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THE REDESIGNED US WHEAT AND BARLEY
SCAB INITIATIVE WEB SITE

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ABSTRACT

The US Wheat and Barley Scab Initiative (USWBSI) web site (<http://www.scabusa.org>) is an integral part of the USWBSI. The site is an important information resource for all aspects of the Initiative, including Research, News, Forums, Literature, and Contact Information. The site includes several publicly searchable databases that provide information on all Projects, Grants, Institutions, Documents, Committees, and Contacts associated with the Initiative. Due to the significant role the web site plays in the USWBSI it is continually being updated and improved to provide the latest information and services for the community. Last year a complete redesign of the web site was performed. In addition to a more intuitive general web interface, several new features and services were added for the community. These web-based applications include a photo library, discussion board, calendar of events and important dates, document management system, and many more. The system was built using the Xoops (<http://xoops.org>) web portal system to aid in development and maintenance. This poster provides an overview of the new features and site and solicits ideas and suggestions for future improvements to the site.