

Draft Pre-Conference Workshop Agenda

Advances in Research and Management of Invasive Exotic Species in Greater Everglades Ecosystems 20 April 2015, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

10:00am – 12:20pm **Session I:** Moderator: Michael Cherkiss, United States Geological Survey

- 10:00** Welcome, Introductions, Remembrances
- 10:20** Laurel wilt: an update on biology and management research - **Jason Smith, University of Florida**
- 10:40** Biological control of the invasive weed, Brazilian peppertree, *Schinus terebinthifolia*. A review of the project with an update on the proposed agents - **Gregory Wheeler, United States Department of Agriculture**
- 11:00** Effects of Fire on Spore Viability of *Lygodium microphyllum* - **Nico Sebesta, Florida International University**
- 11:20** Long-term changes in distribution and abundance of four priority invasive species in the Florida Everglades - **LeRoy Rodgers, South Florida Water Management District**
- 11:40** IVEGOT1 – Reporting and Tracking Invasive Species in Florida - **Chuck Barger, University of Georgia**

1:00pm – 3:00pm **Session II:** Moderator: Venetia Briggs, University of Florida

- 1:00** Spatial and temporal patterns of non-native fishes in the freshwater Everglades revealed by data from the CERP Monitoring and Assessment Plan - **Joel Trexler, Florida International University**
- 1:20** Evaluating Trap Alternatives for Black-and-White Tegus *Tupinambis merianae* - **Michael Avery, United States Department of Agriculture**
- 1:40** Management of the invasive exotic Oustalet's chameleon (*Furcifer oustaleti*) in southern Florida - **Ed Metzger, University of Florida**

2:20 Status of breeding Nile monitor population in Palm Beach County - **Jennifer Ketterlin Eckles, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission**

2:40 Summary of Burmese Pythons Removed from Everglades National Park - **Bryan Falk, United States Geological Survey**

3:00 Break

3:20pm – 12:20pm **Session III: Moderator:** LeRoy Rodgers, South Florida Water Management District

3:20 Occurrence of Non-native Amphibians in Everglades Ecosystems - **Venetia Briggs, University of Florida**

4:00 Engaging Professionals and Citizens in Early Detection/Rapid Response to Vertebrate Invasive Species - **Cheryl Millet, The Nature Conservancy**

4:20 Diet and Selectivity of the Purple Swamphen in South Florida - **Corey Callaghan, Florida Atlantic University**

4:40 Contributions of the 2013 Python Challenge to Ecology and Management of the Burmese Python (*Python molorus bivittatus*) in Florida – **Frank J. Mazzotti, University of Florida**