

2020 OIPC & OPWG Invasive Species Conference

PROGRAM AGENDA

**Note: this agenda is subject to change.*

Date: January 15-16, 2020

Time: **Day 1: January 15** - OIPC Conference & Evening Networking Event
8:30 am – 9:00 pm

Day 2: January 16 - OPWG Annual Meeting
8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Location: Watershed Conservation Centre, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
1424 Clarke Road, London ON

Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre
591 Wellington Rd, London ON (*Evening Networking Event*)

Day 1 (Wednesday January 15):

OIPC Conference and Annual General Meeting:

8:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Boardroom of the UTRCA Watershed Conservation Centre, London, Ontario

This one-day event is an excellent opportunity for management professionals, researchers and members of the public to network and engage in the topic of invasive plant control and restoration project initiatives. It will feature a broad range of speakers, topics and themes relating to current invasive species research and management projects including restoration initiatives, mapping & reporting tools, *Phragmites* management and economic impacts of invasive species.

Evening Networking Event:

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm, Best Western Plus Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre, London, Ontario

Take this time to mingle and connect with your fellow colleagues and others actively engaged in Invasive Plant management. This is an opportunity to network while enjoying a light snack. A cash bar will be available.

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OIPC Invasive Species Conference & AGM Details

(Wednesday January 15, 8:30am – 5:00pm)

- 8:30am – 9:00am** **Registration with coffee and refreshments**
- 9:00am – 9:45am** **Welcome**
- 9:45am – 10:45am** **Updates:**
- Ontario Invasive Plant Council
 - Ontario Phragmites Working Group
 - Horticultural Outreach Collaborative
 - Canadian Council of Invasive Species
- 10:45am – 11:15am** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:15am – 12:00pm** AGM & OIPC Breakout Session
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:00pm – 2:30pm** **Session 1: Management & Restoration –**
- Innovative, Large Scale Restoration of a Buckthorn Monoculture with Dead Ash Overstory, *Linda McDougall, City of London*
 - Volunteers collaborate to reduce Giant Hogweed populations along the Grand River *John Kemp, Giant Hogweed Mitigation Project*
 - Dog Strangling Vine & Phragmites Management in Tommy Thompson Park *Jennifer Smith, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority*
 - Economic Impacts of Invasive species to Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities, *Colin Cassin, Invasive Species Centre*
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3:00pm – 4:30pm** **Session 2: Reporting Tools –**
- An analysis of invasive species management in the Niagara region of Ontario: Establishment of a database to improve knowledge sharing *Lyn Brown, Brock University*
 - EDDMapS & Reporting Tools *Kate Powell, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters*

3:00pm – 4:30pm

Session 3: Phragmites –

- Control of Invasive Phragmites Increases Breeding Marsh Birds But Not Frogs
Doug Tozer, Bird Studies Canada
- Experimental Control Methods for European Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*)
Sarah Marshall, rare Charitable Research Reserve
- The Efficacy of a New Phragmites australis Management Strategy
Sara Bowman, EcoSpark
- Invasive Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) Monitoring and Management
Prabir Roy, Parks Canada

Day 2 (Thursday January 16):

OPWG Annual Meeting:

8:30 pm - 4:00 pm, Boardroom of the UTRCA Watershed Conservation Centre, London, Ontario

The second day will resume in the boardroom of the UTRCA Watershed Conservation Centre, where the Ontario Phragmites Working Group (OPWG) will host its Annual Meeting. This event will bring together environmental professionals and other interested people from across Ontario to connect with others managing invasive Phragmites and to stay up-to-date on new projects and control methods. Doors open at 8:30 am.

OPWG Annual Meeting Details

(January 16, 2020)

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am** **Registration with coffee and refreshments**
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am** **Welcome**
- 9:15 am – 4:00 am** ***List of confirmed speakers & topics:***
- EUR Project Updates
Eric Cleland, Nature Conservancy of Canada
- EUR Monitoring Updates
Rebecca Rooney, University of Waterloo
- Imazapyr registration
Brad Hayhoe, BASF
- Biocontrol Updates
Michael McTavish, University of Toronto
- DNA Sequencing
Speaker TBD, University of Trent
- Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework
Samantha Tank, Great Lakes Commission
- OPWG Strategy Session
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