

2011 North American Forest Insect Work Conference
Call for Workshops, Session Topics, and Poster Presentations
9-12 May 2011, Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR

<http://kelab.tamu.edu/nafiwc2011/>

Theme and Goals: The theme for NAFIWC 2011 is *Bridges to the Future*. The goals of the conference are to explore and strengthen important connections between forest entomology and (i) allied scientific disciplines, (ii) the management of forest ecosystems, (iii) the larger social, political, and biophysical environment in which forest entomologists work, and (iv) among generations of forest entomologists during a period of rapid change. Desired outcomes include clarifying the current state of knowledge and identifying critical issues where future emphasis should be directed. In addressing these goals, we are seeking to develop a broad-based agenda including topics relating to research, development, application, and education.

The program committee will consider all proposed plenary and concurrent session topics, select sessions for inclusion in the program, recommend and contact appropriate moderators, schedule sessions in appropriate time slots. Selection criteria will include (1) anticipated impact, timeliness, and breadth of the topic and accompanying outline; and (2) balance across topics from regional, conceptual, taxonomic, and basic vs. applied perspectives. We anticipate finalizing program selections by 1 February 2011.

Instructions for Submission of Session Topics: Proposals for workshops should be submitted no later than **November 15, 2010**:

- Title
- Abstract (100 word limit) describing the session topic and its relevance to forest entomology and the conference theme.
- List of prospective titles and time structure. There will be three morning 2-hour plenary sessions, a concluding 2-hour afternoon plenary session on Thursday, and 28 1-1/2 hour breakout sessions. Proposed workshops could constitute a single breakout session or two successive breakout sessions.
- Tentative list of speakers (speaker confirmation not required at this time).

We recognize the high level of interest in this important meeting and hope to include as many topics, moderators and speakers as possible. At the same time, slots for concurrent sessions are limited and we are seeking to develop a program of the highest quality, relevance and appeal.

Poster session: Posters will be prominently displayed throughout the conference. A hosted mixer will be held one evening in the poster room. Please include title, authors, and affiliations with submissions, which are due by March 1. Poster size is 4 x 4 ft.

Submit all session and workshop proposals (by 15 Nov. 2010), poster titles with authors and affiliations (by 1 March 2011), and other agenda suggestions to:

Dan Herms, NAFIWC Program Chair, e-mail: herms.2@osu.edu; phone: (330) 202-3506

Important Notice Regarding Student Poster Competition: Submissions for the Student Poster Competition should be sent to lrieske@uky.edu. See instructions on the Student Poster Competition page of the NAFIWC website.

NAFIWC 2011 Program Committee: Barbara Bentz (USDA Forest Service), Kamal Gandhi (University of Georgia), Dan Herms (The Ohio State University), Staffan Lindgren (University of Northern British Columbia), Ken Raffa (University of Wisconsin - Madison).