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## **UConn to host major invasive plant conference in October**

The Connecticut Invasive Plant Working Group (CIPWG) will present a one-day symposium on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. The symposium will take place from 8:00 am – 4:20 pm. The theme of the 2012 symposium is: ***Getting Real About Invasive Plants: Prioritize, Strategize, Mobilize.***

The symposium is open to the public and will include introductory information about invasive plants. **People with all levels of interest and experience are invited to attend.**

Commissioner Dan Esty of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection will deliver opening remarks. Keynote speaker Dr. Elizabeth Farnsworth of the New England Wild Flower Society will present “Twenty-first Century Tools for Tackling Invasive Plants: Identify, Prioritize, Mobilize”.

Concurrent afternoon sessions will address decision tools for management projects, invasives 101, aquatic invasive plants and clean boating, economics, restoration with native plants, and other topics. Research posters and other educational exhibits will be featured throughout the day.

The registration fee is \$45 (if postmarked by September 21); \$55 if postmarked after September 21 or for walk-in registrations. Student fee (with ID) is \$25. Registration includes admission to all sessions and educational displays, parking, lunch, snacks and beverages during breaks, and an information packet with session summaries.

Pesticide Recertification and other Continuing Education Credits will be offered.

To request a paper copy of the registration brochure or for additional information, contact Donna Ellis at (860) 486-6448; [donna.ellis@uconn.edu](mailto:donna.ellis@uconn.edu). The program agenda and online registration are available at [www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg](http://www.hort.uconn.edu/cipwg).

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