

SE-EPPC Board of Directors Meeting
Conference Call – January 13, 2012

Draft Minutes submitted to board 1/13/12 for first review. Corrections made (from NJL; NF) 1/18/12. Resubmitted to board 4/9/12. Minutes approved at the 4/9/12 board meeting.

Attendees:

Rob Emens, NC EPPC Treasurer as proxy for Rick Iverson; Beverly James – KY-EPPC (new president); Chris Bryan, MS-EPPC; Brian Arnold, GA-EPPC; Jimmie Cobb, AL-IPC; Brian Bowen – NA-EPPC, and proxy for Andrea Shea Bishop, TN-EPPC; Nancy Fraley, NPS Liaison; Karen Brown, proxy for Jim Burch, FLEPPC, and SE-EPPC Secretary; Chuck Bargeron, NA-EPPC; Nancy Loewenstein, President.

Not present: Kevin Willis, Invasive Species Specialist; Lee Patrick, Treasurer; Travis Rogers, SC-EPPC

Officer's Reports:

- President – Nancy Loewenstein
 - Welcome
 - Nominations for president-elect – no nominees; Brian Arnold feels he's not ready at this time; perhaps later. No other nominees or volunteers.
- Treasurer – Lee Patrick– REPORT SUBMITTED WITH E-MAIL message:

SE-EPPC Board,

Unfortunately I will be in travel tomorrow and will not be available to attend the meeting. I have asked Kevin Willis to be my proxy and he has accepted. In the meantime, here is the treasurer's report for Sept 2011 to the present. Some action items I need to follow up on...

- Lisa Morris of KY EPPC brought it to my attention that I have not invoiced the state chapters for the last two invoices for WW's. So I will send that out next week.
- I have to prepare the 1099 for Kevin Willis by January 31.
- I am in the process of collecting the state chapter reports for FY10-11 in order that I may prepare the 990 return to the IRS.
- I have sent out the TN Secretary of State Annual Report.
- The KY EPPC Annual Report is due June 30, 2012.
- Need to review the reimbursement details of the USFS Grant administered by Alix Cleveland to determine invoice procedures.

Karen /Rob Emens motion/second to approve treasurer's report. Carried.

- Secretary – Karen Brown– all secretarial business is in order.
 - Motion to approve 9/27/11 board meeting minutes
 - Beverly/Brian – motion/second. Carried.

Committee Reports:

- Annual Meeting – Jimmie Cobb, May 8-10 Auburn – report submitted.
 - Venue set
 - Speakers – call for papers on website
 - Sponsors - Need more vendors/sponsors to raise money as registration will primarily cover costs. Registration: \$140. Full meeting & tour; \$100 one day, no tour; \$60 one day; Students – \$25 reduced rate. Still working on paypal. Nancy Fraley stated she and Tony Pernas have previously been able to provide meeting support from their NPS budgets. John Taylor with FWS used to do likewise but he has retired. Nancy is committed to supporting NC-EPPC but she will talk to Tony. Alix Cleveland – USFS could commit \$2,500. Jimmie Cobb will be in touch.
 - Field trips – several being planned – see report.

- Annual SE-EPPC award – Chuck Bargeron – will do a call for nominations. Nancy suggested reminding folks about what the award is for. Call for nominations should be sent to full membership, not just board members. Nancy Fraley, Jimmie Cobb, and Karen Brown to be on award committee.
- Jimmy has been scouting field trip sites
- Keynotes on 9th (second day to accommodate AL-IPC members). Speakers chosen: Tony Pernas, Jacob Barney, Jim Lacefield.
- Each chapter president should be a judge for posters, or appoint someone.
- Needs pesticide info to get CSEs from some states.
- Table will be available for educational info.
- Needs papers; hopes each state will advertise and participate.
- Let students know about poster sessions.
- Silent auction up in the air – no volunteers yet. Not successful at recent AL-IPC meetings.
- NA-EPPC update – Brian Bowen and/or Chuck Bargeron
 - NAA Annual Conference report – NA-EPPC involved for many years; more so recently, including developing program. This year operated under a more formal MOA for finances, structure, etc. Business meeting at conference, attended by approximately 17. Good program, invasive species program coordinated by Chuck Bargeron; cogongrass workshop coordinated by Nancy Loewenstein. Next year meeting will be in Norfolk, Virginia Oct 9th – 12th and MOA has been approved by NAA. Jil Swearingen with mid-Atlantic will be assisting.
 - Chuck – NISAW – Chuck working with Doug Johnson and Kate Howe. Looks like a good meeting. Preliminary decision by NA-EPPC board to attend and cover some expenses of board attendance (Doug, Kate, possibly Brian). Funds might be tied to a federal project so will be no advocacy. NA-EPPC funds would allow advocacy. One full-day will be a prevention session with FICMNEW and NISC and NA-EPPC wants to have a strong presence. Chuck will be doing a grass-roots session for state/local/national invasive species groups which will be a webcast from DC that anyone can call in to. Nancy questioned logos on current announcement and Chuck says it needs to be updated. Brian says his participation is pending; there is SE-EPPC money for the event but he's not sure yet. May attend ESA meeting but might be able to attend NISAW afterwards (same week and close by). Thursday morning is an awards ceremony and there may be some visits to the hill. Chuck asks people to contact him if they want to participate. Brian will represent NAA for NECIS – formerly done by Ruark Cleary, FL FWC.
- Wildland Weeds – Karen Brown – report attached. Nancy Fraley wants extra copies for event.
- Grant program– Nancy Loewenstein – see draft submitted. Email to SE-EPPC Board:

One of the action items from the last conference call was development of a student grant RFP ... have attached a draft for an RFP for student travel grants. Instead of one big grant, I suggest we consider dividing the \$1500 into a number of smaller grants and prizes for a student poster competition. We can discuss that idea during the conference call tomorrow.

Thanks, Nancy

Nancy suggested awarding smaller travel grants and cash awards for poster winners, rather than one large award. Amounts changed to four \$300 grants. Poster awards \$150, \$100, \$50 for 1st – 3rd place; judges from each EPPC chapter in SE-EPPC. A final announcement will be created and distributed via the SE-EPPC list-serv, state chapters and other outlets.

- TN-EPPC grant update – Andrea Bishop – not present. Hired somebody (per Brian per Andrea). \$3K available for UTN intern to work on project. Study to determine economic

impact of IS in TN. SE-EPPC funding 50%; TN-EPPC funding balance. Nancy said we had proposed that each year a similar grant be available, first come, first serve. Submit requests by July. Need to develop formal announcement/guidelines. Karen will send FLEPPC RFP to use as a guideline. Others with grant programs will do the same.

- Notes provided by Nancy F. regarding grant taken from Feb 14, 2011 TN-EPPC BOD meeting:
 - Attendance: Marie Kerr, Kris Johnson, Anni Self, Sara Kuebbing, Dan Brown, Harry Quarles, Margie Hunter, Andrea Bishop.
 - Absent with proxy: Mike Berkley(?), Claude Bailey(?), LinnAnn Welch (Anni), Bob Parrish (Andrea), Pat Parr (Kris)
 - [Asterisk by name (*) denotes action item.]
 - Impact Studies: We are interested in funding research papers on costs of management to counter nursery questions. Bob checked with SE-EPPC, and they would be interested in funding these types of projects. What information would we like to gather and from whom?
 - Does the presence of extensive exotics affect property value? Talk to realtors. Check with various land managers and agencies regarding budget percentage for control and maintenance on properties or for governments. TWRA has price per acre estimates for landowners on a variety of such issues. Fish & Wildlife offers grants for removal per acre.
 - Marie* will look at the information she has from western US and send to Sara that might suggest other avenues to research. Dan* estimated the cost of fencerow and field management on his farm and will send to Sara. Harry* has costs from ORNL.
 - Biltmore estate had to engage in exotic control to preserve timber harvest. Sara* will look into finding a grad or undergrad student interested in doing needed research. Sara* can put together a list of a few key items for someone like Mike to use in refuting green industry challenges.

• Invasive Species Specialist update – Kevin Willis – unable to attend. From 1/5/12 (e-mail text) Board members,

Work continues in this interim phase of the Invasive Species Specialist contract. Specifically:

- continued review of documentation, compilation, and comparison of state EPPC listing methods
- contact with state chapters' to supplement and confirm documentation
- development of outline for Draft Final Report (to be delivered April 15)
- continued exploration of EDDMapS use among various groups, to inform the Protocol deliverable (draft delivery March 15)

I will be online for the conference call next Friday.

Kevin Willis, Invasive Species Specialist, SE-EPPC
Plant Ecologist, Arnold Air Force Base, TN
phone: 931-636-7111, email: kwillis_mte@yahoo.com

Chuck says he has had very little contact from Kevin with regard to EDDMapS. Beverly was contacted with regard to IS lists; Brian hasn't had discussion with him; Nancy sent AL listing info; Alix had broad discussion last fall but nothing since then; he has visited some of the FL Cisma folks. We should ask Kevin for more of a report before he's too close to his deadline for the final report. Nancy will do that.

Correspondence/New Business:

- Arbor Day use of invasive species –Email received by Karen and forwarded to SE-EPPC, FLEPPC board, FLEPPC Plant List Committee:

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce and Mary Marquardt [<mailto:bruceandmary2@comcast.net>]

Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 11:20 PM

To: Brown, Karen P; RICHARD, AMY N

Subject: Golden rain trees

My local newspaper is once again advertising free trees sponsored by Arbor Day Foundation.

Included in this list are two free golden rain trees. I know this is an invasive species in Florida and Texas so I wondered if you might be interested in "educating" the Arbor Day people about the irresponsibility of handing out these trees for propagation throughout the nation?

I am a resident of Northern Illinois but invasive species are a problem all over.

Thank you,

Mary Marquardt

Belvidere Illinois

12/6/12

Dear Mrs. Marquardt,

Thank you for your concern. I know it's frustrating to see this happening in spite of so many efforts to keep invasive plants out of our natural areas. I'm copying your message to members of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) board of directors and Plant List Committee, as well as to the Southeast EPPC board of directors, and the Texas Invasive Plant Council. I'm hoping someone will craft a letter to the Arbor Day Foundation to educate them about the risks of this activity.

We appreciate your informing us of this situation.

Karen Brown

Editor, Wildland Weeds magazine

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Brian Arnold will craft a letter in a couple of weeks (after their workshop) and send to others for review and comment. Last Friday in April is National Arbor Day. Each state has their own Arbor Day. A letter this year might influence them for next year and which trees they decide to send.

Emphasize native. Who supplies golden rain trees? There are several invasive species on their list, including privet. Everyone is to check out the Arbor Day site for their state and contribute info to Brian Arnold and he will craft a letter. Perhaps state foresters could be involved.

State Reports

- Alabama – cogongrass technical committee provides technical assistance with implementation of the state ARRA cogongrass grant. The committee is currently chaired through the Alabama Forestry Commission, but they would like to step down and have asked if ALIPC could chair the committee and keep it going. ALIPC is investigating whether this fits in with their mission statement, etc. Otherwise, AL-IPC preparing for upcoming SE-EPPC annual meeting.

- Florida – Annual meeting April 16-20 in Ocala in conjunction with Florida chapter of The Wildlife Society. Conflicting with FL VMA meeting which may lessen attendance and support.
- Georgia – upcoming board meeting. Will discuss their annual meeting, usually held in November. They have some new board members. Elaine Nash needs to step down and they are seeking a replacement. A workshop is upcoming.
- Kentucky – Beverly James is new president, taking over from Joyce Bender; Jodi Thompson new vice president (KY Div of Forestry); they plan to survey membership - expectations? participation? Many new members due to annual meeting held there last May. Finalizing the least wanted poster plus alternatives; waiting for printing and distribution; updating IS list; will be updating IS booklets (ring-bound so new pages can be added). Exploring new board members. Next board meeting Feb. 27th. Conference with UKY every two years.
- Mississippi – Chris Bryan – tentatively working on spring/early summer meeting – aquatic tour with Dr. John Madsen. Trying to get CWMA up and running.
- N. Carolina – Rob Emens: NC EPPC will be holding its annual meeting on February 23, 24, 2012 at the NC Arboretum in Asheville (1.5 day format). Formal announcements will be issued via email to potential interested participants within the next week. 35 members; lower than previous years. Annual conference registration includes annual dues. Next meeting in February in Asheville – Understanding and Managing IP threats in NC Highlands. New website: Nceppc.weebly.com with Paypal for registration payments. Chuck asked that Maggie Porell contact Chuck to work out link to SE-EPPC.
- S. Carolina – no report
- Tennessee – reprinting brochures and creating a display.

Liaison Reports

- APHIS – no report
- Industry – no report
- NA-EPPC – see above
- NPS – Nancy Fraley – An additional EPMT may come under the management of the NPS Southeast Regional Office bringing the total number of EPMTs in the southeast to four. Nancy is working on a committee to revise the USFS SFS Forest Inventory Analysis Watch List. An extensive population of hydrilla has been mapped in the Obed River drainage (National Wild and Scenic River in Tennessee); this is an unusual situation as it is a free-flowing river system and eradication is probably not a possibility. Recently, the SE-EPMT determined that the population of jetbead (*Rhodotypos scandens*) found on and adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in 2009 is more extensive and eradication efforts are underway; this is the first population documented in NC.
- USACE – no report
- USFWS – no report
- USDA FS– Alix Cleveland – Release of new National Forest System policy for Invasive Species Management. She will send it to us. Released in Federal Register on December 5th, 2011. This has been in the works for a long time. Major difference is old policy referred to Noxious Weeds; now called Invasive Plants under broad policy for all invasive species (all taxa). There is still a Federal Noxious Weed List. Now will be referred to as part of a strategy for managing all invasive species.
- TNC – no report

Nancy Fraley needs to update their KY-EPPC board of directors listing on their website. Andrea should be rep from TN-EPPC and will send new photo. Chris Furqueron asked Nancy to be liaison for NPS so move Nancy to Chris' spot.

President-elect: see which states have not been represented. Perhaps a new state should nominate someone. SE-EPPC List of Presidents (Jan. 2012):

- Nancy Loewenstein (AL-IPC) – sitting president
- Chuck Bargeron (GA-EPPC) – immediate past president
- Tony Pernas (FLEPPC)
- Brian Bowen (TN-EPPC)
- Dan Brown (TN-EPPC)

Nancy and Karen will review minutes and send any action items out. Annual conference details will be out soon for advertisement.

Old Business - none

New Business – see Arbor Day correspondence above.

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Reports submitted via e-mail:

Southeast EPPC Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2011

TYPE	DATE	NUMBER	NAME	MEMO	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Checking - Bank of America						\$ 14,339.07
	8/31/2011				\$ -	\$ 14,339.07
Check	9/9/2011	1116	Kevin Willis	USFS Grant	\$ (500.00)	\$ 13,839.07
Check	9/20/2011	1117	FL EPPC	Wildland Weeds	\$(2,920.00)	\$ 10,919.07
Check	10/4/2011	1080	David Ellis	CPA_Tax Return 990	\$ (730.00)	\$ 10,189.07
Check	10/7/2011	1120	FL EPPC	Wildland Weeds	\$(3,190.00)	\$ 6,999.07
Check	10/12/2011	1090	KY State Treasure	Certificate of Authority	\$ (90.00)	\$ 6,909.07
Check	10/17/2011	1079	Kevin Willis	USFS Grant	\$ (500.00)	\$ 6,409.07
Check	11/10/2011	1121	Kevin Willis	USFS Grant	\$ (500.00)	\$ 5,909.07
Check	11/16/2011	1122	Brain Bowen	NAA Conf Reimbursement	\$ (618.45)	\$ 5,290.62
Check	12/19/2011	1123	Kevin Willis	USFS Grant	\$ (500.00)	\$ 4,790.62
Check	1/11/2012	1124	Kevin Willis	USFS Grant	\$ (500.00)	\$ 4,290.62
Deposit	1/11/2012		KY EPPC	2011 Annual Conference	\$ 2,617.00	\$ 6,907.62
						\$
					TOTAL	\$(7,431.45) 6,907.62

Savings - Bank of America						\$ 10,174.86
Deposit	9/30/2011		Interest		\$ 0.67	\$ 10,175.53
Deposit	10/31/2011		Interest		\$ 0.69	\$ 10,176.22
Deposit	11/30/2011		Interest		\$ 0.67	\$ 10,176.89
Deposit	12/31/2011		Interest		\$ 0.69	\$ 10,177.58
				TOTAL	\$ 2.72	\$ 10,177.58

Total Checking and Savings						\$ 17,085.20
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2012 SE-EPPC Annual Meeting Plans - January 13, 2012 -Jimmie Cobb

“Plans are in place and going smoothly. The only thing we have left to do is all of the work.”

Dates: May 8 to 10. The meeting will start the afternoon of the 8th with submitted papers for the afternoon, and poster contest and reception that night. Keynote speakers, submitted papers, and business meetings all day on the 9th. Tours on the 10th.

Location: Auburn, AL at the Auburn University Hotel and Conference Center

Basic agenda information, hotel reservation info, vendor and sponsor opportunities, and a call for papers and posters is on the SEEPPC web site now. Registration will be there shortly.

Keynote speakers: We have two committed, and are looking for the third. Dr. Jim Lacefield, U. N. AL, Subject - Geographic Basis for AL Biodiversity and Plant Communities, and Dr Jacob Barney, Predicting future invasives.

Sponsor and Vendor opportunities are many, from trade show displays to sponsoring breaks, meals, program, reception, etc. These are available on the web. If you are doing business with someone who is not participating, let them know of the opportunity, or send their email to me so I can solicit their participation.

Many field trips are in the planning stages and we will have these finalized in the next month.

1. Tuskegee National Forests, Invasives species present, ID, control options, unique natural areas on the forest
2. Tallapoosa River/AL River. Tallow tree populations, control options, replanted with natives. Riverside park on the AL river, cypress-tupelo swamp, bluffs, diversity, and invasives, of course
3. Goat Rock Lake. Invasives species, control and spread, unique rock formations, eagles
4. Lake Eufaula. Aquatic and terrestrial invasives.
5. Possibly a trip to some unique AL glades

Some thought being given for a “carpool” trip north or south for those traveling home to put them in the right direction of travel.

Planning on asking each chapter to provide a judge for the poster contest, and probably some of the speakers. If you want to volunteer, let me know.

We need poster display boards/stands. Does anyone have a good source to borrow, buy, rent, steal.....? If you have a bunch, and are driving, maybe we can make a deal on some gas money?

Could someone from each state send me pesticide CFE contact information, except I have AL, FL, MS, GA.

We will have a literature table for new and relevant publications. No sales materials, but if you have new extension or educational stuff you would like to share, bring some copies and we will have a place to display.



Vendor and Sponsor Opportunities 2012 Alabama Invasive Plant Council Meeting Combined with 2012 SE Exotic Plant Pest Council Meeting

The 2012 AL Invasive Plant Council Meeting will be held jointly with the SE Exotic Plant Pest Council Meeting. The meeting will be May 8-10 in Auburn, AL. We expect the normal turnout of approximately 175 ALIPC members, with another 75 or more out of state attendees for the SEEPPC section. Inside sessions will be on the afternoon of the 8th, and all day on the 9th.

There will be a reception and poster session the evening of the 8th.

The good news is that vendor space and sponsor opportunities are available at the same rates similar to the 2011 ALIPC meeting, with more attendees present and for a longer session time.

Basic Vendor package includes booth space, lunch, and breaks. **Silver** sponsors will be recognized at each session on the meeting. **Gold** and **Platinum** sponsors will be recognized at each session, have posters displayed with their name, and special recognition in the printed agenda and abstracts. **Platinum** sponsors will also be able to place a piece of literature with the registration packets. Vendor space is limited, so please get your registration in early!

Display only:	\$250
Silver Sponsor:	\$325
Gold Sponsor:	\$450
Platinum Sponsor:	\$750

Other sponsorship opportunities will give you a chance to keep your name before the attendees:

Partial sponsorship of a break:	\$150
Full sponsorship of a break:	\$300
Partial sponsorship of the first night reception and poster session:	\$150
Full sponsorship of the first night reception and poster session:	\$300
Sponsor the printed program and abstracts, get a full page ad:	\$400

All sponsors will be recognized during the meeting and sessions

2012 ALIPC and SEEPPC Joint Meeting Vendor and Sponsor Registration Form

Name: _____

Company or Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibitor Level Desired: _____ Rate: _____

Sponsorship Option Desired: _____ Rate: _____

Annual Dues for ALIPC Membership, \$35 _____ - _____

Total: _____

Make Checks payable to "Alabama Invasive Plant Council"

Or credit card information:

Card type: _____ Card number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Security code: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Jimmie Cobb, jocobb@dow.com, 334 887 2803

Mail completed registrations to: Jimmie Cobb, 664 Longwood Circle, Auburn, AL 36830

SE-EPPC Editor's Report

January 13, 2012

Submitted by Karen Brown

Wildland Weeds

- The 24 page Summer/Fall issue of Wildland Weeds was delivered to members in October. Extra copies of the Summer/Fall issue are available for educational purposes.
- Issues are now being combined (two per year) due to time constraints in publishing quarterly issues. Distribution is approximately 1,000 for all chapters combined, with @ 70 comp copies provided per issue.
- All issues are available as PDF files online, and an archive of articles (available as individual PDF files) is searchable by issue, author, or plant species. This searchable archive has not been

updated since the Winter 2008 issue; volunteer help in updating the archive would be appreciated.

- The next issue will be the Winter/Spring issue (Vol. 15, Nbr 1-2). Articles and other input are solicited for that issue.

Finances

- The SE-EPPC FY2010-2011 invoice has been paid (638 members (avg) @\$5 = \$3,190.) Next year, the annual charge per member will increase to \$7 to cover publication costs without ad support.
- As of the next issue, we will no longer provide commercial advertising in Wildland Weeds. This will eliminate the bookkeeping tasks, ad recruiting, and ad negotiations currently performed by the editor. Issues sans ads will require fewer pages to design and print so will cost less to publish and mail overall. All SE-EPPC chapters have agreed to this arrangement and will make increased contributions per member to cover the cost. Average cost to publish is \$3. per issue, times two issues per year.
- A new Pacific Northwest chapter has requested receipt of the magazine and has been billed for 106 members at \$7 each. This higher rate per member reflects the expected increased costs to publish the magazine without ad support.

FINANCIAL RECAP FOR FY 2010/2011 (OCT 1)

<u>FY 10/11:</u>		<u>EXPENSES:</u>	
WINTER 10/SPRING 11 TOTAL EXPENSES/INCOME	20 PP.	\$4,734.55	/1,500 COPIES
		\$3.15 PER COPY, MAILED	(ADS) \$2,923.00
SUMMER/FALL 2011 TOTAL EXPENSES/INCOME	24 PP.	<u>\$4,327.95</u>	/1,500 COPIES
		\$2.88 PER COPY, MAILED	(ADS) \$3,408.00
		\$9,062.50	
SE-EPPC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FY10/11	\$5 / member		\$3,190.00
PACIFIC NORTHWEST Su/Fall 2011 & W2011/Spring 2012 (STRADDLES THE FISCAL YEAR)	\$7 / member		
MID-ATLANTIC (SP-2009 thru W-2010)(2 FYs)	\$5 / member		

Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council -- Student Travel Grants

Program Description and Eligibility:

The Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council (SE-EPPC) invites applications for a Graduate Student Travel Grant to attend the joint meeting of the 14th Annual SE-EPPC Conference and 10th Annual ALIPC

Conference, being held May 8-10 in Auburn, AL (<http://www.se-eppc.org/2012/>). Four \$300 grants to apply toward travel expenses will be presented directly to each awardee at the Conference.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be graduate students studying invasive plant issues in the Southeast and have travel distance to the conference of greater than 50 miles. The conference welcomes papers that focus on invasive plant ecology, management, restoration, education, risk assessment, and policy. Papers may be presented orally or as a poster. A cash prize for best student poster will be awarded.

To Apply:

After submitting an abstract online, submit the following to Dr. Nancy Loewenstein (loewenj@auburn.edu):

- one-page cover letter indicating your interest in the travel grant and summarizing your invasive plant research
- copy of the abstract being submitted for consideration
- resume, including contact information for your major professor and two other references
- include **SE-EPPC Student Travel Grant** in the email subject heading

Deadline for application:

- March 1, 2012
- Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by March 22, 2012.

Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council -- Student Poster Award

All student posters presented at the joint meeting of the 14th Annual SE-EPPC Conference and 10th Annual ALIPC Conference, being held May 8-10 in Auburn, AL (<http://www.se-eppc.org/2012/>) are eligible for consideration. The poster may have multiple authors, but the first author must be a graduate student.

A team composed of representatives from each SE-EPPC chapter will judge student posters, based on scientific merit, poster design, and poster discussion with the judges.

- First place - \$150
- Second place - \$100
- Third place - \$50

To participate in the competition send an email indicating your interest in participating, by 5 pm May 2, 2012, to Dr. Nancy Loewenstein (loewenj@auburn.edu). Please include **SE-EPPC Student Poster Award** in the email subject heading.