

# Internodes

## Mark Your Calendar

- *Invasive Plants Conference*, August 6-7, 2003, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. **Contact:** The Morris Arboretum, 100 Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118, 215-247-5777 x159, mabxeduc@pobox.upenn.edu; www.upenn.edu/paflora
- *New England Invasive Plant Summit*, September 19-20, 2003, Framingham, MA. Convened by the Invasive Plant Atlas of New England (IPANE) and the New England Invasive Plant Group (NIPGro). **Contact:** Cynthia\_Boettner@fws.gov or <http://invasives.eeb.uconn.edu/ipane>
- The 30th Natural Areas Conference, *Defining a Natural Areas Land Ethic*, September 24-27, 2003, Madison, WI. Co-hosted by the Natural Areas Association and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Endangered Resources Program. The last day of the conference, September 27th, will feature a one-day symposium on *Invasive Plants in the Upper Midwest* (see next listing). **Contact:** [www.naturalarea.org](http://www.naturalarea.org)
- The 2003 *Symposium on Invasive Plants in the Upper Midwest*, part of the 30th Natural Areas Conference (see above listing), September 27, 2003, Madison, WI. Participants may register for the entire Natural Areas Conference, or just the one-day symposium sponsored by the Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin. **Contact:** [www.ipaw.org](http://www.ipaw.org) -or Kelly.Kearns@dnr.state.wi.us
- The 27th Annual Florida Aquatic Plant Management Society (FAPMS) Training Conference, October 14-16, 2003, Daytona Beach, FL. **Contact:** David Farr, FAPMS Treasurer, [dfarr@co.volusia.fl.us](mailto:dfarr@co.volusia.fl.us) or 386/424-2920 -or- [www.homestead.com/fapms/main.html](http://www.homestead.com/fapms/main.html)
- The 30th Annual Conference on *Ecosystems Restoration and Creation*, October 30-31, 2003, Tampa, Florida. **Contact:** [fwebb@hccfl.edu](mailto:fwebb@hccfl.edu) -or- [pcannizzaro@hccfl.edu](mailto:pcannizzaro@hccfl.edu); [www.hccfl.edu/depts/detp/eco-conf.html](http://www.hccfl.edu/depts/detp/eco-conf.html)
- *Invasive Plants in Natural and Managed Systems: Linking Science and Management*, November 3-7, 2003, Fort Lauderdale, FL. A joint conference and workshop, co-hosted by the Ecological Society of America and the Weed Science Society of America in conjunction with the 7th International Conference on Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions. **Contact:** [www.esa.org/ipinams-emapi7/](http://www.esa.org/ipinams-emapi7/)

## Publications

- A colorful and informative poster on **Tropical Soda Apple** (TSA) has been produced by the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. The 11" x 17" poster contains color photographs, TSA facts, and best management practices. A limited quantity is available but FDACS is anxious to get the word out. To receive one or more copies, contact Mary Stewart at 372-3505, Ext. 101.

- "Challenges of Reaching Consensus on Assessing Which Non-native Plants Are Invasive in Natural Areas," by A.M. Fox, D.R. Gordon, R.K. Stocker, *HortScience* 38(1):11-13 (2003).
- *Tree Islands of the Everglades*, edited by F.H. Sklar and A. van der Valk. 2003. Kluwer Academic Publishers, [www.wkap.nl/](http://www.wkap.nl/) Presents the proceedings of the first symposium on the subject held in July 1998.
- *Invasive Aquatic Species of Europe - Distribution, Impacts and Management*, edited by E. Leppakoski, S. Gollasch and S. Olenin. 2002. Kluwer Academic Publishers, [www.wkap.nl/](http://www.wkap.nl/) The "first attempt to provide an overall picture of aquatic species invasions in Europe."
- *Herbicide Handbook - Eighth Edition*, 2002, edited by W.K. Vencill. 2002. Weed Science Society of America, [www.wssa.net/](http://www.wssa.net/) This book of technical information about herbicides in production covers 140 chemicals, and is meant especially for research, teaching and extension personnel, as well as for industry and government.
- *So You Want to Start a Nursery*, by T. Avent. 2003. Timber Press, <http://www.timberpress.com/> What it takes to succeed in the ornamental plant nursery business.

FLEPPC Members in *Exotic Places*



FLEPPC member Dan Clark, currently living in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, modeled his FLEPPC camp shirt in the Grand Etang National Forest in Grenada, West Indies. "I thought it was cool that not only was there a boutique, but there was a bar. You gotta love those West Indians!"

*Editor's Note: Send us a photo if you spot or wear a FLEPPC shirt in an exotic locale.*

## Web Sites

- **EPIDEMIE – Exotic Plant Invasions: Deleterious Effects on Mediterranean Island Ecosystems** at [www.ceh.ac.uk/epidemie](http://www.ceh.ac.uk/epidemie) “aims to raise awareness and advance existing understanding of the problems posed by invasive species in the Mediterranean and develop management strategies which aid the conservation of native habitats and species.” Supported by the European Commission. Familiar species include *Ailanthus altissima*, *Arundo donax*, *Ricinus communis*, and others.
- **Jamaica’s National Database on Alien Invasive Species** was launched by the Natural History Division of the Institute of Jamaica, the result of a regional project involving 13 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. [www.jamaicachm.org.jm/inv\\_I3N\\_JA.htm](http://www.jamaicachm.org.jm/inv_I3N_JA.htm)
- Go to <http://invasivespecies.blogspot.com/> and check out the **Invasive Species Weblog** put together by Jennifer Forman. This is a fun web site that includes lots of quick information on invasive species, with links to more detailed reporting. It also has a shopping section that includes Japanese Knotweed and Garlic Mustard coffee mugs, Invasive Woody Plants coasters, an Invasive Plants wall clock, Phragmites post-cards, and more. (*Bookmark it for the holidays!*)

- Find a list of intriguing sounding **Tools of the Trade**, such as the EZject Lance, KlipKleen Shears, Root Talons and Vapor Torches, at The Nature Conservancy’s Wildland Invasive Species Team web site: <http://tncweeds.ucdavis.edu/tools.html>

## FLEPPC Research Grant Recipients

- Ms. Jean Burns, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida State University: “Character states associated with the success of invasive species in the Commelinaceae.” (\$2,500.)
- Ms. Caronia Wallace, Department of Biology, University of Miami: “Investigations on the geographic origin of Florida populations of air potato, *Dioscorea bulbifera* L., using chloroplast DNA.” (\$2,000.)
- See RFP for 2004 on page 4.

## Handy Tips

- To remove clothing stains from the secretions of larval Melaleuca snout beetles (*Oxyops vitiosa*), wash garments with Ajax Dish Soap as soon as possible, repeating if necessary. For persistent stains, use Spot Shot stain remover. From Ken Gioeli and Diane Franzen, UF-IFAS Extension, St. Lucie County.



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