



SOUTHEAST EXOTIC PEST PLANT COUNCIL'S EIGHTH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the NC Exotic Pest Plant Council

Invasive Plants: Detection, Response, and Control

May 23-25, 2006

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences - Raleigh

www.se-eppc.org

The Purpose of the Symposium

An exciting program of presentations and workshops will address invasive plant identification, risk assessment, ecosystem impacts, and educational opportunities – and, of course, the latest in management strategies. The program will have morning lectures from nationally recognized speakers followed by concurrent sessions. The afternoon will offer workshops and field trips. Volunteer poster presentations are invited and will be on display throughout the program with authors present to discuss their work during the poster session and reception.

The Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council is a regional 501(c)3 organization dedicated to controlling invasive plants and restoring natural ecosystems. SE-EPPC welcomes participation by all land agencies, organizations, industries, and individuals, all working together to forge a solution.

General Program Schedule

Plenary session topics include:

- Early Detection and Rapid Response – progress toward an elusive goal
- Recent (and not so welcome) additions to our flora
- Herbicide resistance – how will this impact weed management in natural areas?
- Eastern Invasives Initiative

Concurrent sessions each day focus on different topics:

- Biological Control of Invasive Plants
- Assessment and Monitoring
- Ecosystem Impacts of Invasive Plant Species
- Best Management Practices for Invasive Plants
- Restoration of Invaded Plant Communities
- Herbicide Resistance
- Weed Stream – Limiting The Movement of Invasive Plant Propagules

Afternoon Workshops:

- Risk Assessment for Plant Introductions
- Field Assessment
- Invasive Plants and Management for Environmental Educators
- Invasive Plant Identification and Control Methods

Field Trips:

- North Carolina Botanical Garden natural areas
- Piney Ridge

A Special Session for Cooperative Extension Agents and Educators:

- Invasive Plant Biology and Ecology
- Management Principles
- Non-Invasive Alternatives for Invasive Landscape Plants
- Hands-on Invasive Plant Identification and Control Workshop

Call for Poster Presentations

You are invited to submit poster presentations that address the entire range of topics on invasive plants. Electronically submit a title, author(s), and a four sentence abstract for consideration to Misty Franklin (misty.franklin@ncmail.net) no later than April 15. A finished abstract for the proceedings will then be due by May 1 for both invited and offered presentations and posters. All vital information will be welcomed in a brief or extended abstract for publication of the proceedings that will be distributed at the Conference.

Invitation for Vendors and Sponsors

You are invited to share your products and services by participating as a Vendor (\$200 includes table and registration for one person). This conference series would not be possible without the continued support of SE-EPPC Sponsors and we ask you to provide these vital contributions. Interested Vendors and/or Sponsors, please contact Jeff Birk (birkj@basf.com). Sponsors and Vendors will be recognized in the proceedings.

Silent Auction

Please donate products, plants, artwork, new and old books, and other nifty stuff to the Silent Auction. All proceeds go to supporting the conference. Contact Johnny Randall (jrandall@unc.edu)

Registration

Registration forms are available on the SE-EPPC Website (se-eppc.org), or for more registration information, contact Johnny Randall (jrandall@unc.edu, 919-962-0522). Early conference registration by April 15 is \$95.00 and \$115.00 after April 15; student registration is \$45; and one-day registration is \$40. Combined SE-EPPC and State Annual Membership dues are \$20 Regular and \$10 Students (and includes a subscription to *Wildland Weeds*).

Conference Hotels

Limited blocks of rooms have been reserved at two nearby hotels. Reserve by May 1 to get the special conference rate under "Exotic Pest Plant Council."

Clarion Hotel State Capital (www.choicehotels.com) (very close) Tel: 919-832-0501, Toll-free: 800-424-6423; group rate \$65.

Holiday Inn Brownstone (www.brownstonehotel.com) (a bit of a walk) Tel: 919-828-0811, Toll-Free: 800-331-7919; group rate \$77.