



## DR. LARRY R. NELSON (1949 – 2006)

Dr. Larry Robert Nelson, 56, passed away unexpectedly at his home on August 26, 2006. Larry was a forest vegetation management expert and deeply involved with invasive plant management in the South as an educator and researcher. He was a native of Canton, Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University with a B.S. in Botany, Duke University with a M.S. in forest pathology, and Auburn University with a Ph.D. in tree physiology. Larry had been at Clemson University since 1984 and was an Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources. He was well-known throughout the South for his involvement in invasive plant management and for the outreach programs that he developed on invasive plant identification and management for foresters and natural resource managers. Along with his graduate students, Larry had active research programs on control of kudzu, privet and bamboo. Recently, through his efforts, the South Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council was reorganized into an active state EPPC. He was a member of the Southern Weed Science Society, Weed Science Society of America, South Carolina Forestry Association and past chair of the S.C. Forestry Council. Larry's good nature and humor will be sorely missed by his family, colleagues and the public he served.

— David J. Moorhead, Tifton, GA

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR INVASIVE PLANT RESEARCH Deadline: February 27, 2007

The Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council (FLEPPC) annually funds a small number of research grants/scholarships for students conducting studies related to invasive exotic plant management in Florida.

The deadline for proposal submission is February 27, 2007. Funding is limited to \$2,500. per project. The proposal should include a summary of the research project and its relationship to Florida exotic plant management problems. Plant species involved in the study must be one or more of the Category I or Category II exotic pest plant species listed by FLEPPC ([www.fleppc.org](http://www.fleppc.org)). The applicant should provide complete contact information and a detailed budget, with an explanation of how the funding will be used. Examples include (but are not limited to) travel funds for field work, funds for research equipment or supplies (or temporary use of specialized equipment), stipend for applicant's project work time not otherwise supported, travel funds for presentation of the research, etc. In developing the budget, funds requested are to be used for the direct costs of conducting research on the proposed project and are not to be used for indirect costs incurred by the student's university.

Proposals will be evaluated and ranked on the critical management need for scientific results in the area of study and on the clarity of the submitted request.

### Basic eligibility requirements:

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled at an accredited institution of higher learning anywhere within the United States. However, the research must be on a Florida invasive plant listed by FLEPPC as Category I or II (<http://www.fleppc.org>). An accompanying letter of recommendation from a faculty advisor is strongly encouraged.

### Send proposals by e-mail, fax, or mail to:

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**Proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. February 27, 2007.**