
**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE
45TH NORTHEAST FOREST PATHOLOGY WORKSHOP AND
THE
53RD NORTH CENTRAL FOREST PEST WORKSHOP
JUNE 8-11, 2004**

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Dear Colleague:

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Canadian Forest Service are pleased to host the 45th Northeast Forest Pathology Workshop (NCFPW) jointly with the 53rd North Central Forest Pest Workshop (NCFPW). This joint meeting will offer a wonderful opportunity to meet old colleagues and make new friends and to catch-up on pest related issues. This year's workshop will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The theme for this year's workshop is Forest Management, Pests and Climate Change and we invite papers dealing with all areas of forest pest management. For the uninitiated, the NEFPW and the NCFPW are annual gatherings of persons wishing to remain current in forest health events, issues and research in the North-eastern and North Central portions of North America. Participants typically include plant pathologists, entomologists, foresters, scientists and students. All are welcome to attend.

This year's workshop begins on Tuesday afternoon, June 8, with registration, a fungal and insect foray, poster setup followed by an icebreaker. Registration continues and presentations begin Wednesday morning with indoor sessions continuing into the afternoon. Thursday is field trip day, where we will visit numerous sites (rain or shine). Late Thursday afternoon, we will have the chance to examine the yeast of a local vineyard during a wine tour, followed by dinner at the hotel. Further indoor sessions will be held on Friday morning. The workshop will end on Friday at noon.

The agenda is being finalized and should be available shortly. We strongly encourage all attendees to bring along recent publications for distribution as well as poster displays. An area will be available for posters. Tables will be provided and a limited number of display boards will be available so please let us know what your poster requirements are. If you are planning on bringing a poster, be sure you indicate that on your registration form. We would also like to make station reports available in the registration package so please forward via email to ahopkin@nrca.gc.ca before May 15:

Accommodations: We encourage you to stay at the Hilton Hotel in Niagara Falls Canada <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=XLVNFHF> We have negotiated an excellent accommodation rate (\$89.00/CDN per night) at the Hilton, which overlooks the falls. The special 89.00 \$CDN room rate is only available until May 19, 2004. After that date, rooms if available will be on a first come first served basis and the special rate will still apply.

Lodging accommodations and reservations are independent of program registration. **You must make separate reservations for lodging.** To make reservations phone the hotel directly at 1-888-370-0700 or (905) 354-7887, and indicate you are attending the Ministry of Natural Resources Conference

Workshop registration: Registrations are encouraged as early as possible. Early registration of \$210 CDN or \$168 US will be accepted until May 8th. After that date, registration cost will increase to \$235 CDN or \$188 US. Early registration will help us better plan and arrange field trip transportation. To register, mail the enclosed registration form along with a check or money order to the "Minister of Finance" to:

Ministry of Natural Resources
70 Foster Drive, Suite 400
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
P6A 6V5 Canada

Att: Carole Hay

If you have questions, please contact a member of the organising committee.
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Additional forms and updates are also available through the NCFPW and Canadian Forest Service website at:

<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/spfo/ncfpw/index.htm>

http://www.glfc.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/foresthealth/index_e.html