SAVE THE DATES!

The **2009 Beltwide Cotton Conference** will be held January 5-8, at the Marriott Rivercenter & Riverwalk Hotels, San Antonio, TX. Additional information on the conference can be found on the Beltwide website.

The combined **2009 Southern Weed Science Society (SWSS) and Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) Annual Meeting** will be held February 9-13, 2009, at the Hilton in the Walt Disney Resort, Orlando, Florida. Additional information can be found on the SWSS website.

The **National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants (NAICC)** Annual Meeting will be held at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis Tennessee, January 28-31, 2009. Please see the NAICC website for more details.

Stay informed about important dates and meetings by checking the 'Events' link on the WSSNC website.

**27th ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, March 5, 2009**
**J.C. Raulston Arboretum – Ruby C. McSwain Education Center**

**Theme**

**Challenges and Opportunities Facing Weed Science in North Carolina**

Speakers will include representatives from NCSU College of Ag and Life Science Administration, NCDOT, NC Green Industry Council, Agricultural producers, Regulatory agencies, and more!

Our next newsletter will include a more detailed agenda, along with a ballot to elect replacements for opening positions within our organization. For professors, please start thinking about nominations for Outstanding MS and PhD candidates in your programs. Adam Hixson will be sending out more information in the near future. For students, we encourage you to start thinking of posters for our annual meeting.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Alan York, William Neal Reynolds Professor of Crop Science and Extension Specialist, NCSU, has decided to retire after 30 years of service to the growers of North Carolina and to this organization. Please see the special invitation below.

December 5, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Friends of Alan York

FROM: W. David Smith
Philip Morris Professor and Head

Dr. Alan York will be retiring at the end of January after 30 years of dedicated service. We hope you will join us in celebrating Dr. York’s contribution to North Carolina Agriculture and Weed Science. A reception to honor Alan will be held on March 5, 2009 at the NC State University Club (4220 Hillsborough Street) in Raleigh from 5:00-7:00pm.

This event is open to all interested persons, so please feel free to share this announcement with your colleagues. If you will attend please complete, detach, and return the following:

Number of people in your group: ______________

Name ____________________________________________

The department is accepting contributions for a gift. If you wish to contribute please make your check payable to: Crop Science Social Fund

Return reservation to: Dr. David Smith
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