



Draft Conference Agenda

March 19, 20 and 21, 2024, Olds College

Tuesday, March 19				
Credit	Start	End	Title	Presenter
	3:30	4:30	Weed Act Regulations Revision Engagement Session	Kellie Jackson, Government of Alberta

Wednesday, March 20				
Credit	Start	End	Title	Presenter
	9:30	10:00	Registration	
	10:00	10:15	Conference welcome and announcements	AISC
A	10:15	11:15	KEYNOTE: Invasive Species on a Global Scale, but Under an Alberta Perspective	Patrick Hanington, University of Alberta and Nicole Kimmel, Government of Alberta
B	11:15	11:45	Canada Thistle Rust Fungus (<i>Puccinia suaveolens</i>) Biocontrol Field Trials in Edmonton	Mike Jenkins, City of Edmonton
B	11:45	12:15	Morphological Traits to Differentiate Between Native and Invasive Phragmites and an Update on Biocontrol	Michael McTavish, University of Toronto
	12:15	1:15	Lunch (provided)	
	1:15	2:00	Annual General Meeting	AISC
C	2:00	2:30	130 Years of Plant Invasion History in Alberta: Patterns and Differences in the Delays Between Introduction and Subsequent Rapid Spread	Chris Neeser, Government of Alberta

C	2:30	3:00	Perspectives from Garden Retailers - Interactions with the Public Regarding Invasive Plant Species	Jennifer Hoglin, Gooseberry Gardens
	3:00	3:30	BREAK/Poster Session	
D	3:30	4:00	The Alberta Rat Control Program	Karen Wickerson, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
D	4:00	4:30	Update on the Alberta Wild Boar Control Program	Hannah McKenzie, Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation
D	4:30	5:00	Mapping Established Strongholds for Invasive Wild Pig Populations on the Canadian Prairies	Ryan Brook, University of Saskatchewan
	5:00	5:05	Closing remarks	AISC
	5:05	6:00	Poster Session (Library) Photos with Tank (Alumni Centre)	
	6:00	9:00	Dinner (provided) - Mixer at The Crossing Pub	

Thursday, March 21				
	Start	End	Title	Presenter
E	9:00	9:25	eDNA Use for Invasive Species Monitoring	Patrick Hanington, University of Alberta
E	9:25	9:50	Whirling Out of Control; What We Know So Far About Whirling Disease in Alberta	Dani Jakovljevic, University of Alberta
E	9:50	10:15	Emerging Aquatic Invasive Threats in Alberta	Nicole Kimmel, Government of Alberta
	10:15	10:40	BREAK	
F	10:40	11:00	Regional Update Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) - British Columbia	Martina Beck, Government of British Columbia
F	11:00	11:20	Regional Update Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) - Saskatchewan	Matt Tyree and Jeri Geiger, Government of Saskatchewan
F	11:20	11:40	Regional Update Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) – Addressing AIS Through Partnerships	Thomas Woolf, Government of Montana
F	11:40	12:00	Regional Update AIS Roundtable	All



	12:00	1:00	Lunch (provided)	
G	1:00	1:25	Quagga Mussel Response for the Mid-Snake River, Idaho	Nic Zurfluh, Government of Idaho
G	1:25	1:50	Novel Communications Techniques for Preventing Organisms in Trade in Canada	Jenna White, Invasive Species Centre
G	1:50	2:15	Updates on the AISC's Don't Let It Loose Program	Chelsea Currie, AISC
	2:15	2:45	BREAK/Poster Session	
	2:45	3:00	Containing the Spread of Starry Stonewort	Edgar Rudberg, CD3 Systems
	3:00	3:25	Dutch Elm Disease in Saskatoon: Successes and Shortfalls	Sydney Worthy, City of Saskatoon
	3:25	3:30	Closing remarks	AISC



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