

64th Annual North Central Forest Pest Workshop

September 21-24, 2015; Keshena, Wisconsin



NCFPW 2015 Group photo

Overview

The 2015 North Central Forest Pest Workshop was held September 21st – 24th in Keshena, Wisconsin. We were hosted by the Menominee Indian Tribe, at the Menominee Casino Resort and Convention Center. The theme was “Reconnecting Silviculture and Forest Health”.

Schedule

The meeting began on **Monday, September 21st**. A fungal foray was held on the grounds of the College of Menominee Nation in the afternoon. Registration, poster set-up, and gathering were held at the Menominee Resort and Casino in the late afternoon and early evening. Individuals went to dinner on their own at local restaurants.

Presentations began at 8:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, September 22nd**. Posters were available for viewing throughout the day, in the room where meals and breaks were served. The morning session included talks related to forest management and forest health research findings. The afternoon session focussed on Heterobasidion Rood Disease, and then seven graduate student papers. The Fun Run/Walk was held between presentation sessions and dinner. The Five Clan Drum Group and Menominee Tribal School Hoop Dancers performed during dinner.

Wednesday, September 23rd was field trip day. We toured by charter bus into the extensive forest lands of the Menominee Indian Reservation. Stops along the way included overviews of forest management, EAB and BBD silvicultural modifications, use of fire on the reservation, white pine management, logging/cultural museum and ash basket making, a drive-through tour of the sawmill, oak wilt control, and DED tolerant American elm. On Wednesday night we held a business meeting, then had The Raptor Education Group speak during dinner.

On **Thursday, September 24th**, we continued our indoor technical session with continued talks on forest management and forest health issues. We closed out with State and Provincial updates.



Link to detailed agenda: [AGENDA](#)

Highlights and notables

- There were 81 registrants and speakers who participated in all or parts of the meeting, including 14 students and 3 retirees.
- Each participant received a sport/tote bag. Speakers were thanked with a gift of a maple cutting board from the Menominee tribal mill.
- The meeting venue was the Menominee Resort and Casino, which provided a large room for presentations adjacent to another large room for meals, breaks, and posters.
- The 3-4 mile fun run/walk was a great opportunity for the 15 participants to get some exercise, enjoy the scenery and partake in some informal social time with colleagues.
- The student paper session and competition The participants and winners are listed [HERE](#).
- The field trip ventured into the beautiful forests of the Menominee Tribe. See photos on following pages for highlights of the field trip.
- Menominee hospitality was outstanding, and their unique culture was shared through the opening and closing ceremonies as well as other components of the meeting.
- The Business Meeting
 - Election of Linda Williams to serve a second term as Chair.
 - Election of new Members-at-Large on the Board of Representatives: Sylvia Greifenhagen, Susan Crocker, Bradley Kuehn.
 - 2016 meeting location will be Michigan.
 - Read the complete minutes, posted here: [MINUTES](#)



5 Clan Drum Group shared traditional songs.



Raptor Education Group brought some special guests.

Registration Details

The cost for the entire meeting (all meals on Tuesday and Wednesday, field trip Wednesday, and breakfast on Thursday) was \$185, or late registration for \$210. Student or retiree registration rate was \$110. Single day registration is the same price for students or non-students. Tuesday alone was \$85; Wednesday alone (field trip) was \$85; Thursday morning alone was \$40. Registrations were payable via credit card through Paypal, or by check. Accommodation was available at the Menominee Casino Resort for a discounted rate of \$70 plus tax, or at other hotels in Shawano.



Winners of the graduate student paper competition.

Thanks to the organizing committee

The Workshop Organizing Committee included: Dave Mausel (Menominee Tribal Enterprises) and Linda Williams (Wisconsin DNR) as co-chairs. Additional committee members from the Wisconsin DNR included Andrea Diss-Torrance, Mike Hillstrom, Mark Guthmiller, Paul Cigan, and Rebecca Gray; from the Wisconsin DATCP included Renee Pinski; from the USDA Forest Service included Linda Haugen and Toby Petrice. Much additional assistance was provided by Leon Fowler, Derrick White, and Keith Kinepoway of the forest health staff of Menominee Tribal Enterprises.

Thanks to John Lampereur, Dave Mausel, and Linda Haugen for providing photos for the webpage.

Images from the 2015 NCFPW Field Trip

Overview of Forest Management, Discussion of Silvicultural adjustments in the face of EAB and BBD.



“So how tall is that white pine?”

White pine management, and use of fire on Menominee Tribal lands.



Images from the 2015 NCFPW field trip (continued)



Lunch stop at the Logging and Cultural Museum. Participants had opportunity to view logging artifacts, learn about black ash basket making, and engage in discussions... and of course eat box lunch.

Black ash basket making: soaking logs, pounding to free strips, finished products.



Drive-through tour of MTE Sawmill, with interpretation provided on the buses.

Images from the 2015 NCFPW field trip (continued)



Oak wilt management in high quality oak stands on rocky glacial soils, when vibratory plow isn't an option. The "root rupture" method used on Menominee and Chequamegon-Nicolet NF lands.

Also discussed climate change adaptation studies being conducted in oak wilt harvest pockets.



Dutch elm disease discussion. Will survivor elms persist on the landscape, and what are the emerging opportunities to plant DED tolerant elms.



The Fungal Foray (on the first day) yielded a diverse collection of fungi.