INVASIVE PLANT SYMPOSIUM

Invasive Plants in Our Changing World: Learn from the Past, Prepare for the Future

PRESENTED BY:

CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT WORKING GROUP

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Student Union
University of Connecticut - Storrs, CT

This 8th biennial conference features national, regional, and local experts as well as citizen volunteers sharing practical solutions for invasive plant management and actions needed to promote native species and improve wildlife habitat.

Co-Sponsoring Organizations are listed on the CIPWG website at:
www.cipwg.uconn.edu

Who Should Attend

• 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
• Concerned citizens

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS
Pesticide Recertification Credits and other Continuing Education Credits will be offered (see CIPWG website).

DRIVING DIRECTIONS
The Symposium will be held at the University of Connecticut, Student Union, 2110 Hillside Road, Storrs, CT 06269.

Registration fee includes parking in the North or South Garage. Bring your ticket to the symposium for validation.

Campus directions from the intersection of Rte 195 / North Eagleville Rd:
Proceed to 2nd stoplight (just past North Garage). Turn left onto Hillside Rd. Take a hard left into the parking garage driveway at the intersection with Alumni Rd. For the South Garage, continue (slight left) on Hillside Rd. Turn right (after Gampel Pavilion) onto Jim Calhoun Way, then left into South Garage driveway.

The University of Connecticut website includes campus maps and directions to the North and South Parking Garages: maps.uconn.edu

QUESTIONS: donna.ellis@uconn.edu; 860-486-6448

WEB-LINK to registration form and program: www.cipwg.uconn.edu
Register online at www.cipwg.uconn.edu or tear off this portion and mail it with a check payable to The University of Connecticut in registrations; (postmarked AFTER September 12 or for walk-in registrations; (postmarked on or before September 12); $50 (student fee) $60 ($25 - bring valid school identification. If requested at least 72 hours in advance, every effort will be made to provide special accommodations.

Early registration $25; bring valid school identification. If requested at least 72 hours in advance, every effort will be made to provide special accommodations.

WALK-IN REGISTRATIONS ONLY IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE.

Do you expect to attend: 

(1, 2, OR 3) 

Yes  □  No  □ (4, 5, OR 6) 

For questions, contact Donna Ellis at donna.ellis@uconn.edu or 860-486-6448.

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8:00 Check-in table opens
- View posters/exhibits (on display throughout the day)
- Refreshments

9:00 Greetings and Orientation
DONNA ELLIS, UCONN, CIPWG CO-CHAIR
- AND -
PETER PICONE, CT DEEP

9:15 Opening Remarks
GREGORY WEIDEMANN, DEAN
UCONN COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE,
HEALTH AND NATURAL RESOURCES

9:30 Invasive Plants Council Update
WILLIAM HYATT, VICE CHAIR,
CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANTS COUNCIL

9:40 Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award

9:50 Invited Talk
CONNECTICUT’S FUTURE:
ROOTED IN CHOICE
KARL WAGENER
CHAIR, CT COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

10:10 Break; visit displays

10:40 KEYNOTE TALK
WE’RE MOVING ON UP:
INVASIVE PLANTS HEADING NORTH
JIL SWEARINGEN

11:40 Poster Session - visit posters and exhibits

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 Concurrent Sessions 1 through 3

2:15 Refreshments; move to next session

2:30 Concurrent Sessions 4 through 6

3:45 Closing Remarks and Adjournment
CHARLOTTE PYLE

4:15 Door Prizes

4:30 Event ends

CONCURRENT SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS

Time SESSION 1 SESSION 2 SESSION 3
1:00 - 2:15 What Are Other States Doing? Native Plants for our Pollinators Management of Key Invasives: Success Stories and Progress Reports
2:15 - 2:30 Refreshments and move to next session

SESSION 4 SESSION 5 SESSION 6
2:30 - 3:45 Biological Control: No Animal Too Small Aquatic Invasive Plants Plants to Watch Out for: Future Threats

Breakout Sessions Descriptions:
Full list of speakers and additional details available online

Session 1: Panel discussion led by invasive plant experts throughout New England. How is invasive plant legislation impacting municipalities and the green industry? (William Hyatt, Randy Prostak, Doug Cygan, Lisa Tewksbury)

Session 2: Now that you’ve cleared out those nasty invasives, what plants should take their place? You know that Native Plants are the best in providing for our bees and butterflies, but which plants provide the most for all pollinators? This session will show you the why’s and how’s of working with a Native Plant Palette to create a balanced and healthy pollinator environment. (Kim Stoner, Kim Eierman)

Session 3: Learn about several innovative invasive plant management projects using different types of control methods. Tips will be provided on motivating volunteers to get involved. (Abbie Stokes, Petie Reed, Bill Moorhead, Dianne Saunders)

Session 4: Speakers for this session will discuss positive and negative aspects of biological control, a valuable tool for managing invasive plants. The presenters will highlight projects using introduced insects to control mile-a-minute weed, purple loosestrife, and swallow-worts, plus using goats and other animals to control a wide range of invasive plants. (Donna Ellis, Emmett Varricchio, Lisa Tewksbury, Bill Purcell)

Session 5: This session will include an update on Hydrilla and other potential new aquatic invasive plant threats, managing lakes to reduce invasive plants, and the Invasive Investigator Program at CT DEEP. (Don Les, Ken Wagner, Wendy Flynn)

Session 6: New invasive plants threaten our state borders. Find out which plants to be on the lookout for, how to identify them, and who to contact. Management of bamboo (not listed in CT as an invasive species) will also be discussed. (Jeff Ward)