

The Virginia Association of Forest Health Professionals 28th Annual Conference

January 27-28, 2020
Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center
Glen Allen, Virginia



MEETING PROGRAM

Monday, January 27, 2020

- 8:00-9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00-9:15 **Welcome and Introductions** – VAFHP Committee
- 9:15-9:45 **Aquatic Invasive Management/Invasive Species Update** – Kevin Heffernan, Virginia DCR Natural Heritage Program
- 9:45-10:15 **6 Years of Spotted Lanternfly in Pennsylvania - What Have We Learned?** – Heather Leach, Penn State Entomology
- 10:15-10:45 **Pesticide Safety is Good** – Ed Olsen, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 10:45-11:00 **Break**
- 11:00-11:30 **Pesticide Regulatory Update** – Richard Jones, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 11:30-12:00 **Spotted Lanternfly in Virginia** – David Gianino, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
- 12:00-12:30 **Can Soil Microbes Be Used as a Metric to Assess Urban Soil Health?** – Stephanie Yarwood, Ph.D., University of Maryland
- 12:30-1:30 **LUNCH** provided by VAFHP
- 1:30-1:45 **Recertification Credit Form Process** – Joan Allen, Fairfax County Urban Forest Management
- 1:45-2:15 **Pollinators** – James Wilson, Ph.D., Virginia Tech
- 2:15-2:45 **Establishment & Early Impact of *Spathius galinae* on EAB in the NE US** – Jian Duan, Ph.D., USDA Agricultural Research Service
- 2:45-3:15 **Oak Decline; A Fight Against the Inevitable** – Chelsi Abbott, Davey Institute
- 3:15-3:30 **Break**
- 3:30-4:00 **Adaptation Planning and Climate Change** – Leslie Grant and Patricia Leopold, United States Forest Service
- 4:00-4:30 **Prescribed Fire as a Tool for Long Term Forest Health** – James Remuzzi, Sustainable Solutions
- 4:30-5:00 **Click, Post, Like: Using Social Media as a Forest Health Education Tool** – David Coyle, Ph.D., Clemson University
- 5:00 **Announcements and Adjourn**
- 5:30 **Networking Social**

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8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-9:00	Telling the Story of Longleaf Pine Restoration in Virginia – Rebecca Wilson, Virginia DCR Natural Heritage Program
9:00-9:30	Forest Health: It's the Economy Stupid – Jim McGlone, Ph.D., Virginia Department of Forestry
9:30-10:00	Fire Ants, Heating Up Again – Eric Day, Virginia Cooperative Extension
10:00-10:30	Break
10:30-11:00	Pretty but Smelly, The Curious Case of the Callery Pear – David Coyle, Ph.D., Clemson University
11:00-11:30	Giant Hogweed: Very Threatening but a Small Risk – Jordan Metzgar, Ph.D., Virginia Tech Massey Herbarium
11:30-12:00	Out of the Ashes: Forest Ecosystems in the Aftermath of EAB – Dan Herms, Ph.D., Davey Institute
12:00-12:30	Ticks and Tick-borne Pathogens in Virginia – Alex Cumbie, Old Dominion University
12:30	Wrap-up and adjourn / Lunch on your own

The VAFHP Conference Planning Committee is thankful... for you.

*Not only for participating in this educational and networking event, but for
doing what you do.*

*Together we improve the lives of all Virginians, even those who don't know
they depend on the trees and forests we tend to.*