

## CONTINENTAL DIALOGUE ON NON-NATIVE FOREST INSECTS & DISEASES 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Speaker Biographies, November 4 and 5, 2013

### **Michael G. Buck, Sustainable Forests Representative, National Association of State Foresters**

Former State Forester/Wildlife Director, Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources

*Masters of Science*. Forest Resources Conservation, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. 1985.

*Bachelor of Science*. School of Environmental Sciences and Forestry, Syracuse, New York. 1976.

Drafted and led multi-constituent support for the passage of major Federal (*Hawaii Tropical Forest Recovery Act*) and State (*Forest Stewardship Act, Natural Area Partnership Program, Endangered Species Recovery Act, Invasive Species Council*) legislation. Four time member of the U.S. delegation at the United Nations Forum on Forests. Co-Chair, National Roundtable on Sustainable Forests. Board of Directors/Vice President for Investments, National Association of State Foresters Foundation. Trustee / Treasurer, Aloha Foundation.

### **Stas Burgiel, Ph.D., Assistant Director for Prevention and Budgetary Coordination, National Invasive Species Council (NISC)**

Stas serves as the NISC policy lead on issues related to preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species with a focus on the pathways for their movement. He coordinates a prevention committee convened jointly with the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and also oversees the collation of information on NISC member agency budgets related to invasive species issues. Key areas of interest and activity include the role of trade agreements, links to climate change and multi-level stakeholder coordination. Prior to joining NISC, Stas worked and consulted for a range of nongovernmental, governmental and intergovernmental organizations, including the Global Invasive Species Programme, the Nature Conservancy, the UNEP/World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the government of New Zealand, on invasive species and other environmental policy issues.

### **Christine Cadigan, Public Affairs Manager, American Forest Foundation**

Christine first joined the American Forest Foundation in February 2011. At AFF, Christine works on forest policy and advocacy issues, working to build and empower the American Tree Farm System advocacy network. At the same time, Christine closely follows forestry issues, including the Farm Bill, invasive species, and climate change, among several others. In particular, she helps lead and manage the newly-formed Coalition Against Forest Pests. Prior to AFF, Christine completed master's degrees in both Forestry and Environmental Management from Duke University, concentrating her studies on woody biomass supply and demand in the Southeast. Christine has brief experiences working with the USFS Southern Research Station, the Southern Environmental Law Center, and the Virginia Department of Forestry. She is originally from Richmond, Virginia.

### **Faith T. Campbell, Senior Policy Representative, The Nature Conservancy**

Faith earned her Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University. She has been an environmental advocate for more than 30 years, a recognized expert on invasive species for 20 years. Her writing on tree-killing pests have appeared in publications ranging from *Bioscience* to *Wild Earth*, as well as three in-house reports: *Fading Forests I* (at Natural Resources Defense Council), *Fading Forests II* (at American Lands Alliance), and *Ounce of Prevention* (at The Nature Conservancy).

### **Charles Canham, Senior Scientist, Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies**

Dr. Canham (Ph.D. 1984, Cornell University) is a forest ecologist on the staff of the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, in Millbrook, New York. Dr. Canham has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles in ecology over the past 30 years. Much of that work focuses on tree population dynamics in temperate forests of eastern North America, tropical forests of Puerto Rico, and temperate rainforests of British Columbia and New Zealand. His current research uses national forest inventory data linked to a spatially-explicit forest simulation model to explore the interacting effects of climate change, exotic pests and pathogens, and harvest regimes on forests of the eastern United States.

**Geoff Friedman, CEO Lost Coast Forest Products Inc. and Board Member of American Firewood Producers and Distributors Association**

Geoff has 25 years of industry experience in forest products involving both manufacture and retail trade. He is a member of the State of California's Firewood Task Force. Geoff has worked closely with USDA APHIS PPQ on regulatory and firewood quarantine issues and is currently working with State Health Plant agencies to educate and navigate through the complex regulations to help promote firewood safety.

**Ann Gibbs, State Horticulturist, Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

Ann is the State Plant Regulatory Official in Maine and works closely with USDA on plant pest issues in the state. She is Secretary/Treasurer of the National Plant Board (NPB) and also represents the NPB on the Continental Dialogue steering committee. Regionally she has worked with both federal and state colleagues in both forestry and agriculture to raise awareness and survey for forest pests through the Northeast Forest Pest Outreach and Survey Project. For the past several years she has been a member of the training subcommittee for the NPB Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC). At home in Maine she has been working with her staff to determine how they can work with nurseries to implement the principles of SANC.

**Dana Goodson, Senior Facilitator, RESOLVE**

Dana Goodson is a senior facilitator with over seven years of experience in convening and facilitating consensus-building projects and policy dialogues. Her work focuses on bringing communities, civil society organizations, and indigenous peoples' groups together with agencies and companies to have productive dialogues on complex environmental, health, and social issues, on both national and international levels. Her current projects include coordinating the development of a web-based community health toolkit to offer information and guidance for public health officials and other stakeholders in areas where shale development is taking place. She received a Master's degree in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where she focused on Conflict Management. She is a member of the Leadership Council for the Association for Conflict Resolution's Environment and Public Policy section and co-chairs the Diversity and Equity Committee.

**Leigh Greenwood, Coalitions Coordinator, TNC's Forest Health Protection Program**

Leigh has worked for TNC's Forest Health Protection Program since 2007. Her work focuses on bringing multiple stakeholders together to achieve common goals in Forest Health, including managing the international Don't Move Firewood campaign, the Firewood Outreach Coordinating Initiative, and being the point person for the Continental Dialogue's meeting in 2013. Leigh's work managing the Don't Move Firewood campaign is widely regarded as one of the most innovative public outreach arms of The Nature Conservancy. Leigh earned her B.A. in Biology at Williams College and her M.S. in Wildlife Biology at the University of Montana. Her graduate paper, "Differential response of congeneric consumers to an exotic food resource: who gets the novel resource prize?" was recently accepted for publication in the journal Biological Invasions. It is a discussion of behavioral response by two native chickadee species to the high density presence of a failed biological control agent in Montana's winter landscapes.

**Robert Haack, Research Entomologist, US Forest Service Northern Research Station**

Robert Haack has worked as a Research Entomologist with the US Forest Service, Northern Research Station, in East Lansing, MI, since 1986. He earned a BS in Forestry (Univ. of Wisconsin), MS in Entomology (Univ. of Wisconsin), and PhD in Entomology (Univ. of Florida). During his Forest Service career he has worked on a number of exotic bark beetles and wood borers, including the Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Pine Shoot Beetle. Of interest to the Continental Dialogue attendees, Bob has conducted research on borer colonization of wood after ISPM-15 treatment, the presence of live borers in ISPM-15 marked wood packaging at US ports of entry, the presence of live borers in firewood transported by the public, and survival of borers in heat-treated wood. Recently, Bob was a member of a NCEAS (National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis) working group entitled "Effects of trade policy on management of non-native forest pests and pathogens," which was supported by a grant from The Nature Conservancy. Bob's talk at this meeting will cover one of the topics that this NCEAS working group dealt with. As for other factoids about Bob, he was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala in the 1970s (working as a forester), and is currently a weekend farmer in Michigan with about 200 chestnut trees.

**Kevin Harriger, Executive Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection's office of Agriculture Programs & Trade Liaison in the Office of Field Operations**

Mr. Harriger is charged with providing leadership, expertise, and innovation to protect America and its natural resources from threats to agriculture. His office is responsible for the development and implementation of CBP policies to ensure traditional safeguarding goals are not compromised. Prior to his selection as Executive Director, Mr. Harriger has served as Acting Executive Director of APTL for a fourteen-month period. After graduation from the Pennsylvania State University with a degree in Forest Science, he started his career with APHIS as a PPQ officer in 1981, deployed to Laredo, Texas. He also held positions in PPQ of First-line Supervisor, Officer in Charge of a work unit on the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, Port Director at Laredo, Texas, State Plant Health Director of Georgia, Chief Negotiator for PPQ, and immediately prior to the transfer to DHS, he was one of the Associate Regional Directors in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Harriger transferred from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) to CBP at the creation of the Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

**Rachel Holmes, Conservation Coordinator, TNC's Forest Health Protection Program**

Rachel Holmes is the Conservation Coordinator for The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) Forest Health Program, working primarily on the Conservancy's Healthy Trees, Healthy Cities (HTHC) Initiative. In that capacity, she develops and offers trainings on educational tools for tree health monitoring and early pest detection designed for various audiences. She maintains her tree-planting skills by co-coordinating tree plantings nationwide, and teaching proper planting technique. Prior to TNC, she coordinated urban forestry-based youth development programs for Groundwork Bridgeport and Solar Youth, Inc. She also served as the Volunteer Coordinator in the State of CT's Urban and Community Forestry program, funded by the US Forest Service. Rachel holds a B.S. from Rutgers University, a Master of Forestry from the Yale School of Forestry, and a Master of Divinity from the Yale Divinity School.

**Steven W. Koehn, State Forester and Director, Maryland DNR Forest Service**

Steven Koehn (*pronounced Kane*) is the state forester and director of the Maryland DNR Forest Service where he is responsible for statewide delivery of all technical and financial forestry assistance on both public and private lands. Mr. Koehn led a coalition of Maryland forestry stakeholders to secure the passage of the Forest Preservation Act of 2013 and the Sustainable Forestry Act of 2009 which received national recognition from the National Woodland Owners Association. Mr. Koehn also provided leadership and support for three governors' commissions/task forces on forestry with Governors Bob Ehrlich, Parris Glendening, and Martin O'Malley. Mr. Koehn served as the President of the National Association of State Foresters from 2009-2010 and he currently serves on the Board of Directors for the American Forest Foundation and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Inc. Mr. Koehn served as an instructor at Johns Hopkins University in forest ecology, forest management, forest stand delineation, and forest conservation. On behalf of the National Association of State Foresters, Mr. Koehn gave congressional testimony regarding the Healthy Forests Initiative in 2003. Mr. Koehn received a B.S. in forest science from The Pennsylvania State University, and he holds Certificates from Yale University and Harvard University in foresters becoming executives and state and local government.

**Eileen Luke, Director CERIS (Center for Environmental and Regulatory Information Systems), Purdue University**

Eileen Luke is the director of the Center for Environmental and Regulatory Information Systems. CERIS is a recognized center at Purdue University which develops custom information solutions that help clients meet agricultural regulatory requirements using knowledge systems that manage, track and analyze key data. For over nineteen years, she has managed and led information technology development at CERIS for such projects as UFORHIC, Purdue Tree Doctor, NPIRS, NAPIS, and NPDN. With over 30 years of experience in IT development in agricultural information systems she has worked with a wide variety of software applications. She has a BS in mathematics from UC Davis and an MS in statistics from Purdue University.

**Paul Lyskava, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Forest Products Association**

Paul Lyskava has been the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association (PFPA) since 2002. PFPA is the leading trade association serving the various sectors of the forest products industry. Its office is located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Paul represents PFPA and industry on numerous government advisory Boards, including the Pennsylvania Hardwoods Development Council, Governor's Invasive Species Council, PennDOT Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee, DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee, DCNR Forestry Timber Harvest Advisory Committee, DCNR Forest Stewardship Committee and the Jt. Legislative Conservation Committee's Forestry Task Force advisory group. Prior to joining PFPA, Mr. Lyskava served as the Executive Director of the Hardwoods Development Council (HDC), a bureau in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. He has also served in various economic development and governmental affairs positions for the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, a Harrisburg-based trade association.

**Craig J. Regelbrugge, Vice President for Government Relations and Research, American Nursery & Landscape Association**

Regelbrugge serves in several leadership positions at the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA), specifically regarding specialty agriculture and the nursery and greenhouse industry and matters relating to workforce and commerce. He chairs the North American Plant Protection Organization – US Industry Advisory Group, and serves on the steering committee of the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance. He also co-chairs the Agriculture Coalition for Immigration Reform, a broad-based coalition seeking legislation to ensure a stable and legal agricultural workforce, and just completed a term of service as vice chairman of the board of the National Immigration Forum. In January, 2014, ANLA and OFA will officially join forces to form the new American Horticulture Association, or AmericanHort. The mission of AmericanHort is to unite, promote, and advance our industry through advocacy, collaboration, connectivity, education, market development, and research.

**Daniel Stern, Sentinel Plant Network Manager, American Public Gardens Association**

Daniel Stern works for the American Public Gardens Association (APGA) as the Program Manager of the Sentinel Plant Network (SPN). SPN contributes to plant conservation by engaging public garden professionals, volunteers and visitors in the early detection of high-consequence plant pests and diseases. As the Network's first manager, Daniel has recruited over 150 member gardens from 40+ U.S. states, Canada and Mexico to participate in the program. He is also responsible for organizing SPN's professional development workshops and overseeing the development of the program's educational outreach materials and First Detector train-the-trainer curricula. In conjunction with his work on SPN, Daniel is also serving on the steering committee for the Continental Dialogue on Non-Native Forest Insects and Diseases. Daniel obtained a B.A. in Biology from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and a M.S. in Public Horticulture the Longwood Graduate Program. His previous experience in the field of public gardens includes several years as Curator of the Coker Arboretum at the North Carolina Botanical Garden.

**Bill Toomey, Director of Forest Health Protection, The Nature Conservancy's North American Forest Priority**

Before becoming the Director of Forest Health Protection, Bill served as the Executive Director of the Highstead Foundation, a conservation non-profit based in Connecticut which advances forest conservation work throughout New England. Prior to that he worked for The Nature Conservancy for 10 years in the Connecticut and Massachusetts Chapters where he held positions as stewardship ecologist, landscape project director, and major gift fundraiser. He has also worked for the City of San Jose, California where he managed the residential recycling and composting program. Bill holds a bachelor's degree in Biology from Fairfield University and a master's degree in Soil Science and Ecology from North Carolina State University.