

Internodes

Mark your calendar

- Weed Science Society of America (WSSA) Annual Meeting, **February 13-17, 2006**, New York, NY, www.wssa.net
- National Invasive Weeds Awareness Week (NIWAW), **February 26 – March 3, 2006**, Washington, DC. www.nawma.org/niwaw
- Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) Annual Meeting, **March 29 – April 1, 2006**, Gatlinburg, TN. www.asb.appstate.edu/
- Florida Vegetation Management Association Annual Meeting, **April 19-21, 2006**, Daytona Beach, FL.
- Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) Annual Meeting, **April 24-26, 2006**, Gainesville, FL.
- UF-IFAS Aquatic Weed Control Short Course, **May 1-5, 2006**, Coral Springs, FL. <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/aw/>
- 14th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, **May 14-19, 2006**, Key Biscayne (Miami), FL. www.icaais.org/
- Florida Native Plant Society (FNPS) Annual Conference, **May 18-21, 2006**, Daytona Beach, FL. www.fnps.org
- Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council (SE-EPPC) Annual Conference, **May 23–25, 2006**, Raleigh, NC. www.se-eppc.org
- Weeds Across Borders 2006, **May 25-28, 2006**, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico www.desertmuseum.org/borderweeds/
- Florida Lake Management Society (FLMS) Annual Meeting, **June 5-8, 2006**, St. Augustine, FL. www.flms.net
- Aquatic Plant Management Society (APMS), Annual Meeting, **July 16-19, 2006**, Portland, OR. www.apms.org

Publications & Web Sites

- The Chinese tallow (*Sapium sebiferum*) Management Plan has been completed by the FLEPPC Task Force for this species, chaired by Dr. Cheryl McCormick. Chinese tallow occurs throughout Florida and is listed by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) as a noxious weed. Copies of the management plan are available on the FLEPPC web site (www.fleppc.org) or by contacting cheryl@ufl.edu
- *Cogongrass* (*Imperata cylindrica*) - *biology, ecology and management*, by G.E. MacDonald. 2004. *Critical Reviews in Plant Sciences* 23(5):367-380.
- *Invasive plants on the University of Florida campus: abundance, public opinion, and recommendations for management*, by A.J.W. Stodola. 2005. Master's thesis, Urban and Regional Planning, University of Florida, Gainesville. 155 pp. astodola@ufl.edu
- *How Scientists Obtain Approval to Release Organisms for Classical Biological Control of Invasive Weeds*, J. Scoles, J.P. Cuda, W.A. Overholt. 2005. UF-IFAS, Florida Cooperative Extension Service, <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN607>
- *Invasive plants of range and wildlands and their environmental, economic and societal impacts*, edited by C.L. Duncan and J.K. Clark. 2005. 222 pp. Weed Science Society of America, www.wssa.net. A comprehensive literature review documenting “losses associated with 16 of the most ecologically and environmentally important invasive plant species in the United States” using information from national databases, expert knowledge and over 750 scientific studies. Chapters include Sunflower, Mustard, Spurge, Pea, Loosestrife, Grass, Figwort, Potato and Tamarisk Families.

- The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FLDEP) is spearheading an effort among numerous governmental agencies on the development of a statewide invasive species (flora & fauna) strategic plan. A goal of the **Invasive Species Working Group (ISWG)** is to determine the most effective way of developing a comprehensive statewide plan that unifies and coordinates the responsibilities of government agencies to prevent and manage harmful biological invasions in Florida. The plan can be downloaded from: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/lands/invaspec/2ndlevpgs/ISWG.htm>
- *A Weed Manager's Guide to Remote Sensing and GIS*, (<http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/rsac/invasivespecies/>) provides information, technical guidance, and resources to help resource managers learn to use these technologies to predict weed invasion, map and monitor weeds, and educate the public about weeds. It also discusses integrating geospatial technologies into a weed management plan and using geospatial technologies to help implement the USDA Forest Service National Strategy and Implementation Plan for Invasive Species Management. Provided by the **USDA Forest Service Remote Sensing Applications Center**.
- *Invasive Exotic Plants in North Carolina*, (<http://www.ncwildflower.org/invasives/invasives.htm>) a project of the **North Carolina Native Plant Society**, ranks plants as Severe, Significant, or Lesser Threats, Naturalized – to be watched, and Problems in adjacent states.
- Go to the **Florida Native Plant Society's** website at: <http://www.fnps.org/index.php> and click on Landscaping for a list of native plants in your Florida county. Information is provided for each species including water requirements, salt tolerance, butterfly and wildlife attractiveness, and even some photos and fact sheets. See what's in your county!

Nodes of Interest

- **FLEPPC Research Grants** were awarded for four new studies of exotic pest plants. Two will provide information to help improve management strategies for Brazilian pepper (*Schinus terebinthifolius*), one will study herbicide resistance in Old World climbing fern (*Lygodium microphyllum*), and one will focus on hydrology and the seed bank and seedling recruitment patterns of the tropical sedge (*Scleria lacustris*). See page 18 for a request for proposals for 2006.
- Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*) has been spotted in more than 30 Illinois counties, and the University of Illinois is working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to keep it from spreading. George Czapar of the Springfield Extension Center of the University of Illinois is monitoring kudzu in Illinois and is part of an effort to control the exotic invasive vine.
- The **Union of Concerned Scientists** also is concerned about invasive species. Visit their website at www.ucsusa.org/invasive_species/
- **Have you expired?** To find out, check the front of your **FLEPPC** quarterly newsletter above your mailing address. It will tell you when your membership expires. *Please keep it current so you can remain among us!*
- **Cute quote:** “I kind of want to be a science girl when I grow up.” – from a thank you note written by a Talbot Elementary School second-grader in Gainesville, FL after an invasive species presentation by Dr. Mike Netherland. It seems they were particularly impressed by the Spring 2005 cover of *Wildland Weeds* showing an alligator swimming away with a Burmese python in tow. Brave little girl!