



**2021 CONFERENCE &
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

TUES JAN 12 | TUES JAN 19

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Proposals are due by 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Each year, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council Conference brings together hundreds of professionals and concerned citizens with an interest in the management of invasive plants. Abstract submissions are now being considered for presentations to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021.

We are pleased to announce that our 2021 Conference will be held *virtually*.
We will provide more details, including training and assistance to selected speakers.

Conference Theme: **Making Connections**

This year's theme reflects the interconnected nature of the fight against invasive plants. Whether referring to the complex relationships between living things in our ecosystem, the translation of knowledge from one project to the next, or the importance of working relationships within professional networks, this year's theme will focus on the coordination of invasive plant management strategies. This year's conference will offer an opportunity to explore the strategies, people, operations, programs, technologies, partnerships, and new approaches that shape current and future control measures.

Please submit your abstract no later than
December 23rd at 5:00pm to Communication@OnInvasives.ca.

Speakers will be notified of the Committees' decision no later than December 31, 2020.

2021 OIPC Conference Goals

The OIPC Conference will support a **connected** view of invasive species management through the presentation of **innovative, inspiring, and informative content**, helping **professionals and members of the public** plan a **coordinated and complete** approach to invasive plant management.

By submitting a proposal, you are contributing to the personal and professional learning of your colleagues and community members throughout Ontario and beyond. OIPC welcomes proposals from all fields, with projects focused on advancing conversation and strategies for invasive plant management.

Sub-Themes and Sample Topics

Connected Environment

- An Ecosystem Approach to Invasive Species Management
- Impacts of Invasive Species, Removal, and Rehabilitation

Connected Projects

- Invasive Plant Management Strategies
- Successes, failures, and key learning from past projects, with recommendations for future projects

Connected People

- Working with multiple partners
- Impacts of and recommendations for coordinated efforts and collaborations

A Quick-Reference Guide to Proposal Submission

Authors are asked to submit a proposal of containing the following information:

- Session title.** A brief and descriptive explanation of your session.
- Session description, no more than 250 words in length.** A description of your session, including a summary of the topic and of the information, takeaways, benefits, or lessons that you expect conference participants will gain. **Presentations should relate to *at least one* of the sub-themes outlined below.**
- Session Leaders and Presenters.** Listed names, titles, affiliations, and up-to-date contact information for those organizing the session, presenting, and facilitating discussions.
- Session length.** Please specify the intended length of your presentation. All presentations will be 10 to 30 minutes in length. We reserve the right to allocate more or less time as required for scheduling and will confirm the length of your presentation.

Speakers are strongly encouraged to consider a whole-project approach to their presentation. Priority will be given to presentations that incorporate a complete overview of project process and outcomes, including planning, implementation, completion, and ongoing management.

Contact Us

All questions may be directed to the event coordinator, Brittany Finigan, via email to Communication@OnInvasives.ca.

We look forward to hearing from you!

