

2020 OIPC & OPWG Invasive Species Conference

Conference Overview

- 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*)
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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.

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.

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AGENDA: Day 1 - OIPC Invasive Species Conference & AGM

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

Note: this agenda is subject to change

**Presentations eligible for Integrated Pest Management Continuing Education Credits*

- 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* ***(0.23)**
 - 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

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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 *(0.25)*
- The Efficacy of a New Phragmites australis Management Strategy
Sara Bowman, EcoSpark
- Invasive Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) Monitoring and Management
*Prabir Roy, Parks Canada *(0.27)*