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AOC 50th ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE



The All Ohio Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society

commemorated its 50th Anniversary on September 5-8, 2006 in Columbus, Ohio by presenting a conference entitled *Floodplains, Riparian Zones, and Buffer Strips: Key Components to Aquatic Life Attainment and Self-Sustaining Stream and Watershed Systems*. The conference (and related workshops) was organized in collaboration with the faculty and staff of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering at The Ohio State University.

More than 165 people from 15 states and Canada, including 15 Past Presidents of the All Ohio Chapter, attended the event that centered on the theme of *Celebrating 50 Years of*

Conservation and Beyond. Events included a technical tour to view urban stormwater best management practices; a conference with presentations from 12 nationally and internationally recognized speakers from 5 states; one 4-day workshop; five 1-day workshops; a CPESC Certification Examination on Erosion and Sediment Control, and 14 exhibits.

Other events included a 50th Anniversary Banquet, a Commemorative Luncheon, and a meeting of All Ohio Chapter members. At the banquet Past Presidents shared their memories, insight, and advice on the last 50 years of the All Ohio Chapter and the future of conservation. In attendance were many Past Presidents and Officers. Melvin Westbrook, NRCS International Activities Program Specialist, flew in from Maryland just to attend this event. Luncheon speakers included David Hanselmann, Chief of ODNR's Division of Soil and Water Conservation, and Terry Cosby, NRCS State Conservationist for Ohio. The luncheon concluded with Craig Cox, Executive Director of the Soil and Water Conservation

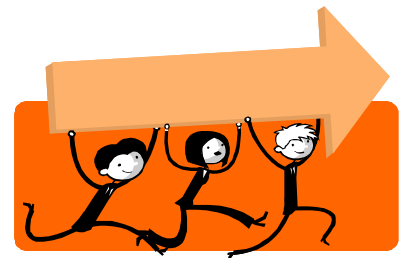
Society, presenting a student chapter charter to Melissa Fries, President of the newly created TerrAqua Ohio Student Chapter at The Ohio State University.

The conference began with an insightful introductory address by Craig Cox, Executive Director of SWCS. This was followed by a stimulating presentation by Professor Bill Mitsch, a recent recipient of the Stockholm Water Prize, on *Putting Back the Floodplains and Wetlands of the Mississippi-Ohio-Missouri (MOM) Watershed and Its Delta: The Nation's Greatest Restoration Project*. The other eminent speakers were Dave Baker, Norm Fausey, Jon Fripp, Jon Hayes, Ed Herricks, Ted Napier, Deni Porej, Ed Rankin, Stan Trimble, Peter Whiting, and Lance Williams. All the presentations were excellent and were very well received. Further details on the speakers and their presentations can be obtained at the <http://streams.osu.edu/>.

Submitted by Jessica D'Ambrosio and Andy Ward, Edited by Sean Browning

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- **Michigan SWCS - Conservation Planning Course (Modules 6-8)**, October 23 - 27, Marshall, MI. Contact DFKesselrign@aol.com for more information.
- **Ohio NRCS All Employees Meeting** - January 8-10, 2007, Salt Fork State Park
- **Conservation Partnership All Employees Meeting** - February 28 - March 1, 2007, Columbus



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CHAPTER AND SOCIETAL AWARDS

Each year SWCS presents awards for individuals making a notable contribution to SWCS and conservation. There are several award categories including:

I. Awards Available to Society Members:

- **Fellow**—Recognizes exceptional professional achievement coupled with service to the Society.
- **Outstanding Service**—Recognizes distinguished service to the Society over a long and sustained period (10 years minimum)
- **Commendation**—Recognizes members for service to their chapters.

II. Awards Available to Society Members and Nonmembers:

- **Hugh Hammond Bennett**—Recognizes extraordinary national and international accomplishments in the conservation of soil, water, and related natural resources.
- **Honor**—Recognizes people for outstanding accomplishments compatible with Society objectives.
- **Merit**—Recognizes noteworthy conservation activity or products of organizations, agencies, or firms.

A full list of societal award criteria, nomination procedures, and selection processes are listed at the SWCS web page <http://swcs.sitevz.com/en/awards/>

Those interested in nominating a member for a Chapter award should contact Norm Fausey, Chair of the Nominating Committee at 614-292-9806 or fausey.1@osu.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The All Ohio Chapter, again this year, sponsored a \$1000 scholarship for a college student pursuing a degree in the environmental field. The committee sent out the scholarship announcement to over 70 Ohio college and universities, including 2 year technical and vocational institutions.



Scholarship winner Jacob Wells

The committee received many outstanding applications from students across Ohio. Each applicant was evaluated in four areas: academics, leadership, career, and financial need.

This year, Mr. Jacob Wells was selected to receive the chapter's scholarship. Mr. Wells is a student at Hocking College where he is majoring in Forestry Management.

He has impressive academic credentials as well as demonstrated leadership ability. He is on the Dean's List at Hocking College and a member of the Theta Kappa Honor Society. While at Hocking, he completed the Fire Science Program and was team leader for a five man firefighter group.

Mr. Wells plans to obtain an Associates degree in Forestry Management and continue his education at Idaho University. His career ambitions include working for the US Forest Service with a personal desire "to achieve my goals of caring and protecting the land while serving people at the same time." Mr. Wells academic advisor at Hocking College stated that "Jacob Wells is truly the best student in my current class and one of my best of all times."

Mr. Wells is also a veteran of the US Marine Corps.

The scholarship committee would like to thank every chapter member who contributes to the scholarship fund.

Submitted by Doug Deardorff

INTERNATIONAL SWCS MEETING

During July, I attended my fourth international SWCS conference, "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous II" in the breathtaking town of Keystone, Colorado.

The reception is always my favorite part of the event. I get to catch up with folks whom I haven't talked with in a year, view the poster session, visit vendor booths, and view the silent auction.

The concurrent sessions are informative and the list of guest speakers is always impressive. There is usually something on the agenda for all interests. The Society has events for children and families to enjoy together, such as this year's horse stable

barbeque, which I really enjoyed.

The technical tours are a great way to see a part of the country's natural resources that you perhaps haven't had a chance to experience. This year's tours included everything from mountain erosion control to white-water rafting.

I strongly recommend that every SWCS member attend at least one international conference. The networking opportunities are fantastic! I hope to see a strong representation from the All Ohio Chapter at next year's conference.

Submitted By: Kim Browning, Member-At-Large



President Sean Browning (right) with Ted Napier from The Ohio State University.



Member-at-Large Kim Browning with Don Bartolina, retired NRCS—Oklahoma



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