



WAA Annual Winter Conference Review

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The 2010 WAA annual winter conference was held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay on Feb 7-9th. The conference was another great event for the WAA membership. Between 500 and 550 people attended, unfortunately about half of them left Monday evening to battle the snow storm on Tuesday.

The new additions to the conference format went well. The Introductory Track was well received and the program committee will look for ways to make it even better in 2011. The demo tree and format change to the business meeting also received positive comments. Thank you to

all the members who participated in the business meeting focus groups. Your comments will be used by the board to help make the WAA even better.

Thank you to Eric Petersen, and Petersen and Associates for donating the Wii system for the Home Run Derby Contest and Mike Wendt for holding the second Wine for Research event, which raised \$540. Proceeds from these events will go to help fund tree research.

Thank you to all the members of the Program Committee and others who volunteered their time to help make the conference run smoothly.