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## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT & DRAFT AGENDA

### *23rd<sup>d</sup> USDA INTERAGENCY RESEARCH FORUM ON INVASIVE SPECIES*

*Tuesday, January 10 - Friday, January 13, 2012  
Loews Annapolis Hotel, Annapolis, Maryland*

The Program Committee is pleased to announce the following draft agenda for the 2012 meeting.

#### **Keynote Speakers**

Dr. Michael Wingfield, University of Pretoria, "Global Tree Health: What's next?"

Dr. Roy Van Driesche, University of Massachusetts, "The role of classical biocontrol in protecting native biodiversity"

#### **General Session Topics**

- Hemlock woolly adelgid
- Advances in understanding the chemical ecology and trapping of Cerambycid wood borers
- Northeast Regional Project on Biocontrol
- Emerald ash borer/Asian longhorned beetle program highlights

In addition to the General Sessions, this year's program will include several invited and offered presentations on topics that are relevant to the issue of non-native invasive species:

- Implementation of phytosanitary standards in EPPO
- Thousand canker disease of walnut: developments and spread
- An unexpected pathway for invasion of urticating processionary moths in the EU
- Chemical attractants for *Sirex noctilio*
- Update of forest quarantine activities and new interceptions in EPPO
- What's new with *Phytophthora ramorum*

Evening Mixer – Wednesday evening, January 11

Poster Display Sessions – The Tuesday afternoon poster session will include complimentary beverages. Posters will be displayed in a separate room and will be accessible for viewing through Thursday, January 12.

Poster displays on invasive species and related topics are always welcome. Please contact Vince D'Amico ([vdamico@fs.fed.us](mailto:vdamico@fs.fed.us)) regarding guidelines and space availability.



**A limited number of openings are available on the Program for research presentations. Please contact me at [mlmcmamus@fs.fed.us](mailto:mlmcmamus@fs.fed.us) as soon as possible if you are interested in giving a presentation. If you would prefer to be removed from this mailing, please send me a message to that effect.**

Mark your calendar to set these dates aside. Please share this announcement with others who may not be on the mailing list. Information on registration, hotel, abstract and poster guidelines, and the program will be available in early November and will be available at the **meeting website**:

[http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive\\_species/interagency\\_forum/](http://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/disturbance/invasive_species/interagency_forum/)

We look forward to seeing you in Annapolis.

*/s/ Michael L. McManus*  
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