

CIPWG Invasive Plant Symposium Program
October 14, 2010
Speakers and Presentation Titles

General Session - morning

- Welcome and Introduction

Donna Ellis, CIPWG Co-chair, University of Connecticut

- Opening Speaker

Denise Merrill, House Majority Leader, State Representative, 54th District

- Connecticut Invasive Plants Council Update

Mary Musgrave, Council Chairperson and Head, University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture

- Battling Invasions: Looking Back for Forward Momentum

David Leff, (www.davidkleff.com) Freelance Writer and Former Deputy Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Keynote Speaker

- The Power of Choice: New Frontiers in Invasive Plant Management and Conservation

Bernd Blossey, Associate Professor, Cornell University

Breakout Sessions – afternoon

There will be two time slots, each with three Sessions presented concurrently.

First time slot:

Session 1. Industry Perspective - What's Working (Session Chairs: Tom Rathier and Donna Ellis)

- Understanding the Invasive Plant Issue – Opportunities for the Nursery Industry

Pat Bigelow, President, Bigelow Nurseries, Inc., Northboro, MA

- Designing a Native Plant Palette for the Public through Consumer Education

Lisa and Kyle Turoczi, Owners, Earth Tones Native Plant Nursery, Woodbury, CT

- What to Do About the Barberry Cultivars?

Mark Brand, Professor, University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture

Session 2. Early Detection & Rapid Response (Session Chairs: Les Mehrhoff and Logan Senack)

- The Importance of Early Detection in Invasive Plant Control

Les Mehrhoff, Director, Invasive Plant Atlas of New England

- Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team

Melissa Almendinger and Michael Van Clef, Central Jersey Invasive Species Strike Team

- A Few New Invaders to Watch For

Logan Senack, Connecticut Invasive Plant Coordinator, University of Connecticut/Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection

Session 3. Invasives Management Research (Session Chair: Todd Mervosh)

- Controlling Japanese Barberry: Alternative Methods and Impact on Tick Populations

Jeffrey Ward, Chief Scientist, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

- Management Options for Japanese Stiltgrass: Research in a Connecticut Woodland

Todd Mervosh, Assistant Scientist II, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

- Biological Control of Mile-a-minute Weed in Connecticut

Carole Cheah, Assistant Agricultural Scientist II, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Second time slot:

Session 4. Invaded Forests (Session Chair: Charlotte Pyle)

- Overview of Forest Invasives in Connecticut: Now and the Future

Charlotte Pyle, Landscape Ecologist, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

- Invasive Plants in Working Forests: An Example from South Central Connecticut

Valerie O'Donnell, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority

- Effects of Deer Browsing on Native Plant Regeneration Following Control of Invasive Plants

Scott C. Williams, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station

Session 5. Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMA) (Session Chairs: David Gumbart and Cynthia Boettner)

- Many Hands Make for Greater Successes: Benefits of Cooperative Partnerships and How to Start One

Cynthia Boettner, Coordinator, Invasive Plant Control Initiative, Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- The Eightmile River Invasive Species Management Area; Lessons Learned in Launching Connecticut's First CWMA

David Gumbart, Assistant Director of Land Management, The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut Chapter

Session 6. Local Success Stories (Session Chair: Rose Hiskes)

- Successful Collaboration in Invasive Plant Management

Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Director, Town of Mansfield, CT

- Beetle Farmers: Winning the War on Purple Loosestrife

Donna Ellis, Senior Extension Educator, University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science & Landscape Architecture

- Controlling Invasive Aquatic Plants – Success Stories

Gregory Bugbee, Assistant Agricultural Scientist II, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station