

Conference Agenda

March 11 & 12, 2026, Olds College

Wednesday, March 11				
	Start	End	Title	Presenter
	9:00	9:30	Registration	
	9:30	9:45	Welcome and Announcements	AISC
A	9:45	10:45	KEYNOTE: From Reactive to Adaptive: Invasive Species Management in a Warming World	Dr. Annette Evans, University of Saint Joseph, Connecticut
	10:45	11:00	BREAK	
B	11:00	11:30	Invasive Annual Grass Spread in Alberta	Steve Tannas, Tannas Conservation
B	11:30	12:00	Prescribed Fire and Pre-Emergent Herbicide Application in South-Eastern British Columbia	Katherine Johnson, Tannas Conservation
	12:00	12:15	Rejuvenate your Rangeland and Pastures with Rejuvra Powered by Rangeview	Megan Kneller, Envu
	12:15	1:15	Lunch (provided)	
	1:15	2:10	Montana Update & Developing an Invasive Species to Watch List for Alberta	Liz Lodman, Montana Invasive Species Council
	2:10	2:30	Updates to the Weed Control Act in Saskatchewan and Perspectives on Kochia	Cory Jacob, Government of Saskatchewan
	2:30	2:40	Alberta Weed Act Updates	Gayah Sieusahai, Government of Alberta
	2:40	2:45	Pre-Poster Session Promo	AISC
	2:45	3:15	Poster Session	
	3:15	3:30	Invasive Species Success Stories Aided by EDDMapS in Alberta - 2012 to 2026	Kelly Cooley, CoolPro Solutions
	3:30	3:55	Growing Awareness: Advancing Invasive Species Education and Action	Megan Hoyer, Montana Department of Agriculture
	3:55	5:00	20 th Anniversary Celebration & AGM	AISC
	6:00	9:00	Dinner (provided) - Mixer at The Crossing Pub	

Thursday, March 12				
	Start	End	Title	Presenter
	8:15	8:30	Welcome and Announcements	AISC
C	8:30	8:50	Using all the Tools in the Toolbox: Managing Invasive Species in Fish Creek Provincial Park	Emma Stroud, Friends of Fish Creek
C	8:50	9:20	Invasive Phragmites in Canada: Management Lessons and Biocontrol Research from Ontario	Matt Bolding, Ducks Unlimited
C	9:20	9:40	Alberta Biocontrol Consortium – What Are We?	Stacy Berry, Strathcona County
	9:40	10:00	BREAK	
D	10:00	10:25	Aquatic Invasives & Species at Risk: Impacts, Challenges, and Recovery Pathways	Lisa Schaubel, Government of Alberta
D	10:25	10:50	Provincial AIS Update	Nicole Kimmel, Government of Alberta
D	10:50	11:10	From Pipelines to Ponds: Innovative Approaches to Invasive Species Detection and Control	Dr. Zhongzhi Chen, Innotech Alberta
	11:10	11:30	Update: Quagga Mussel Response for the Mid-Snake River, Idaho	Nic Zurfluh, Idaho
	11:30	11:40	AISC's CD3 Project	Jake Utrie, CD3 Systems
	11:40	12:40	Lunch (provided)	
	12:40	1:05	Invasive Carp in Stormwater Systems – Wading Through Murky Waters	Krish Purohit & Dean Foster, Associated Environmental Consultants Inc.
	1:05	1:30	Meningeal Worm, <i>Parelaphostrongylus tenuis</i> , a New Invasive Threat to Free-Ranging Ungulates in Alberta, and Beyond	Dr. Margo Pybus, Government of Alberta
	1:30	1:55	Cross-Country Knowledge Exchange: Sharing Hard Learned Lessons from Central Canada on Detection, Management and Recovery from our Most Notable Forest Pests	Colin Cassin, Invasive Species Centre
	1:55	2:15	BREAK	
E	2:15	2:45	Alberta Wild Boar Control Program Update	Hannah Mckenzie, Government of Alberta
E	2:45	3:15	Alberta Wild Boar Eradication: A Trapper's Success Driven by Evolving and Well-Designed Provincial Strategy	Nick Gallagher, Coyote Den Wildlife Services
	3:15	3:30	Closing Remarks	AISC