

**ASPCRO TPSA Liaison Report
2014 Annual Conference
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The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA) is a collaborative partnership of government agencies - federal, state and local, educational and research institutions, public organizations, private corporations and individuals actively involved in stewarding the pesticide life cycle. Founded in 2000, TPSA utilizes education, training, outreach and other activities to accomplish stewardship objectives in local, national and international arenas.

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2014 Annual Conference

The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA), held its fourteenth annual conference Feb. 4-6, 2014 in San Diego, CA. Dr. Charles Pearson, Head of Product Safety for Syngenta Crop Protection delivered the keynote address, *Feeding 9 Billion People: Why Stewardship Matters*. The 162 participants came from 37 states plus Canada, New Zealand and Lithuania, representing all crop protection disciplines, including manufacturing, research, safety, application, education, regulation, compliance and Ag media. During 30 individual sessions, nearly 70 experts shared experiences covering the sustainability practices

and pesticide stewardship efforts of their organizations. Topics included Bee Health and Pollination, Anti-Terrorism Standards, Occupational Exposure, Personal Protective Equipment, Pesticide Container Management, End Markets for Recycled Ag Plastics, Cleaning Spray Equipment, Pesticide Disposal, and Clean Sweep Program Reports. Conference presentations are available at <http://www.tpsalliance.org/index.php?id=210> .

2014 News

As a service to pesticide users, The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA) compiled a list of companies that currently collect mini bulk containers (also called intermediate bulk containers or IBCs) for recycling at <http://tpsalliance.org/index.php?id=209> . This web page is a “one stop” shop providing information on the patchwork of IBC recycling programs across the country, which are run by container manufacturers, reconditioners and recyclers as well as pesticide manufacturers and distributors. The web page lists contact information for all of these companies and provides logistical details about the ones collecting IBCs for recycling, such as where the companies operate and which containers they collect. The information is presented in a number of different ways, so pesticide users and other interested parties can obtain contact information for a specific company, find all of the container companies operating in their state, and download files with contact information for all container companies and all pesticide manufacturers and distributors.

2015 Annual Conference

The 2015 TPSA Conference will be held February 10-12, 2015 in Savannah, GA at the Hilton Savannah Desoto Hotel. The agenda is currently under development. Information will be posted as it is developed at <http://www.tpsalliance.org/index.php?id=218> .

Question to the Board

Are there any specific structural pesticide stewardship issues that can be identified that may be best addressed through collaboration with TPSA?

Respectfully submitted,



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