

North Carolina Invasive Plant Council
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To: Potential Vendors and Sponsors for Joint NC-IPC and SC-EEPC Symposium
From: George Morris and Sharon Day; members of the NC-IPC Board of Directors
Subject: Invitation and Registration Details for Exhibiting and/or Becoming a Sponsor
Date: December 5, 2018

You are being contacted as a potential vendor or sponsor for the Joint North Carolina Invasive Plant Council (NC-IPC) and South Carolina Exotic Plant Pest Council (SC-EPPC) Symposium.

NC-IPC was established in 2002 as a chapter of the Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council. It is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide an organized structure among a diverse set of stakeholders to foster invasive plant awareness and facilitate programs for the detection and management of invasive plants. We are confident that your participation would provide mutual value to both our membership and your business.

We hope to attract approximately 150 invasive weed stakeholders including private and public land managers, policy makers, conservation organizations, volunteer organizations, and conservation-minded citizens to this event. The symposium will also provide an opportunity for participants to qualify for pesticide certification points and Society of American Forester, CFE credits. Registration includes a social/mixer at the end of the first day, breakfast and lunch on the second day, breakfast on the third day and refreshments across the 3-day event.

Event details (time and place)

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27 through 12 pm on Friday, March 29, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Gastonia, NC. Set-up opens at 10AM on Wednesday (meeting begins at 1:00 PM). Space and tables for table-top displays will be provided to all vendors and sponsors. Tables will be open to your choice upon arriving at the event for set-up.

Participation Options

Three levels of participation are available; Vendor, General sponsor and Event sponsor.

Vendor - \$150

Those wishing to participate as a **Vendor** will be granted one complementary registration for the event and a listing of your business name and/or logo in the program. Each attendee will receive a printed copy of the program. Also, a 1-year membership to either NC-IPC or SC-EPPC (select one on registration form).

General Sponsor - \$300

As a **General Sponsor** your organization will receive 2 complementary registrations and your business name and/or logo will be listed in both the program and on hallway signs. The printed material will recognize your organization as a sponsor. Also, a 1-year membership to both NC-IPC and SC-EPPC.

Event Sponsor - \$400

As an **Event Sponsor** your organization will receive recognition as sole or co-sponsor of a specific catered event in addition to all the benefits assigned to the General Sponsors (above). Events available for sponsorship include breakfasts (Thursday and Friday), social/mixer on Wednesday, lunch on Thursday or breaks. Please indicate on the registration form which event you would like to sponsor, if you have a preference.

Registration & Payment

Use the online registration at the following website: <http://nc-ipc.weebly.com>. There is a pull-down list under Annual Symposium at the top of the page. Be sure to submit a form for each person attending.

Pay by PayPal

The preferred method of payment is via PayPal through our on-line registration site. The registration site has instructions and will prompt for payment.

Pay by Check

Please contact us if you plan to pay by check. You will still need to register online. Mailing address for check is:

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Iverson Scholarship Fund

A **silent auction** will also be held during this event. All proceeds from the silent auction will go towards the Iverson Scholarship Fund. Donated items will be graciously accepted at the registration table. We accept store-purchased goods and home-made items. This is an opportunity to market your business in a creative way.

Other Information

Please remember to send an electronic copy of your organization/business logo to George Morris: Juncus215@gmail.com

We are confident that this event will offer a great forum to interface with potential customers and clientele.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our vendor/sponsor coordinators:

George Morris - cell phone 919-818-3984; email: juncus215@gmail.com
Sharon Day - email: sharonday302@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you there and making this a valuable opportunity for you!

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