



INVASIVE PLANTS KNOCKING 'EM *Out Of The PARK*



2015
Annual Conference

Call for Abstracts

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council invites abstract submissions for contributed oral or poster presentations for the **2015 FLEPPC Annual Symposium**. The symposium will be held April 8th – April 10th at the Crowne Plaza Oceanfront in Melbourne, Florida. This year's theme: ***Invasive Plants: Knocking 'Em Out of the Park!***

Deadline for Abstract Submissions: February 16, 2015

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

To participate in either competition, send an email indicating interest by 5 pm, **February 16th, 2015**, to Karen Brown, kpbrown@ufl.edu Please indicate your major professor, department and university, and include **FLEPPC Student Competition** in the subject line.

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.

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.

Awards: 1st place \$200; 2nd place \$100.

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Instructions for abstracts:

Abstracts should be 300 words or less, submitted using MS Word, and include the following information:

- Title of the proposed paper or poster
- Full name and professional title of the author(s), affiliation, mailing address, phone number, and email address
- If there are multiple authors, please provide above information for each
- A short biography of the presenter (for introduction purposes)

Submit abstract to: Karen Brown, Program Co-Chair, University of Florida/IFAS Center for Aquatic & Invasive Plants, kpbrown@ufl.edu

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be emailed to author(s) by March 6, 2015.

Notes:

Posters should be no larger than 40" by 60". Easels and backing will be provided. The poster session will take place Wednesday, April 8th, from 5 – 6:30PM.

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 abstracts will be assembled into proceedings, printed and provided to conference attendees. 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.

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 updates, technical field trips, vendor display, a welcome reception, silent auction, oceanside banquet, and a chance drawing for a grand prize.

Venue:

The FLEPPC 2015 Annual Conference will be held at the [Crowne Plaza Melbourne – Oceanfront](#) from Wednesday, April 8th through Friday, April 10th. The \$105 nightly room rate may be extended up to 3 days pre/post conference. For reservations, book online using the [FLEPPC group rate link](#) or call 877-701-9252 and reference group code **PPC**.

Registration:

Registration fees are as follows:

Through March 31st, 2015: \$160 for renewing members; \$190 for non-members; \$75 for students (with valid student ID)

April 1st, 2015: \$190 for renewing members; \$220 for non-members; \$90 for students (with valid student ID)

A registration form will be posted on the FLEPPC website shortly – check www.fleppc.org