

HORTICULTURE AND INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE AGENDA

(As of September 11, 2023)

Virtual Event Date: November 8-9, 2023, Times are displayed in Eastern Standard Time

DAY ONE – November 8, 2023

10:30 am **Networking and Sign-in**

11:00 am **Welcome Address**

11:10 am **Indigenous Welcome**

SETTING THE STAGE

11:30 am **Keynote Address**
Advances in Economic Cost Assessments of Biological Invasions
Dr. Ross Cuthbert, Queen's University Belfast

12:15 pm **BREAK**

EMERGING ISSUES

12:30 pm

Objective: Hear from experts in the field from Canada and abroad on emerging issues in horticulture, including emerging pathways of spread pathways.

12:30 pm **The Role of Horticulture in Preventing Invasive Plant Range Infilling and Range Expansion with Climate Change**
Dr. Evelyn Beaury, Princeton University

12:50 pm **A Missing Link in Plant Invasions: North American Public Gardens are Redefining our View of Invasive Plants**
Kurt Dreisler, Morton Arboretum

1:10 pm **TBC**

1:30 pm **Q and A**

1:40 pm **BREAK**

REGULATORY TOOLS IN THE TOOLBOX

1:55 pm

Objective: Learn what tools exist in Canada to stop the spread of invasive species coming through the horticulture pathway, what tools exist to support the industry on this issue, and what tools are still needed.

1:55 pm **Canadian Food Inspection Agency National Invasive Plants Program**
Kristina Pauk, Program Specialist, Invasive Alien Species and Domestic Programs Section, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

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2:15 pm **Canadian Food Inspection Agency Risk Assessment Process**

Alexandre Blain, Canadian Food Inspection Agency

2:35 pm **Registration Process in Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency**

Scott Couture, Senior Scientific Evaluator, Pest Management Regulatory Agency

2:55 pm **Q and A**

3:05 pm **BREAK**

ALL HANDS-ON DECK – SPEED ROUND

3:20 pm

Objective: Participate in speedy concurrent presentations on invasive species updates and horticulture initiatives.

Session 1:	Session 2:
3:20 Plant Wise Retail Recognition Program <i>Canadian Council on Invasive Species/Invasive Species Council BC</i>	3:20 Spotted Lanternfly Update - speaker TBC
3:30 Insights into Public Awareness <i>Ken Donnelly, Beyond Attitude Consulting</i>	3:30 Oak Wilt Update - speaker TBC
3:40 Successes and Challenges Facing Native Plant Suppliers <i>speaker TBC</i>	3:40 Invasive Jumping Worms - speaker TBC
3:50 Regionality of Invasives and Native Plants <i>Renny Grilz, Resource Management Officer at Meewasin Valley Authority</i>	3:50 Tomato brown rugose fruit virus - speaker TBC

4:00 pm **Q and A**

4:10 pm **WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN**

DAY TWO – November 9, 2023

10:30 am Networking and Sign-In

11:00 am Welcome Address

11:10 am Keynote Address

Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas for a More Effective Response to Invasive Species, and a Balanced Approach to Climate Change Adaptation

Eli Enns, Founder of the Naa'Waya'Sum Coastal Indigenous Gardens, President, and CEO, IISAAK OLAM Foundation, President, and Chair, Canadian Committee for International Union for Conservation of Nature

12:15 pm BREAK

WHAT IS WORKING IN CANADA AND ABROAD

12:30 pm

Objective: Hear from leaders in the Industry across Canada and beyond on what is working to stop the spread of invasive species in the horticulture industry in this concurrent session.

Session 1	Session 2
<p>12:30 Clean Plants Certification – Tackling Business Challenges to Nurseries Posed by Invasive Pests and Diseases <i>Jamie Aalbers, Grower Sector Specialist, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association</i></p>	<p>12:30 TBC</p>
<p>12:50 Implementing Native Plants into Large Retail Outlets <i>speaker TBC</i></p>	<p>12:50 Biosecurity in Greenhouses - <i>speaker TBC</i></p>
<p>1:10 Training for Industry and Within Industry <i>Kathy Dunster, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects</i></p>	<p>1:10 Biosecurity Abroad - <i>speaker TBC</i></p>
<p>1:30 Q and A</p>	<p>1:30 Q and A</p>

1:40 pm BREAK

WHAT MORE IS NEEDED

1:55 pm

Objective: Hear from experts on what gaps still exist in addressing this issue, within Industry, government, and education.

1:55 pm Further Training and Education in the Horticulture Industry

2:15 pm TBC

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2:35 pm **TBC**

2:55 pm **Q and A**

3:05 pm **BREAK**

NEXT STEPS, WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE, CALLS TO ACTION

3:10 pm **Breakout Rooms**

Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss key topics and provide feedback to help build solutions to challenges related to invasive species and horticulture.

4:00 pm **Summary and Adjourn**

4:15 pm **Networking**

5:00 pm **SYSTEM CLOSES**