



STOP THE SPREAD!
 January 20th & 21st, 2009
 Delta Vancouver Airport Hotel, Richmond, BC



AGENDA

Tuesday, January 20th, 2009

11:00am-5:00pm FORUM REGISTRATION DESK IS OPEN

1:00-3:00pm Concurrent Workshops

Informed Choices	Practical Solutions
<p>1:00-1:30pm Assessing Invasive Plants in BC Val Miller, Ministry of Forests and Range <i>Update on the development of a collaborative and efficient invasive plant assessment tool for BC.</i></p>	<p>1:00-1:30pm Three's a Crowd Graeme Johnstone, Northwest Invasive Plant Council <i>What are the threats, extent and control options associated with northern BC's top three knapweed species?</i></p>
<p>1:30-2:00pm "Grow Me Instead!" Program Robert Chin, Nursery and Garden Industry <i>A guide for gardeners in the Greater Sydney District.</i></p>	<p>1:30-2:00pm Effectively Controlling Leafy Spurge Jeff Nelson, Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc. <i>Looking at the interaction between a biological control agent and an herbicide for improved control of leafy spurge in North Dakota.</i></p>
<p>2:00-2:40pm Can Commercial Wildflower Seed Mixes Contribute to the Spread of Invasive Species? Lorraine Brooks, University of Washington <i>A look at the hidden invaders that may be lurking in wildflower seed packets.</i></p>	<p>2:00-2:40pm Biology, Ecology and Management of Marsh Plume Thistle in BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands <i>Looking at the biology, ecology, and management of priority invasive plants in BC.</i></p>
<p>2:40-3:00pm Coffee Break & Conference Displays</p>	

Plenary 3:00-4:30pm

- 3:00pm** *Keeping the Integrated in Pest Management for Local Governments*
 Discussing the tools and challenges associated with herbicide use in BC's municipalities
 Kent Mullinix, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
- 3:30pm** *The Silent Invasion*
 A yearlong campaign to engage Oregonians in the battle against invasive species
 Oregon Public Broadcasting – tbc
- 4:00pm** *Thank you and wrap-up*
 Invasive Plant Council of BC

4:30-6:30pm Conference Booths, Nibble and Network: Meet and greet forum presenters, attendees, and others while nibbling on snacks provided and enjoying a beverage at the cash bar. **New to this year's forum is an area of displays.**

Wednesday, January 21st, 2009

7:30am *Perspectives Breakfast*

9:00am *The Invasive Plant Council of BC Welcomes You to “Stop the Spread”*

9:15am **Keynote Speaker:** *Being a Credible Leader in the Field of Sustainability*
Brian Minter, Minter Gardens

10:15am **Coffee Break & Conference Displays**

10:30am *What Do Invasive Plants Cost Us?*
Estimation of damage curves for selected invasive plants: empirical evidence from British Columbia, Canada
Leonardo Frid, ESSA Technologies Ltd.

10:50am *Working Together to Stop the Spread*
Australian experiences for Canadian outcomes
Robert Chin, Nursery and Garden Industry

11:30am *Cross Canada Check-up*
Spotlight on collaborative initiatives and priority activities for provincial invasive plant councils from across Canada

12:00pm Invasive Plant Council of BC's Annual General Meeting (AGM)

12:30-1:30pm **Lunch, Networking & Conference Displays**

1:30pm *Computer aided weed identification, an alternative to dichotomous keys (or flipping the pages and looking at the pictures)*
Demonstrating the most comprehensive weed identification reference available for the United States and Canada
Richard Old, XID Services, Inc.

2:15pm **Coffee Break**

2:30pm *Linking Research to Practice*
An Australian Story of Collaboration
Rachel McFayden, Cooperative Research Centre

3:00pm *Rise of Ornamental Invasives*
Looking at the rise of ornamental plants as invasives.
John Peter Thompson, Behnke Nurseries Company

3:40pm Session Wrap-up and Feedback on the Forum

4:00pm Forum Adjourned

See you next year!

4:45-8:30pm **IPCBC Board of Directors Dinner & Meeting:** *Includes current and new directors and alternate directors. Please plan to attend if you are joining the Board in 2009.*

Working Towards Ecological Restoration: Managing BC's "unwanted" invaders in the face of climate change

A classroom based workshop that covers the challenges facing restoration of BC's ecosystems and potential treatment options with a focus on the changing climate.

8:30am	Welcome, workshop overview and objectives.....Facilitator
8:40am	Introduction to the challenges facing land managers in restoration activities of BC's ecologically sensitive ecosystems, a case study (Kalamalka Lake PP).....tbc
9:00am	Potential impacts associated with bark beetle management in the face of climate change.....tbc
9:30am	Risks of invasive plant establishment following prescribed and/or wildfire events.....tbc

10:00-10:20am Coffee Break and Networking

10:20am	Restoring ecological resilience in grassland ecosystems to increase resistance to invasive plant establishment.....tbc
10:50am	Preventing invasive plant establishment in areas of soil and vegetation disturbance resulting from restoration activities.....tbc
11:20am	Cattle grazing as a tool for invasive plant management in grassland ecosystems.....tbc
11:50am	Summary of the morning's key points and breakout session objectives.....Facilitator

12:00pm-12:30pm Lunch and Networking

12:30pm	Dialogue sessions on the risks of invasive plant establishment following bark beetle management, prescribed and/or wildfire events, and soil and vegetation disturbance as well as restoration of ecological resilience and cattle grazing as a tool for invasive plant management.
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2:30-2:50pm Coffee Break and Networking

2:50pm	Presentation of breakout session results to group (each group will present results)
3:30pm	Synopsis of breakout sessions: key themes.....Facilitator
3:45pm	Wrap-up and next steps from a land management perspective.....tbc