

Western Forum on Pest Management Website editors' report, October 2004, Saskatoon, SK.

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The Western Forum on Pest Management (WFPM) web site is located at www.westernforum.org. The site currently has content from the Western Committee on Crop Pests (WCCP) and Western Committee on Plant Disease (WCPD); the sites for each of these committees are sub-pages linking from the WFPM home page. All content from the former WCPD website (<http://www.arc.ab.ca/extranet/wcpd/wcpd.htm>) has been transferred to the WFPM site. The WCCP content consists of a brief introductory paragraph and a link to a pre-existing WCCP site (www.members.shaw.ca/dan-johnson/wccpabout.html), maintained by Dan Johnson. A page for the Western Committee on Livestock Pests has also been created, but is not currently visible to users, since no content has been submitted.

The WFPM site is hosted by Geo-Hosting <http://www.geohost.ca/>. The WFPM has a one-year "Bronze" contract, and is entitled to 50.00 MB web space and 50 GB web traffic per month. Currently WF is using 32.23 MB of web space; average web traffic for the past month was approximately 0.16 GB. The bronze account also entitles WFPM to 50 e-mail addresses. These could be used redirect messages to WFPM officers, chapter editors, etc.; none are currently in use. The domain westernforum.org was registered through Geo-Hosting on 06 May, 2004 and is renewable on an annual basis. The site was created and is maintained using Microsoft FrontPage 2000.

Annual costs (Canadian dollars) to WFPM for the website are \$10 for domain registration, \$75 for hosting, \$5.95 for GST, totalling \$90.95. Costs were paid on-line by the R. Lange, and then submitted to the WFPM treasurer.

Ken Fry has left the Alberta Research Council, and withdrawn from his role as WFPM web co-editor. The remaining editor (R. Lange) requests that a new co-editor be appointed to manage WCCP content. The new co-editor should have access to Microsoft FrontPage. Alternatively, content could be prepared, then forwarded to R. Lange for publication. Username/password access could also be granted to WCPD/WCCP

chapter/section editors, provided they have they have FrontPage installed on their computers. Allowing editors of individual chapters access is problematic at present.

Requests for specific pages on the WFPM web site, September 9 - October 9, 2004.

| Number of requests | Page description |
|--------------------|--|
| 104 | WFPM meeting notice |
| 57 | Acrobat version of WFPM meeting notice |
| 56 | 2003 WFPM minutes |
| 45 | WCPD home page |
| 40 | Instructions for WCPD chapter chairs |
| 37 | Home page for WCPD guidelines |
| 36 | 2004 WFPM agenda |
| 35 | 2003 WCPD minutes |
| 31 | WCPD meeting page |
| 28 | WCCP home page |
| 28 | Home page for WCPD minutes |
| 21 | Special crops chapter of WCPD guidelines |
| 366 | Files with less than 20 requests |

Requests from hosts, September 9 - October 9, 2004

| Number of requests | Percent of total requests | IP address owner |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 749 | 4.19% | Alberta Research Council |
| 305 | 13.92% | Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada |
| 249 | 6.57% | SaskTel subscribers |
| 152 | 10.98% | Government of Alberta |
| 124 | 11.73% | Government of British Columbia |
| 152 | 10.98% | Manitoba Telephone System (MTS.net) subscribers |
| 1286 | 42.48% | 77 unlisted hosts with less than 100 requests |