



# WEEDS ACROSS BORDERS

BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS BORDERS—AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INVASIVE SPECIES

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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**Abstract submission deadline: Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014**

Notification date: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The Weeds Across Borders 2014 Coordinating Committee is now accepting abstracts for forum presentations on Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a pre-forum workshop on the 14<sup>th</sup> and a field tour on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Weeds Across Borders (WAB)** is an international conference covering the interests of professionals and organizations from various jurisdictions across North America with a common interest in sharing information and improving invasive species management, including weeds, throughout North America. The goal of the conference is to provide a forum for educating, sharing and disseminating knowledge about invasive species management (including weed management), regulatory issues and concerns about invasive species spread across and between all jurisdictional boundaries across Mexico, Canada and the United States.

The topic is invasives species with an emphasis on common problems and cooperation among countries and institutions taking into account that cooperation across jurisdictional borders is essential for the prevention and control of invasive species, including non-native plants or weeds.

The overall theme of the conference is **Building Bridges Across Borders**. Please develop abstracts based on the session themes:

- **North American: Building Collaboration Across International Borders**
  - Inter-national and/or national initiatives
  - Highlights of collaboration
- **Rural Communities: Challenges, Opportunities and Successes**
  - Land-user's projects/programs for addressing invasive species
- **Indigenous Peoples: Challenges, Opportunities and Successes**
  - Building linkages between indigenous peoples and invasive species
  - Impact of invasive species on to native and Indigenous cultures
- **Invasive Species Communication and Awareness: Bringing about Public Change**
  - Effective campaigns at state/provincial/ country level
  - Effective cross-jurisdiction programs; use of innovative tools and technology

- **Policies, Regulations, and Strategies: Emerging Issues**
  - Cross border initiatives; movement across borders
  - Invasive species and wildfire
  - Invasive species and wildlife, migratory species,
- **Prevention: Preventing the Spread**
  - Cross-jurisdictional initiatives
  - Early Detection and Rapid Response(EDRR)
  - Economic impact of prevention initiatives
- **Building Capacity: Roles of Partnerships**
- New approaches in a global economy
- Sharing information resources and information to achieve on-the-ground objectives
- Addressing information systems and inventory
- Building strong volunteer involvement
- **Climate, Energy and Emerging Issues: Looking to the Future**
  - Biomass/biofuels and invasives
  - Climate change predictions and impacts
- **Other**
  - Your recommendation for an innovative session

The 2014 WAB conference will follow a plenary meeting format with a selected number of oral presentations. Abstracts will be judged and accepted based on their relevance to trans-border issues, not necessarily exclusive to North America and available time. Oral presentations are generally limited to 20 minutes.

Please submit abstracts for oral presentations in English no later than **Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014** to [wab2014@abinvasives.ca](mailto:wab2014@abinvasives.ca). Acceptance notices for oral presentations, as well as further details, will be sent no later than **Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

- ✓ Required format: (Times New Roman, 12 point font)
- ✓ Title
- ✓ Name(s) of author/principal investigator
- ✓ Contact information: mailing address and email address
- ✓ Phone number
- ✓ Please indicate language preference for presentation: English, French or Spanish.
- ✓ Session Title
- ✓ Abstract: 250 – 300 word maximum
- ✓ Presentation abstracts should be submitted in a Microsoft Word document (.doc or docx format).

**Conference:** Meeting invites, agenda, participant package, meeting sessions, presentations and workshops will be held in English, unless funds for translation are secured.

**Conference proceedings:** Meeting summary (not proceedings) will be prepared and if permission granted, all presentations and abstracts will be posted to the website. Proceedings could be prepared if funding is secured.

**Please note:** Presenters of accepted abstracts will have their registration fees waived for the day of presentation. At this time it is not known if travel subsidies will be available.

*The 2014 WAB Conference is hosted by the Canadian Council on Invasive Species.*