

# North American Weed Management Association

2011 Annual Conference

## U.S.-Canada EDRR Training Workshop

*Do you know these new invaders? Do they grow in your state or province?*



**Location:** NAWMA Annual Conference, Canad Inns Ft. Gary, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

**Date:** September 19, 2011    **Time:** 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Main Focus:** Development of Draft State and Provincial EDRR Work Plans by Workshop Participants

**Background:** Over the past 15 years, [Dr. Randy Westbrook](#) and the U.S. Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious Weeds (FICMNEW) have been working with interagency groups to develop new capacity for Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) for invasive plants across the United States. The current focus of the effort is establishment of State and Provincial EDRR Committees to provide interagency coordination for EDRR initiatives, as well as development of State/Provincial Early Detection Networks of trained volunteers and agency field personnel. As a part of this ongoing effort, the NAWMA EDRR Committee will conduct a U.S.-Canada EDRR Training Workshop at the 2011 North American Weed Management Association annual conference in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The purpose of the workshop is to assist participants in drafting State and Provincial EDRR Work Plans for further development by invasive plant managers in each state and province. Handouts for the workshop will be posted on the NAWMA EDRR Home Page (<http://www.nawma.org/EDRR.html>).

**Long Term Goal:** The long term goal is to develop the capacity in each state and province to detect and address new and emerging invasive plants before they become established and start to spread.

**Workshop Topics:** *State Interagency Coordination* by State/Provincial EDRR Committees, *Early Detection and Reporting* by Trained Volunteers and Agency Field Personnel, *Plant ID and Rapid Assessment* by Cooperating Scientists, *Archival of Field Data* by U-GA EDDMapS, and *Rapid Response to New Invaders* by Single Agency-Led Weed Eradication Programs, Invasive Plant Task Forces, and Cooperative Weed Management Areas.

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