

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 24
POSTER SESSION – SHEET BEND (POWERHOUSE, 3RD FLOOR)
3:00 – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25
OPENING SESSION – BALLROOM
8:15 – 10:00 AM

Moderator: Scott Myers, USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA

8:15 AM Welcome. **Scott Myers**, USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA. **Christie Millhouse**, North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA), Monona, WI

MIKE MCMANUS MEMORIAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

8:30 AM The Tree Species in Peril breeding program. **Jennifer Koch**
USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Delaware, OH

9:15 AM What parts of invasive species science and management can we leave to AI, and what parts will remain our job? **Jiri Hulcr**
University of Florida, Entomology and Nematology Department, Gainesville, FL

10:00 – 10:30 AM **BREAK**

RESEARCH REPORTS

10:30 – 11:50 AM

Moderator: Andreas Linde, University for Sustainable Development, Eberswalde, Germany

10:30 AM Implementing trapping networks with generic lures at ports-of-entry in southern Europe for early detection of non-native xylophagous species. **Alain Roques**
INRAE, Zoologie Forestière, Orléans, France

10:50 AM Research progress on the Asian longhorned beetle infestation in South Carolina. **Courtney Johnson**¹, Lindsey Stone², Caleb Davis², R. Talbot Trotter³, Will Scheper², David Coyle², Kelly Oten¹
¹North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, ²Clemson University, Clemson, SC,
³USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Hamden, CT

11:10 AM Insights into understanding the brown spot needle blight epidemic affecting pine forests in the southern USA. **Jason Smith**¹, Kathy Smith², Nicolas Anger², John Riggins³

¹University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH, ² University of Florida, ³Oregon State University

11:30 AM Machine-learning-based classification of Callery pear across the Southeast United States. **Jess Hartshorn**¹, Kavi Raj Awasthi², Nilesh Timilsina², Federico Iuricich², Brook T. Russell²
¹ecoLogic, Dayton, OH, ²Clemson University, Clemson, SC

11:50 AM – 1:00 PM **LUNCH**

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25
INVASIVE PATHOGENS

1:00 – 2:40 PM

Organizer: Anna Conrad, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Delaware, OH

Moderator: Cameron McIntire, USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry, Durham, NH

1:00 PM Pre-symptomatic chemical and spectral indicators of Dutch elm disease tolerance. **Avalon M. Miller**¹, Anna O. Conrad², Charles E. Flower², Nancy Hayes-Plazolles², Cornelia Wilson², and Cristina Rosa¹

¹The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

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1:20 PM Progress in efforts to reduce the impact of brown spot needle blight in loblolly pine. **Colton Meinecke**, Rhys A. Eshleman, Rowan Christopher, Zachary Bragg, Caterina Villari

¹University of Georgia, Athens, GA

1:40 PM Biosurveillance for native and invasive forest fungal pathogens in the U.S. through spore trapping. **Eliana Torres Bedoya**¹, J Ker¹, Isabel Munck², Thomas Macy³, Ryan Crandall⁴, Kyle Lombard⁴, Jeff R. Garnas⁵, Eric Morrison⁵, Enrico Bonello¹.

¹Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, ²USDA Forest Service, Durham, NH, ³Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus, OH, ⁴New Hampshire Department of Natural & Cultural Resources, ⁵University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH

2:00 PM The Development of Tools for Managing Beech Leaf Disease. **Chad Rigsby**, Andrew L. Loyd, Matthew A. Borden
Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories

2:20 PM Butternut canker susceptibility influenced by disease level and hybridization. **Anna Conrad**¹, Aziz Ebrahimi², James Warren³, Karl Fetter⁴, Carolyn Pike⁵, Caleb Kell², James McKenna⁶, Martin Williams⁷, Mojtaba Zamani Faradonbeh², Douglass F. Jacobs²

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2:40 – 3:10 PM **BREAK**

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 25
INVASIVE PLANTS

3:10 – 4:50 PM

Organizer: Rima Lucardi, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA

3:10 PM From SSRs to satellites: Tracking the Bradford pear invasion. **Marcin Nowicki**¹, Shiwani Sapkota², Alina Pokhrel¹, David R. Coyle³, Denita Hadziabdic¹, William E. Klingeman¹
¹University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, ²University of Georgia, Athens, GA, ³Clemson University, Clemson, SC

3:30 PM Advancing our understanding of neophyte plant patterns and disturbance interactions in western forests. **Becky K. Kerns**¹, Nathan M. Wade², Claire M. Tortorelli², Andrew Grey²
¹USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Corvallis, OR, ²Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, Oak Ridge, TN

3:50 PM Prevention at the seed of the problem. **Rima D. Lucardi**¹, Alice Whitelaw, Mark Vick, Amanda Ott, Pete Coppolillo
¹USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA, ²Working Dogs for Conservation Missoula, MT

4:10 PM Preliminary assessment of nonnative plant invasion potential in the wake of Hurricane Helene in the southern Appalachian Mountains. **James T. Vogt**¹, Steve Norman², Kevin Potter³, Qinfeng Guo³, Kamal J.K. Gandhi⁴, Elizabeth McCarty⁴
¹USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA, ²USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station Asheville, NC, ³USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Research Triangle, NC, ⁴University of Georgia, Athens, GA

4:30 PM Harnessing the power of low coverage whole genome sequencing and herbaria to reconstruct the invasion history of a damaging invasive grass, *Microstegium vimineum*. **Craig Barrett**¹, Cameron Corbett¹, Fernando Hernandez², Lauren Kossow¹,

Brandon T. Hendrickson³, Cynthia D. Huebner^{1,4}, Chih-Hui Chen⁵,
Pan Li⁶, Bo Li⁷, Paul M. Peterson⁸, Wen-Bin Yu⁷, Kenji Suetsugu⁹

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 25

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MIXER – ATRIUM

6:30 – 7:30 PM

THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26

AREA-WIDE MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE SPECIES

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Moderator: Scott Myers, USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA

8:00 AM P4: An invasives response plan in theory and in practice. **Kier Klepzig**¹, Kamal J.K. Gandhi²

¹Jones Center at Ichauway, Newton, GA, ²University of Georgia, Athens, GA

8:20 AM Integrating landscape ecology into generic surveillance plans for bark- and wood-boring beetles. **Davide Nardi**, Davide Rassati, Lorenzo Marini

University of Padova, Italy

8:40 AM Varying roles of environmental context in shaping the abundance and diversity of scolytines. **Manoj Pandey**, Kayla I. Perry, Samuel F. Ward

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

9:00 AM New tools for exploring the distributions and forest impacts of pest species in the United States. **Katie Grong**¹, Randall Morin²

¹Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, ²USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA), York, PA

9:20 AM Investigating development of high-risk scolytine species along international trade routes: implications for invasion success

**Thomas G. Paul¹, Christopher M. Ranger², Andrew M. Liebhold³,
Samuel F. Ward¹**

¹The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, ²USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Wooster, OH, ³Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic

9:40 AM

Improving biodefense and biocontrol programs by characterizing incipient invasive plant microbiomes. **Michael Fulcher**, Desi Szarka, Riley Larkin

USDA-ARS, Foreign Disease-Weed Science Research Unit, Fort Detrick, MD

10:00 – 10:30 AM

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 26

RESEARCH REPORTS

10:30 – 11:50 AM

Moderator: Leigh Greenwood, The Nature Conservancy, Missoula, MT

10:30 AM

Factors facilitating understory plant invasions in the aftermath of Emerald ash borer. **Jack E. Hatajik¹, Marlyse C. Duguid², Mark A. Bradford², Sara E. Kuebbing², Claire E. Rutledge¹, Elisabeth Ward¹**

¹Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT, ²Yale University, New Haven, CT

10:50 AM

Coevolutionary history shapes preference and performance in hemlock woolly adelgids. **Nicholas Dietzschler**, Mark C. Whitmore, Anurag A. Agrawal

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

11:10 AM

Predator-prey ecology of the invasive *Adelges tsugae* and biological control agents system. **Anne C. J. Peter**, Scott Salom

Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA

11:30 AM

Images are information and citation is conversation. **Rebekah Wallace¹, Elizabeth Bittner², Charles Bargeron¹**

¹University of Georgia, Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health, Athens, GA, ²University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

11:50 – 1:00 PM

LUNCH

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 26

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF INVASIVE SPECIES

Organizer: Jeremy Andersen, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

1:00 – 3:00 PM

1:00 PM	Invasion insights from biological control datasets. Ashley N. Schulz ¹ , Rima D. Lucardi ² , Nathan P. Havill ³ , Travis D. Marsico ⁴ ¹ Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS, ² USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA, ³ USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, Hamden, CT, ⁴ Arkansas State University, State University, AR
1:20 PM	Biological control of the invasive grass cogongrass, <i>Imperata cylindrica</i> . Gregory Wheeler ¹ , Dean Brookes ² ¹ USDA ARS Invasive Plant Research Lab, Davie, FL, ² ASDA ARS Australian Biological Control Laboratory, CSIRO Health and Biosecurity
1:40 PM	Progress Towards the Biological Control of Invasive Knotweeds. Jeremy Andersen , Zachary Colby University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
2:00 PM	Biological control of emerald ash borer and its impact on ash survival and regeneration: a 16 yr-field study in Michigan. Jian Duan ¹ , Toby Petrice ² , Therese Poland ² , Jeremy Andersen ³ , Christine Dodge ⁴ , Roy van Driesche ³ ¹ USDA ARS Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Unit, Newark, DE, ² USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station, East Lansing, MI, ³ University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, ⁴ USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA
2:20 PM	Host range testing of <i>Dryinus sinicus</i> shows it to be a promising candidate biological control agent for spotted lanternfly. Hannah Broadley ¹ , Xingeng Wang ² , Steven Sipolski ¹ , Corrine Losch ¹ , Caroline Schelleng ^{1,3} , and Mari West ^{1,3} ¹ USDA, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine, Science and Technology, Buzzards Bay, MA, ² USDA, ARS, Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Unit, Newark DE, ³ University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA
2:40 PM	Evaluation of a North American dryinid for biocontrol of spotted lanternfly. Alexandra Johnson ¹ , Dana Terrill ¹ , Lisa Tewksbury ¹ , Jules Bentz ¹ , Dan Farnsworth ¹ , Nick Durinzi ² , Carly Tribull ³ ¹ University of Rhode Island Biocontrol Lab, Kingston, RI, ² SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY, ³ SUNY Farmingdale State College, Farmingdale, NY

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RESEARCH REPORTS

3:30 – 5:10 PM

Moderator: Rima Lucardi, USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA

3:30 PM	Behavioral and reproductive traits of <i>Dryinus sinicus</i> (Hymenoptera: Dryinidae), a promising biological control agent for spotted lanternfly. Spiro Schramm ¹ , Hannah Broadley ² , Joseph Kaser ¹ , Xingeng Wang¹ ¹ USDA ARS Beneficial Insects Introduction Research Unit, Newark, DE, ² USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA
3:50 PM	Advances in Molecular Diagnostics of Spongy Moth (<i>Lymantria dispar</i>). Alex Wu¹ , Megan Doner ¹ , Brian Silva ¹ , Caroline Davock ^{1,2} , Don Stewart ³ , Michel Cusson ³ ¹ USDA APHIS PPQ, Buzzards Bay, MA, ² University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, ³ Natural Resources Canada, Laurentian Forestry Centre, Québec, QC
4:10 PM	Trunk injection treatments for control of beech leaf disease in natural stands of American beech. Don Grosman Arborjet Inc., Woburn, MA
4:30 PM	Identifying where and when to search for pest-resistant trees. Radka Wildova , Jonathan Rosenthal Ecological Research Institute, New Paltz, NY
4:50 PM	Host response to polyphosphite (PP30) in beech leaf disease. Andrew Miles¹ , Enrico (Pierluigi) Bonello ¹ , Daniel Herms ² , Constance Hausman ³ ¹ The Ohio State University, ² The Davey Tree Expert Company, ³ Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland, OH
5:10 PM	Closing remarks. Rima Lucardi , USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station, Athens, GA, Christie Millhouse , North American Invasive Species Management Association (NAISMA), Monona, WI

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