

History of the Southwide Forest Disease Workshop

Appendix for 1999 – 2003

**1999 January 19-22
Athens, Georgia.**

Pauline Spaine, Chair of the steering committee, hosted the Southwide Forest Disease Workshop. Other committee members were Andrew Boone, Janet MacFall, and Robert Doudrick.

Topics discussed at the meeting included pitch canker, oak decline, sycamore dieback, fusiform rust, butternut canker, plant growth promoting rhizobacteria, and nursery diseases. The field trip was to the school of forestry on the University of Georgia campus and attendees had the choice of visiting labs working on GIS or DNA restriction mapping.

The winner of the student paper presentation was Thomas Allen, Jr. for his paper entitled “Seed treatment to control *Fusarium* spp. on longleaf pine seed.” The outstanding extension publication award went to _____ for _____ work entitled “_____.” William Otrosina, Nolan Hess, Stan Zarnoch, T.J. Perry, and John Paul Jones received the outstanding research publication award for their paper entitled “Blue-stain fungi associated with roots of southern pine trees attacked by the southern pine beetle, *Dendroctonus frontalis*” published in *Plant Disease* 81:942-945.

**2000 May 31 –June 2
Shepherdstown, West Virginia**

The first joint meeting of the Northeast and Southwide Forest Disease Workshops was held in Shepherdstown, WV. Co-Chairpersons of the meeting were Scott Enebak of Auburn University and Bill MacDonald of West Virginia University. Other committee members were Paula Spaine, Dave Drummond, Clark Haynes, Stan Barras, and Clarissa Balbalian.

Discussion sessions at this joint meeting included Forest Pathology beyond 2000 and two special topics. Robert Lewis discussed ‘emerging issues affecting forest health’ and Shelia Andrus discussed ‘invasive species-priorities and planning’. Pierluigi Bonello discussed Systemic Induced Resistance in the Monterey Pine/pitch canker pathosystem and Dale Bergdahl discussed the status of scleroderris canker. Other presentations were on chestnut blight, southern cone rust, oak decline, growth-promoting rhizobacteria, loss of methyl bromide, pitch canker, fire/*Leptographium*, and fusiform rust pathosystem. The field trip to Harper’s Ferry, WV.

Winner of the student paper competition was Bill Jones of West Virginia University for his work entitled “The influence of age on hypovirus recovery from *Cryphonectria parasitica*. No other paper awards were presented due to the joint nature of the meeting.

**2002 January 7-9
Daytona Beach, Florida.**

Ed Barnard, Chair of the steering committee, hosted the Southwide Forest Disease Workshop. Other committee members were Scott Enebak, John Paul Jones, Nolan Hess, and Dale Starkey. A total of 43 attended the meeting.

The panel topic was “Forest Pathology: Status? Future? Identity? Utility?” Ed Barnard Moderated the discussion with panelists: Bill MacDonald, Scott Cameron, Don Rogers, Kerri Britton, Lori Eckhardt, and Jerry Beatty. The special invited presentation was by Tim Schubert, Florida Division of Plant Industry, entitled “History and current status of citrus canker in Florida.”

Other topics discussed at the meeting included pitch canker, chestnut blight, sudden oak death, oak decline in Arkansas and Missouri, plant growth promoting rhizobacteria, and nursery diseases. The field trip was to Tiger Bay and the topics discussed were the 1998 fires, regeneration/restoration efforts of Florida forest and shrub ecosystems and associated forest health issues.

The winner of the student paper presentation was Lorrie Eckhardt for her paper entitled “*Leptographium* species and their vectors as components of loblolly pine decline.” The outstanding extension publication award went to Ed L. Barnard and Ernie C. Ash, III. for their work entitled “Needlecasts of Pines in Florida” Published by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry. Scott Enebak and Bill Carey received the outstanding research publication award for their paper entitled “Evidence for induced systemic protection to fusiform rust in loblolly pine by plant growth-promoting rhizobacteria” published in Plant Disease 84:306-308.

**2003 June 10-12
Asheville, North Carolina**

Steve Oak, Chair of the steering committee, hosted the Southwide Forest Disease Workshop. Other committee members were Scott Enebak, Scott Cameron, Don Rodgers, and Ted Leininger. A total of 47 attended the meeting.

The first session was entitled “Sudden oak death-emerging threat to eastern U.S. forests?” The presentations began with an overview on the *Phytophthora ramorum* by Matteo Garbelotto, University of California. Ellen Goheen, USDA Forest Service, presented the SOD findings in Oregon and current eradication efforts. Michael Benson, NC State University, discussed the nursery industry as a conduit for the introduction of *P.*

ramorum. William Smith, USDA Forest Service presented the National Risk Map for detection of *P. ramorum*.

Other topics discussed at the meeting included declines of spruce-fir and pine, fusiform and gall rust, annosum root disease, beech bark disease, and nursery diseases. The field trip was along the Blue Ridge Parkway and the topics discussed were oak decline, air quality, balsam woolly adelgid, SOD pilot survey for the East, and new finds of beech bark disease outside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

The winner of the student paper presentation was Lorrie Eckhardt for her paper entitled "The use of GIS and topographical features to delineate loblolly pine decline in central Alabama." The outstanding extension publication award went to Terry Price for his work entitled "Forest Health Guide for Georgia Foresters" published by the Georgia Forestry Commission. Steve Fraedrich and Michelle Cram received the outstanding research paper award for their paper entitled "The association of a *Longidorus* species with stunting and root damage of loblolly pine (*Pinus taeda* L.) seedlings" published in Plant Disease 86:803-807.