

**2016**

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Forest & Conservation  
Nursery Association**

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## Conference Agenda

### Monday • July 18

- 1:00 - 5:00 pm** Registration Open
- 1:00 - 5:00** Auburn University Forest Nursery Management Cooperative Meeting
- 6:00 - 8:00** Social (with food) included with regular registration

### Tuesday • July 19

- 6:00 - 8:00 am** Breakfast Buffet
- 7:00 - 8:00** Late Registration
- 8:00 - 8:30** Welcome/Housekeeping
- 8:30 - 9:00** *Why we should be concerned about safety*  
– Vanessa Casanova, Southwest Ag Center, Tyler TX Applied Research Manager
- 9:00 - 9:30** *Why seedlings survive: Influence of plant attributes*  
– David South
- 9:30 - 10:00** *Container production at IFCO Systems*  
– Steve Grossnickle, Key note address
- 10:00 - 10:10** Vendor Introductions
- 10:10 - 10:30** Break
- 10:30 - 11:00** *Genetic implications for seedling quality and performance*  
– Tom Byram
- 11:00 - 11:30** *Nutritional priorities in early seedling growth*  
– Phil Dougherty
- 11:30 - 12:00** *Should we, once again, lower the “optimal pH” range for bareroot seedlings?*  
– David South
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm** Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:30** *What goes into a good artificial growing media*  
– Tim Schinck
- 1:30 - 2:00** *Protecting our seedlings in the first years after outplanting (Pine tip moth Regen weevils)*  
– Alex Mangini
- 2:00 - 2:30** *The use of unmanned aerial vehicles, (drones) in agriculture*  
– Christian Brodbeck

- 2:30 - 2:40** Vendor Introductions
- 2:40 - 3:00** Break
- 3:00 - 3:45** **Q&A Panel Discussion:** *Quality Seedlings Nursery* – S. Grossnickel, D. South, Chase Weatherly, Arborgen, James West & Drew Hinnant, NCFS, Mike Coyle, IFCO
- 3:30 - 4:30** *BCC Development of new and more advanced container systems for forest nurseries*  
– Heinz Reinstorf
- 6:00** Social event

### Wednesday • July 20

- Field Trip** Visit Bareroot Nursery  
– Campbell Globa, Jasper TX  
Visit Container Nursery  
– International Forest Company, Evans, LA

### Thursday • July 21

- 6:00 - 7:30 am** Breakfast Buffet
- 7:45 - 8:00** *Review first 2 days and housekeeping*
- 8:00 - 8:30** *The challenges of using contract labor in 2016*  
– Dan Bremer
- 8:30 - 9:00** *New seed storage science and technology for better seed efficiency* – Bob Karrfalt
- 9:00 - 9:30** *Evaluation of longleaf pine fertilization treatments in the nursery nine years after outplanting* – Paul Jackson
- 9:30 - 10:00** **Panel Discussion:** *Seedling Quality – A perspective from planting contractors*  
– Jerry Arter, Superior Forestry, Cory Martin & Charlie Pritchett, Pritchett Forestry
- 10:00 - 10:30** Break
- 10:30 - 11:15** **Panel Discussion:** *What can we do to improve our soil health? Three nursery manager’s suggestions.*  
– Doug Sharp, Doug Shelbourne, Gene Birckerstaff, ArborGen Nursery mgr.
- 11:15 - 12:00** Business Meeting



## Meeting Location

All conference events will take place at the Golden Nugget Casino Hotel in Lake Charles, LA.

## Lodging Information

Reduced rate lodging is available at the Golden Nugget by calling 844-777-4653. Mention 2016 SFNMC/SFNA Joint Meeting to receive the rate of \$149 plus tax, single or double. After June 25, the reduced rate will be subject to availability.

## Registration

The registration fee is \$375 if received by July 6, 2016 or \$425 if received after July 06, 2016. This per person registration fee includes the icebreaker social, two breakfasts, two lunches, daily refreshments, and a ticket to the social event on July 19. Additional social tickets may be purchased thru the registration form at \$30/each. Registration by credit card or purchase order is also available at [www.westernforestry.org](http://www.westernforestry.org). Make checks payable to WFCA.

## Exhibitors

The exhibitor registration is \$650. This registration includes one conference registration as well as one six foot skirted table, two chairs, and electricity. If you need more information on exhibit and sponsorship opportunities please contact Richard Zabel, 503-226-4562 or [richard@westernforestry.org](mailto:richard@westernforestry.org)

## Registration questions?

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