



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

14TH ANNUAL USDA INTERAGENCY RESEARCH FORUM ON GYPSY MOTH AND OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES

*Tuesday, January 14 – Friday, January 17, 2003
Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland*

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the following draft agenda for the 2003 meeting. In addition to the General Sessions, this year's program will include several invited presentations on topics that are relevant to the issue of non-native invasive species:

- Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan
- Brown Spruce Beetle in Nova Scotia
- Sudden Oak Death
- Exotic Pest Detection
- Siberian Moth Monitoring System
- Painted Apple Moth Eradication in New Zealand

Scientists who are funded through the USDA initiative on the Asian Longhorned Beetle are encouraged to prepare poster displays to report on their progress. Poster displays on the gypsy moth and other invasive species are always welcome. A limited number of openings are available on the Program for research presentations. Please contact me at: mlmcmmanus@fs.fed.us regarding their availability.

Keynote Presentations

New strategies and opportunities in pest detection
The role of invasive species in the demise of U.S. Forests.

General Session Topics

Invasive Plants and Their Impacts.
Update on Gypsy Moth Pathogens
Asian Longhorned Beetle
Recent Progress in Gypsy Moth Research
Risk Assessment for Invasive Species



Evening Mixer – Wednesday Evening, January 15

Poster Display Session – The Tuesday afternoon session (January 14) will include beverages. Posters will be set up in a separate room and will be accessible for viewing through Thursday.

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. We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis.

/s/Michael L. McManus
MICHAEL L. MCMANUS, Chairperson