



**Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**      **DRAFT: April 19**

08:00 am      WELCOME

**SESSION 1. STATUS REPORTS (8:10 am – 9:30 am)**

- 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

**Moderator:** *Gina Ramos, Senior Weeds Specialist, US Bureau of Land Management*

08:20 am      **Patricia Koleff, CONABIO**  
Mexico Update

08:50 am      **Cory Lindgren, Senior Program Specialist – Invasive Plants, Canadian Food Inspection Agency**  
"News from the North: trends and new initiatives in Canada's response to invasive plants (2008-2010)"

09:10 am      **Juan Carlos Cantu, Defenders of Wildlife Mexico Program**  
Mexico: New Invasive Species Bill

09:30 am      **Lori Williams, Executive Director, National Invasive Species Council**  
United States Update

**09:30 am      BREAK**

**SESSION 2. COOPERATION & HORTICULTURAL PARTNERSHIPS (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)**

- 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.

**Moderator:** *Les Mehrhoff, Director, Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (tentative)*

10:20 am      **Hernando Cabral Perdomo, The Nature Conservancy –Mexico**  
"Ornamental plant species that threaten biodiversity in Mexico"

10:40 am      **Ann Gibbs, Maine Department of Agriculture/Invasive Species Advisory Council Chair**

11:00 am      **Giuseppe Brundu, Staff Director, Corpo Forestale e di Vigilanza Ambientale della Regione Sarda (Italy)**

11:20 am      **TBA**

11:40 am      **Panel Discussion**

**12:00 pm      LUNCH**

### SESSION 3. APPLIED RESEARCH REPORTS (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

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

**Moderator:** **Stephen Darbyshire**, *Weed Biologist, Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada*

01:00 pm **Alec McClay**, *McClay Ecoscience (Canada)*

“Progress in development of a modified Australian WRA system to predict weediness of plant species introduced into Canada”

01:20 pm **Tony Koop**, *Risk Analyst, US Department of Agriculture*

“Development of a weed risk assessment model to assess plants for their invasive potential before being imported into the United States”

01:40 pm **Heike Vibrans**, *Professor-Researcher, Colegio de Postgraduados en Ciencias Agrícolas (Mexico)*

“A first attempt to eradicate a quarantined weed in Mexico: the example of *Polygonum convolvulus* in Guanajuato”

02:00 pm **Gary Ervin**, *Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Mississippi State University*

“Anthropogenic dispersal corridors override large-scale natural disturbance in determining distribution of a widespread invasive grass (*Imperata cylindrical*)”

02:30 pm **BREAK**

### SESSION 4. NEW ISSUES & NETWORKING SESSION (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

- New and emerging issues in North American vegetation management.

**Moderator:** **Sheilah Kennedy**, *Owner/Operator, S-K Environmental*

03:00 pm **David Matlaga**, *Post-doctoral researcher, University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana*

“Assessing the invasive potential of *Miscanthus* biofeedstocks in Illinois”

03:20 pm **David Mazerolle**, *Botanist, Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre*

“Google Street View: A new online tool with potential application to roadside invasive species detection and monitoring”

03:40 pm **Greg Hensel**, *President, North American Weed Management Association (US)*

“NAWMA Update”

04:00 pm **Rick Johnstone**, *IVM Partners, Inc. (US)*

“Invasive weed control and ecosystem restoration using Integrated Vegetation Management”

04:20 pm **Susan Donaldson**, *Water Quality Education Specialist, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension*

“Sustaining cooperative weed management areas in the long-term”

04:40 pm **Sheilah Kennedy**

“Weeds Cross Borders Project: United States-Canada Collaboration”

### EVENING SESSION

07:00 pm **Tim Richardson**, *Government Affairs Director, Wildlife Forever*  
Defending Favorite Places DVD

07:30 pm **Annie Simpson**, *Invasive Species Information Node Manager, National Biological Information Infrastructure*  
**Elizabeth Sellers**, *Invasive Species Information Content Manager, National Biological Information Infrastructure*  
IABIN Invasives Information Network (I3N)

## Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

### SESSION 5. FIELD TOUR (8:30 am – 4:00)

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

08:30 am Field tour begins

**12:00 pm LUNCH**

### EVENING SESSION & BANQUET (6:00 – 7:30)

**6:15 pm Curt Meine, Conservation Biologist, Author of “Aldo Leopold: His Life & Work”**

## Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

### SESSION 6. BORDER MANAGEMENT (8:00 am – 10:00 am)

- Border Management (federal, state/provincial, municipal, or jurisdictional) – including policy/strategy development, program/protocol implementation, challenges, and vulnerabilities.

**Moderators:** **Bonnie Harper-Lore**, *Retired, USDOT Federal Highway Administration*  
**LaDonna Carlisle**, *Rangeland Management Specialist, US Bureau of Indian Affairs*

**08:00 am ANNOUNCEMENTS**

08:20 am **Setanta O’Ceallaigh**, *Forestry Technician, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe (New York)*

08:40 am **David Miller**, *Senior Conservation Officer, Bureau of Oceans, Environment & Science, US Department of State*

09:00 am **John Waugh**, *Consultant, Environmental Strategies & Planning (US)*  
“Trade secrets: a potential policy barrier to cooperation in biosecurity along global trade pathways”

09:20 am **Trish Wurtz**, *Invasive Plant Program Coordinator, US Forest Service (Alaska)*

09:40 am **Bruce Lewke**, *Senior Program Manager, US Customs & Border Protection*  
“US Customs & Border Protection agriculture specialists protect the United States from federal noxious weeds.”

**10:00 am BREAK**

### SESSION 7. ECONOMIC & ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS (10:30 am – 12:00 pm)

- 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.

**Moderator:** **Lewis Ziska**, *Plant Physiologist, Crop Systems & Global Change Lab, US Department of Agriculture*

10:30 am **Francisco Espinosa Garcia**, *UNAM-National University of Mexico*  
“The configuration of Mexican weed flora of the future: climate change, biological invasions and pathways of change”

10:50 am **Sean Cash**, *Assistant Professor, Department of Consumer Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

11:10 am **Heather Coiner**, *Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Toronto*  
“Physiology-based predictions of invasive species range shifts: a case study in kudzu”

- 11:30 am **Bethany Bradley**, *Assistant Professor, Department of Natural Resources Conservation, University of Massachusetts-Amherst*  
 “Predicting invasion risks and opportunities with climate change: insights from modeling”
- 11:50 am **Q & A**
- 12:00 pm **LUNCH**

## SESSION 8. AWARENESS & EDUCATION PROGRAMS (1:00 pm – 2:30 pm)

- 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.

**Moderator:** **Mike Ielmini**, *National Invasive Species Program Coordinator, US Forest Service*

- 01:00 pm **Sarah Kirn**, *Vital Signs Program Manager, Gulf of Maine Research Institute*  
 “Vital Signs: new model for engaging and supporting citizen scientists of all ages”
- 01:20 pm **Rachel Gagnon**, *Coordinator, Ontario Invasive Plants Council*  
 “The Ontario Invasive Plant Council: Collaboration in the North”
- 01:40 pm **Genelle Winter**, *Landscape & Maintenance Director, Metlakalta Tribal Community*  
 “Invasive Weed Control on Annette Island, Alaska”
- 02:00 pm **TBA**
- 02:20 pm **Q & A**
- 02:30 pm **BREAK**

## SESSION 9. (PREVENTION AND) EARLY DETECTION & RAPID RESPONSE (3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

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

**Moderator:** **Annie Simpson**, *Invasive Species Information Node Manager, National Biological Information Infrastructure*

- 03:00 pm **Ana Isabel Gonzalez**, *CONABIO*
- 03:20 pm **Jill Swearingen**, *IPM & Invasive Species Coordinator, US National Park Service*  
 “From Invasive Plant Atlas of the United States to Invasive Plant Atlas of North America?”
- 03:40 pm **Bob Parsons**, *Supervisor, Park County Weed & Pest Control District (Wyoming)*  
 “More eyes, less weeds: the Park County Volunteer ED/RR Strike team”
- 04:00 pm **Jennifer Stingelin Keefer**, *Invasive Species Early Detection Coordinator, US National Park Service*
- 04:20 pm **Al Tasker**, *National Noxious Weed Program Manager, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, US Department of Agriculture*  
 “New rules: update on the United States Federal Noxious Weed Regulatory Program”

## Overview: Weeds Across Borders 2002-2010

- 04:40 pm **Bonnie Harper-Lore**, *Retired, USDOT Federal Highway Administration*

**Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

**SESSION 10. EDRR TRAINING SESSION (8:00 am – 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.

**Workshop Leaders:** **Les Mehrhoff**, *Director, Invasive Plant Atlas of New England*  
**Randy Westbooks**, *US Geological Survey*