



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

20TH USDA INTERAGENCY RESEARCH FORUM ON INVASIVE SPECIES

*Tuesday, January 13—Friday, January 16, 2009
Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland*

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the following draft agenda for the 2009 meeting.

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Thomas Holmes, “Re-thinking the economics of forest invasive species”

Dr. John Randall, “The Nature Conservancy’s global invasive species program”

General Session Topics

- Invasive forest pathogens: insidious threats
- Emerald ash borer/*Sirex noctilio* syntheses
- Northeast Biological Control Group
- Hemlock woolly adelgid

In addition to the General Sessions, this year’s program will include several invited and offered presentations on topics that are relevant to the issue of non-native invasive species:

- The Asian longhorned beetle in Massachusetts
- Infestations of the citrus longhorned beetle in Europe
- Recent detections of the Asian gypsy moth on foreign vessels
- Emerald ash borer in Russia
- Status of the brown spruce longhorned beetle in Nova Scotia
- The goldspotted oak borer in California

Evening Mixer – Wednesday evening, January 14

Poster Display Sessions – The Tuesday afternoon poster session will include complimentary beverages. Posters will be displayed in a separate room and will be accessible for viewing through Thursday, January 15.

Poster displays on invasive species and related topics are always welcome. Please contact Vince D’Amico (vdamico@fs.fed.us or vincentdamico@yahoo.com) regarding guidelines and space availability.



A limited number of openings are available on the Program for research presentations. Please contact me at mlmcmamus@fs.fed.us as soon as possible regarding availability.

Mark your calendar to set these dates aside. Please share this announcement with others who may not be on the mailing list. Information on registration, hotel, and the program will be sent to you in November and will be available at the meeting website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/ne/morgantown/4557/forum>

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis.

/s/ Michael L. McManus
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