

**Announcing:
The Arundo/Phragmites Symposium
March 13 and 14, 2008
Hyatt Regency Orange County
Anaheim, CA**

Sponsored by the Western Society of Weed Science

Giant reed (*Arundo donax*) and common reed (*Phragmites australis*) are major invasive plants of riparian and wetland ecosystems in the US. The Arundo/Phragmites Symposium brings together experts from both coasts to present the current knowledge on the biology, ecology, impacts, and management of both species. While common reed is principally thought to be a problem of the east coast, invasive biotypes have been identified from California and Idaho. This will be an opportunity for “weed warriors” in the west to learn first hand about this potential new pest. Plan now to attend this important symposium.

Registration for the Symposium and Hotel reservations are available at the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) website (<http://www.wsweedscience.org>). Registration fee for the Symposium is \$100 or \$50 for students with current student identification. You can also register for the full WSWS annual meeting at a discounted rate. To register through this site you will need to join as a member (at no cost). This will also allow you to make a reservation at the hotel at the discounted WSWS rate of \$145.00 per night. Online pre-registration cutoff date is **February 22, 2008** and the Hotel reservation cutoff date is **February 18, 2008**. If you wish to mail in pre-registration, fill out the information below and send it to Phil Banks, Business Manager for WSWS; cutoff date for mail-in registration is **February 29, 2008**. Onsite registration will be available subject to meeting room capacity.

For further information, please contact a member of the symposium committee;
Chair: Carl E. Bell, University of California Cooperative Extension, San Diego, CA
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Tom Dudley, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA (tdudley@msi.ucsb.edu)

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Joe DiTomaso, University of California, Davis, CA (jmditomaso@ucdavis.edu)

Posters and exhibits by private individuals and non-profit organizations that register for the symposium are being accepted, please contact Carl E. Bell for information.

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Agenda

Thursday March 13

ARUNDO/PHRAGMITES SYMPOSIUM LOCATION: HYATT REGENCY ORANGE COUNTY, ROOM TO BE DETERMINED
SESSION 1 – BIOLOGY AND ECOLOGY OF GIANT REED AND COMMON REED

Moderator: *Joe DiTomaso*
 Department of Plant Sciences
 University of California, Davis, CA

[9:15 – 2:05]

9:15-9:20 Introduction

9:20-9:45 Biology, Origin, and Current Range of Giant Reed (*Arundo donax*). Tom Dudley, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

9:45- 10:10 Invasion and Establishment of Giant Reed. Jodie Holt, University of California, Riverside, CA

10:10 10:35 Growth and Development of Giant Reed. Scott Steinmaus, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA

10:35-10:50 Break

10:50- 11:15 Biology, Origin, and Current Range of Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*). Adam Lambert, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT

11:15 – 11:40 Invasion and Establishment of Common Reed. Jacques Brisson, University of Montreal, Quebec

11:40 – 1:15 Lunch on your own

1:15 – 1:40 Growth Dynamics of Common Reed. Laura Meyerson, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

1:40 – 2:05 Genetics of Common Reed. Kristin Saltonstall, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Panama

Thursday and Friday March 13 & 14

ARUNDO/PHRAGMITES SYMPOSIUM
SESSION 2 IMPACTS OF REED GRASSES ON NATURAL ECOSYSTEMS

Moderators: *Tom Dudley* & *Adam Lambert*
 Marine Science Institute *Department of Biology*
 University of California *Eastern Connecticut State College*
 Santa Barbara, CA *Willimantic, CT*

[2:05 – 9:10 Friday morning]

2:05 – 2:30 Common Reed Impacts on Native Species. Erik Kiviat, Hundsonia Ltd. Annandale, NY

2:30 – 2:55 Ecosystem Impacts of Common Reed in the Eastern and Western U.S. Laura Meyerson, URI and Adam Lambert, ECSU

2:55 – 3:10 *Break*

3:10 – 3:35 Giant Reed Impacts on Native Vegetation. Karen Gaffney, West Coast Watershed, Healdsburg, CA

3:35 – 4:00 Impacts of Giant Reed to Native Fauna. David Kisner, URS Corporation, Santa Barbara, CA

4:00 4:25 Giant Reed and Fluvial Processes. Edward Keller, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

4:25 -4:50 Ecohydrology of Giant Reed. Georgianne W. Moore, Texas A&M University, College, Station, TX

5:15 – 7:30 Reception / Q & A and Discussion Groups (Location TBA)

Session 2 (cont.)

8:20 Friday – 8:45 Relationship between Giant Reed Invasion and Wildfire. Gretchen Coffman, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

8:45 – 9:10 Economic Impacts of Giant Reed. Lisa Berry, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

Friday Morning, March 13

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SESSION 3 MANAGEMENT OF GIANT REED AND COMMON REED

Moderator: Carl Bell
University of California
Cooperative Extension
San Diego, CA

9:10 – 12:00

9:10-9:35 Giant Reed Control in Riparian Habitats. Carl E. Bell, University of California Cooperative Extension, San Diego, CA

9:35 – 10:00 Management of Common Reed. Jeffrey Derr, Virginia Tech, Virginia Beach, VA

10:00 – 10:25 The Potential for Biological Control of Giant Reed. John Goolsby, USDA-ARS, Weslaco, TX

10:25 10:40 *Break*

10:40 – 11:05 Biological Control Prospects for Common Reed. Bernd Blossey, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

11:05 – 11:30 Planning and Implementing Watershed Based Giant Reed Eradication. Jason Giessow, Santa Margarita and San Luis Rey Weed Management Area and Dendra, Inc. Fallbrook, CA

11:30 – 11:55 Education and Outreach Aids Giant Reed Control Programs. Mark Newhouser, Sonoma Ecology Center, Eldridge, CA

Arundo/Phragmites Symposium Adjourns

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