The Fourth Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers

June 15 - 18, 2009 Hilton Santa Cruz/Scotts Valley Santa Cruz, California

Sponsored by

USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station California Oak Mortality Task Force

Purpose and Objective

The fourth Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium is intended to bring together scientific and management communities from throughout the world working on *Phytophthora ramorum* and Sudden Oak Death. The goal is to provide a scientific update on the state of our knowledge about Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum* in forest, woodland, urban forestry, nursery, and horticultural settings, and to analyze the implications of the findings. The Symposium will be comprised of completed research studies as well as updates on projects currently underway, and panel discussions. This broad overview will foster closer cooperation between individuals working in various disciplines and geographic areas, and provide an update for managers, regulators, and policy makers about the focus of current research efforts.

Call for Papers, Case Studies, Speakers and Posters

We are seeking abstracts (up to 1-page) of proposed papers or posters by **February 13**, **2009**. These should be submitted via e-mail using the format (including font size and style) of the included MS-Word example and should **clearly state if you would like to present a paper or a poster**. Abstracts should be sent to:

Katie Palmieri, California Oak Mortality Task Force e-mail: palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu ph.: 510-847-5482 or 530-344-7530

A peer-reviewed, Symposium proceedings will be produced. Authors are expected to provide manuscripts. *For authors with research results submitted to other journal outlets, we will accept extended abstracts instead of manuscripts.* Complete instructions for paper preparation will be sent out with abstract acceptance notifications.

Topics

Submissions should focus on one of the following areas addressing Sudden Oak Death/*P. ramorum*: biology and pathology; organisms associated with *P. ramorum*; ecology; economic and social impacts; modeling and risk assessment; restoration; management and control strategies; monitoring; silviculture; arboriculture and urban forestry; nursery management; policy; or other related topics.

Authors of accepted papers and posters will be notified by March 13, 2009.

Conference Location and Information

The fourth SOD Science will be held at the Hilton Santa Cruz/Scotts Valley (http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SJCSVHF-Hilton-Santa-Cruz-Scotts-Valley-California/index.do) in Santa Cruz, California from June 15-18, 2009. This conference is aimed at researchers, natural resource and horticultural managers, regulators, policy makers, and public and private interest groups. Conference participants are eligible for a special guest room rate (pending availability) as well as complimentary breakfast at the hotel restaurant. Travel expenses and registration fees are the responsibility of the speakers. Registration materials will be available soon.

Tentative Symposium schedule

Monday, June 15: pm Field Trip

pm Social Mixer/Evening Reception

Tuesday, June 16: am Registration

Symposium

pm Poster Session

Wednesday, June 17: am Registration

Symposium

Thursday, June 18: am Registration

am COMTF-Wide Management Meeting

For More Information

Submission of Abstracts, Conference Logistics, and Facilities

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Registration

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Conference Website

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