AGENDA

NATIONAL CLEAN PLANT NETWORK (NCPN)
General Meeting

March 25-26, 2009

The Auditorium, U.S. National Arboretum
USDA/ARS
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Washington, DC 20002-1958
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MEETING PURPOSE

The National Clean Plant Network (NCPN) Core Working Group (CWG) is planning a general meeting of the NCPN. At this meeting, the NCPN CWG intends to introduce participants to the various NCPN governance structures established to date; including the National (Tier 1) Governance Body as well as 2 commodity (Tier 2) and associated regional (Tier 3) Governance Bodies. Participants shall also be updated on NCPN activities to date and have an opportunity to engage in finalization of the NCPN Business Plan. As an additional meeting highlight USDA’s APHIS, ARS, and CSREES also intend to sign a memorandum of understanding outlining the federal partnership in the NCPN. The meeting is open to all persons interested in NCPN activities.

Wednesday, March 25 (Day 1)

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Settle-In
Lobby and Auditorium - U.S. National Arboretum

8:30 a.m. - 8:35 a.m. Come-to-Order and Housekeeping
Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS - Facilitating

8:35 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Welcome to the National Arboretum
Dr. Thomas Elias, USDA/ARS
Director - U.S. National Arboretum

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Meeting Purpose, Expectations, and Desired Outcomes
Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS - Lead

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. NCPN General Overview and Updates
 o NCPN May 2007 Meeting Refresher and Subsequent Events
 o Farm Bill 2008 - General Overview
 o NCPN Business Plan - General Introduction
 o NCPN Federal Memorandum of Understanding and Charter
   Panel - Forum Discussion ‘Core Working Group’
   Dr. Murali Bandla, USDA/APHIS
   Dr. Tom Bewick, USDA/CSREES
   Dr. Gail Wisler, USDA/ARS
Wednesday, March 25 (Day 1) - continued

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  BREAK

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  NCPN Governance Structure
  o  General Overview of the NCPN Governance Bodies
     Tier 1 - National; Tier 2 - Commodities; Tier 3 - Regional
  o  Presentation on NCPN Tier 1 Purpose, Operation, and
     Responsibilities
  o  Introduction of the NCPN Tier 1 Governing Body
     Panel - Forum Discussion:
     ‘Core Working Group’

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  LUNCH on Site - Guest Speaker
  “Research in Ornamental Horticulture - A Broad-based Approach by the
  U.S. National Arboretum”
  Dr. Margaret Pooler, USDA/ARS

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  NCPN Fruit Tree (Tier 2) - Report and Update
  Dr. Ken Eastwell (Chair - Tier 2 Fruit Tree CPN)
  Washington State Univ. - Prosser

1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  Western Grapes CPN (Tier 3) - Report and Update
  Dr. Robert Martin (Co-Chair - Tier 3 Grape CPN ‘West’)
  USDA/ARS

1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Eastern Grapes CPN (Tier 3) - Report and Update
  Dr. Keith Striegler (Chair - Tier 3 Grape CPN ‘East’)
  Univ. of Missouri - Columbia

2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  NCPN Grapes (Tier 2) - Report and Update
  Dr. Deborah Golino (Chair - Tier 2 Grape CPN)
  Univ. of California - Davis

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  BREAK

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  Citrus - NCPN Ideas and Discussions
  Panel - Forum Discussion:
  Dr. Georgios Vidalakis (Univ. of California - Riverside)
  Dr. Wayne Dixon (FL Dept. of Agric. and Consumer Svcs.)
  Dr. Richard Lee (USDA/ARS - Citrus Clonal Repository)
  Ms. MaryLou Polek (Citrus Research Board)

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Synopsis of Day 1 and Open Forum Discussion
  Panel - Forum Discussion:
  ‘Core Working Group’

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  Informal Social Gathering - Lobby U.S. Nat’l Arboretum
  Courtesy of the “National Grape and Wine Initiative”
Thursday, March 26 (Day 2)

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Arrival and Settle-In

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  
NCPN and Other Specialty Crops - Horizons, Ideas, Discussion  
Panel - Forum Discussion:  
‘Core Working Group’

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
NCPN Business Plan - Review and Discussion  
Panel - Forum Discussion:  
‘Core Working Group’

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
BREAK

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Continue - NCPN Business Plan - Review and Discussion  
Panel - Forum Discussion:  
‘Core Working Group’

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
LUNCH on Site  
Special Presentation - National Pest Diagnostic Network (NPDN) - An Update and Discussion on its relationship to the National Clean Plant Network  
Dr. Kitty Cardwell, USDA/CSREES

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.  
NCPN Core Working Group (CWG) Memorandum of Understanding - Review of Purpose, Content, and Discussion  
Dr. Tom Bewick, USDA/CSREES - Lead

1:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.  
NCPN Core Working Group (CWG) Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony  
USDA - APHIS, ARS, CSREES including statements of the Parties

1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
The NCPN - An Industry Perspective  
Panel - Forum Discussion:  
Mr. Craig Regelbrugge (Amer. Nursery & Landscape Assn)  
Mr. Robert Wooley (Dave Wilson Nursery)

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
BREAK

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.  
NCPN Program Funding - Update and Discussion  
- Request for Proposals  
- Funding Mechanisms  
- Next Steps  
Mr. Erich Rudyj, USDA/APHIS - Lead

3:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Synopsis of Day 2 and Open Forum Discussion  
Panel - Forum Discussion:  
‘Core Working Group’

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
As Desired; Tours of the U.S. National Arboretum  
(Please indicate interest during Registration)  
- U.S. National Arboretum Grounds - Tour  
- U.S. National Arboretum Herbarium - Tour