



# Conference Agenda

March 5 & 6, 2025, Olds College

Wednesday, March 5			
Start	End	Title	Presenter
9:30	10:00	Registration	
10:00	10:15	Welcome and Announcements	AISC
10:15	11:15	KEYNOTE: Invasive Annual Grasses, a Perennial Problem	Dr. Jane Mangold, Montana State University
11:15	11:40	Worst Weeds to Watch for	Josh Wagoner, State of Montana
11:45	12:15	Developing a Provincial Invasive Species Indicator	Brendan Casey, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute
12:15	1:10	Lunch (provided)	
1:10	1:40	Detecting Emerald Ash Borer in Vancouver via Branch Sampling	Troy Kimoto, Canada Food Inspection Agency
1:40	2:10	Dutch Elm Disease and Edmonton's IPM Plan in 2024	Mike Jenkins, City of Edmonton
2:10	2:40	An Era of Influencers in Science Communication	Lauren Rogers, Invasive Species Centre
2:40	3:10	Engaging All Ages in the Fight Against Noxious Weeds: Creative Education Strategies That Stick	Pam Schwend, Montana Invasive Species Council
3:10	3:30	BREAK/Poster Session	
3:30	4:15	Annual General Meeting (AGM)	AISC
4:15	4:25	Accelerating the development and deployment of biocontrol agents	Rick Niwa, MD of Ranchland
4:25	4:50	<i>Caragana arborescens</i> in the Prairie Provinces: An Assessment of Invasiveness	Martin Hinojosa, University of Alberta
4:50	5:15	Establishing, Promoting & Utilizing Weed Free Products to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species	Lesley Beckworth, Teton County Weed & Pest District
5:15	5:20	Closing Remarks	AISC
5:20	6:00	Poster Session	

6:00	9:00	Dinner (provided) - Mixer at The Crossing Pub
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Thursday, March 6			
Start	End	Title	Presenter
9:00	9:25	AIS 2024 Year in Review	Nicole Kimmel, Government of Alberta
9:25	9:50	Watercraft Inspection at the International Border in Manitoba	Brendan Spearin, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
9:50	10:15	An Environmental DNA Monitoring Program Leads to the Discovery of Proliferative Kidney Disease in Alberta	Jacob Hambrook, University of Alberta
10:15	10:40	BREAK	
10:40	11:25	Invasive Species Management in the Face of Public Scrutiny	Craig Mushens, Worley Consulting & Jay White, Aquality Environmental Consulting
11:25	11:50	Lurking Beneath the Surface - New & Emerging Invasive Threats to Albertan Waterways	Kallum McDonald, Government of Alberta
11:50	12:50	Lunch (provided)	
12:50	1:15	California's Response to Golden Mussel (Virtual)	Martha Volkoff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
1:15	1:40	Update: Quagga Mussel Response for the Mid-Snake River, Idaho	Nic Zurfluh, Government of Idaho
1:40	2:05	Rapid Response to Aquatic Invasive Species European Water Chestnut Rapid Response Program in Welland, Ontario	Katie Church, Invasive Species Centre
2:05	2:30	BREAK/Poster Session	
2:30	3:00	Alberta Wild Boar Control Program Update	Hannah Mckenzie, Government of Alberta
3:00	3:30	Tackling Chronic Wasting Disease in Wildlife Populations in Alberta	Anne Hubbs, Government of Alberta
3:30	3:35	Closing Remarks	AISC