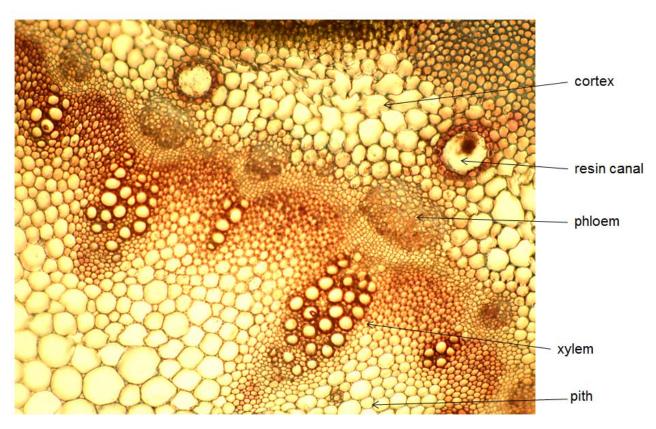
Hairy stem



Transverse section through fruit of *C. platycarpos*, Toluidine blue, 40x



Transverse section through resin canal in fruit of *C. platycarpos*, Toluidine blue, 400x



Transverse section through stem of C. platycarpos, Etzold blue, 100x

H. Krähmer

INTEREST IN WEED RESEARCH PAPER ISSUES

D. van Hoogstraten, a Belgium EWRS member, has a large collection of Weed Research issues, volumes 36 (1996) to 52 (2012), but cannot keep them any longer. If anyone is interested in receiving them or knows of schools or institutes that are interested, please contact him at **david.vanhoogstraten@skynet.be**. Transport cost will be paid for by the EWRS.

2013 NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE PLANT ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE



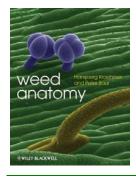
The 2013 North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC) is now open for registration. Similar to previous years, the 2013 NAIPSC Field Course will include presentations, hands-on workshops, site visits and instructor-led discussion sessions on the latest in invasive plant ecology and management. The NAIPSC Special Session for 2013 is on the topic of biocontrol. Registration can be done either online or by downloading a brochure from the NAIPSC website (<u>http://ipscourse.unl.edu</u>). While there, be sure to check out the new NAIPSC Online Community that features relevant webinars, interesting articles, and opportunities to interact on any topic related to invasive plants. Also new is the Invasive Weed Ecology Program, which has some interesting information and thoughtful insights on invasive plants. The third annual NAIPSC Field Course will be held June 25-27, 2013 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte, NE. CEU and graduate student credit will be available.

REVIEWS

WEED ANATOMY

Hansjörg Krähmer's and Peter Baur's book on the anatomy of around fifty weeds will be published by Wiley-Blackwell in April this year. Hansjörg is Past President of the European Weed Research Society and is based at Bayer CropScience, Frankfurt, Germany. Peter Baur is Head of the Competence Center Crop Protection of Clariant in Frankfurt, Germany. He is an external Professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany and Past President of the International Society for Agrochemical Adjuvants. We are already familiar with Hansjörg's short histological reports in our Newsletter. More than a thousand beautiful colour pictures illustrate the description of frequent and some rare weeds around the globe. Peter has contributed a number of scanning electron microscope pictures. The book consists of two parts, a general introduction into the anatomy of weeds and a second part with short monographs on more than fifty weed species.

One central issue of the book are structural features contributing to the weediness of plants. Several chapters summarize facts about genes influencing the development of plant organs. Today, we are used to explain herbicide modes of action and resistance phenomena primarily by target site binding or by metabolism studies other than in animal studies were histological examinations are still a standard tool of toxicology. Plant anatomy is neglected to some extent at universities today. This anatomy book employs an integrated approach and fills a gap in answering why plants can become weeds. Weed scientists, molecular biologists and scientists interested in plant physiology , including personnel within the agrochemical and crop protection industry, will find a great deal of useful information in this book full of coloured illustrations.



- ISBN: 978-0-470-65986-1
- Hardcover
- April 2013

• Wiley-Blackwell: <u>http://eu.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-</u> <u>0470659866.html</u> for further details and information on how to purchase this landmark publication are available.

CALL FOR CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE GLOBAL HERBICIDE RESISTANCE CHALLENGE 2013

18-22 February 2013 Perth, Australia

Global food production is one of the greatest challenges of the 21st Century. Sustaining world food production requires reliable control of yield reducing crop weeds. Herbicides are the principal tool for crop weed control yet their sustainability is threatened by the evolution of herbicide resistant weed populations in many parts of the world. The latest chapter in resistance evolution is the widespread appearance of glyphosate resistant weeds threatening the success of glyphosate resistant crops. Crops with new herbicide resistance gene traits, new herbicides and non-chemical methods to manage weeds are being introduced to counter the weed/resistance threats.

The Global Resistance Challenge 2013 conference offers a multidisciplinary forum focused on all aspects of herbicide resistance in crops and weeds and their impact on global food production. Scientific sessions will range from the molecular basis of herbicide resistance evolution through agro-ecology and agronomy to on-farm resistance management.

The Global Resistance Challenge 2013 conference will provide a stage for young and established private and public sector researchers, crop consultants and others to present their work in front of a welcoming international audience in the beautiful portside city of Fremantle, Perth, Western Australia. We welcome everyone who wishes to discover the latest advances in herbicide resistance to Perth in February 2013, to experience a magnificent Western Australian late summer. For more information: http://www.herbicideresistanceconference.com.au/

16TH EWRS SYMPOSIUM

24 – 27 June 2013 Samsun, Turkey

Venue: Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey

The first circular is now available. Click on the link below to download it: (**EWRS 16th Symposium Samsun 1st circular.pdf**, 7.3 Mb). The second circular will be published soon, so please check the website regularly.

The EWRS 2013 Meeting Website has been launched. Go to <u>http://www.ewrs2013.org/default.aspx</u> or more details.

26TH GERMAN WEED SCIENCE CONFERENCE

11-13 March 2014 Braunschweig

The Julius Kühn-Institute, the Institute for Geoecology of the TU Braunschweig and the Weed Science Working Group of the Deutsche Phytomedizinische Gesellschaft (DPG) would like to invite you to attend the 26^{th} German Conference on Weed Biology and Weed Control 11 - 13 March 2014 in Braunschweig, Germany.

The aim of the conference is to provide a platform for an exchange and discussion of new research results and innovative methods in the area of weed science. Scientific contributions will be accepted both in the form of oral and poster presentations. A program committee will be responsible for the outline of the scientific program and the selection of presentations.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 17th May 2013. Abstracts can be submitted via our website <u>www.unkrauttagung.de</u>

Registration for the conference is also possible via <u>www.unkrauttagung.de</u>. Please send this information to anyone who might be interested in attending the conference.

Dates

Start: Tuesday 11th March 2014 (lunch time) End: Thursday 13th March 2014 (lunch time)

Venue

The conference will take place at the Technische Universität Braunschweig. Conference languages are German and English.

Conference fees

Before 31.12.2013:Regular fee $\in 180$,-
Reduced fee (students, pensioners) $\in 90$,-
Regular fee $\in 210$,-
Reduced fee (students, pensioners) $\in 105$,-
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All fees include proceedings, welcome reception and coffee breaks

For participation to the Conference dinner on Wednesday night, 12th March, a separate registration is requested. Fee Conference Dinner €15,-and this includes a regional buffet and drinks.

Information on accommodation and Hotel bookings can be found at <u>www.braunschweig.de/english</u>

We look forward to receiving your contributions and hope to meet you in Germany. For further questions, please contact us at <u>unkrauttagung@jki.bund.de</u>.

Kind regards, H. Nordmeyer, J. Petersen, O. Richter, L. Ulber, P. Zwerger Julius Kühn-Institut

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE GLOBAL HERBICIDE RESISTANCE CHALLENGE 2013 18-22 February 2013 Perth, Australia http://www.herbicideresistanceconference.com.au/

1ST PURE CONGRESS: PESTICIDE USE AND RISK REDUCTION FOR FUTURE IPM IN EUROPE

19-21 March 2013 Riva del Garda, Italy http://www.pure-ipm.eu/

18[™] INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES 21 – 25 April 2013 Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

http://www.icais.org/

16[™] EWRS SYMPOSIUM 24 – 27 June 2013 Samsun, Turkey <u>http://www.ewrs2013.org/default.aspx</u>

9TH EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PRECISION AGRICULTURE (ECPA) 7 − 11 July 2013 Lleida, Spain <u>http://www.ecpa2013.udl.cat</u>

> 12[™] WORLD CONGRESS ON PARASITIC PLANTS 15 – 20 July 2013 Sheffield, UK http://www.parasiticplants.org/

JOINT MEETING OF THE EWRS WEED MANAGEMENT IN ARID AND SEMI-ARID CLIMATE WORKING GROUP AND OF THE WEED MAPPING WORKING GROUP 29 September – 3 October 2013 Chania, Crete, Greece

22ND COLUMA CONFERENCE – INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON WEED CONTROL

10-12 December 2013 Dijon, France <u>afpp@afpp.net</u> – <u>http://www.afpp.net</u>

26TH GERMAN WEED SCIENCE CONFERENCE 11 -14 March 2014 Braunschweig, Germany <u>www.unkrauttagung.de</u>

4TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON WEEDS AND INVASIVE PLANTS

18 – 23 May 2014 Montpellier, France http://www.ansespro.fr/invasiveplants2014/

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