

## HORTICULTURE AND INVASIVE SPECIES CONFERENCE AGENDA

(As of September 19, 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 Dreisilker, Morton Arboretum*

1:10 pm      **Soil Movement and Contamination - 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 Weed Risk Assessment Process**  
*Alexandre Blain, Plant Health Risk Assessor, Plant Health Risk Assessment Unit, 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**

**3:20 pm**

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

Session 1:	Session 2:
<b>3:20</b> <b>Plant Wise Retail Recognition Program</b> <i>Canadian Council on Invasive Species/Invasive Species Council BC</i>	<b>3:20</b> <b>Spotted Lanternfly- speaker TBC</b>
<b>3:40</b> <b>Insights into Public Awareness</b> <i>Ken Donnelly, Beyond Attitude Consulting</i>	<b>3:40</b> <b>Oak Wilt</b> <i>Julie Stachecki, ISA Certified Arborist</i>
<b>4:00</b> <b>Successes and Challenges Facing Native Plant Suppliers</b> <i>speaker TBC</i>	<b>4:00</b> <b>Invasive Jumping Worms</b> <i>Josef Gorres, Professor of Plant and Soil Science, University of Vermont</i>
<b>4:20</b> <b>Regionality of Invasives and Native Plants</b> <i>Renny Grilz, Resource Management Officer at Meewasin Valley Authority</i>	<b>4:20</b> <b>Tomato brown rugose fruit virus - speaker TBC</b>

**4:40 pm**      **Q and A –**

**4:50 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'Wayá'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
<b>12:30</b> <b>Clean Plants Certification – Tackling the Business Challenges Posed to Nurseries by Invasive Pests and Diseases</b> <i>Jamie Aalbers, Grower Sector Specialist, Canadian Nursery Landscape Association</i>	<b>12:30</b> <b>TBC</b>
<b>12:50</b> <b>Implementing Native Plants into Large Retail Outlets</b> <i>speaker TBC</i>	<b>12:50</b> <b>Biosecurity in Canada</b> <i>Biosecurity Working Group, Canadian Plant Health Council</i>
<b>1:10</b> <b>Training for Industry and Within Industry</b> <i>Kathy Dunster, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects</i>	<b>1:10</b> <b>Biosecurity Abroad - speaker TBC</b>
<b>1:30</b> <b>Q and A</b>	<b>1:30</b> <b>Q and A</b>

**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.

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**1:55 pm**      **Further Training and Education in the Horticulture Industry**  
*Kathy Dunster, Canadian Society of Landscape Architects*

**2:15 pm**      **TBC**

**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**