



Call for Papers 2005 Invasive Plant Conference

The first statewide Invasive Plant Conference will be held in Austin, Texas at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center November 17th & 18th, 2005. This notice serves as a call for abstracts and all stakeholders are invited and encouraged to present some aspect of their work in a contributed presentation or poster. Abstracts and final program will be available online at www.texasinvasives.org prior to the meeting and hard copies will be distributed at the conference to registrants.

Submission of Abstracts ☞ Abstract submissions will be carried out online at www.texasinvasives.org, select *Submit Abstract* under *State Conference*. The deadline for receiving abstracts is **October 21, 2005**. Each contributed presentation or poster requires an abstract.

Presentations - Presentations will be 20 minutes in length. This includes a 17-18 minute oral presentation with 2 to 3 minutes for questions and discussion. Presentations will be given during individual sessions in the **Session Topics** below. All presentation rooms will be equipped with computers and data projectors capable of PowerPoint and Internet presentations. Presentations should be in PowerPoint format and stored on portable media such as CD-Rom or USB drive.

Posters - Posters will be accepted on a space-available basis. Contributed posters must be designed to fit a panel and must not exceed 46 inches wide by 45 inches tall. Instructions for poster preparation are also available online under the Call for Papers.

Session Topics - The main program for the statewide Invasive Plants Conference is based on seven key strategies from the National Invasive Species Council's 2001 National Management Plan. If you have questions about a topic, please contact the Session Chairs listed below each category.

1. Leadership and Coordination

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