

**Annual Meeting WERA-97/NCERA-184
June 26-28, 2007, Idaho Falls, ID**

Minutes

The joint annual meeting of WERA-97 and NCERA-184 was held in Idaho Falls, ID from June 26-28 at the Red Lion Inn. The WERA-97 and WERA-184 business meetings were held on Tuesday evening, June 26. WERA-97 participants discussed the status of the petition, future meeting sites, and status of the revised wheat disease compendium and list of common names of wheat diseases. Participants decided to meet jointly with Western Wheat Workers in Davis, CA in 2008. WERA-184 participants reviewed the 2006 minutes, discussed the status of their petition, personnel changes, future meeting sites, and elected officers for 2008. Participants decided to meet in South Dakota in 2008. There were a total of 37 participants at the meeting representing 15 U.S. states, Australia and Canada. Of these, 35 are from the public sector and 2 are from the private sector.

The joint general meeting was held Wednesday, June 27, and began with a welcome from Dr. Robert Zemetra, Chair of the Dept. of PSES, University of Idaho, followed by State reports, an update from Marty Draper, CSREES on the IPM-PIPE program and tracking cereal rusts, and short reports on special topics in the afternoon. State reports were presented for Arkansas, California, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, South Dakota, and Washington. In addition, reports on small grain diseases in Alberta, Canada and Queensland, Australia, were given by Denis Gaudet and Mark Sutherland, respectively. Reports on special topics in the afternoon included Leaf and Stem Rust by Jim Kolmer, Stripe Rust by Xianming Chen, Fusarium Head Blight by Ruth Dill-Macky, Aster Yellows by Char Hollingsworth, Nematodes by Dick Smiley, Crown Rot by Mark Sutherland, and Microarray Analysis of a Putative Tyrosine Phosphatase by Jill Petrisko. A social and dinner was held at the Red Lion Inn in the evening.

A field tour of USDA-ARS and University of Idaho research programs at the University of Idaho Aberdeen Research and Extension Center was held on Thursday, June 28. Mike Bonman provided an overview of USDA programs including the small grain collection housed in Aberdeen and Juliet Windes described research on Fusarium crown rot and wheat breeding conducted by University of Idaho scientists. Field stops and discussion included Rust Screening by Eric Jackson and Maricelis Acevedo, National Small Grains Collection by Harold Bockelman, Wheat Breeding by Jianli Chen, Extension Variety and Pathology Trials by Juliet Windes, and Cereal Smuts by Blair Goates. The meeting ended with a social and dinner at the home of Juliet Windes.