



AISC Virtual Conference and AGM

March 15 – 19, 2021

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Monday, March 15th – Annual General Meeting and Aquatic Invasive Species	
1:00 PM to 1:45 PM	AISC 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome – Jay Byer, AISC Chair - 2020 AGM Minutes - Jay Byer, AISC Chair - Chair Report – Jay Byer, AISC Chair - Financial Report – Matthew Gibson, AISC Treasurer - Appointment of Auditor – Matthew Gibson, AISC Treasurer - Special Resolution – Matthew Gibson, AISC Treasurer - Operations Report – Megan Evans, AISC Executive Director - Big EDD Award – Doug Macaulay, AISC Vice Chair - Elections of Directors – Doug Macaulay, AISC Vice Chair
1:45 PM to 1:50 PM	Conference Welcome and Announcements
1:50 PM to 2:05 PM	Occupancy and Impacts of Invasive Northern Crayfish (<i>Faxonius virilis</i>) on Native Fish Species in North Saskatchewan River Basin <i>Victoria Van Mierlo, University of Alberta (Student Presentation)</i>
2:05 PM to 2:20 PM	--- 15 MINUTE BREAK ---
2:20 PM to 3:10 PM	Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS): Alberta Update 2020 <i>Nicole Kimmel, Alberta Environment and Parks</i>
3:10 PM to 4:00 PM	Using Environmental DNA to Track Chinese Mystery Snail Invasion in Alberta Lakes <i>Patrick Hanington, University of Alberta</i>
Tuesday, March 16th – Biocontrol	
1:00 PM to 1:05 PM	Welcome and announcements
1:05 PM to 1:45 PM	Update on Weed Biological Control Research at CABI Switzerland <i>Sonja Stutz, CABI, Switzerland</i>
1:45 PM to 2:25 PM	Update on Weed Biocontrol Research in Alberta <i>Rosemarie De Clerck-Floate, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada</i>

2:25 PM to 2:40 PM	--- 15 MINUTE BREAK ---
2:40 PM to 3:20 PM	Effective Biological Control of Canada Thistle, <i>Cirsium arvense</i>, Using its Rust Fungal Parasite, <i>Puccinia punctiformis</i> <i>Chris Saunders, Strategic Weed Management Consulting</i>
3:20 PM to 4:00 PM	AISC's Biocontrol Release Program <i>Tim Skuse, AISC</i>
Wednesday, March 17th – Terrestrial Invasive Species	
1:00 PM to 1:05 PM	Welcome and announcements
1:05 PM to 1:55 PM	Earthworm Invasions in Alberta <i>Erin Cameron, Saint Mary's University, Nova Scotia</i>
1:55 PM to 2:45 PM	The Cautionary Tale of Scotch Broom in Washington State: Identification, Impacts, and Mobilization to Address <i>Cytisus scoparius</i> <i>Justin Bush, Washington Invasive Species Council</i>
2:45 PM to 3:00 PM	--- 15 MINUTE BREAK ---
3:00 PM to 3:50 PM	Tracking the Spread of Invasive Wild Pigs in Canada <i>Ryan Brook, University of Saskatchewan</i>
3:50 PM to 4:10 PM	'Squeal on Pigs!' Campaign in Alberta <i>Megan Evans, AISC</i>
Thursday, March 18th – Invasive Plant	
1:00 PM to 1:05 PM	Welcome and announcements
1:05 PM to 1:55 PM	Weed Free Forage Program <i>Kelly Cooley, CoolPro Solutions and Megan Evans, AISC</i>
1:55 PM to 2:45 PM	Nobody Can Achieve Assurance Alone: "We Are All Making a Difference Here" <i>Krista Zuzak, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry</i>
2:45 PM to 3:00 PM	--- 15 MINUTE BREAK ---
3:00 PM to 3:50 PM	Drone Application Technology for Invasive Species Control <i>Wade McLean and Cory Southam, Strongfield Environmental Solutions Inc.</i>
Friday, March 19th – Insect and Disease	
1:00 PM to 1:05 PM	Welcome and announcements
1:05 PM to 1:20 PM	Pollen Foraging Preferences: <i>Apis mellifera</i> and <i>Bombus</i> spp. <i>Ron Miksha, University of Calgary (Student Presentation)</i>
1:20 PM to 2:10 PM	The Asian Giant Hornet; The Apex-predator of the Insect World <i>Paul van Westendorp, Government of British Columbia</i>
2:10 PM to 3:00 PM	Forest Health and Invasive Species in Alberta <i>Caroline Whitehouse, Alberta Agriculture and Forestry</i>

3:00 PM to 3:15 PM	--- 15 MINUTE BREAK ---
→ 3:15 PM to 3:55 PM	Overview of Alberta's Dutch Elm Disease Prevention and Control Program <i>Janet Feddes-Calpas, Society for the Prevention of Dutch Elm Disease</i>
→ 3:55 PM to 4:35 PM	Dutch Elm Disease, More Than Prevention <i>David Ellis, City of Lethbridge</i>

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