



Monday May 31, 2010

Registration Opens

Tuesday June 1, 2010

SESSION 1. STATUS REPORTS

8:10 – 9:30

- Overview of the issue: current status and new developments on the horizon in North America
- North America policy analysis- Canada, Mexico, and the United States
- ***Invited speakers only.***

SESSION 2. COOPERATION & PARTNERSHIPS

10:10 – 12:00

- Interdepartmental and NGO networking across political borders
- Working with the horticultural industry
- Codes of conduct and collaboration between horticultural industry and weed managers regarding global trade in invasive plants
- Networking across borders
- Successes of interagency committees and invasive plant councils.

SESSION 3. APPLIED RESEARCH REPORTS

1:00 – 2:30

- Agricultural and natural systems
- Dispersal and interactions across borders
- Current research in North American vegetation management, plant invasion biology, and ecosystem protection.

SESSION 4. NEW ISSUES

3:00 – 5:00

- New and emerging issues in North American vegetation management.

Wednesday June 2, 2010

SESSION 5. FIELD TOUR

8:30 – 4:30

- The spread of weeds in the Appalachian Mountains
- Pathways and corridors
- Rivers and trails
- Problems and management techniques.

EVENING EVENT

- Banquet and keynote speaker.

Thursday June 3, 2010

SESSION 6. BORDER MANAGEMENT & RECREATIONAL PATHWAYS

8:00 – 10:00

- *Border Management* (federal, state/provincial, municipal, or jurisdictional) – including policy/strategy development, program/protocol implementation, challenges and vulnerabilities
- *Recreational Activities as Pathways for Invasion* – recreational trails, rivers, park systems, vehicles and equipment all have their special impact on the spread of invasive plants.

SESSION 7. ECONOMIC & ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS: TRENDS & PREDICTIONS

10:30 – 12:00

- How will environmental trends such as climate change, salinization, and sea level rise change the management problems faced, the spread of invasive plants and our ability/capacity to manage them?
- Economics of weed management and affordable solutions.

SESSION 8. AWARENESS & EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1:00 – 2:30

- Reports on awareness and educational programs which assist to inform and engage a wide audience in weed management problems and solutions
- Educational tools, development, and implementation.

SESSION 9. EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE

3:00 – 5:00

- Reports on policies, systems and programs which endeavor to promote weed management at initial stages of invasion when eradication is still possible

Friday June 4, 2010

SESSION 10. EDRR TRAINING SESSION

8:00 – 11:30

- Strategies for development of EDRR capacity at the state and provincial level in the United States and Canada through establishment of State/Provincial EDRR Coordinating Committees with volunteer training
- Development of State and Provincial Volunteer Data Collection Networks patterned after the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England and the Invasive Plant Atlas of the Mid-south through Train-the-Trainer and Volunteer Training Workshops.