

CAWS TRAVEL AWARD REPORT

I would like to express my thanks for the travel award from Council of Australasian Weed Societies (CAWS). This award is important to me and supported me to attend the 18th Australasian Weeds Conference in Melbourne, Australia from 8th to 11th October 2012. The conference focuses on “Developing solutions to evolving weed problems” which is highly relevant to my research area.

The conference provided me invaluable information, including up-to-date knowledge in different areas such as glyphosate resistance, biological control, new technologies etc. The glyphosate resistance section on day 2 was the most impressive. Several weed scientists gave their presentations quickly and followed by a group discussion.

My study, “The impact of emergence cohort on silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum eleagnifolium*) development and growth”, was presented and published. This paper highlighted the significant impact of emergence time on the development and growth of silverleaf nightshade and suggested at least two herbicide application were required for long-term management of this weed. It is a great experience for me to show my poster to experts. I received helpful comments about my study and useful suggestions on the future works.

Overall, this was a great and invaluable experience for me. I really appreciate the CAWS for the travel support.

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