



## **Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference and Workshop**

**December 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Gaylord Opryland Hotel  
Nashville, TN**

We invite you to join us for the first *Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference and Workshop* to be held in Nashville, TN December 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. This year's meeting will be co-hosted by the [National Military Fish and Wildlife Association's Invasive Species Working Group](#) the [Tennessee Invasive Plant Council](#) the [Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council](#) the [National Association of Invasive Plant Councils](#) and [Invasive Plant Control, Inc.](#).

### **Registration**

To register for the Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference and Workshop please visit Eventbrite by clicking on the following link: [Click here to Register for the Innovations Conference and Workshop](#)

### **Who Should Attend?**

- **Department of Defense Land Managers**
- **Department of Transportation**
- **Public and private land managers**
- **Not for profit land managers**
- **Municipal staff (parks and recreation, public works, inland wetlands/conservation commissions)**
- **Nursery, tree and landscape professionals**
- **Landscape architects and designers**
- **State and federal employees**
- **Members of conservation organizations**
- **Educators, students**
- **Gardening enthusiasts**
- **Private landowners**
- **Concerned citizens**

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS Pesticide Recertification Credits and other Continuing Education Credits will be offered.**

### **Hotel and Conference Location**

[Gaylord Opryland Hotel](#) Experience the finest in Southern hospitality at Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Our premier Opryland hotel offers guests an unforgettable getaway with all the excitement and energy of Music City under one spectacular roof. Located only 10 minutes from the airport and featuring an extraordinary selection of dining, shopping, recreational activities and entertainment, there's never a shortage of things to do at our resort. After unwinding at Relâche Spa & Salon, practice your swing at Gaylord Springs Golf Links, make a splash at our indoor or outdoor pool, hit the gym at our state-of-the-art fitness center, or explore our nine acres of lush, indoor gardens and cascading waterfalls.

[Reservations for the Opryland Hotel at the Conference Per Diem Rate can be made by clicking here](#)



## Call for Presentations

For the 2017 meeting we are requesting proposals related to:

- All aspects of Invasive Species Management
- Pollinators and Habitat Management
- Herbicides, looking at them from both sides
- Where does installation of native plant material fit into the restoration scheme
- Management of invasive species in sensitive areas
- Managing Behaviors in Invasive Species Management
- Specific Invasive Species Control applications
- Use of Innovative Tools and Equipment for on the Ground Invasive Species Management
- Using Drones to Manage Invasive Species
- State Specific Talks related to Invasive Species management
- Developing and implementing a Weed Wrangle
- Weed control projects or research from diverse habitats
- Mapping using UAVs
- Coordinating volunteers and communicating with the public
- Management of key Invasives: Success Stories and Progress Reports

### Types of proposals we are seeking:

- **Outdoor Equipment Demonstrations**
- **General Session Oral Presentations 15-45 minutes in length**
- **Poster Presentations**

## Abstracts

Abstract Submission

Deadline for entry is **July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017**.

General Sessions

- **Oral Presentations** will be 15-45 minutes long with 5-10 minutes for discussion and questions. Presentations will be included in a relevant general oral session, or in an organized oral session if appropriate.
- **Poster Presentations** will occur during a poster session on Thursday evening December 14th. We ask that you be present during the session to present your poster and answer questions. Posters should be no larger than 4x4 ft.
- **Outdoor Equipment Demonstrations** will occur on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> on the Opryland Grounds and at local parks in the hotel vicinity. If you are interested in offering an equipment demonstration please contact [Steven Manning](#)

**Note to Students:** We encourage student submissions. Students who want to present at the conference should submit their abstract according to the outlines on this page.

Save the Date and Call for Presentations





## Submission Instructions

For **Symposia and Organized Oral Sessions**, abstracts must be submitted for each presentation.

Abstracts must be submitted electronically to [Steven Manning](#). Your email must include the document in the format described below, with this subject line:

- Subject: *(presenter's last name)* **and** type of submission (i.e. organized oral session, symposium, workshop, general oral session, or general poster session)

### *Abstract Content and Style for Papers and Posters*

Each submitted abstract must include the following. Please carefully adhere to these guidelines: Attach your abstract in Microsoft Word, using one-inch margins and Times New Roman, 10 pt. font. Single space the abstract and separate each section with a single line space.

- 1. Title of Presentation**
- 2. Author**
  - a. Name**
  - b. Title**
  - c. Organization**
- 3. Contact information**
  - a. Email**
  - b. Telephone**
  - c. Address**
- 4. Abstract**
- 5. Brief Description**
- 6. Speaker Bio**



## Working Agenda and Confirmed Speakers

### December 13-15, 2017

December 13<sup>th</sup>

- Committee Meetings 5-9 pm

December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

- Oral presentations, Outdoor Equipment Demonstrations and Poster Session

### Confirmed Presenters to Date

**Presenter:** *Andrew Fraser, PNW IPC EDRR Program Coordinator (Pacific Northwest Invasive Plant Council), Seattle, WA*

"PNW-IPC EDRR Citizen Science Invasive Plant Program"

**Presenter:** *John Krupovage, Natural Resources Manager 72 Civil Engineering Directorate*

- Talk about sensitivity of control around Base Commanders houses

"Challenges in Invasive Species Control in Urban Natural Area Restoration."

**Presenter:** *Joel Helm, USAF 611th CES*

"Securing DoD Mission efficiencies and biodiversity by Aggressively Managing Invasive Species on Remote Pacific Islands"...

**Presenter:** *James H. Castle, Wildlife Biologist, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District Burbank, WA 99323*

"Eradication of Flowering Rush using the Diver Assisted Suction Device (DASH).

**Presenter:** *Dr. Ed Rudberg, Ph.D. CEO CD3 General Benefit Corporation*

Changing Behaviors: Education is NOT Enough

**Presenter:** *Todd Neel Pesticide Specialist, Forest Service State and Private Forestry Intermountain and Northern Regions*

"Incorporating new tools and technologies (including pesticides); risk assessment; when working with external partners of NFS Lands"

**Presenter:** *Sarah Lowe, Botanical Garden & Horticulture Manager, Cheekwood Botanical Gardens*

"The Role Botanical Gardens Play in Invasive Plant Management"

**Presenter:** *Amy Walter, Volunteer Programs Manager, Nashville Zoo*

"Controlling Invasives to Create the North American Wildlife Exhibit" (Tentative Title)



**Track: Innovations in tools and equipment**

**Utilizing multirotor drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle- UAV) to monitor and treat invasive plants**

Drones- 4-5 talks need to be secured

**Field Demo & Presenter:** *Sheila Kennedy* Owner/Operator, S-K Environmental, Portable Invasive Species Rinse off and Reclaim System , Okanogan, WA 98840 U.S.A.

“Eliminating transfer and introduction of invasive species with rinse off reclaim decontamination system”

**Field Demo & Presenter:** *Jon Jackson and Air Force Research Representative*

“NatureZap DE Technology” “Natural area pest plant control with Directed Energy -- Keep aliens away!!”

**Field Demo Presenter:** *John Lampe, Founder of Green Shoots, LLC, Saint Paul, Minnesota*

“Novel electronic dispenser for precision applications of herbicide sprays and foam.”

**Field Demo & Presenter:** *Curtis Pearce, Uprooter Founder and CEO*

“Love the Lever: Multiplying the Force Against Invasive Plants”

**Presenter:** *Zach Richardson, Founder of Chew Crew*

“Grazing in Cities: An Overview of the Environmental, Economic, and Social Implications of Grazing Urban Landscapes”

**Field Demo Presenter:** *Al Royster, Birchmeier*

“New technologies for Invasive Plant Managers from Birchmeier”

**Presenter:** *Jim Bean, Strategic Accounts Manager, BASF Professional & Specialty Solutions*

“The Benefits of Branded Chemistry”

**Track: Behavior Change and Education**

**Presenter:** *Mike Berkley, Co-Founder of Growild Native Nurseries*

"If You DON'T Build It, It Will Come...BACK!" Native Plant Restoration After Eradication

**Presenter:** *Douglas A. Burkett, PhD, Environmental Biologist, Operations Division, Armed Forces Pest Management Board*

Invasive Plant Management in the DOD

**Presenter:** *Patterson Clark, alienweeds.com*

“Using Art to Influence Behavior Change in Invasive Species” (Tentative Title)

**Presenter:** *Jim Hunt, Mayor, City of Belle Meade, TN*



“Invasive Species Management in an affluent Urban Area” (Tentative Title)

### **Weed Wrangle Short Talks**

**Presenter:** Cayce McAllister, Garden Club of America Nashville Weed Wrangle Coordinator  
The Weed Wrangle and the GCA

**Presenter:** *Meghan Scholl, Friends and Volunteer Programs Assistant, Tennessee State Parks*  
“Weed Wrangle in 33 TN State Parks” (Title pending)

**Presenter:** *Ginger-Rose Krueck, Co-Executive Director, Co-Founder, and Teacher [GROW Enrichment](#)*  
“Weed Wrangle Update from GROW Enrichment”

Weed Wrangle Updates (speakers to be determined)

Chattanooga, Jackson MS, Dallas, TX, New Orleans LA, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville, TN State Parks

### **Strike Teams**

**Presenter:** *Terri Hogan, NPS National Invasive Plant Program*

**Presenter: (Pending)** *John Klavitter, US Fish & Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System, Headquarters, National Coordinator: Cooperative Recovery Initiative/Island Restoration/Invasives*

**Presenter:** *Shawna L. Bautista, R6 Invasive Plant and Pesticide Use Coordinator, Forest Service Region 6, State and Private Forestry*  
“Invasive Species Management in the US Forest Service”?

**Presenter:** *Jennifer Hillmer, Invasive Plant Coordinator, Cleveland Metroparks, OH*  
“Using strike team treatment records to measure progress, find maintenance thresholds, and save the planet.”

**Presenter:** *Steven Manning*  
“Using the Strike Team Model on DOD Installations, a Pilot Project”

### **Science Driven Assessments**

**How to Shift the Paradigm Away from Invasives with success stories from chapters/groups, local invasive plant/tree ordinances, the importance of listing plants as noxious weeds at the state and federal levels**



## Registration Rates

*EARLY Registration is available through September 1. To register for the Innovations in Invasive Species Management Conference and Workshop please visit Eventbrite by clicking on the following link:*

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Full Conference	\$300.00
Full Conference - Student	\$150.00
One-Day	\$150.00
One-Day - Student	\$75.00

### LATE Registration (Starts Oct. 2)

Full Conference	\$350.00
One-Day	\$150.00





## EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

Read below for exhibit options.

### All Table, Nonprofit and Booth Exhibitors will receive the following benefits:

- Logo placement on conference website
- Name and logo displayed in conference program
- Exhibit booth or display table space
- **One full conference registration**
- Logo placement on conference website

### Booth Exhibitor: \$1,000

- A draped, 10' x 10' exhibit area, with one clothed and draped 8' table
- A second full complementary registration

### Table Exhibitor: \$650

- One clothed and draped 8' table plus 2 chairs

### Nonprofit Exhibitor: \$300

- Same benefits as regular Table Exhibitor

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### All Annual Meeting Sponsors receive the following benefits:

- Logo placement on conference announcements, publications and website *with a link to your website*
- Logo displayed in conference program
- Logo displayed on prominent signage at the event
- Exhibit booth space
- Sponsor ribbons on name badges to recognize your company's contribution

### Additional benefits per tiered sponsor level include:

#### Concurrent Session Sponsor: \$1,500

- Receive 2 complimentary full conference registrations
- Your company will be recognized as a sponsor of a concurrent session
- Your company logo will appear on signage outside the session room

#### Break Sponsors: \$2,500

- Receive 4 complimentary full conference registrations
- Your company will sponsor a morning or afternoon break during which all attendees will see your logo prominently displayed at the refreshment area



- *Quarter-page ad in conference program*

**Exhibitor Reception Sponsor: \$5,000**

- Receive 6 complimentary full conference registrations
- Your company will sponsor the one of the Exhibitor Receptions
- All attendees will see your company name in several locations during lunch
- *Half-page ad in conference program*

**Thursday Evening Dinner Sponsor: \$10,000**

- Receive 8 complimentary full conference registrations
- Your company will sponsor the Thursday evening Dinner
- All attendees will recognize your company name in several locations around the buffet area; speaking opportunity at the general session
- *Full page ad in conference program*

**Additional or partial sponsorship opportunities are available such as sponsoring the tour, a break, special session, reception, or other marketing opportunity.**

**For more information please contact Steven Manning at 615-969-1309 or [steve@ipc-inc.org](mailto:steve@ipc-inc.org)**