

NATIONAL INVASIVE WEED AWARENESS WEEK

<u>WHAT</u> :	Seventh Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week
WHEN:	February 26 to March 3, 2006
WHERE:	Washington, D.C.
WHO:	Organizations and Individuals who Support Invasive Weed Management and
	Ecosystem Restoration

The Seventh Annual National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (NIWAW 7) will be held in Washington, DC the week of February 26th to March 3, 2006 to bring people and groups from across the country together to focus national attention on the severe problems created by invasive weeds. Individuals and organizations interested in this issue are invited to participate in this event and help build on the success of NIWAW activities in previous years. NIWAW 7 events are designed to focus on the important roles the Federal government must play to help the U.S. deal with invasive weed problems. We have also designed the schedule to provide ample time for attendees to meet with their Congressional delegations, individual federal agencies and each other.

NIWAW 7 Highlights

- > Standing exhibits at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory
- > Sunday Kid's Fun Day Activities at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory
- > Sunday evening Orientation Session for First Time Attendees
- > Monday morning breakfast and kickoff session on current national invasive weed issues.
- > Tuesday morning briefings with the US Department of Agriculture leadership and Agencies
- > Wednesday morning briefings with US Department of the Interior leadership and Agencies
- > Wednesday afternoon NGO Partnership Building Roundtable
- Wednesday evening reception at the United States Botanic Garden Conservatory for participants and our Washington allies to socialize in a pleasant and relaxed setting
- Special meeting of FICMNEW (Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds) on Thursday morning
- > Briefing by the National Invasive Species Council on Thursday afternoon
- > Special meetings with Federal Agency Personnel on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons

<u>NIWAW 7</u> is organized by the <u>Invasive Weeds Awareness</u> <u>Coalition</u>, a Washington D.C-based coalition dedicated to increasing awareness of invasive weed problems and the associated research and management needs. Although some events during the week are open to the public, access to the full array of activities will require payment of a modest registration fee.

For More Details Please Visit The <u>NIWAW 7</u> Website <u>http://www.nawma.org/niwaw/niwaw_index.htm</u>

Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 1201 K Street NW, Washington DC is the Headquarters Hotel. For additional information on NIWAW 7 contact: Dr. Nelroy Jackson (951-279-7787 or <u>nelroyjackson@sbcglobal.net</u>).

<u>NIWAW 7 Registration Deadline</u>: February 1, 2006 <u>Hotel Reservations Deadline</u>: January 26, 2006