

Forest Health Monitoring Program Monthly Update May 2013

UPCOMING EVENTS

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June 16 – 20, 2013. Bloomington, IN. The 9th North American Forest Ecology Workshop will be held at the Bloomington Convention Center in Bloomington, Indiana. The conference will allow forest ecologists, silviculturists, wildlife biologists, and other forest researchers and managers from Canada, Mexico, Central America and the United States to gather and exchange current research and management approaches within the backdrop of the US central hardwood forests. Further details are available at the NAFEW 2013 website:
<http://nafew.org/>.

June, 2014. Colorado, USA. IUFRO joint international meeting of three groups. An international joint meeting of the following groups will be held in Colorado: IUFRO 2.02.15 (Breeding and Genetic Resources of Five-Needle Pines), IUFRO 7.02.05 (Rusts of Forest Trees), and Strobosphere. This will be the first time these three groups have met together to share research in genetics-pathology of five-needle pines. The conference will feature advances in gene conservation, genomics, rust resistance, evolutionary dynamics and other related topics. There will be some joint sessions as well as concurrent sessions organized by each respective group for other topics of interest. The joint sessions will deal with white pine species and white pine blister rust genetics/resistance. In addition, each IUFRO group will have separate sessions in their broader areas of interest (Rust of forest trees; 5-needle pine genetics). Please pass this information along to your colleagues. The organizers are putting together a new mailing list and hope to have interested people contact them at this early stage so they can more effectively plan the meeting. If you have ideas for the meeting, contact one of the individuals mentioned in the announcement or rsniezko@fs.fed.us.

2.02.15 – Breeding and genetic resources of five-needle pines

<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-2/20000/20200/20215/>

7.02.05 – Rusts of forest trees

<http://www.iufro.org/science/divisions/division-7/70000/70200/70205/>

Strobosphere <http://dendrome.ucdavis.edu/strobosphere/>

July 4-7, 2013. Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Biodiversity and Integrated Pest Management: Working Together for a Sustainable Future. This conference is sponsored by Integrated Pest Management Collaborative Research Support

Program (IPM CRSP), Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program (SANREM CRSP), International Association for the Plant Protection Sciences (IAPPS), and Sam Ratulangi University. There is a need and urgency for proponents of integrated pest management and biodiversity to work together, but they have rarely been considered as partners for a sustainable future. This conference aims to bridge this divide by bringing together these two key groups. The conference is July 4-5, 2013 with field trips on July 6-7, 2013. Abstracts are now being accepted with a submission deadline of April 15. For more information about the conference, please visit www.oired.vt.edu/ipmcrsp/biodivipm2013/.

***July 30, 2013.** South Lake Tahoe, CA. The California Forest Pest Council will be conducting its annual summer insect, disease and animal damage field tour in the Lake Tahoe Basin on July 30th based at South Lake Tahoe, California. There is no cost for participating in the tour. For more information contact Tom Smith with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection at 916-599-6882 or at tom.smith@fire.ca.gov or check the California Forest Pest Council website at www.caforestpestcouncil.org/.

***September 1-6, 2013.** Ilheus, Brazil. IUFRO RG 7.01.00 conference titled Vegetation Response to Climate Change and Air Pollution – Unifying Evidence and Research across Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The deadline for submitting abstracts has been postponed to May 20, 2013. Please visit the conference website for more information: <http://www.iufro2013.ufop.br>.

***October 23-27, 2013.** Charleston, SC. Society of American Foresters 2013 National Convention. Information about the Society of American Foresters (SAF) 2013 National Convention is now available on the SAF website www.safnet.org. Click on the 2013 National Convention link. Details about the call for presentations and posters, the program, travel, and other topics are available.

***November 4-5, 2013.** Pittsburgh, PA. The Ninth Meeting of the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Arbor Day Foundation's Partners in Community Forestry National Conference. This year's speakers for the Continental Dialogue will be local partners, educators, business professionals and Continental Dialogue members. All are welcome and a diverse range of topics will be covered. There will be updates and expert discussions on current Continental Dialogue activities: Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities efforts; Don't Move Firewood and Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative; solid wood packaging materials, Sentinel Plant network and American Public Gardens; apps, social media, and forest pests; local successes and experiences; implications of expansion of Panama Canal. Attendees are highly encouraged to participate in the planned Arbor Day Foundation field trips on November 6th. At this time, trips to see local examples of emerald ash borer and oak wilt damage

are being planned in conjunction with the Arbor Day Foundation. In the coming months, register for the Continental Dialogue meeting by visiting the Arbor Day Foundation Partner and Community Forestry Conference site (www.arborday.org/pcf) and select the option for the Continental Dialogue Meeting. A draft agenda will soon be available at www.continentalforestdialogue.org. For more information about the meeting visit the meeting website or contact Leigh Greenwood at The Nature Conservancy (lgreenwood@tnc.org), or the meeting facilitation team at RESOLVE: Debbie Lee (dlee@resolv.org) or Beth Weaver (bweaver@resolv.org).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The USDA Forest Service is currently advertising a position for Entomologist (GS-0414-13). This position is located in Region 6, on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest in La Grande, OR. The incumbent directs the development of all aspects of a complex major insect detection, evaluation, prevention, and suppression program such as mountain pine beetle, budworm, gypsy moth, etc. Formulates and establishes policies, programs, and standards for forest insect prevention and control. Develops annual and long-term pest management programs. Conducts special evaluations, often collaborating with research, to gain additional specific knowledge concerning insect biology, ecological relationships, parasitic effects, survey methodology, or new control techniques. Integrates activities with other lands that adjoin or are intermingled with forest lands. Prepares technical reports and manuscripts of which incumbent is responsible for technical adequacy and soundness of conclusions and recommendations. Provides site-specific, technical assistance concerning forest insects to land managers. Provides guidance in land management plans and vegetation management projects including inputs for environmental assessments. For additional information about the positions, including how to apply, view the full vacancy announcements on www.usajobs.gov. The job announcement number for any U.S. citizen is 13-0616-4085DP-LS and for federal career and status eligible applicants (see announcement for a full list) is 13-0616-4085G-LS. The open period is **Tuesday, May 07, 2013 to Monday, June 03, 2013**. *USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.*

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

1. **Anagnostakis, S.L.; Hall, T.J.; Frontz, T.M.** 2012. A laboratory assay to determine resistance in butternut to butternut canker disease. The Nut Shell.

66(4): 18-24. The Nut Shell is published by the Northern Nut Growers Association.

2. **Chojnacky, David C.; Blinn, Christine F.; Prisley, Stephen P.** 2013. Web application to access and visualize US Forest Inventory and Analysis Program down woody material data. *Journal of Forestry*. 111(2):132-128.
3. **Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center.** 2013. Forest ThreatNet, the spring 2013 edition of the Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center's newsletter. Available online:
<http://forestthreats.org/products/newsletters>
4. **Más, E.G.; Lugo-Torres, M. de L.** 2013. Malezas comunes en Puerto Rico e Islas Vírgenes Americanas/Common weeds in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. Universidad de Puerto Rico, University of Puerto Rico, Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez/ Mayagüez Campus. USDA Servicio de Conservación de Recursos Naturales. Natural Resources Conservation Service. Área del Caribe/Caribbean Area. Currently this publication is only available electronically:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/plantsanimals/plants/feature/?cid=stelprdb1078250>.

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