2024 Annual Meeting (60th)

**W5185 Western Biological Control Group**

Ibiocontrol.org

October 28 – 30 (Monday - Wednesday)

Best Western Plus Hood River Inn

1108 East Marina Way

Hood River, OR 97031

Location: Trillium Room (Separate building in front of the hotel)

Organizer: Christopher Adams, chris.adams@oregonstate.edu, 248-850-0648

**Agenda**

**Monday, October 28**

Arrive on site, dinner on your own.

# Tuesday, October 29

# \*Reminder – take group photo on first day

7:00 – 8:00 am Continental Breakfast/Registration

8:00 – 10:00 am talks

* **Chris Adams** – opening remarks, planning for 2025 meeting
	+ How to organize the meeting?
	+ Should meeting be stand alone?
* **Mark Hoddle** – (30 min) Where did California's Asian Citrus Psyllid Biological Control Program Land?
* **Mark Wright** – (30 min) Recent successes and current status of biological control in Hawaii.
* **Ricky Lara** - Updates on EAB Biocontrol and Monitoring in CA.
* **Max Ragozzino** - Emerald ash borer in Oregon: Management and Biocontrol.
* **Ricky Lara/ Max Ragozzino** – Group Discussion (30 minutes); Biological Control of Forest Pests (EAB, MOB, Shothole Borer etc).

# 10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee Break

# 10:30 – 12:30 am talks

* **Francesca Marini** – (30 min) Research update from Biotechnology and Biological Control Agency.
* **Brittany Barker** - Managing yellow starthistle using *Ceratapion basicorne*: an integrative experimental and modeling approach.
* **Rene Sforza** – (30 min) European Biological Control Laboratory annual update.
* **Judith Herreid** - Looking at possible impacts of the Conservation Reserve Program on biological control.
* **Fritzi Grevstad** - Performance of biocontrol agents relates to their photoperiod response: comparing six sources of the loosestrife leaf beetle (*Galerucella calmariensis*) in a common garden experiment.

# 12:30 – 1:30 pm Lunch at the room

# 1:30 – 3:30 pm talks

* **Mark Hoddle** –(30 min)Biological Control of South American Palm Weevil

# 3:30 – 4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 – 6:00 talks

* **Maggie Freeman** – Rearing challenges of *Ganaspis brasiliensis* ?
* **Claire Donahoo** - Multi-year establishment of Trissolcus japonicus, a biocontrol agent of brown marmorated stink bug, in Oregon
* **Max Ragozzino** – Rearing methods for SWD parasitoids, challenges and opportunities

6:00 PM Dinner Catered Dinner w/ cash bar

**Wednesday, October 30**

# 7:00 – 8:00 AM Continental Breakfast

# 8:00 – 10: 00 am talks

* **Joel Price** - Gorse and Knotweed Biological Control Establishment Efforts Along the Pacific Coast
* **Steve Novak** - Reconstructing the invasion of medusahead in the western United States using multiple molecular markers
* **Patrick Moran** - Establishment of two biological control agents targeting arundo in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River watersheds of northern California and their role in integrated management.
* **Dan Bean** - Updates on Russian knapweed biocontrol in Colorado using *Jaapiella ivannikovi* and *Aulacidea acroptilonica*
* **Claire Donahoo** - Artificial eggs of brown marmorated stink bug for host selection research of its biological control agent, *Trissolcus japonicus.*

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* Need Content – Suggestions?
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	+ **New director**
	+ **Location**
	+ **Dates**

# 12:00 PM Depart, lunch on your own.

# Notes from 2024 meeting

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