

Internodes

Mark your calendar

- 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. www.fleppc.org
- 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

Nodes of Interest

- Celebrity spokesperson? Well-known actor **Tommy Lee Jones** appeared on the **David Letterman** show recently and made an unexpected pitch for exotic pest plant control. Apparently, Jones has property in Florida that he has restored to a native habitat. He explained to Letterman how invasive exotic plants were a problem and even named Melaleuca

and Old World climbing fern. When Letterman asked why the exotic plants were a problem, Jones described how native plants came back once the invasive exotics were removed. Way to go, Mr. Jones!

- Earn credits at home! Two online courses to further your education and CEU credits toward Restricted Use Pesticide license renewal are available at <http://kgoeli.ifas.ufl.edu/> Click on Upcoming Pesticide Applicator Training Seminars. Workbooks can be downloaded and completed for credits.

Publications & Web Sites

- *Conservation Management Notes* is an online forum for Florida land managers to report observations, discoveries, lessons, hints, tips, and mistakes not to be repeated. It is a free and open exchange of information to aid in management of natural lands. You can browse it, search it, submit articles to it or just visit it at <http://nata.snre.ufl.edu/notes>
- M.A. Nunez and D. Simberloff. 2005. Invasive species and the cultural keystone species concept. *Ecology and Society* **10**(1): r4. [online] URL: <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol10/iss1/resp4/> “We believe that the CKS [cultural keystone species] concept could hinder biological conservation if we consider how exotic species can influence human cultures.”
- Species Invasions: Insights into Ecology, Evolution, and Biogeography by D.F. Sax, J.J. Stachowicz, and S.D. Gaines, eds. 2005. Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers (www.sinauer.com). “Several key advances emerge in each discipline, and collectively they provide a template for new research that transforms invasion biology into a powerful tool for basic research in ecology, evolution, and biogeography.” (Editor’s note: includes fauna as well as flora.) \$49.95