



CONNECTICUT INVASIVE PLANT WORKING GROUP

2024 Symposium

Real Talk: Making an Impact in Invasive Plant Management

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 9 am – 4:45 pm
 UConn Student Union, Storrs, CT

REGISTRATION and additional information: cipwg.uconn.edu/2024-symposium

Early Registration (by September 20): \$75

Regular Registration (after September 20): \$85

Matriculated Student Registration: \$35

Registration fee includes: Lunch, Parking, Pesticide Recertification credits (*pending state approval*)

Time	SCHEDULE
8 am	<i>Check-in opens</i>
9 am	WELCOME: CIPWG Co-Chairs DEAN REMARKS: Dr. Indrajeet Chaubey, Dean, UConn CAHNR
9:30	MORNING SESSION: Victoria Wallace and Lauren Kurtz, UConn; Bryan Connolly, ECSU: CIPWG's Role in Combatting Invasive Plants
10:30	<i>Break</i>
10:45	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Peter Picone, CT DEEP: For the Love of Plants...To Plant or Not to Plant? A Wildlife Biologist's Perspective
11:45	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	LESLIE J. MEHRHOFF AWARD
1:20	<i>Transition to Breakouts</i>
1:30	GROUP A SESSIONS: Breakout Sessions 1, 2, 3 1) Case Studies in Managing Tree of Heaven and Mugwort : Speakers: Art Gover, Penn State; Jatinder Aulakh, CAES. Moderator: Todd Mervosh, TM Agricultural & Ecological Services 2) Leveraging Community Engagement : Speakers: Bill Marshall, Town of South Windsor; Greg Foran, Town of Glastonbury; Sarah Hutchison; Lisa Brodlie. Moderator: Vickie Wallace, UConn, CIPWG Co-chair 3) Pollinator Meadows at Robbins Swamp Wildlife Management Area Help Support Native Wild Bees and Monarchs : Speakers: Kelsey Fischer and Tracy Zarillo, CAES. Moderator: Joshua Tracy, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority
2:45	<i>Break</i>
3:00	GROUP B SESSIONS: Breakout Sessions 4, 5, 6 4) Aquatic Invasive Plant Management and Prevention : Speakers: Jeremiah Foley and Greg Bugbee, CAES. Moderator: Lauren Kurtz, UConn 5) Common Questions about Invasive Plant Management (Panel) : Speakers: Todd Mervosh, TM Agricultural & Ecological Services; Christian Allyn, Invasive Plant Solutions; Kathy Connolly, Speaking of Landscapes, Inc. Moderator: Emmett Varricchio, CIPWG Co-chair 6) Native Plant Availability : Speakers: David Lee, Saratoga Bareroot Nursery; Alyssa Siegel-Miles and Sara Tomis, UConn Extension; Darryl Newman, Planters' Choice Nursery. Moderator: Peter Picone, CT DEEP
4:15	<i>Transition to Closing Remarks</i>
4:25	CLOSING REMARKS: Joshua Tracy, Regional Water Authority
4:45	End

Questions? Contact Alyssa Siegel-Miles, Alyssa.Siegel-Miles@uconn.edu