



2019 Western Chapter ISA Annual Conference
Call for Presentations
Deadline for proposals is September 30, 2018
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ABOUT: Thank you for considering a presentation proposal for the 2019 WCISA Annual Conference. The conference will be held April 29 – May 2, 2019 at the Sheraton Waikiki in Honolulu, HI

Our conference theme, *'We're in this Boat Together'*, reminds us that, no matter where we live on planet Earth, we face similar issues. For this conference we will focus on the influx of devastating pests and diseases attacking our urban forests. With far more arborists working in our urban forests than government entomologists and plant pathologists, we should embrace this great opportunity to train our ranks to recognize and detect potential new pests and diseases that could become a problem in their areas. Trained arborists can participate in an early detection network, reporting new infestations to our local authorities while eradication is still possible. Additional important discussions will include invasive pests transported via infested nursery stock and the long-term damage caused to people, pets, and native coastal and riparian habitats, as these pests compete, establish, and disrupt the balance of our ecosystems.

Some of the issues we want to address:

- Pests and diseases attacking urban forests in your State/area that could become a problem for other States.
- Beyond the Western Chapter – problem pests and diseases in Florida, the Pacific Islands, and other areas
- How to avoid introducing/spreading invasive species, pests, and diseases
- Coping with devastating pests and diseases as a municipality
- Public/private partnerships in combating pests and diseases
- Impacts of invasive species on utility rights-of-way and Integrated Vegetation Management budgets

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please complete this form and return to Delia Juncal (delia@epicentermgmt.us) or complete the online form at www.wcisaconnect.com.
- The preferred proposal format is our online form at wcisaconnect.com. Otherwise, submit a Word Document attached to an e-mail. If necessary, proposals may be mailed to 31910 Country Club Drive, Porterville, CA 93257.
- If you have any questions, please contact: Program Chair, Dorothy Abeyta (dorothy.abeyta@davey.com) or Rose Epperson (repperson@wcisa.net)



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Primary Presenter: (*this person will receive all conference correspondence)

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____

Additional Presenter: (repeat as necessary)

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Title of Presentation: _____

Format (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Case study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small group work | <input type="checkbox"/> New skill development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Panel | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain: _____) |

Please check the track that best suits your proposal: (if appropriate, check all that apply)

- General Session
- Breakout Session
- Field Demonstration

Please select your preferred length

- 45 minutes 60 minutes 90 minutes

All proposals should include the following sections:

1. **Presentation Summary** (75 words maximum to be used in conference materials)
2. **Presentation Description** (200 words maximum. Describe your presentation, including what the listener will gain and how it fits with the conference theme)
3. **Presenter biography** (75 words—to be used in conference material)—Describe your work experience, expertise, education, and anything else you wish to share. Be sure to include biographical information for co-presenters as well.
4. **References** (Please list two references who can speak to your expertise and ability to present. Include contact information.)
5. **Anticipated expenses** (include travel, honorarium and material fees) If necessary, we are able to cover travel not to exceed \$1,000.00 for mainland speakers and \$500.00 for island speakers. If your presentation has multiple speakers, you will need to share the travel expense stipend.
6. **Multiple presentations** Presenters are welcome to submit proposals for more than one presentation.

Notice of acceptance will be sent by October 31, 2018