Call for Abstracts

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council invites abstract submissions for contributed oral and poster presentations for the 2017 FLEPPC Annual Conference. The conference will be held April 12th–14th at the Crowne Plaza Oceanfront in Melbourne, Florida. This year’s theme: THE WALKING WEEDS

Conference benefits and features: All natural resource professionals will benefit from the information exchange and networking opportunities afforded by this conference. CEUs will be offered in several categories. The agenda will feature research and management presentations, technical field trips, and a vendor product display. There will be a graduate student competition with cash prizes for best oral presentation and best poster presentation. A proceedings, including all abstracts (oral and poster), will be provided.

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: February 17th, 2017

Program Topics: Submissions are welcome for any area of invasive plant species investigation, including but not limited to:

- Ecology
- Management
- Restoration
- Risk Assessment
- Economics
- Policy and Regulation
- Evolutionary Biology
- Interdisciplinary Projects

Instructions for abstracts: Abstracts for oral and poster presentation should be 300 words or less and submitted using MS Word. Full details are provided on page 3. Please see next page for student competition instructions (cash prizes!)

Submit abstract to: Karen Brown, FLEPPC Program Chair, kpbrown@ufl.edu
Notification of acceptance or rejection will be emailed to author(s) by February 28th, 2017.
Notes:

Oral presentations will be allotted a total of 25 minutes. An LCD projector/computer and laser pointer will be available. Only PC-based PowerPoint presentations will be accepted. All presentations that include externally run programs or special animation must be reviewed and approved by the Program Chair prior to the meeting. Presenters may not set up a personal computer for their presentation without prior approval.

Posters should be no larger than 40" by 60". Easels and backing will be provided. The poster session will take place Wednesday, April 12th, from 5:30–7PM. Presenters should be available to discuss their posters from 6–6:30PM (required for those participating in the student competition).

Student Presentation Competition:
First author must be a graduate student. Presentations will be judged based on scientific merit, oral and visual presentation, and response to questions after the presentation.

Awards: 1st place $150; 2nd place $100; 3rd place: $50.

Student Poster Competition:
Posters may have multiple authors, but first author must be a graduate student. Posters will be judged based on scientific merit, design, and poster discussion with judges during scheduled poster session.

Awards: 1st place: $150; 2nd place: $100; 3rd place: $50.

To participate, send an email indicating interest to Karen Brown at kpbrown@ufl.edu by 5PM, February 17th, 2017. Please indicate your major professor, department and university, and include FLEPPC Student Competition in the subject line.

Venue:
The FLEPPC 2017 Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Melbourne – Oceanfront from Wednesday, April 12th through Friday, April 14th. The $113 nightly room rate may be extended up to 3 days pre- and post-conference. For reservations, book online using the FLEPPC group rate link or call 877-701-9252 and reference group code FEP. Conference rate ends at 3PM March 21st. Please book early as rooms may sell out before the conference rate ends!

Registration fees:
Through March 31st, 2017: $175 for renewing members; $205 for non-members; $90 for students (with valid student ID)

April 1st, 2017: $205 for renewing members; $235 for non-members; $105 for students (with valid student ID)

Registration is open via Eventbrite! Go to www.fleppc.org for updates.
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Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be 300 words or less and submitted using MS Word. Include the following information using the formats specified.

- Title of the proposed paper or poster
- Full name and professional title of all author(s), with affiliations, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses
- A short biography of the presenter (for introduction purposes)

Please use the following settings when creating your abstract in MS Word (examples below):

- 1" margins on all sides
- Times New Roman font, 11 point font size
- "Normal" style
- TITLE: ALL CAPS; no period at end of title.
- STUDENTS: Please include (STUDENT PRESENTATION) or (STUDENT POSTER) as part of the title.
- MULTIPLE AUTHOR(S): Capitalize first letters only. Use superscript numbers to indicate multiple affiliations/addresses (example below). Separate author names and affiliations with an extra line space.
- SINGLE AUTHOR: Name, affiliation, & address may be combined (see example).
- Words ABSTRACT: and BIO: in ALL CAPS; Text on same line in sentence case.
- PLANT SPECIES: Use scientific names in italics for initial mention of plant species. Common names may be used thereafter, if preferred.

MULTIPLE AUTHOR EXAMPLE:

DIFFERENT FACTORS DRIVE EMERGENCE AND PERSISTENCE IN COGONGRASS (IMPERATA CYLINDRICA) (STUDENT PRESENTATION)

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ABSTRACT: Numerous hypotheses have been proposed to explain the success of non-native invasive plants, many of which share common themes. Most notably, propagule pressure is commonly thought to drive invasion success…

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